

AVENUE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## *The Midweek*

*Wednesday, April 20, 2022*

### Now what?!

The Gospel of Luke ends on a high note. After the resurrection, Jesus blesses his disciples and is carried up into heaven. Luke 24:52-53 says: “And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.” The book of Acts confirms that they were all gathered in constant prayer and in that upper room they received the Holy Spirit.

From that moment on, they were filled with power and boldness. The result:

1. Thousands were joining the movement
2. The religious leaders were NOT happy

It’s about to go down! In chapter 4:1–2 it says: “...the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, <sup>2</sup> much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead.” I have a feeling that the translators are being kind by saying “much annoyed”. The feeling was a mixture of indignation, anger and vexation. They were NOT happy campers. They saw this sect that was quickly growing into a movement as a threat and heresy (the Sadducees did not believe in any form of resurrection, that is why they were “sad”, you see!). They arrest Peter and John in hopes of scaring and shutting them up. However, it only made Peter and John bolder.

Once released, Peter and John shared their experience with others and then they all prayed for even more BOLDNESS (chapter 4:23-31).

They are going to need it, because as the movement becomes stronger so will persecution. It will cost many their lives.

This Sunday we will begin a new sermon series: CALLED...

What are we called to and for? This Sunday: We are called to be BOLD! Join us, as we join with believers throughout history who prayed and were made BOLD by God's Holy Spirit.

*Pastor Neyda*

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## Stay or Go | Real Talk for United Methodist Exploring the Future

The United Methodist Church has been at an impasse in regards to our future. This impasse centers around our doctrines and teachings on human sexuality. The pandemic over the last two years has made it difficult to have a General Conference, which is the Church's decision-making body. General Conference was delayed in 2020, 2021, and in 2022. One of the major pieces of legislation on the table for the General Conference is a document towards an amicable separation within the United Methodist Church.

The Peninsula-Delaware and Baltimore-Washington Conferences are hosting a Zoom webinar on **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** beginning at 9:00 a.m. to share information about where the United Methodist Church is, and where the church may be heading. There will be representatives from **UMNEXT** and **The Wesleyan Covenant Association**. Each group will share their hopes and visions for the future after separation.

You can submit questions to [lowershore2021@gmail.com](mailto:lowershore2021@gmail.com) and topics for conversation will be shaped to answer as many questions as possible. The session will not address the process for disaffiliation or the history of how we arrived at this point. This session will be a time for UMNEXT and WCA to share their hopes and dreams for the future church.

You must pre-register for the session in order to receive the ZOOM link. You can pre-register by following this link: [https://bwcumc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_onJr6Fj3QQuYDXH8-2iiMQ](https://bwcumc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_onJr6Fj3QQuYDXH8-2iiMQ)

## COMFORT AND CARE CARDS FOR APRIL

In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus says, “Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for you souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (NRSV)

When we look at the ministry of caring for our shut-ins and those who are unable to live their life in Christ in a way they would like, Jesus is asking His disciples to fill in the gap. In this time of Pandemic, it has been challenging. So we are starting a “Care Card Ministry” here at Avenue United Methodist Church. We will be giving you the names and addresses of three members of our congregation for everyone to send a “Thinking of You” card. I also encourage you to write a personal note on the inside of the card.

The names will be in the bulletin and also in the Mid-Week. If you have any questions let me know.

