



## *The Midweek*

*Wednesday, October 20, 2021*

### **The Best Advertisement is You**

Have you been into Lowe's lately? When you go, you'll be greeted with their indoor/outdoor Christmas decorations as you walk in. Their Christmas display has been up since September. We are quickly approaching the time when secular stores will begin playing Christmas music all day long. There is a kind of cognitive dissonance as we hear "Away in Manger" or "In the Bleak Midwinter" as we pile purchases into our shopping carts.

The upcoming weeks provide some of the best opportunities to invite friends to worship. The Church offers the best of Thanksgiving and Christmas. At Avenue, we will do our part to leverage social media and other forms of communications to invite people to worship as we look to connect them on a discipleship pathway.

But the best advertisement and reason to come to worship is you.

Plenty of polls are available showing that an overwhelming majority of people who *don't go to Church* **would go if invited by a friend**. Especially in the aftermath of COVID, we know the importance of relationships. Relationships are essential to someone connecting to a church. We can look around and know people who don't go to church to invite them to Avenue. They may not come because of the music, the message, or anything else, but they will come because of you.

As the Holiday Season descends upon us, I want to challenge each of us to think of someone we know and love who does not attend church and begin praying for opportunities to invite them to worship. If they agree to come, be sure to meet them at the door and take them out for breakfast or lunch afterward, where you can extend

another invitation to come. Becoming a disciple-making church begins when we intentionally build relationships with people outside the walls of the church. Your life and your story of faith is the best advertisement we have!

Sow Much Love,

Pastor Steve

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### **Taking Down the Tent | October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

We are looking for some able-bodied persons to help take down our tent on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. We will be getting the tent ready to be cleaned, dried, and stored for the winter. If you are able to participate, please call Kelly at 422-8111 so we know you're coming.

## Masks Required for Unvaccinated Persons

We have received some questions over the last couple of weeks about masks and participation at Avenue. Over the course of the pandemic, we have worked diligently to provide a safe space for people to come and to worship. This has meant following the guidelines of DPH and the CDC. In some cases, we have taken extra steps, such as installing ultraviolet light filters on our air handlers that kill viruses. While the State of Emergency has been lifted, Avenue is still committed to ensuring the safest gatherings we can. As we head into Fall, flu season is just around the corner. This means:

- Masks are *required for all unvaccinated persons* at Avenue Church. This applies on Sunday morning worship and coming into the building during the week for any event.
- We are following our school district when it comes to children and youth. This means that all children who are unvaccinated must also wear masks. These masks should be worn in worship and Sunday School.
- We continue to encourage the practice of social distancing. We should not assume that someone else wants a handshake or a hug.
- Hand Sanitizer stations are throughout the building. We invite you to use them as needed.

These procedures are not in place because of fear, but out of love for our neighbor. When we wear a mask, it is not so much to protect ourselves but to protect those around us. As Christians, we give up our individual preferences and replace them with care and concern for others out of the sacrificial love that Jesus showed each of us. We thank you for your continued diligence as we continue to learn how to live in Christian community during this season of the pandemic.

Dear Avenue Church Family,

September 28, 2021

We thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the abundant blessings we continue to receive, even during the challenges we face as a nation, community, church, and individuals. One specific blessing we wish to recognize is our church staff, led by Pastor Steve. We have seen our church begin to reopen ministries, including our outreach, music, and children's programs. Most recently we enjoyed gathering as a church family for our Fall Kick Off outside worship service. These would not be possible without the entire staff of Avenue.

October is typically the month that we take the opportunity to recognize and demonstrate our appreciation to our pastor(s). Like last year, we wish to use October to express our gratitude to our entire staff: Pastor Steve, Kevin, Dan, Kelly, and Curtis.

We will have a basket in our church Fellowship Foyer during October for cards you may wish to give as an expression of thankfulness.

Additionally, if you wish to provide a personal gift of appreciation to any of our individual staff members, please feel free to do so directly. You may also wish to make a monetary Love Gift that will be shared by our staff.

