



## *The Midweek*

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

### **Jonah: More Than Meets the Eye**

Last Sunday, I was pretty wiped out from a full weekend of family and ministry activities. As I drove our boys home from church, it looked like rain. I said to the boys, “Since it’s going to rain, let’s watch a movie.” We watched the 2007 movie, *Transformers*. I loved the toys and cartoons when I was a child and had a lot of fun watching it with Caleb and Malachi. In short, Transformers are alien robots who disguise themselves as everyday objects here on earth. Transformers has a catchphrase: There is more than meets the eye.

We just started a series on the book of Jonah and there is *more than meets the eye* when it comes to the book. Many people just know the story of Jonah and the great fish. The book is so much more as Jonah wrestles with the greatness (even the scandal) of God’s grace. The reader has to wrestle with our own limited views of grace.

Over the next several weeks, we will take a deeper look at the Jonah story and we will be invited to wrestle with God’s grace and our own limited use of grace. We’ll come face-to-face with Jonah’s version of nationalism (thinking his nation/people is intrinsically better than others) and be challenged to look at our own nationalism and even the nationalism that is veiled in religious language. This Sunday, we will learn what *not to do* when we encounter storms in our own lives.

I know it is summer and that means we are in a new rhythm with our families

and our schedule. I want to encourage you to make worship a priority throughout the summer. As we journey with Jonah and invite the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, it will be a *whale of a time!*

Sow Much Love,

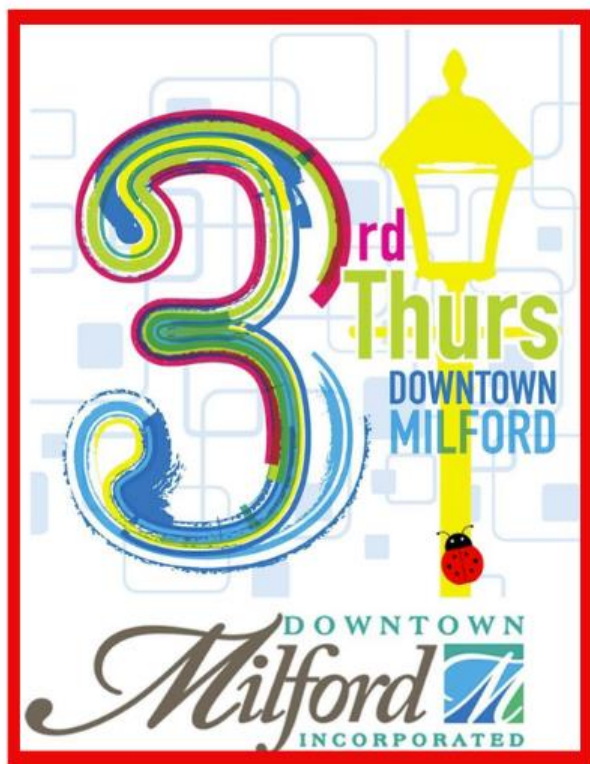
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Steve". The script is cursive and fluid.

Our brother, Roosevelt Thomas, is now located at Milford Center and is in need of a little pick me up. So let's flood him with some cards of love and encouragement.

Roosevelt Thomas  
c/o Milford Center Genesis Health Care  
700 Marvel Rd.  
Room 124  
Milford, DE 19963

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

## **THURSDAY JUNE 16th**



### **TASKS:**

#### **4pm Help Set UP**

**For both Downtown & Avenue**

**4pm - 8pm**

#### **Avenue Information Booth**

**Greet visitors/hand out balloons to all kids**  
(pick an hour and let us know)

**8pm**

#### **Tear Down**

**For both Downtown & Avenue**



# ZUMBA

@AVENUE

**TUESDAYS &  
THURSDAYS**  
**5:30 PM**  
**\$3** Suggested  
Donation

**20 N. Church St.  
Milford, DE**



**Avenue United Methodist Church**



## **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 (302) 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).

**UPDATES ON WORSHIP SERVICES:** In an effort to create a better worship experience, we will be starting announcements a few minutes early in order to start the formal service at the appointed start time (9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.).

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** The Church Council will meet on **Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Our primary purpose for meeting will be to gather as a Church Conference to elect a new class of leaders. We will also be having some other conversations as we prepare for the Fall. Reports from Ministry Chairs should be emailed to the church office by **Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Noon** to be included in the packet.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY:** Vacation Bible School begins this Monday (June 20<sup>th</sup>) and runs through Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We begin each night at 6:30 p.m. VBS is open to children who are 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Youth Week is available, at the same time, for our older students (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade). You can register for VBS by going to: [www.avenueumc.com/vbs](http://www.avenueumc.com/vbs)

**VBS MISSION PROJECT: CHANGE TO CHANGE THE WORLD:** Each year, we collect a daily offering to help make a difference some place in the world. This year, we will again be collecting change for *Servant Harts Ministry in Guatemala*. *Servant Harts* care for malnourished babies and pregnant women through high quality healthcare, discipleship, and construction support to ensure healthy and safe homes.