*Blessings,*

*Dan Holt  
Pastor of Congregational Care.*

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## GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Aunt Orpha and Uncle Grover Ashton by The Webb Family  
Joy Benham by Kaye Majoch  
Our Father, Alan Boltz by Anita, Cheryl, Judy and Nancy  
Our Mother, Janet Boltz by Anita, Cheryl, Judy and Nancy  
Linda Breedlove by Pat Fisher  
Lyle Bunville by Kathryn Welch  
Allen and Wilma Burbage by Gerald and Joanne Burbage  
Lynn Byer by William Byer  
Cal Clendaniel by Ginny Clendaniel & Family  
Cal Clendaniel by Joyce & Bob Voshell  
Florence and Chester Coffin by Their Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cool by Jim and Shelly Fennemore  
James and Marjorie Cresson by Elaine and Larry Price  
Her parents John and Alberta Dougherty, Sr. by Linda and Al Hanna  
Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Fennemore by Jim and Shelly Fennemore  
Kathy Fig, our sister who died 1 year ago by Karen and Tom Schneider  
Ed, Frances & Ted Fisher by Don Fisher Family  
Duane T. Fox Sr. by Connie Fox and family  
My Mother, Kathleen Friedline by Bonnie Glenn  
Bill Green by William Byer  
Our beloved daughter Amy M. Hanna-Hagopian by Al & Linda Hanna  
His parents Norman & Evelyn Hanna by Al & Linda Hanna  
Lib and Dike Hitchens by The Hitchens Family  
Richard Holleger Sr. by Hilda Holleger and family  
Bill Johnson by John, Ginny and Lynne Van Tine  
Loved Ones by Dan and Marty Holt  
Justice Randy Holland by Joyce and Bob Voshell  
John and Edna LeDonne by Diana LeDonne  
Don Lewis by Tita Lewis  
Sue Lewis by Ken Lewis  
Bud, Sally & Peter Macky by Don Fisher Family  
Jannie Martin by Kaye Majoch  
Raymond and Edith Masten by Harry and Carolyn Humes  
Renate McKenzie by Diana LeDonne  
Robert and Lucille Mercer by Ann and Kaye  
James and Earlene Morris by David and Sherrie Morris  
Loved Ones by Jean W. Murphy  
Ridge Murray by Kathy Welch  
My Parents by Tita Lewis  
Ferd and Edith Nelson by Barbara French  
Daughter Norma and Son Matt by Norman and Millie Remick  
George E. Reph Sr. by Lorraine Reph  
Ivan and Harriet Reynolds by David Reynolds

## **GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF (CONT.)**

Husband Paul Rimmer by Bonnie Glenn  
Debbie Serpa by Donna Hill (All Peters)  
Her sister Jill D. Grzybowski – Shumate by Linda & Al Hanna  
William E. and Maude L. Smith by Wayne and Scott Smith and Sandy Walls  
David Sockrider by Steve, Kathryn, Michael and Jacob Welch  
Marge Steiner by Joyce & Bob Voshell  
Nancy Stevenson by Sherrie Morris  
J. Lindale and Roselle Stokes by Gerald and Joanne Burbage  
Charlotte and Harold Tucker by The Hitchens Family  
Our Parents by John & Ginny Van Tine  
Donald and Doris Veasey by David and Sherrie Morris  
Jimmy Vreeland by Ginny and John Van Tine  
Bonnie Walls by Bob and family  
Ed and Hilda Walls by Bob and family  
Our daughter, Sarah Kathleen Webb by Lloyd and Nancy  
Aunt Kay Webb by Her Family  
Lucius and Alice Webb by Their Family  
Robbins Webb by Kathryn and family  
Pop Pop Steve Welch Sr by Jacob and Michael Welch  
Burton and Hazel Willis by Connie Fox, Susan Harvell & families  
Lucius and Hazel Willis by Connie Fox and family  
Josh and Alma Willey by Josh and Elaine  
Guy and Evelyn Winebrenner by Gene and Debbie Topolski  
Jo Wood by Joyce & Bob Voshell

## **GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF**

Richard & Sharon Brown by Diane Dolan  
Kevin B. Chamberlain by Avenue Bell Choir  
Tom and Henrietta Chilton by Diane Dolan  
Drew, Kellie and Bennett Fox by Gene and Debbie Topolski  
Ruth Fretts by Beverly Reynolds  
Sue Hatfield by Diane Dolan  
Karsyn Helmick by Eugene and Holly Helmick  
Noah Helmick by Eugene and Holly Helmick  
River Helmick by Eugene and Holly Helmick  
Helen Holleger by Diane Dolan  
Sherrie Morris by Bonnie Carmine  
Joe Neutzling by Diane Dolan  
Jan and Bob Perkins by Jeff and Bonnie Carmine

## **GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF (CONT.)**

Walt and Ruth Peters by Donna Hill (All Peters)

All of family sisters, husbands and daughter Stephanie and Paul Burton  
by Donna M. Hill (Peters)

Lorraine Reph by Ken Lewis

Leon Tschantre by Diane Dolan

Bob and Joyce Voshell by Diane Dolan

Joyce and Bob Voshell by Jeff and Bonnie Carmine

Joyce and Bob Voshell by Helen Holleger

Bob and Joyce Voshell by Don and Pat Fisher

Sandy Walls and Scott Smith by Helen Holleger

Josh and Elaine Walls by Tracy, Jody and Matt

## **GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY AND HONOR OF**

All Sarah Circle Members past and present by Sarah Circle

## 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).

**YOUNG ADULT ROUNDTABLE:** We will have our next Young Adult Gathering on **Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room. If you are 18-35, come join us as we begin building the foundations of a strong Young Adult Ministry at Avenue Church. Please RSVP to Pastor Steve by emailing [srlamotte@avenueumc.com](mailto:srlamotte@avenueumc.com).