For the Love Gift to be tax-free to our staff members, IRS rules state you cannot claim it as a tax deduction. For this reason, your Love Gift Offering will not appear as a contribution on your financial statement from Avenue Church. Any of the following methods can accomplish gifts of appreciation:

- You can deliver your gift to the church office
- You can mail your gift to: 20 N. Church St. Milford, DE 19963
- You can give online through the red "give" button on our homepage (Choose the fund "Staff Appreciation 2021")
- You can download and use our "Avenue Church DE" App on your smartphone

If you are planning to offer a monetary gift of appreciation, please do so by **October 29<sup>th</sup>** so we can distribute your gifts to the staff on the final Sunday of October. Thanks for your continued support and prayers for the ministries at Avenue.

With gratitude,



Lance Wyatt

Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**GIVING AT AVENUE** is possible through multiple ways.

- You can give your offering in-person
- You can 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 by contacting Dan Holt, our *Pastor of Congregational Care*. You can email Pastor Dan directly at [dholt@avenueumc.com](mailto:dholt@avenueumc.com).

**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.

**AVENUE T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:** We have super soft T-Shirts with the Avenue logo on them available for purchase in the church office. We have adult sizes available that range from S-XXL. Each shirt is \$10. Stop by the office during the week, or email [srlamotte@avenueumc.com](mailto:srlamotte@avenueumc.com) to reserve your shirt.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** There will be a Church Council meeting on **Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. The goal of this meeting will be Charge Conference preparations, which include approving the 2022 Budget, Pastor's Compensation, and a few other items requiring Council approval. If you have something for the agenda, please email Pastor Steve at [srlamotte@avenueumc.com](mailto:srlamotte@avenueumc.com).

**CHARGE CONFERENCE:** Our yearly Charge Conference meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. This gathering is a time to worship and celebrate what God has done in our congregation, as well as time to focus on some of the business of the church. This will be our first opportunity to meet our new District Superintendent, The Rev. Joseph Archie. Charge Conference is open to anyone, but you must be a member of Avenue to vote. Appointed leaders of Avenue should make every effort to attend. Please contact Pastor Steve with any questions regarding Charge Conference.

**CONFIRMATION 2022 | A FIRM FOUNDATION:** We are calling out to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as we prepare to begin a new year of Confirmation Classes. Confirmation is a journey for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students to explore what it means to be a Christian and to have the opportunity to claim their faith on their own and becoming a member of Avenue United Methodist Church.

**Classes will begin in November** and we will meet at least once a month on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Confirmation students are expected to attend all classes (there is some grace) and be a

regular participant in worship. Students will have some work to do during the process, and we'll have a good time while we are at it. Students will be confirmed on June 5, 2022, which is Pentecost Sunday.

Please email Pastor Steve at [srlamotte@avenueumc.com](mailto:srlamotte@avenueumc.com) to register for Confirmation Class 2022.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are so excited to have Sunday School up and running for the Fall as we help our children grow as disciples of Jesus. We will be using a similar model to SUMMER KICS where all students will meet and learn together. As the class grows, we will create additional classes based on age. To be consistent with our policies, unvaccinated children (and adults) should wear a mask while in the building and in Sunday School.

To help us with numbers (and determine if we need additional classes) please register by emailing Patty Shockley at [sundayschool@avenueumc.com](mailto:sundayschool@avenueumc.com). You can also register at <https://bit.ly/3BNpaYQ>.

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

**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. If you would like to receive emails when we need meals, you can email Sharon at [sharonclendaniel@msn.com](mailto:sharonclendaniel@msn.com) or call at (302) 390-6368.

**AVENUE PRESCHOOL:** Avenue Preschool has an opening for a teacher in the beginners program. You must be certified in early childhood education to apply. The hours are Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. with summers off. Please email your resume to [office@avenuepreschool.org](mailto:office@avenuepreschool.org).

**MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY:** We will open at **11:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursdays**. We have not been busy on Fridays so we will see if the Thursday works for more folks than Friday. We are so appreciative of the help we get from everyone at Avenue; help with food, money and volunteer hours.

Thank you for all the support you give The Milford Community Pantry. Some of you ask what our needs are and right now they are: cereal, peanut butter and size 6 diapers (we have plenty of all the other sizes). **Thank you for the paper bags but right now we have plenty. We do need plastic newspaper bags.**

**HOLIDAY FAIR AND HOW CAN YOU HELP:** Looking for donations: China, Crystal, Framed Art, Seasonal and Home Décor, Crafts, Jewelry, Gently used & new Holiday gift items.

The days and hours for dropping off items to sell are: Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Bake Sale will also return and Bonnie Carmine is heading up the sale. She will also be asking for baked goods.

Anyone who would like to volunteer please show up on any of the collection days or the sale days Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> (1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) and Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m and cleaned up afterwards).

For information contact:

Sandy Culotta — [swculotta@gmail.com](mailto:swculotta@gmail.com) or (302) 258-5787

Judy Struck — [judystruck@comcast.net](mailto:judystruck@comcast.net) or (609) 319-8082

**NEW PEW BIBLES:** Scripture and the oral tradition of reading Scripture in Christian worship has been around since the early church of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> centuries. United Methodists share with other Christians the conviction that Scripture is the primary source and standard for Christian doctrine. **Through Scripture the living Christ meets us in the experience of redeeming grace.** We are convinced that Jesus Christ is the living Word of God in our midst whom we trust in life and death. The biblical authors, illumined by the Holy Spirit, bear witness that in Christ the world is reconciled to God. The Bible bears authentic testimony to God's self-disclosure in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as well as in God's work of creation, in the pilgrimage of Israel, and in the Holy Spirit's ongoing activity in human history. The Bible is sacred canon for Christian people, formally acknowledged as such by historic ecumenical councils of the church. Our doctrinal standards identify as canonical thirty-nine books of the Old Testament and the twenty-seven books of the New Testament.<sup>1</sup>

Over the past two years, Pastor Steve has been encouraging us to open and read our Bibles in worship. Do not just read the words on the screens, but fully immerse ourselves in the text of the printed Word. The translation of the pew Bibles over the past 30 years has been the Revised Standard Version [RSV], but the translation that Avenue Church has been orally reading for the past 15 years has been the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]. In an effort to bring the printed pew Bible in line with the oral tradition of Avenue Church, we need your support and help. The Pastoral Staff is looking to replace the pew Bibles with the NRSV. If you would like to help with this, please contact Kevin Chamberlain. The total project will cost \$1,500 (\$10.50 each).

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**UMW—UPDATES:** Avenue United Methodist Women want to **Thank you** everyone for the tremendous response in collecting items for **UMCOR Hygiene Kits**. We have more than expected and we know that the people going through floods, hurricanes and other disasters will use them and be grateful for them. We are not quite finished yet. We need to “properly” assemble them according to UMCOR directions to make sure that they are acceptable. On **Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon we will be working on the kits**. Everyone is invited to participate in this hand-on activity in Fellowship Hall. Just show up!

United Methodist Women meet monthly in small groups and circle meetings at Avenue Church. Esther Circle meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and Sarah Circle meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. If you think you might be interested in being part of a mission minded group of women, please plan to come to one of these meetings. You will be welcome and lifted up. For further information, please call Beth Parker at (302) 382-5581 or [bparke42@comcast.net](mailto:bparke42@comcast.net).



## **DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**SUNSHINE BIBLE CLASS:** The Sunshine Bible Class for adults led by Rev. John Van Tine, retired, is meeting in the Grier Room at 10:15 a.m. Our study for October is “Into the Future.” The lesson for October 24<sup>th</sup> lesson is “The Need for Spiritual Renewal” based on Revelation 3:1-6, 14-20; and October 31<sup>st</sup> lesson is “Covenant Renewal” based on Deuteronomy 29:10-29. Plan to join us in the Grier Room for these exciting lessons.

