



AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

I have always liked to read, and I enjoy reading historical accounts. When I graduated college in 2001, one of the first books I purchased was Tom Brokaw's The Greatest Generation. Reading the book opened my eyes to the World War II generation and their sacrifices for our country and the world.

Andrea's step-grandfather, Grandpa Bob, was an incredible man. He was a gifted woodworker and had a great sense of humor. He was also a World War II pilot. On one visit to Delaware, Andrea and I took Grandpa and Grandma to the Air Mobility Command Museum here in Dover. When the volunteers at the museum found out that Grandpa was a WWII vet and a pilot, we had a personal escort with the key to every plane in the place! I've never seen doors open so fast! Grandpa shared stories about the aircraft and some of the places he served. It was an incredible experience with an amazing man. Grandpa Bob passed away in October of 2020.

Tomorrow is Veteran's Day. To mark the anniversary of the signing of the armistice to end World War II, November 11th was set aside as a day of remembrance. In 1954, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day to honor all who have served in our military. Avenue has a long history of men and women who have served our country with honor.

In Matthew 24, Jesus teaches about the coming of the Kingdom of God. Jesus says that there will be "wars and rumors of war...nations will rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom...all these are the beginning of the birth pains." War is evidence of the sinfulness of humanity. It is a reminder that we long to be made

whole. When the Kingdom of God comes on earth as it is in heaven, there will be no more war, no more tears, no more death.

As we celebrate Veterans Day, let us give thanks to God for those who have served our country, fought for our freedom, and continue to protect us today. Let us also pray that there would be no need for war one day and that parents would not need to send their children off to fight. Let us pray that God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven.

Sow Much Love,

Pastor Steve



Church Office and Food Pantry will be closed on
Thursday, November 11th.

Update On Avenue's Door Policy for Worship

Since the pandemic, Avenue has been utilizing a single point of entry on Sunday morning. A single entry point allowed us to do temperature checks and to take attendance for contact tracing and pastoral care. This past Spring, we eliminated temperature checks as part of the protocol to attend worship while taking attendance. Taking attendance at the door is far more accurate than filling out a pew pad, which allows our pastoral team to provide better pastoral care when members of our community are missing in worship.

What about the sanctuary doors? When will they be unlocked?

In short, we tried unlocking the doors, but there has been a problem with the software that enables the mag-lock to disengage on schedule. When the software doesn't work, it requires someone to be present at the door to open it up or block the door open. Along with software issues, our Safety Teams (Greeter Teams) have not been able to fill out their teams since the pandemic. Low Safety Team numbers mean we cannot have someone at the front door to welcome people to worship. In addition to a Safety Team member, it would help the pastoral team if there was an additional person available to take attendance to assist with pastoral care.

How do we get the Sanctuary Doors Unlocked on Sunday mornings? We need all of the following to happen to begin unlocking the sanctuary doors on Sunday morning.

- We have contacted B-Safe about our software issues. We hope that this issue can be resolved. When resolved, the doors will unlock 30 minutes before worship as they did pre-Covid.
- Restaff our Safety Teams to have 4-5 members who can cover the building each week to welcome and assist those who attend worship.
- People to assist with attendance. The pandemic has shown us the importance of staying connected and knowing the people who are present and those who are missing.

Until we can complete these three steps, we will continue to ask worship attendees to use the main entrance on the side of the building. If there are any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Pastor Steve at 302-422-8111 or srlamotte@avenueumc.com.

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) and Youtube (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.

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.

TAI CHI: Tai Chi is a great way to build up core strength and balance with decreased stress on joints. Please join us **Tuesday’s and Thursday’s at 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**. No fees!

WELCOMING AND CONNECTING WITH THE CONNECTION TEAM: Last week, we unveiled a new ministry team at Avenue Church. The Connection Team serves to welcome guest and attenders and assist them in getting connected to the ministries of Avenue Church. Over the last several months, we have been working to develop a dedicated space for the Connection Team. That space is the newly renovated stone wall with the TV’s in the foyer. This will be space where people can ask questions, fill out a connect card, and learn more about the ministries of the church.

If you would like to participate in the Connection Team, you can contact Karen Schneider at careercounselorde@gmail.com.

COFFEE NOW IN FELLOWSHIP HALL: We are excited to be able to offer coffee, tea, and hot chocolate on Sunday mornings. You can find these refreshments in Fellowship Hall. We are thankful for Donna Hill and her service to Avenue in providing this act of hospitality each week.

JOB OPENINGS - NURSERY WORKERS: We are looking to re-open our nursery and are in need of additional nursery attendants. Interested parties must be available on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. through Noon. Attendants must complete a background check. CPR certification is recommended. This is a paid position. Please email your resume and a cover letter to srlamotte@avenueumc.com

CONFIRMATION 2022 | A FIRM FOUNDATION: We are calling out to all 7th and 8th grade

students as we prepare to begin a new year of Confirmation Classes. Confirmation is a journey for 7th/8th 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 to register for Confirmation Class 2022.

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 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.

MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY: The holiday season is upon us. As you shop on Amazon you can help the Milford Community Pantry. Use smile.amazon.com and select your charity. Enter Milford Community Pantry, Milford, DE and then everything you shop through Amazon Smile we will receive a small credit. It is easy and cost you nothing. We receive a check and are very grateful. Trite is true ... ***Remember the reason for the season.*** No matter where you shop we celebrate the gift of Jesus.

NEW PEW BIBLES: Scripture and the oral tradition of reading Scripture in Christian worship has been around since the early church of the 3rd and 4th 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.¹

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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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW): 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.