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS:** You can join the ministry team at Avenue Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month for *Coffee and Conversations* from 11:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. While this time is especially geared to new attendees, this is a time to meet and interact with Avenue’s ministry team. No reservation is needed. We look forward to seeing you on **May 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Avenue offers several scholarships to graduating seniors. This year we have an electronic application that is available on our website [www.avenueumc.com/scholarships](http://www.avenueumc.com/scholarships). Scholarship applications are due on **April 25<sup>th</sup>**.

**2022 GRADUATES:** If you have a family member that is graduating (high school/college) and would like them in the bulletin and midweek, please send an email to Kelly at [churchoffice@avenueumc.com](mailto:churchoffice@avenueumc.com) with their information (college/future plans) and a picture by **May 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will be listing the 2022 graduates on May 15<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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 call (302) 422-8111 or send an email to [healthministry@avenueumc.com](mailto:healthministry@avenueumc.com).

**MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY:** The Milford Community Pantry thanks all of you who support our outreach. Feeding the families who come to us really is a group effort. **Our current needs are cereal and bar soap.** Hygiene items aren't covered under food stamps so folks are so grateful to find they are included. Thanks for being a partner.

**UMCOR ASSISTANCE IN UKRAINE:** We have all been watching the news of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and wondering how we can help beyond prayer. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has ministries on the ground in Ukraine and Europe that are receiving funds to assist those displaced by the war. 100% of donations made to UMCOR go where they are directed, so you can be sure that your dollars are going to work. If you would like to donate to UMCOR, please make a check out to Avenue United Methodist Church with **“Advance #982450”** in the memo line. You can also give online by selecting “UMCOR-Ukraine” from the fund options. Thank you for your generosity.

**AUMC YARD SALE IS COMING (AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup>):** Please begin to collect your donations this spring. A planning meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** in the Heritage Room at 6:30 p.m. Please consider volunteering. Contact for more information: Judy Struck - [judystruck@comcast.net](mailto:judystruck@comcast.net) or Sandy Culotta - [swculotta@gmail.com](mailto:swculotta@gmail.com). Many hands make light work. Come join in the fun!!

**UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)** are proud to serve their first Pancake Breakfast of the year on **April 24, 2022**. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee and tea will be **served immediately after both services. This year we will be offering take outs. A free-will offering will be accepted.** Funds from this meal will help provide a Boy Scout college scholarship to a high school graduate from Troop #186. Other mission projects will also be funded. Join us for a most excellent breakfast and fellowship.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** There will be a meeting of the Church Council on **Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. This will be our meeting for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. All are welcome to attend, but you must be a member of Avenue Church to vote on any business.

**NURSERY:** We are excited to share that the church nursery will be open for children 0-3 years old each Sunday morning at both services. Our nursery coordinator and assistants have nursery experience and are compliant with our Safe Sanctuary program. Each week, kids will engage with music and activities that begin teaching them about God's love.

**UMW BAKE SALE:** UMW Bake Sale was a huge success and enjoyed by many. Thanks to Bonnie Carmine and her team, who made it all happen in the prettiest spring/Easter way with decorations and so many delicious cakes, cookies, pies, candy and more. It was terrific and we are also grateful to all the bakers and buyers of the delicious sweets. The close to \$2,000, in profits will be donated to mission projects supported by Avenue UMW which traditionally include local, state and international projects specifically aimed at helping women, youth and children. (Only needed \$140.00 more) Thank you again to all.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS - VBS RETURNS JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> – 23<sup>RD</sup>:** Vacation Bible School is set to return in June to Avenue Church. This year, we will be going “off-road” through colorful canyons and sunbaked trails to explore just how awesome God's love is. Volunteer and participant registration will be coming in the next few weeks. Save the date and invite friends to participate!

**+GROWTH GROUPS**  
**Go**

**KNOW . . . GROW . . .**

Growth groups are groups where we learn, grow, and do life together. They meet once a week and are a great way to get to know each other and be challenged to grow in our spiritual journey.