**DINNERS AVAILABLE AT VBS:** We are excited to have dinners available during Vacation Bible School this year. Each night, you and your family can enjoy a meal and wonderful fellowship around the table beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dinners are available for a love offering to help with the cost. Thank you to Missy and Ken Wilcox and their crew for making this possible.

**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 Pantry can always use cereal and soup, canned fruit is also good. **Our big news is a transition of leadership. Tita and Diane are retiring and their replacements are in training.** Diana LeDonne is taking on the role of Coordinator. Nancy Czerwinski, a very active Milford Lion, will be handling the inventory. They will appreciate your continued support of the Milford Community Pantry. The Avenue congregation is so generous and helpful. Your help allows us to continue our efforts to reduce food insecurity.

**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, June 28<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!!

**ADULT FUSION LEADERS NEEDED:** As the school year winds down and we begin transitioning into summer, we are looking to add to our Adult Fusion Ministry Team. We are looking for adults who love Jesus (first) and who also love teenagers, and who can make a one-year commitment to serving on Sunday evenings and special events. While we often think of younger adults as the prime candidate, research shows that older adults can also be effective Student Ministry Leaders.

If you would like to learn more about Fusion and becoming a Fusion leader, please contact Pastor Steve at [srlamotte@avenueumc.com](mailto:srlamotte@avenueumc.com).

## **GROWTH GROUPS   KNOW . . . GROW . . . GO**

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**

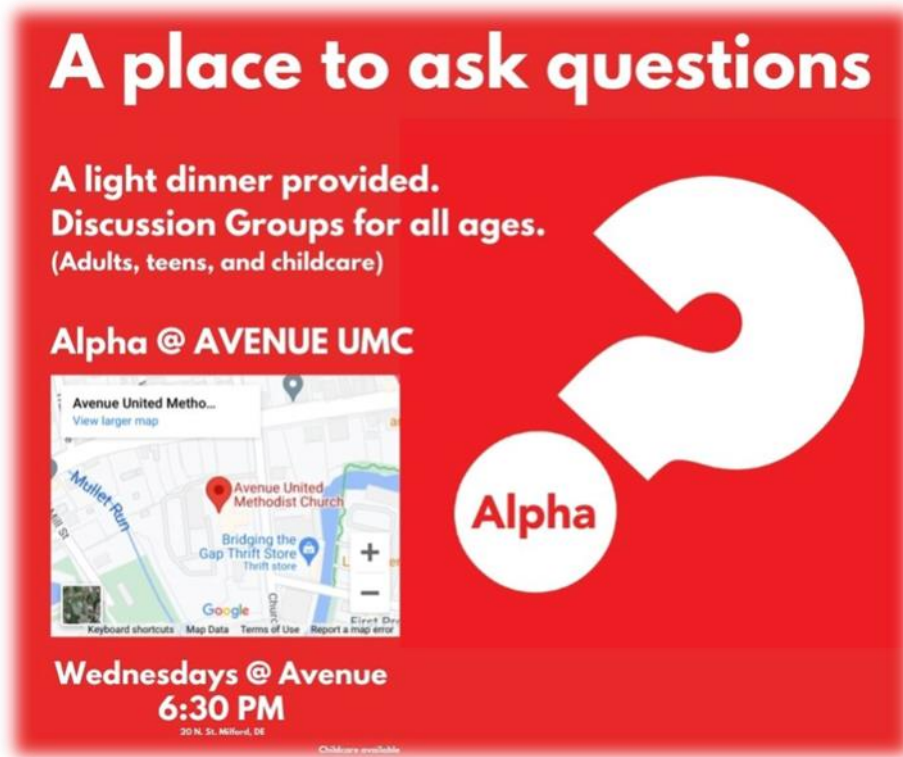
**10:00 a.m. @ Church** Sisters Bible Study. On **June 21<sup>st</sup>** we will continue our study “Words of Life” by Adam Hamilton.

### **SUNDAYS**

**10:15 a.m. @ Church** Summer Sunday School led by Rev. John Van Tine, retired plus others is meeting in the Grier Room at 10:15 a.m. The study for June is “The Fruit of the Spirit.” The lesson for June 19<sup>th</sup> lesson is “Life Apart From the Spirit” based on Galatians 5:13-21; and June 26<sup>th</sup> lesson is “Life in the Spirit” based on Galatians 5:22-26. Please join us in the Grier Room for these exciting lessons.

