



The Midweek

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

John Wesley stated in his *Selected Hymns* of 1761:

Sing spiritually! Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and renew you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven."

The Apostle Paul writes these words to the Church in Rome:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2)

**Christ calls every believer to worship him;
let us worship with our voice in song.**

**Sunday, July 31st, we, the People of Avenue United Methodist Church
will gather together to SING.**

We will gather to:

SING our FAITH.

SING words written to TELL the STORY of GOD.

SING words that attune OUR HEART with GOD.

Throughout the centuries, many have written poetry to convey the power of music in their lives and the lives of humanity. While in graduate school I was introduced to a lady who was known for her exceptional works of calligraphy. Rachel Colvin combined the poetry written through the centuries into an impactful work of art. Music defined in the image below, expresses praise, adoration, and thanksgiving to God. Please take a few moments of your day to read these lines of poetry (prose); they will inspire and bless your life.



This upcoming Sunday, in the traditional service, we will sing our favorite hymns, songs, and spiritual songs. The congregation will call out their favorites. In the contemporary service, the praise team has compiled a great selection of congregational favorites (with a few praise team favorites).

Join Us.
Invite Your Family and Friends.
Lift Up Your Voice in Praise to God.



United Women in Faith



Over 15 grocery bags filled with school supplies were donated by the United Women in Faith and the members of Avenue Church to support the Bayhealth Hospital Caring Hearts Helping Hands community project. The supplies will be given to families served by Caring Hearts Helping Hands so that their children will have a positive start to the school year.

Thank You for your generous support.

2022 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 would like to help.

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YARD SALE DATES AND TIMES:

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

DONATION DATES AND TIMES:

- ♦ Thursday, July 28th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ Friday, July 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ Monday, August 1st from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- ♦ Tuesday, August 2nd from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 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 will and will not be accepted from the counter in the church foyer.

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 (302) 422-8111 or by contacting Dan Holt, our *Pastor of Congregational Care*. You can email Pastor Dan directly at dholt@avenueumc.com.

MINISTRY RESTART—USHERS AND GREETERS: We believe in creating a warm, welcoming, and expectant worship environment where members and guests are excited to gather, to worship, and to grow as a community of faith. To assist with this, we are looking to restart *the ministry of ushers and greeters*.

Ushers and Greeters are servants who have the gift of hospitality and are able to remove barriers that keep people from encountering the presence of God during worship. Greeters operate outside the sanctuary to create a warm welcome, answer questions, and assist where needed. Ushers minister inside the sanctuary to receive the offering, assist with seating, and to provide assistance when needed. Both roles are vital to help worshippers get better connected to our Discipleship Pathway to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, and both roles will work with our Connections ministry to that end.

If you would like to serve as an Usher or Greeter, email Kelly at churchoffice@avenueumc.com.

RIVERWALK FREEDOM FESTIVAL OUTREACH: Milford’s *Riverwalk Freedom Festival* is scheduled for **Saturday, September 17th** in downtown Milford. Avenue will be present to meet with community members, share information about our church, pray with those who need it, and to have a great time! We are creating a team to envision our booth and to serve the day of the event. If you would like to be part of the outreach team, please contact Pastor Steve at srlamotte@avenueumc.com.

SPONSOR KICK-OFF SUNDAY: Avenue is planning a church-wide kick-off on **Sunday, September 18th**. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., we will gather for worship under the tent. After worship, we will have food and dessert trucks to enjoy an Avenue Family Meal together. There will be yard games and inflatables for the whole family. This is intended to be a time of celebration and fellowship and a great opportunity to invite new families and friends to worship.

Our goal is to provide the day Kick-Off Sunday at no cost to our congregation and are looking for some sponsors who might want to help provide the event. If you are interested in sponsoring the event, please email Pastor Steve at srlamotte@avenueumc.com or speak with him by calling

the church office.

FALL KICK-OFF PLANNING HAS BEGUN: We will be holding our Fall Kick-Off on **Sunday, September 18th at 10:00 a.m.** under the tent. This will be an all-church worship time with a family meal afterwards. We are looking for those who want to make this an unforgettable day of worship and family fun for our entire Avenue Community. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, please contact Pastor Steve at srlamotte@avenueumc.com.

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.

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.

SERMON SERIES HELP NEEDED—ASKED/ANDWERED: In August, we will begin a new sermon series called ASKED/ANSWERED where you will have input on the sermon content. We want to know what questions you have about the Bible, God, Faith, and Theology. For four weeks, we will look at our questions and build a sermon that addresses one or more of the questions you have. It will be an opportunity to have a little more participation in worship.

Got questions? You can email your questions to Pastor Steve (srlamotte@avenueumc.com) with the phrase ASKED/ANSWERED in the subject line. Your questions need to be received prior to August 1st to put the series together.

MILFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY: The pantry is in need of diapers size 5 and 6. **Beginning in October on the 3rd Sunday we will again put a food cart in the sanctuary for pantry donations. Thank You!**

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. We will be taking July and August off. See you **September 13th**.

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 July is “The Work of the Church.” The lesson for July 31st lesson is “Mission Without Walls” based on Acts 16:25-34. Please join us in the Grier Room for these exciting lessons.