**TUESDAYS**

**10:00 a.m. @ Church** Sisters Bible Study. On **April 26<sup>th</sup>** we will be starting a new study “Word of Life” by Adam Hamilton.

**WEDNESDAYS**

**6:30 p.m. @ Church** Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert led by Dan Nelson. This group will discuss the author’s spiritual journey from atheism to a transformed life. We will meet in the Holzmueller Room.

**SUNDAYS**

**10:15 a.m. @ Church** Adult Sunday School led by John Van Tine. Studying the Bible together. Ongoing group. Our study for April is “The Mark You Make.” The lesson for April 24<sup>th</sup> lesson is “Creation Meditation and Creator Worship” based on Psalm 104.



Eat.  
Watch.  
Discuss.

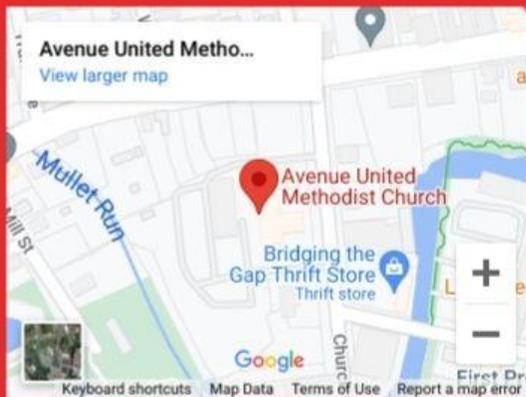
**Wednesdays @ Avenue**  
**6:30 PM**  
20 N. St. Milford, DE

Childcare available

# A place to ask questions

A light dinner provided.  
Discussion Groups for all ages.  
(Adults, teens, and childcare)

## Alpha @ AVENUE UMC



Wednesdays @ Avenue  
**6:30 PM**

20 N. St. Milford, DE

Childcare available

AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Discipleship Pathway >>>

## Spring Growth Group Celebration Wednesday May 4th 6:30pm



If you were part of a Growth Group this Spring, we want to celebrate our time together!  
A light dinner will be offered and time to share your experience with others!

## Diagnosis of COPD

Diagnosis of COPD begins with a review of medical history and symptoms, and a physical exam. In the early stages of COPD, a physical exam may show very little except wheezing when breathing out. As the disease develops, the lungs begin to show signs of overinflating with air. The size of the chest gets larger.

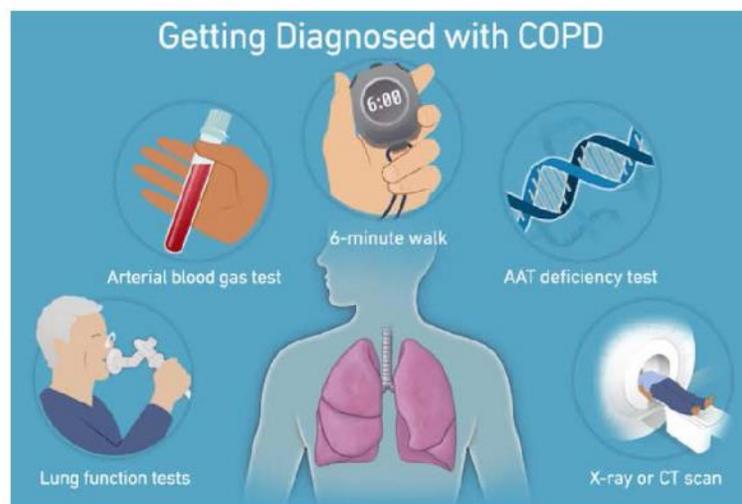
The doctor may notice that the diaphragm moves less than normal. The sounds of the heart become distant. Crackles may be heard at the base of the lungs. The veins of the neck may stick out, mostly when a person is breathing out, showing increased pressure inside the chest.

The patient may also have jerky movements because of buildup of carbon dioxide in the blood.

After the physical exam, the doctor will do tests to rule out other conditions, such as cancer, tuberculosis or chronic heart failure, which may cause similar symptoms. The doctor will also determine whether the patient has COPD rather than bronchitis, emphysema or asthma alone.

Chest x-rays, computed tomography (CT) scans or a bronchoscopy may be used to rule out tuberculosis or other conditions if a person is coughing up blood. Two-dimensional echocardiography and Doppler techniques may be used to find out whether there is high blood pressure in the lungs.