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 November is “The Fellowship of the Table.” The lesson for November 14th lesson is “A Meal of Reconciliation” based on I Samuel 25:2-39; November 21st lesson is “Communion Connections” based on I Corinthians 11:17-34; and November 28th lesson is “Come to the Banquet” based on Isaiah 25:6-10; 55:1-3. Plan to join us in the Grier Room for these exciting lessons.

SISTERS BIBLE STUDY: We will continue our study “Incarnation” by Adam Hamilton. Join us and bring a friend. We will meet on **November 16th** at 10:00 a.m. in the Grier Room, so please be a few minutes early.

CODE PURPLE: 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 1st through March 15th.

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 4th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. If you are interested in serving, please contact Tom Chilton at 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

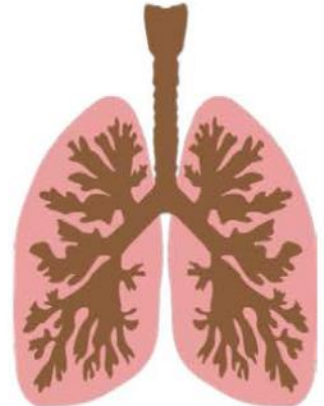
There are other opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship as well.

- 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

November is Lung cancer month

What is Lung Cancer?

Our body normally regenerates new cells in our body constantly. For a variety of reasons, some we don't understand, abnormal cells sometimes develop and replicate. This can slowly or quickly replace normal cells, causing cancer to develop and grow anywhere in the body. Lung cancer occurs when this process occurs in the lungs, and it can occur in other areas in the respiratory cancers such as trachea (wind pipe) and bronchus (tube like formations connecting the trachea to the lungs).



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There are 2 main types of lung cancer:

- 1- Non small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) 80-85% of all lung cancers diagnosed.
 - a. Three types of NSCLC
 - i. Adenocarcinoma- most common type and more often detected earlier than other types. Tend to have better outcomes.
 - ii. Squamous cell- Then, flat cells that look like fish scales, and are found in the tissue that forms the surface of the skin, and the lining of organs including the respiratory system.
 - iii. Large cell and neuroendocrine NSCLC- grow faster like small cell
- 2- Small cell lung cancer (Also called Oat cell) 10-15 % of all lung cancers diagnosed. Aggressive growing cancer- 70% of those diagnosed have already spread.

Under 5% of cancers that occur in the lung are other types: carcinoid, Lymphomas, sarcomas, and hamartomas and are treated differently than actual lung cancer. Any cancer that spreads from another organ (breast, kidney, skin cancers) are not lung cancer, but actually the cancer of origin that moves to the lungs.

<https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/lung-cancer>

If you have any questions concerning lung cancer, please contact Debbie Campbell Gibson RN.

“The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

Job 33:4



NEW BIBLE STUDY: The Gift of the Nutcracker

The Music Ministry will be sharing a 4-week Advent Bible called *The Gift of the Nutcracker*, beginning Tuesday, November 30th.

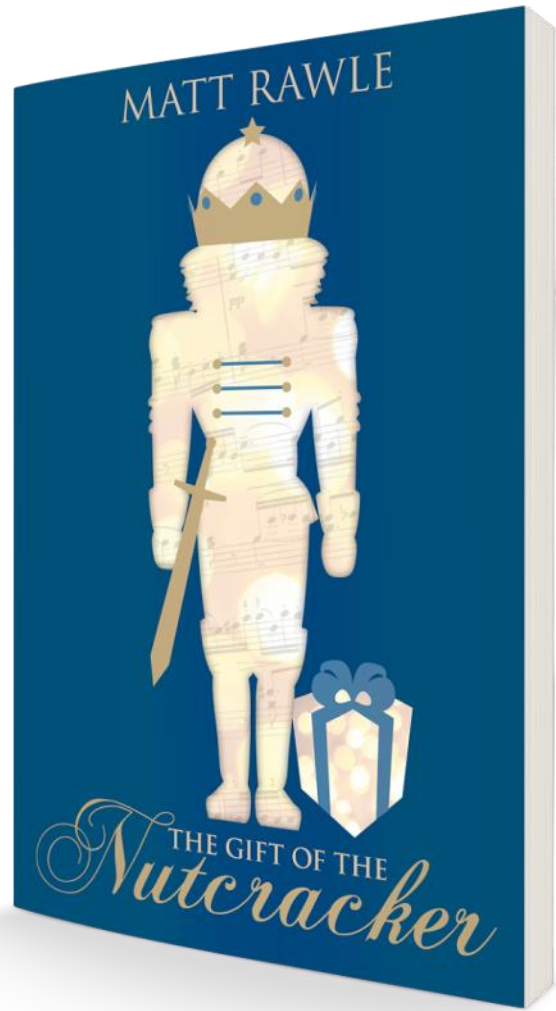
The Nutcracker was first performed in 1892, and quickly became a holiday tradition, one that continues for many families to this day.

In *The Gift of the Nutcracker*, author, Matt Rawle takes a look at this Christmas classic in a new way—through the lens of faith. Matt Rawle uses the iconic tale to help us understand God’s greatest gift of the Christ child and of the kingdom Christ came to build.

The study will be interactive with recorded segments from the author, Matt Rawle, video segments from the ballet, and live music from *The Nutcracker*.

*Please join us for this study.
Study Guides will be available.*

A sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Foyer or you can contact Kevin B. Chamberlain via email at KBChamberlain@avenueumc.com





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 21st

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, 12th at 4:00PM

For more information, contact Kevin Chamberlain KBChamberlain@avenueumc.com



ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

- **Gerald and Shelby Swain** on celebrating their **66th** anniversary on **November 24th**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Chad and Ashley Wyatt on the birth of their daughter Ainsley.

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.
- Kidnaped missionaries in Haiti.

PRAYER REQUEST:

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