



The Midweek

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Discipleshift #2 | From Informing to Equipping

I grew up playing sports, with baseball and basketball being my primary sports. My dad played both games and coached me on some level. When dad taught me to play baseball and basketball, he did not just talk to me about the sport. He showed me how to play. Dad showed me how to swing the baseball bat and to shoot a jump shot. Dad (and my coaches) showed me how to read a defense and to begin to look for tendencies in the teams we were facing. Dad could have informed me about the games and the players that he loved to watch. Instead, he equipped me to be the best player I could be.

Churches like Avenue do a great job of informing our members about Jesus and ministry. We do a great job of talking about the Bible and debating how we are supposed to live out our faith. But there is a shift that we need to make from “talking about” the Christian life to “becoming equipped” to live out the Christian life. A couple of questions:

- When is the last time you were intentionally equipped by someone else to read/study your Bible for your own spiritual growth?
- When have you received training on how to usher? Greet? Serve your community?
- When has your Bible Study included going outside the church to serve?

We can do a great job of talking about Jesus without ever really being equipped to live more like Jesus. This is what the church is called to do! My prayer is that we can begin to make a shift in our ministries to be less about information (it's not bad) and more about equipping one another to become more like Jesus. I look forward to being on the journey with you.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Steve

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th.



2021 YARD SALE

The summer is moving along and that means the Yard Sale is coming quickly!! Here is a list of all the important dates that you need to help us get ready. Please let us know if you cannot make the meeting, but want to help.

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PLANNING MEETING: Tuesday, July 13th at 6:30 pm in **Fellowship Hall**. Everyone wishing to help is welcome to come and learn what is happening.

YARD SALE DATES AND TIMES:

- ◆ Thursday, August 5th from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (\$1 entrance fee)
- ◆ Friday, August 6th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, August 7th from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

DONATION DATES AND TIMES:

- ◆ Thursday, July 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Friday, July 30th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, July 31st from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, August 2nd from 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Tuesday, August 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

FURNITURE PICK UP:

Contact Larry Hughes (302) 745-4331 or Dave Reynolds (302) 503-3933. Times will vary and items must be either in the garage or outside.

PLEASE PICK UP A LIST OF WHAT WE WILL AND WILL NOT ACCEPT FROM THE TABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER AS THE YARD SALE HAS BEEN MODIFIED THIS YEAR.



THIS SUMMER AT AVENUE



JULY 29TH @ 6:30P

THE REHOBOTH SUMMER
CHILDREN'S THEATER PRESENTS:
HANSEL AND GRETEL



AUGUST 11TH @ 6:30P

THE PRETTY CRAZIES AND
THE DADDY JAM BAND

**EVENTS ARE OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC & FREE!**

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**AVENUE CHURCH
20 N. CHURCH ST. MILFORD, DE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY: Worship is held each Sunday in-person or online at 9:00 a.m. (Traditional), 10:30 a.m. (Contemporary) 6:30 p.m. (Outdoor Worship). We are streaming the morning worship services on our Facebook (facebook.com/avenueumc) and Youtube (youtube.com/c/avenueunitedmethodistchurch) pages.

GIVING AT AVENUE is possible through multiple ways.

- You can give your offering in-person
- You can snail mail your gift to: 20 N. Church St. Milford, DE 19963
- You can give online through the red “give” button on our homepage
- You can download and use our “Avenue Church DE” App on your smart phone

PASTORAL CARE: If you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care, please call the church office at 422-8111 or contact a staff person directly. You can also email prayer@avenueumc.com to have your name added to the prayer chain. We are doing limited face-to-face visits during this time, but would be happy to make contact any way that we can.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The Church Office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We asked that you use the main entrance to access the office during business hours. All guest will need to buzz in on the intercom to be let in.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY DREAM TEAM: As we prepare for the Fall and the discipleship that is taking place in our congregation, we want to invite those who are passionate about children’s and family ministry to join our Dream Team. This team will spend time in prayer and dreaming about how to best disciple our children and make our families the primary place of discipleship. If you are interested in learning more, please email Pastor Steve at srlamotte@avenueumc.com.

SUMMER KICS: Summer KICS will take place during the 10:30 a.m. worship service for kids ages 4 through 4th grade (Kids 5th grade and up can remain in the sanctuary and worship as a family). KICS Kids will be released to Wesley Room prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson and activities. They can be picked up in the Wesley Room after worship.