Other tests such as blood oxygen tests, as well as lung function and exercise testing may be conducted to find out how much damage has been done and how well the lungs are working.



<https://www.cedars-sinai.org/health-library/diseases-and-conditions/c/chronic-obstructive-pulmonary-disease-copd.html>

**“And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.” ~ Isaiah 11:2**

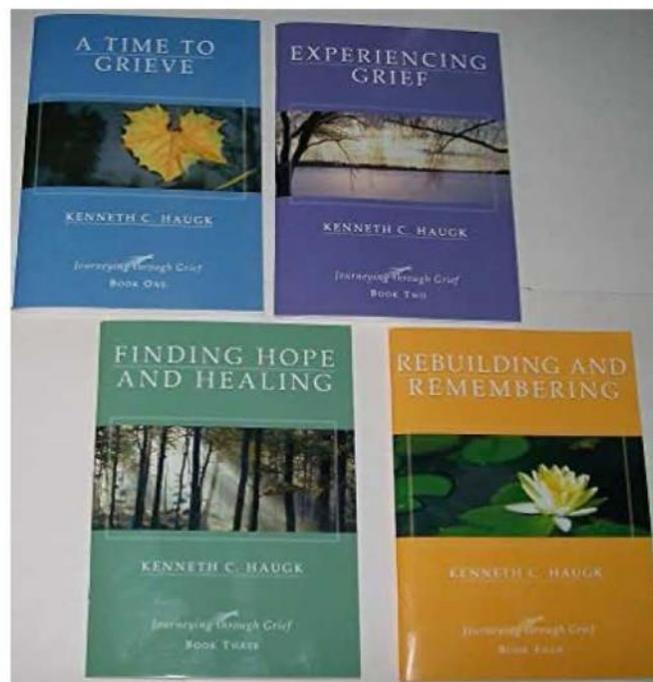
## **Journeying through Grief**

**By Cindy Horsman Faith Community Nurse**

When life gets challenging, you can count on Avenue's Health Ministry Team and the members of Avenue Church to help you through this time.

Unfortunately, we all lose loved ones that lays heavy on our hearts. The pastors and the Health Ministry Team of Avenue United Methodist Church are here for you. We do not want you to feel you are alone through the grieving process. We are here for pastoral support, prayers, holding your hand, supplying meals through the meal train, cards through the card ministry, visitation, and books "Journeying through Grief" mailed to you through the next year. We will also try to help you find resources to help you through the grieving process.

If you or someone you know has lost a loved one and needs, our support please either contact Health Ministry and/or Avenue United Methodist Church through either email [healthministry@avenueumc.com](mailto:healthministry@avenueumc.com) or call 302-422-8111.



## **I've heard friends talk about Zumba. What does it involve, and is it an effective workout?**

Answer From Edward R. Laskowski, M.D. Mayo Clinic

Zumba is an aerobic activity that can count toward the amount of aerobic activity recommended for most healthy adults by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Aerobic exercise can reduce health risks, help maintain a healthy weight, strengthen your heart and boost your mood. If you enjoy Zumba, you are also more likely to do it regularly and experience its benefits as an aerobic exercise.

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/fitness/expert-answers/zumba/faq-20057883>



**Every Thursday from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

**Classes are being held at Avenue United Methodist Church**

**Fellowship Hall**

**LaTasha Gibbs, Instructor**

**Cost- \$3.00 cash each class!!**

**Come and join us**

## What has the Health Ministry Team scheduled for you?

- ♦ **1<sup>st</sup> of the Month**—Blood Pressure Screenings in Fellowship Hall
- ♦ Tai Chi Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall (For the quiet stretch exercise) Henrietta Chilton and Rachel Susen instructors. **We will be at Bicentennial Park, 220 NE Front Street, Milford, DE from May 3<sup>rd</sup>—October 27<sup>th</sup>.**
- ♦ Zumba Thursday at 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. for **\$3.00** a class (fast Pace exercise) La Tasha Gibbs, instructor
- ♦ May 5<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m.—5 p.m. we will be sponsoring a Blood Drive with the Blood Bank of Delaware. Here is the direct site to sign up [https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/8055](https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/8055)



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## **BAYHEALTH NEEDS YOU!**

Bayhealth is conducting a community health assessment survey to determine what services are needed locally.

Please copy and paste the following link, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPFLFB5> into your web browser and complete a short survey by **April 30, 2022**.