AUGUST
10, 11, 12



CELTIC TO CLASSICAL 2022

WITH CELLIST JONAH KIM

All performances at 7:30 PM

- Wednesday, August 10th, Epworth United Methodist Church, Rehoboth
- Thursday, August 11th, St. Martha's Episcopal Church, Bethany
- Friday, August 12th, Avenue United Methodist Church, Milford

No tickets are sold; a freewill offering is taken. Seating is first-come, first-served. Join us for a special evening of classical cello, bluegrass fiddle and grand piano—C2C's usual mix of styles is sure to delight audiences of all musical tastes!

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SUN SAFETY

SUMMER SKIN PROTECTION

 <p>Wear broad hat</p>	 <p>Use sunglasses</p>	 <p>Wear protective clothing</p>
 <p>Reflection caution</p>	 <p>Use sunscreen</p>	 <p>Seek shade</p>
 <p>Avoid sun between 11am & 3pm</p>	 <p>Drink more water</p>	 <p>Avoid direct sunlight</p>

Tips for staying safe around fires

Simple tips to prevent burns this summer:

 <p>Don't drink and barbecue. If you wouldn't drive, you should not barbecue</p>	 <p>Keep loose clothing away from open flames</p>	 <p>Always supervise kids around fires and fireworks</p>	 <p>Don't throw igniter or gasoline into fires</p>
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For more tips, visit health.sunnybrook.ca



HAVE A #BURNSAFE SUMMER

COOKING SAFETY
Keep kids away from stoves, barbecues, ovens, and other cooking areas, indoors or out

Outside grills can cause as many as 6,000 fires and 170 injuries per year

GAS GRILL SAFETY
Perform routine grill maintenance to prevent clogs and leaks

Gas grills can cause as many as 2,700 fires and 80 injuries per year

CAMPING SAFETY
Never add flammable liquid to a fire that's already going

If you build a fire, build it in a designated fire pit

Put out any fires or barbecues with water, not just sand

FIREWORKS SAFETY
Leave the fireworks to the professionals and celebrate safely

Fireworks and the fires they cause injure more than 10,000 Americans every year

GENERAL SUMMER SAFETY TIPS
Apply sunscreen and seek shade during the day to prevent sunburn

Wear shoes when you walk on pavement or blacktop, which can heat up quickly

Consult our nurses 24/7 at (818) 676-4177
www.GROSSMANBURNCENTER.COM

FOLLOW GROSSMAN BURN CENTER ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER FOR WEEKLY #BURNSAFE SUMMER TIPS

THE GROSSMAN BURN CENTER
West Hills Hospital

SOURCE: <http://www.ameriburn.org/prevent/SummerSafetyEducator'sGuide.pdf>



Make a fire escape plan with your family.

“But be does of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror, for they look at themselves and, ongoing away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act they will be blessed in their doing.”

James 1:22-25

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

- **Mildred Jenson** who will celebrate her **100th** birthday on **August 7th**.
- **Olive Wuenstel** who will celebrate her **91st** birthday on **August 13th**.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO;

- **Bill and Beverly Bullock** who will celebrate their **54th** anniversary on **August 3rd**.
- **Walt and Ruth Peters** who will celebrate their **65th** anniversary on **August 10th**.

SYMPATHY TO:

- Nancy Dickerson on the death of her sister, Peggy Ivory on July 20, 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:

Marty Brereton
Alma Brittingham
Charlene Johnson Cannon
Roland Cohee
Mike and Judy Conflitti
Dana
Barbara Fleetwood
Dan Williams Gaskill Sr
Tom Glenn
Niki Gustafson
Michael Hall
Sam Hanna
Beverly Harrison
Quinn Humes
Jerry Jackson
David Johnson
Dean Johnson
Esther LaMotte
Kirsten Lewis and family
Diana Lubitz
Martha Marani
Jack & Zelda McDuff
Jean Murphy

Ron Payne
Marshall Rea
Alyshia Redmond
Chester Reid
Millie Remick
George Reph Jr.
Ron Semmont
Seth Spencer
Stephanie (Madeleine)

Glen Stevenson
Lonel Touze
Evelyn Townsend
Joan Wadman
Dr. Charles "Chuck" Wagner
Milton Whitescarver

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY 7/27

4:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Voices of Delmarva,
Century Club
6:30 p.m. Alpha Group Dinner

THURSDAY 7/28

11:00 a.m. AA, Century Club
5:30 p.m. Zumba, Wesley Room
6:30 p.m. Scouts—Philamont pre-departure
meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY 7/29

7:00 p.m. AA, Century Club

SATURDAY 7/30

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

SUNDAY 7/31

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 8/1

11:00 a.m. AA, Century Club
7:00 p.m. Harmonizers, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Sermon on the Mount,
Holzmueller Room

TUESDAY 8/2

5:30 p.m. Zumba, Wesley Room
7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club,
Room 206
7:00 p.m. Milford Al-Anon Group,
Century Club

WEDNESDAY 8/3

4:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Voices of Delmarva,
Century Club
6:30 p.m. Alpha Group