



The Midweek

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Answering Questions

My six-year-old son, Caleb, loves to ask questions. Lots of questions. He begins asking questions as soon as he is out of bed and doesn't stop until he goes to bed. Just last night, he followed me around the house asking questions about the yard work I was doing.

- How do weeds grow in the cracks in the pavement?"
- "Why are these leaves sharp?"
- "Why do people plant flowers at their house?"
- "Which will happen first, Jesus returns or the Pirates win the World Series." (Ok, that is my question)

Questions are how we learn. They are how we explore and make sense of the world around us. I believe that it is important to be people who are able to ask questions because there is much in this world to be curious about.

As a Christian, I have questions when I read the Bible. It's not an easy book to read. It is written in a different culture, a different time, and a different language. I have questions about how we relate, as Christians, to the world. The questions I have is my attempt to learn more about God, understand Jesus' teachings, and live a Christian life. As Christians who are growing in our faith, we should continue to ask questions. We should explore our doubts. God is not offended by questions, nor does anyone know all the answers.

This Sunday, we are beginning a new sermon series entitled, Asked/ Answered. You shared some of your questions and we are going to give our best attempt to provide answers. Some of our answers may be satisfying, others may leave you scratching your head. Through it, we want to normalize questions and the pursuit of Jesus who is “the way, the truth, and the life.” I hope that you will join us for worship throughout the month of August as we become learners and seekers together.

Sow Much Love,

Pastor Steve

Care and Comfort Cards

Brothers and Sisters in Christ I would like to have these two flooded with cards of Love and Inspiration and I know you are just the people who can do it.

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2022 YARD SALE

Please let us know if you would like to help out this week.

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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.



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 or **to sign up for a meal**, you can call (302) 422-8111 or send an email to healthministry@avenueumc.com.

ADULT FUSION LEADERS NEEDED: Fusion is our youth ministry serving those who are in 6th-12th grade. Our leaders are what makes Fusion happen and we need you! We are looking to add to our Adult Fusion Ministry Team and are looking for those who love Jesus, love teenagers, and love making a difference. Working with youth not only can change their lives, but it can change your life as well!

If you would like to learn more about Fusion and becoming a Fusion leader, please contact Pastor Christina at ctrager@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 August is “The Pursuit of the People.” The lesson for August 7th is “God’s First Choice” based on I Chronicles 22:6-10, 17-19; August 14th lesson is “Living Beyond Violence” based on Matthew 5:9, 38-48; August 21st lesson is “Loving Beyond Barriers” based on Ephesians 2:11-22; and August 28th lesson is “Betrayal and Victory” based on Matthew 26:7-56. 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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Reminder!!!

Blood Pressure Screening will be held in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, August 7th** between church services.

Blood pressure screening is not just for the elderly. Remember they lived to be elderly.

High blood pressure can start as early as age 16.

Do not wait for symptoms. Start checking your blood pressure early as the numbers slowly creep up. Find ways to prevent high blood pressure so you too can live to be elderly.



“...do you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

I Corinthians 6:19-20

Preventing Tick bites:

- **Know where to expect ticks.** Ticks live in grassy, brushy, or wooded areas, or even on animals. Spending time outside walking your dog, camping, gardening, or hunting could bring you in close contact with ticks. Many people get ticks in their own yard or neighborhood.
- **Use (EPA)-registered insect repellents** containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone.. Do not use products containing OLE or PMD on children under 3 years old.
- **Avoid Contact with Ticks**
 - ⑩ Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.
 - ⑩ Walk in the center of trails.



After You Come Indoors:

Check your clothing for ticks. Ticks may be carried into the house on clothing. Any ticks that are found should be removed. Tumble dry clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors.

Examine gear and pets. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats, and daypacks.

Shower soon after being outdoors. Showering within two hours of coming indoors has been shown to reduce your risk of getting Lyme disease and may be effective in reducing the risk of other tickborne diseases. Showering may help wash off unattached ticks.