**SISTERS BIBLE STUDY:** We will finish up our study of Elijah with Priscilla Shirer on **October 26<sup>th</sup>**. Join us and bring a friend. Study begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Grier Room, so please be a few minutes early.

**CODE PURPLE:** Code Purple Training will be on **November 4<sup>th</sup>** in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. The CODE PURPLE season is quickly approaching. CODE PURPLE provides shelter for homeless men and women during the winter months. This will be the fifth year that Avenue has been a CODE PURPLE site for homeless men in the Milford area. Avenue provides shelter in the Wesley Room from December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup>.

We desperately need male volunteers to be overnight host at Avenue Church. Each shift is from 8:15 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. Arrangements can be made in the morning if you need to leave earlier than 7:00 a.m.

There will be a training for those who are interested in serving at the Avenue Shelter (Men) or the Milford Church of the Nazarene Shelter (Women) on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m. If you are interested in serving, please contact Tom Chilton at [chilto@aol.com](mailto:chilto@aol.com)

**SMALL GROUPS HAVE STARTED:** Small Groups are up and running. If you missed the opportunity to join a NOT A FAN group, you can begin this week. However, we are out of books, so you'll need to order your own book off of Amazon. Our small group schedule is:

Monday @ 10:30 a.m. | Led by Dawn Kenton | Avenue Church  
Monday @ 7:00 p.m. | Led by Gary Powers | Avenue Church  
Wednesday @ 10:30 a.m. | Led by Tita Lewis | Avenue Church  
Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. | Led by Dan Nelson | Avenue Church

There are other opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship as well.

- Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. | Sunshine Sunday School Class led by John Van Tine in the Grier Room
- Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m. | Sister's Bible Study led by Ginny Van Tine and Brenda Powers in the Grier Room





# The Flu:

## A Guide for Parents



Influenza (also known as flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. Flu is different from a cold, and usually comes on suddenly. Each year flu viruses cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospital stays and thousands or tens of thousands of deaths in the United States.

Flu can be very dangerous for children. CDC estimates that between 6,000 and 26,000 children younger than 5 years have been hospitalized each year in the United States because of influenza. The flu vaccine is safe and helps protect children from flu.

## What parents should know

### How serious is flu?

While flu illness can vary from mild to severe, children often need medical care because of flu. Children younger than 5 years and children of any age with certain long-term health problems are at high risk of flu complications like pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections. Some health problems that are known to make children more vulnerable to flu include asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system.

### How does flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

### What are flu symptoms?

Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, feeling tired and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults). Some people with the flu will not have a fever.



## Protect your child

### How can I protect my child from flu?

The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your child.

- Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination.
- It's especially important that young children and children with certain long-term health problems get vaccinated.
- Caregivers of children at high risk of flu complications should get a flu vaccine. (Babies younger than 6 months are at high risk for serious flu complications, but too young to get a flu vaccine.)
- Pregnant women should get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and their baby from flu. Research shows that flu vaccination protects the baby from flu for several months after birth.
- Flu viruses are constantly changing and so flu vaccines are updated often to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season.

### Is flu vaccine safe?

Flu vaccines are made using strict safety and production measures. Millions of people have safely received flu vaccines for decades. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination. Different types of flu vaccines are licensed for different ages. Each person should get one that is appropriate for their age. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend an annual flu vaccine for all children 6 months and older.

### What are the benefits of getting a flu vaccine?

- **A flu vaccine can keep you and your child from getting sick.** When vaccine viruses and circulating viruses are matched, flu vaccination has been shown to reduce the risk of getting sick with flu by about half.
- **Flu vaccines can keep your child from being hospitalized from flu.** One recent study showed that flu vaccine reduced children's risk of flu-related pediatric intensive care unit admission by 74%.