Kids will be socially distanced and must wear a mask while in KICS. Activities will be appropriate for the time and there will be at least two adults helping with KICS. If you have questions about SUMMER KICS, please email our Sunday School Superintendent, Patty Shockley at pws210@comcast.net. **Next class is on Sunday, July 4th.**

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE ON SUNDAYS? As we continue to move towards a more open worship experience on Sunday morning, there will be additional opportunities to serve. We are seeking people who have passions and interest in serving in several areas to help continue to make Sunday Worship the best experience possible. Below are a few places we are creating or reshaping. If you are interested in serving in an area, please email Pastor Steve at srlamotte@avenueumc.com.

- **Greeters:** Are the first line of contact for guest. Must be upbeat, helpful, and willing to make a great first impression.

- **Ushers:** Work inside the sanctuary to help guest find a seat, dismiss worshippers after service, help with a head count, and make worship a great experience by serving others. When appropriate, ushers will also assist with offering.
- **Nursery Team:** We are looking for adults of all ages to be on a list of back-ups to help our nursery staff when there is a vacation or illness. This ensures that our nursery stays open to serve families at both services.
- **Connection Center/Guest Services:** This is a new ministry area that will help connect new attenders to the life of the church. In this ministry, you will receive connect cards, answer questions about worship and the church, and help people get connected to ministries and opportunities for Spiritual Growth. To serve in this ministry, hospitality and a desire to connect is a must!

MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY: There is an easy way to help **Milford Community Pantry** if you are an Amazon shopper. Instead of ordering through Amazon.com go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). The first time you will need to designate the charity you wish to support; after that your charity is established and Amazon knows who you support. In the search enter Milford Community Pantry, Milford, Delaware. It is easy and there is a full explanation on their page of how they support communities throughout the world. Just by shopping as you ordinarily do a portion of each dollar you spend goes to The Pantry. Amazon send us a check for our portion. If you have any questions please call Tita Lewis at (302) 664-1321.

MILFORD LIONS CLUB: Milford Lions Club is collecting used eyeglasses. There is a donation box in the coat closet.

YARD SALE: Avenue's 2021 Yard Sale will soon be here. It's time to meet and line up volunteers to help with set up and the sale days. Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, July 13th, 6:30 pm** for our Yard Sale planning meeting in FELLOWSHIP HALL. If you are unable to attend, but want to help, please contact Judy Struck at 609-319-8082 or Sandy Culotta at 302-258-5787. We look forward to seeing you there.

MEAL TRAIN AT AVENUE: Health Ministries is looking for folks in the Avenue family who like to cook and would like to prepare meals for those who are sick, who have had loved ones pass, or who have had new babies as a way to care for one another. We are using the website mealtrain.com to allow members to sign up. If you would like to receive emails when we need meals, you can email Sharon at sharonclendaniel@msn.com.

ZOOM CHARGE CONFERENCE: We will be holding a Charge Conference on **Wednesday, June 30th at 6:30 p.m.** The sole purpose of the gathering will be electing a new class of leadership. You will also have the opportunity to meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Joe Archie. Please register for the conference by emailing Kelly at churchoffice@avenueumc.com. All are welcome to attend, only members have a vote.

“COFFEE AND DEVOTIONS WITH PASTOR STEVE” ON PAUSE: With vacation time looming for the LaMotte family in July, I will be taking a break from writing morning devotions through the months of July and August. Morning devotions will resume in September and continue to build off of the themes from the previous Sunday's sermon. Thank you to those who read the

devotions each morning and the encouragement and stories that you share with me through the discipline of writing!

AVENUE HOSTING COMMUNITY EVENTS: This summer, Avenue is hosting several events as a way to come together as a community. Each event is free and open to the public.

July 29th @ 6:30p.m. - The Rehoboth Summer Children's Theater Presents: Hansel and Gretel. Join us for a 2-person play performed by The Rehoboth Summer Children's Theater. Schlabach's Ice Cream will be on hand. Bring your own chair or blanket.

August 9th @ 6:30p.m. - The Pretty Crazies and The Daddy Jam Band. Bring your kids for a night of music, celebration, and empowerment from The Pretty Crazies. The Felton Fire Company Ice Cream Trailer will be at the concert. Bring your own chair or blanket.