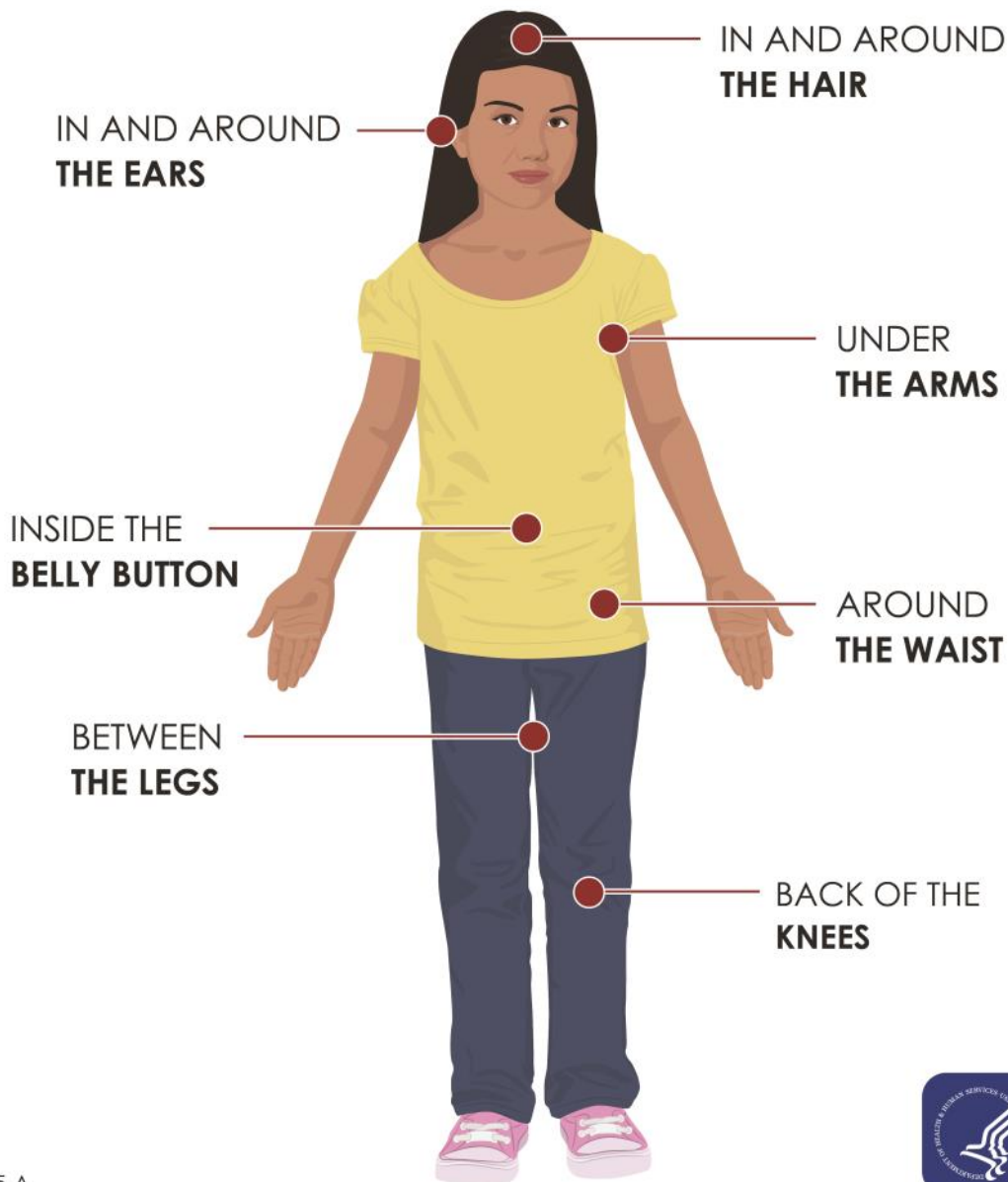
Check your body for ticks after being outdoors. Conduct a full body check upon return from potentially tick-infested areas, including your own backyard.

Tick Bites: Remove the tick as soon as possible

1. Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin as you can.
2. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick.
3. After removing the tick, clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.
4. Dispose of the tick by flushing it down the toilet. If you would like to bring the tick to your healthcare provider for identification, put it in rubbing alcohol or place it in a sealed bag/container.

Consider calling your healthcare provider. In general, CDC does not recommend taking antibiotics after tick bites to prevent tickborne diseases. However, in certain circumstances, a single dose of doxycycline after a tick bite may lower your risk of Lyme disease. Watch for symptoms for 30 days. Call your healthcare provider if you get any of the following: • Rash • Fever • Fatigue • Headache • Muscle pain • Joint swelling and pain. <https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/>

Where to Check for Ticks



“When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord...”

Jeremiah 29:13-14

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**.
- **Howard and Kay Webb** who will celebrate their **50th** anniversary on **August 5th**.
- **Walt and Ruth Peters** who will celebrate their **65th** anniversary on **August 10th**.

SYMPATHY TO:

- Lance Wyatt on the passing of his grandmother, Isabel Kreigh on July 27, 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
Michael Hall
Sam Hanna
Beverly Harrison
Quinn Humes
Jerry Jackson
B. Johnson
David Johnson
Dean Johnson
Esther LaMotte
Kirsten Lewis and family
Diana Lubitz
Carol Malkus
Martha Marani
Jack & Zelda McDuff
Jean Murphy

Ron Payne
Marshall Rea
Alyshia Redmond
Chester Reid
Millie Remick
George Reph Jr.
Marti Seal
Ron Semmont
Matt Severe
Seth Spencer
Stephanie (Madeleine)
Lonel Touze
Evelyn Townsend
Joan Wadman
Dr. Charles "Chuck" Wagner
Milton Whitescarver

CALENDAR

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

THURSDAY 8/4 ~ UMW Yard Sale

11:00 a.m. AA, Century Club
5:30 p.m. Zumba, Wesley Room

FRIDAY 8/5 ~ UMW Yard Sale

7:00 p.m. AA, Century Club

SATURDAY 8/6 ~ UMW Yard Sale

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

SUNDAY 8/7 ~ Communion

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
6:30 p.m. Rehoboth Children's Theater
7:00 p.m. Haitian Church, Century Club

MONDAY 8/8

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

TUESDAY 8/9

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

WEDNESDAY 8/10

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