- **Flu vaccine can prevent your child from dying from flu.**  
A study using data from recent flu seasons found that flu vaccine reduced the risk of flu-associated death by half among children with high risk medical conditions and by nearly two-thirds among children without medical conditions.
- **Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.**
- **Getting yourself and your child vaccinated also can protect others** who may be more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain long-term health problems.

### What are some other ways I can protect my child against flu?

In addition to getting a flu vaccine, you and your child should take everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs.

Stay away from people who are sick as much as possible to keep from getting sick yourself. If you or your child are sick, avoid others as much as possible to keep from infecting them. Also, remember to regularly cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and clean surfaces that may be contaminated with flu viruses. These everyday actions can help reduce your chances of getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others if you are sick. However, a yearly flu vaccine is the best way to prevent flu illness.

## If your child is sick

### What can I do if my child gets sick?

**Talk to your doctor early if you are worried about your child's illness.**

Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks enough fluids.

If your child is 5 years or older and does not have a long-term health problems and gets flu symptoms, including a fever and/or cough, consult your doctor as needed.

Children younger than 5 years of age – especially those younger than 2 years – and children with certain long-term health problems (including asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system), are at high risk of serious flu complications. Call your doctor or take your child to the doctor right away if they develop flu symptoms.

### What if my child seems very sick?

Even healthy children can get very sick from flu. If your child is experiencing the following emergency warning signs, you should go to the emergency room:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish lips or face

- Ribs pulling in with each breath
- Chest pain
- Severe muscle pain (child refuses to walk)
- Dehydration (no urine for 8 hours, dry mouth, no tears when crying)
- Not alert or interacting when awake
- Seizures
- Fever above 104°F
- In children less than 12 weeks, any fever
- Fever or cough that improve but then return or worsen
- Worsening of chronic medical conditions



This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptom that is severe or concerning.

### Is there a medicine to treat flu?

Yes. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines that can be used to treat flu illness. They can shorten your illness and make it milder, and they can prevent serious complications that could result in a hospital stay. Antivirals work best when started during the first 2 days of illness. Antiviral drugs are recommended to treat flu in people who are very sick (for example, people who are in the hospital) or people who are at high risk of serious flu complications who get flu symptoms. Antivirals can be given to children and pregnant women.

### How long can a sick person spread flu to others?

People with flu may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to up to 5 to 7 days after. Severely ill people or young children may be able to spread the flu longer, especially if they still have symptoms.

### Can my child go to school, day care, or camp if he or she is sick?

No. Your child should stay home to rest and to avoid spreading flu to other children or caregivers.

### When can my child go back to school after having flu?

Keep your child home from school, day care, or camp for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C)\* or higher.

\*Many authorities use either 100 (37.8 degrees Celsius) or 100.4 F (38.0 degrees Celsius) as a cut-off for fever, but this number can vary depending on factors such as the method of measurement and the age of the person.

For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/children.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/children.htm) or call 800-CDC-INFO



U.S. Department of  
Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention



# *Thanksgiving Blessings*

You can *bless a family*  
in our church or community  
this year with a complete meal  
for Thanksgiving.

Our GOAL for 2021 is 85 Thanksgiving meals.

Here are 3 different ways you can donate:

\$20 (turkey)

\$30 (non-perishable items)

\$50 (complete meal)

Simply mark a check or an envelope  
“Thanksgiving Blessings” or designate donation.

Funding is needed by

Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>





# TRAINING FOR EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER VOLUNTEERS!



## COME BE PART OF THE SOLUTION - JOIN OUR TEAM!

CHOOSE THE LOCATION THAT WORKS BEST FOR YOUR SCHEDULE  
(Training events take place from 7pm-9pm)

Each training includes Narcan and De-Escalation segments.

