



AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Jesus, Jews, and Us

This Sunday we will continue to answer some of your questions in our series: Asked | Answered. As we wrestle with some of these topics, it is important to keep in mind that we all have different experiences, interpretations, and understanding about them.

As pastors, we do not have all the answers. We study, we pray for discernment and knowledge, and ask the Holy Spirit to lead us as we open Scripture, live it out, and teach. We are disciples that have been called to disciple others. What we have learned and discovered as we study Scripture we share and pray it bears good fruit.

This week we will be talking about a topic dear to my heart. The questions we will be attempt to answer are about the Messianic prophecies in the Bible and why Jews do not accept Jesus as the Messiah.

I have a deep respect and love for our Jewish/Hebrew roots, as a Christian. It is why our faith and world view (in the Western Hemisphere) as referred to as Judeo-Christian.

Our Scripture (with the possible exception of the Gospel of Luke and Acts) was written by Jews within a Jewish context and to tell a very Jewish story of the God of the Jews (which is truly the God of all). Jesus himself was a

Jew until the very end of his ministry here on earth. However, “he came to his own people, and his own people did not receive him”, John 1:11.

How could they have over 300 prophecies, see all that he did and was and not realize he was the Messiah they had been waiting for?

Throughout history they have been:

1. Keepers of the Law (both the text and the implementation of it)
2. Hearers of the Prophets (although, not always obedient ones)
3. Rescued by miraculous works of God
4. People of the covenant (through Abraham)
5. Blessed lineage of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and even Jesus.

How could/can they not see? What are we to do about it?

Have we had God at work and close to us and not recognized him?

Join us this Sunday, and let us take a look at what our Bible (and theirs) has to say.

Can't wait to see you!

Shalom,

Pastor Neyda

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 OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: Avenue will be participating in the Milford Riverwalk Freedom Festival on September 17th in downtown Milford. We will be setting up a booth to meet our neighbors, share with them about Avenue Church, and be available to pray with those who might need prayer.

We are looking for people who have the gift of evangelism and hospitality to assist throughout the day. There are opportunities for early morning booth set-up, late afternoon clean-up, and there will be blocks of time throughout the Riverwalk to serve. You can sign-up online by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/riverwalkDE>.

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 SUNDAY: Avenue will be holding our annual outdoor Fall Kick-Off Worship Service and Picnic on **Sunday, September 18th**. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and will be followed by a church meal with food provided by local food vendors. There will be inflatable games, yard games, and great opportunities for fellowship with other members of the Avenue family.

Be in prayer about inviting family and friends to join us. This event is designed as an easy entryway for friends who are not connected to a church to come and experience the Avenue community.

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.

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!**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: With school just around the corner, we will be blessing backpacks and students on **Sunday, August 28th** at the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Students are invited to bring their backpacks with them for this special time of prayer.

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 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.

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.

Dorothy Yates (Dennis Yates's Mother)
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Jean Murphy
Milford Place Assisted Living
Room 125
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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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HEALTH MINISTRY

Delaware, known for its many waterways, marshes, ponds and woodlands, is home to several mosquito species including several types of salt marsh mosquitoes, the Asian tiger mosquito, floodwater mosquito, woodland pool mosquito and the common house mosquito



Delaware is a very mosquito-prone state with 57 species of the insect, said William Meredith, administrator of the state Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Mosquito Control Section.

What risks do mosquitoes bring?

Despite nearby states like New Jersey and New York seeing an increase in mosquito-borne West Nile Virus, Delaware residents should not be concerned.

West Nile Virus is described as a summer flu spread by mosquito bites and leads to symptoms such as a fever, headache, body aches, vomiting, skin rash and fatigue.

Of those infected, only 20% display symptoms, with some cases becoming more severe.

What can be done?

DNREC also advises individuals to take care of any standing water on their property to lessen the mosquito activity in their area. Mosquitoes live and breed in standing water. Dumping water from the liners of flowerpots, cleaning gutters and abandoned swimming pools, checking tarps over vehicles or boats and turning over any surface like a wheelbarrow or children's toy that might collect water are all ways to decrease mosquito activity.

<https://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/2021/10/04/mosquito-bites-delaware-species-heres-what-you-need-know/5944736001/>

What can you do after being bitten by a mosquito?

- Wash the area with soap and water.
- Apply an ice pack for 10 minutes to reduce swelling and itching. Reapply ice pack as needed.
- Apply a mixture of baking soda and water, which can help reduce the itch response.
- Anti-itch cream for a mosquito bite.

Mix 1-tablespoon baking soda with just enough water to create a paste.

Apply the paste to the mosquito bite.

Wait 10 minutes.

Wash off the paste.

Use an over-the-counter anti-itch or antihistamine cream to help relieve itching. Follow the product label directions.

<https://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/mosquito-bites/symptoms.html#:~:text=Wash%20the%20area%20with%20soap,help%20reduce%20the%20itch%20response.>

“And God said, ‘Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly about the earth across the expanse of the heavens.’ ~ Genesis 1:20

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

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

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO;

- **Howard and Kay Webb** who celebrated their **50th** anniversary on **August 5th**.
- **Walt and Ruth Peters** who will celebrate their **65th** anniversary on **August 10th**.
- **Bob and Jan Perkins** who will celebrate their **69th** anniversary on **August 15th**.
- **Gary and Brenda Powers** who will celebrate their **52nd** anniversary on **August 16th**.

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
Mary Charnick
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
Lewis Family
Diana Lubitz
Carol Malkus
Martha Marani
Jack & Zelda McDuff
Christine McGee
Jean Murphy

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY 8/10

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

THURSDAY 8/11

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

FRIDAY 8/12

- 7:00 p.m. AA, Century Club
- 7:30 p.m. Concert: Celtic to Classical,
Sanctuary

SATURDAY 8/13

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

SUNDAY 8/14

- 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 8/15

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Century Club
- 6:00 p.m. Leadership Training,
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Harmonizers, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Sermon on the Mount,
Holzmueller Room

TUESDAY 8/16

- 8:00 a.m. MSD Admin. Meeting,
Century Club
- 5:30 p.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Comm. Meeting,
Heritage Room
- 7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club,
Grier Room
- 7:00 p.m. Milford Al-Anon Group,
Century Club

WEDNESDAY 8/17

- 4:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Alpha Group Dinner