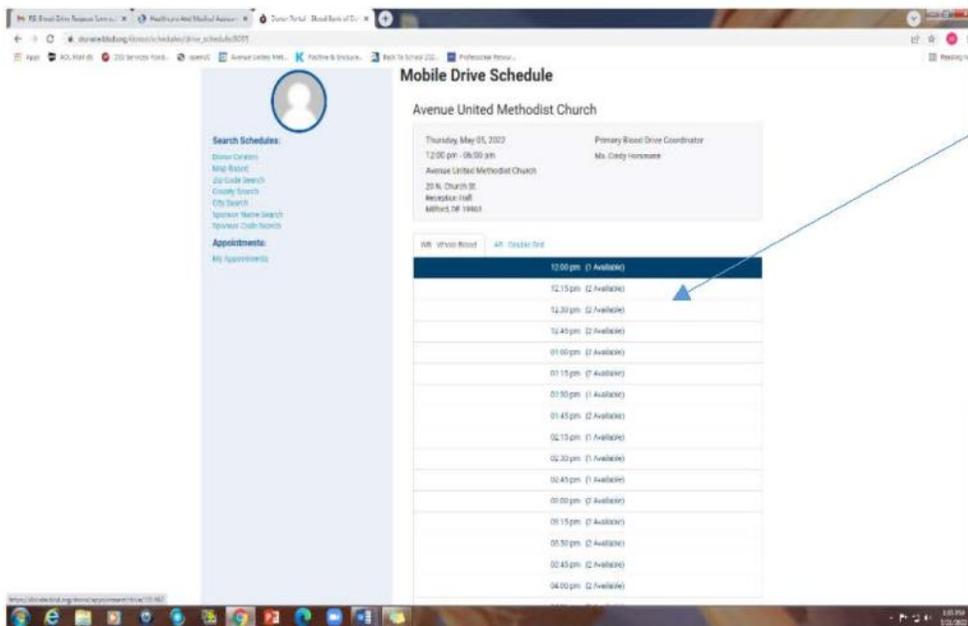
Once completed, Bayhealth will enter you into a drawing to win a \$100 gift card!!!

Blood Bank Blood Donation  
Avenue United Methodist Church  
May 5, 2022 12-6 PM

**How Do I Sign Up?**

Go to this web site

[https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/8055](https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/8055)



Select the time you want.

Fill out the information using your name and telephone number. Select confirm.

Now you are scheduled!!

You will receive an email confirming your appointment.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Cindy Horsman, RN Faith Community Nurse at 302-422-8111.

See you May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your friends! We want to fill up all the slots!!

**“Don’t forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.” ~ Hebrews 13:16**

**ANNIVERSARY GREETING TO:**

- **Bill and Joan Dudley** who will celebrate their **71<sup>st</sup>** anniversary on **April 20<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Parker and Maxine Turner** who will celebrate their **59<sup>th</sup>** anniversary on **April 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**SYMPATHY TO:**

- Yvonne Nelson and family on the passing of her father, Billy Combs who passed away on April 18, 2022.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- Those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Our local, national and world leaders.
- Our District Superintendent (Rev. Joseph Archie), Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, and The United Methodist Church.
- Our Pastors, staff, and leadership of Avenue United Methodist Church.
- Pray for peace in Ukraine and other areas of conflict around the world.

**PRAYER REQUEST:**

Carol Badenoch  
Brenda Beissel  
Adam Berry  
Dane Brittingham  
D. Brown  
Linda Contrill  
Bill & Kristen Conway and family  
Rick Crump  
Charlie & Barbara Fleetwood  
Bill Gaskill  
Vayda Gaskill  
Tom Glenn  
Twin Granddaughters  
Ben H.  
Sam Hanna  
Beverly Harrison  
Jim  
Jerry Jackson  
David Johnson  
Dean Johnson  
Johnny  
Chris K  
Wayne Klaus  
Courtney Laura  
Jack & Zelda McDuff  
Joanne McKay

Willow McKenzie  
Brian McMullen  
Patrick Murphy  
Diane Parrilli  
David and Judy Passwaters  
Ron Payne  
Trish R.  
Millie Remick  
George Reph Jr.  
Nick Riggie  
Bill Smar  
Sandy S.  
Samuel Smith  
Seth Spencer  
Tom  
Kathleen Tracy  
Dianne Verkade  
Joan Wadman  
Dennis Yates  
Jon Zaines