**Oct.19**: Georgetown Presbyterian, 203 N. Bedford, Georgetown, DE

**Nov. 4**: Milford Ave UMC, 20 N Church Ave, Milford, DE

**Nov. 9**: The CROSS, 703 East King Street, Seaford, DE

**Nov. 16**: Milford Nazarene, 11 Salevan PL, Milford, DE

**TBA – Cape Region Troop 7**  
**TBA – CPR Training**

Most of our emergency winter sanctuaries are open nightly Dec. 15 - March 15. Volunteers are needed for intake, overnight, morning relief, cleanup, and laundry. **We have a potential need of 132 volunteers to fill each night just to provide basic coverage during the season!** To sign up for volunteer opportunities, go to <http://codepurplesussexcounty/volunteers>

*Last year we served @250 homeless individuals (all ages). Each guest is uniquely homeless...each one is vulnerable...each one matters!*



Code Purple Hotline: 302-519-0024

PO Box 542 - 703 E King St, Seaford

Love INC Clearinghouse phone line:  
302-629-7050

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**PRESENTATION**

**Sunday, December, 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM**

**For more information, contact Kevin Chamberlain [KBChamberlain@avenueumc.com](mailto:KBChamberlain@avenueumc.com)**





## **AVENUE METHODIST HOLIDAY FAIR**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
(\$1 early bird fee)**

**Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

China, Crystal, Framed Art,  
Baked Goods, Amish Sharp Cheese,  
Seasonal and Home Décor,  
Crafts, Jewelry,  
Gently used & new Holiday  
gift items.





**BIRTHDAY GREETING TO:**

- **Leon Tschantre** who will celebrate his **92<sup>nd</sup>** birthday on **October 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**ANNIVERSARY GREETING TO:**

- **Bob & Joyce Voshell** who will celebrate their **63<sup>rd</sup>** anniversary on **October 25<sup>th</sup>**.

**SYMPATHY TO:**

- Laurel Pastor in the passing of her mother, Theresa Saunders on October 18, 2021.

**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. Joseph Archie), Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, and The United Methodist Church.
- The Pastors, Staff, and Leadership of Avenue United Methodist Church.
- Pray for Haiti as they recover from Saturday (8/21) earthquake.
- Pray for the people of Afghanistan.

**PRAYER REQUEST:**

Rachel Ballard	Tom Glenn	Susan Morgan
Frank & Frances Beebe	Alina Guido	Jean Murphy
Brenda Beissel	Matt Hall	Jason Neall
Dale Brandon	Al Hanna	Larry Passwaters
Bob Cage	Dave Harris	Laurel Pastor
Charlene Johnson Cannon	Beverly Harrison	Patty R
Lydia Castro	Karl Isele	Millie Remick
Adriel Castro and family	Ron Ivory	Roy Rigby
Alex Castro and family	David Johnson	Dick Roberts
Mary Charnick	Dean Johnson	Lorna Rosella Rulona
Jack & Denny Collins	Justin	Phil Saint
Luisa & Billy Combs	Chris K.	Richard Sapp
Lauren Connell	Linda Kemp	Vicki Schultes
Susan Cooper	Doris Koon	Alice Sellers
Craig	Rhoda & Greg Kurz	Roland Simms
Rick Crump	Jean Layton	Racheal Simesak
Julie Dally	Jean Layton's Grandson	Gary Simpson
Joanna Denney-Turner	Nancy Lee	Linda Singleton
Michael Dougherty	Brittany Poore Little	Samuel Smith
William Ernst	Jack & Zelda McDuff	Jacqueline Stokes
Ken Fechter	Reagan McGovern	Tamara
Charlie & Barbara	Donna Meck	Brenda Thompson
Fleetwood	Sonny Meck	Joan Wadman
Jayne Frank	Tiffany Medlin	TJ Webb
Jason, Joanna & Garrett	Megan	Josh Willey
Franklin	Susie Miller	Dorothy Yates
Todd French	Orville Mills	Betty Ziesel
Gail & Jeffrey	Stan Moody	