EVENING SERVICE: There will be no evening service on **Sunday, July 4th**.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

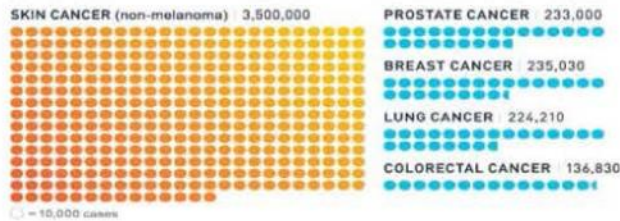
SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: Summer Sunday School for adults led by Rev. John Van Tine, retired plus others, is meeting in the Grier Room at 10:15 a.m. The study for July is "The People Next Door." The lesson for July 4th is "Fenced In" based on Proverbs 3:27-30; 6:1-5; 25:20-23; July 11th lesson is "Listening to the Stories" based on Ruth 2:4-16; July 18th lesson is "Inside Out" based on Acts 6:1-7; and July 25th lesson is "Love Your Neighbor, Really" based on Mark 2:1-12. Please join us in the Grier Room for these exciting lessons.

DON'T FRY: PREVENTING SKIN CANCER

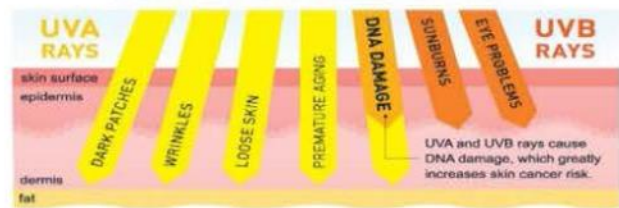
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Skin cancer is the most common of all cancer types. 2.2 million people are diagnosed with 3.5 million cases of non-melanoma skin cancer in the United States each year. That's more than all other cancers combined. Skin cancer rates have been on the rise over the past few decades. The good news is that you can do a lot to protect yourself and your family from skin cancer.

NEW SKIN CANCER CASES IN THE U.S. THIS YEAR



MOST SKIN CANCERS ARE CAUSED BY THE SUN'S UVA AND UVB ULTRAVIOLET (UV) RAYS



PROTECTING YOURSELF IS VITAL



ANYONE CAN GET SKIN CANCER, BUT BE EXTRA CAREFUL IF YOU...



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"For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothes me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me...And the King will answer them 'Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brother, you did it to me'."

Matthew 25:35-36, 40



Health Ministry



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

- **Ginny Clendaniel** who will be celebrating her **90th** birthday on **July 1st**.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

- **Bob and Ann Wilson** who will celebrate their **66th** anniversary on **July 2nd**.
- **Robert and Marie Bradley** who will celebrate their **62nd** anniversary on **July 11th**.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Those affected by the COVID-19, Medical Staff, and distributing the vaccine.
- Our local, national, and world leaders
- Our District Superintendent (Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa), Bishop Peggy Johnson, and The United Methodist Church
- The Pastors, Staff, and Leadership of Avenue United Methodist Church

PRAYER REQUEST:

Ann
George Babel
Frank & Frances Beebe
Bobby Bergez
Bob Cage
Charlene Johnson Cannon
Jennifer Clarke
Gloria Clendaniel
Jack & Denny Collins
Luisa & Billy Combs
Violet Condif
Linda Cottrill
Craig
Rick Crump
Julie Dally
Joanna Denney-Turner
Michael Dougherty
William Ernst
Carolyn Evans
Charlie & Barbara
Fleetwood
Jayne Frank
Steve & Judy Franklin
Gail & Jeffrey
Bonnie Glenn
Alina Guido
Matt Hall
Dave Harris
Beverly Harrison

Steve Hofer
Karl Isele
Ron Ivory
Alvin Jarrell
Dean Johnson
Justin
Linda Kemp
Doris Koon
Rhoda & Greg Kurz
Jean Layton
Jean Layton's Grandson
Nancy Lee
Lee Family
Brittany Poore Little
Jack & Zelda McDuff
Sonny Meck
Tiffany Medlin
Frank Mentusky
Orville Mills
Kathryn Avery Mitchell
Tiffany Mitchell
Stan Moody
Jean Murphy
Jason Neall
Ariel Ownes
Alan Parker
Laurel Pastor
Jan Perkins
Millie Remick

Roy Rigby
Dick Roberts
Lorna Rosella Rulona
Phil Saint
Richard Sapp
Alice Sellers
Roland Simms
Racheal Simesak
Gary Simpson
Linda Singleton
Samuel Smith
Joan Tolbert
Debbie Topolski
Gene Topolski
Joan Wadman
Mary Lou Walters
TJ Webb
Betty Ziesel