# **Tonight—June 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

in Fellowship Hall.



**Just a friendly reminder that we will not be having ALPHA dinner/ classes next week—June 22<sup>nd</sup>.**



American Stroke Association.  
A division of the American Heart Association.

**Together to End Stroke®**

# DO YOU KNOW?

Strokes occur in toddlers, children and teens.

**Stroke is an emergency at any age.**



SPOT A STROKE

# F.A.S.T.

Face  
Drooping

Arm  
Weakness

Speech  
Difficulty

Time to  
Call 911

**If your child has one or more of these signs,  
don't delay — call 911 or the emergency system.**

**If it looks or feels like a stroke, it may be one.**

## Additional Warning Signs in Children:

- Sudden severe headache, especially with vomiting and sleepiness
- Sudden numbness or weakness on one side of the body (face, arm and/or leg)
- Sudden confusion, difficulty speaking or understanding others
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden difficulty walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- New onset of seizures, usually on one side of the body

## FACTS TO KNOW



Signs of stroke are often missed in children and teens because of **LACK OF AWARENESS.**



About half of children who had a stroke had a **PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED RISK FACTOR.**

**TOP 10**

Stroke is one of the **TOP 10 CAUSES OF DEATH** in children in the U.S.



The clot-busting drug tPA and clot retrieval devices **AREN'T FDA APPROVED FOR USE IN CHILDREN.**

**Medical conditions associated with stroke include:**

Sickle Cell Disease, Moyamoya Disease, Arterial Dissection, Autoimmune Disorders, Congenital Heart Diseases and Blood Clotting Disorders.

Learn more at [stroke.org](http://stroke.org).

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**International Alliance**  
for Pediatric Stroke  
[iapediatricstroke.org](http://iapediatricstroke.org)

The American Stroke Association and the International Alliance for Pediatric Stroke — collaborating to treat and beat stroke in infants and children.

**“I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.”**

**Psalm 139:14**



**AFTER TWO MISSED SEASONS...**

# **Milford Community Band**

## ***Springs Back!***



**Sunday, June 12, 2022**  
**MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL**  
1019 N Walnut Street, Milford, DE  
3:00 P.M.

**Saturday, June 18, 2022**  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
301 Walker Road, Dover, DE  
3:00 P.M.



[www.MilfordCommunityBand.org](http://www.MilfordCommunityBand.org)

**ANNIVERSARY GREETING TO:**

- **Rob and Pat Craig** who will celebrate their **54<sup>th</sup>** anniversary on **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**.
- **Dave and Judy Passwaters** who will celebrate their **64<sup>th</sup>** anniversary on **June 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**SYMPATHY TO:**

- The family and friends of Ted Newhouse Sr. who passed away on May 31, 2022. Ted joined Avenue on December 24, 1978.
- John Elliott and family on the passing of his mother, Deborah Elliott who passed away on June 7, 2022. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Rogers Funeral Home.

**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:**

Marty Brereton  
Charlene Johnson Cannon  
Mike and Judy Conflitti  
Barbara Fleetwood  
Tom Glenn  
Niki Gustafson  
Sam Hanna  
Beverly Harrison  
Quinn Humes  
Jerry Jackson  
Dean Johnson  
Kirsten Lewis and family  
Diana Lubitz  
Martha Marani  
Jack & Zelda McDuff  
Joanne McKay  
David and Judy Passwaters  
Ron Payne  
Marshall Rea

Alyshia Redmond  
Millie Remick  
George Reph Jr.  
Sharon Chambers Rothermel  
Ron Semmont  
Sandy S.  
Seth Spencer  
Glen Stevenson  
Joan Wadman  
Dennis Yates

# CALENDAR

## **WEDNESDAY 6/15**

4:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Alpha Group Dinner,  
Fellowship Hall

## **THURSDAY 6/16**

11:00 a.m. AA, Century Club  
5:30 p.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall

## **FRIDAY 6/17**

7:00 p.m. AA, Century Club

## **SATURDAY 6/18**

9:00 a.m. Haitian Church, Century Club  
7:00 p.m. AA, Century Club

## **SUNDAY 6/19**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
10:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class,  
Grier Room  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
7:00 p.m. Haitian Church, Century Club

## **MONDAY 6/20**

11:00 a.m. AA, Century Club  
5:00 p.m. Camp New Hope  
5:30 p.m. VBS Dinner, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. VBS

## **TUESDAY 6/21**

10:00 a.m. Sisters' Bible Study, Grier Room  
5:30 p.m. VBS Dinner, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. VBS  
7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club,  
Grier Room  
7:00 p.m. Milford Al-Anon Group,  
Century Club

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