



The Midweek

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

On Monday night, we held a Leadership Gathering for anyone who serves on a ministry team at Avenue Church. Our goal was to provide some training on what it means to be a leader at Avenue Church, cast some vision for the Fall, and to share where we see the Holy Spirit moving in our midst. That last point may be the most important part of the evening. The Holy Spirit is moving and God is doing something new and fresh within our congregation.

Pastor Neyda shared two stories worth sharing. The first involved a woman named Maria who was here in Milford from Chile. She had come to Milford with her partner. When we met Maria, her partner had been incarcerated. She was undocumented and her partner had all her paperwork. Maria was faithful in worship even though she did not understand English. As we got to know Maria, she expressed she wanted to go home. Pastor Neyda was crucial in helping Maria return to Chile. Your support of the Parish Purse made it possible to get her all the way home. Pastor Neyda shared an audio message from Maria on her birthday. She is grateful for the support that Avenue gave her during her time of need.

Each month, Avenue has been participating in Milford's *Third Thursday* down on Walnut Street. We have helped Downtown Milford Inc. set up for the event and had our own tent for outreach. It is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors and hand out a lot of balloons to the children in the area. One Thursday as our team cleaned up, a young couple approached the tent and asked about our church. After a brief conversation, the couple said they'd come and visit worship sometime, which is often a polite way of saying, "no thanks." That next Sunday, they showed up. They showed up again, and again. This week, I

will be meeting with them about having their son baptized.

Finally, we have had three people give their lives to Jesus in the church. The first was a result of the ministry of our Zumba and ALPHA programs. One of our Zumba (dance and exercise combined) Instructors attended a prayer night of ALPHA and made a commitment to Christ. Sunday's are a challenge for her to be in worship, so the Zumba community has become her church as she lives out her faith in Jesus. The same week, we had two Fusion middle school students attend camp in New Jersey. While there, they both gave their lives to Jesus, wanting to grow deeper in their walk with God because of what Jesus had done for them.

These are exciting stories of how God is moving in our midst. Lives are being touched, impacted, and even changed because of the way that the Holy Spirit is moving. These are not the only stories. If you have a testimony to share about how God is moving in your life, we would love to hear about it! Please contact one of the Pastors to let us know. I would also invite you to continue to pray that Avenue would be a place where lives are changed because people have encountered the presence of the Living God. May we all be moved by the Holy Spirit!

Sow Much Love,

Pastor Steve

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.

Celebration of Life—Joanne McKay **Saturday, August 20, 2022**

A celebration of Joanne's life will be held at 11 a.m. on August 20, 2022, at Avenue United Methodist Church, 20 N. Church Street, Milford, DE 19963, with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

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 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)
Milford Place Assisted Living
Room 236
500 S. DuPont Blvd.
Milford, DE 19963

Jean Murphy
Milford Place Assisted Living
Room 125
500 S DuPont Blvd.
Milford, DE 19963

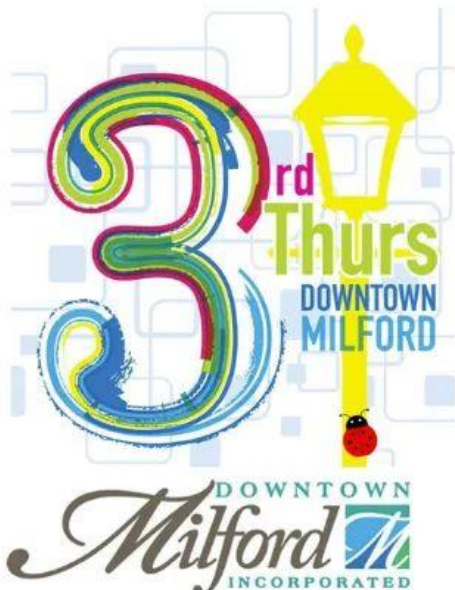
To volunteer at the AVENUE booth: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4fafa82aa6f8c43-third>

To help Downtown Milford:
<https://volunteersignup.org/PQJ39>

LET'S GET OUT THERE AND HELP!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THURSDAY AUGUST 18



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

**Please click on links to help Downtown
Milford and/or Avenue Booth**
(they are different links)





Calling all Yard Sale/Holiday Fair Volunteers!

Please join us on **Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:30 p.m.** in the Heritage Room (upstairs).

We will wrap up this summer's yard sale with facts figures, and comments from those who helped out. **AND** we'll lay out our plans for the Avenue Holiday Fair to be held on **October 20th, 21st and 22nd**. Bring your ideas and suggestions on how to make it an exciting time for all who live in our community.

Questions or comments?? Feel free to contact:

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BLESSING of the BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 28

9:00 and 10:30 a.m



Coming This Fall:

- First Responders Sunday | September 11th**
- Kick-Off Sunday | September 18th at 10 AM**
- Blessing of the Animals | October 1st at 10:30 AM**
- World Communion Sunday | October 2nd**

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 AVENUE CHURCH

FALL KICKOFF

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

10 AM WORSHIP



FOOD TRUCKS



ICE CREAM




LAWN GAMES



& FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!

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 AVENUE CHURCH

3rd Grade BIBLE PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18
10:00 AM



AVENUE CHURCH





Sincerely,
Carrie, Jenni & Sharon

HEALTH MINISTRY

Bees are much more sociable than wasps, and will not sting unless aggravated. They can sting only once in their lifetimes as their sting gets embedded in the skin. Their predatory nature and their habit of scavenging make hornets very aggressive and bring them into more frequent contact with humans. As they retain their stings, hornets can sting multiple times without sustaining any harm to themselves.

Bees and wasps behave differently. Bees are pollinators. Wasps are chiefly predators. Honeybees are the best pollinators and live on nectar from flowers. Wasps also scavenge and some feed on nectar. Hornets are the most aggressive among these insects. Bees are gentle and social in comparison and sting only to deal with an absolute threat.

Yellow jackets versus hornets is a fascinating comparison. Yellow jackets cause more nuisance than hornets because they find sweets simply irresistible. Meaning that you need to watch out for your glass of fruit juice. This is very important as they have probably visited the garbage dump looking for food before coming to you. Hornets feed on other live insects, meaning they can be actually beneficial.
<https://www.howtogettingridofbees.com/whats-difference-bees-vs-hornets-vs-yellowjackets-vs-wasps/#:~:text=Wasps%20are%20thin%20and%20long,with%20some%20shade%20of%20brown.>

What are the symptoms of an insect sting?

Symptoms may include:

- Local reactions at the site, including:
- Pain
- Swelling
- Redness
- Itching
- Warmth
- Hives

Serious symptoms that indicate the possibly of a life-threatening allergic reaction, include:

- Coughing
 - Tickling in the throat
 - Tightness in the throat or chest
 - Breathing problems or wheezing
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Dizziness or fainting
 - Sweating
 - Anxiety
 - Hives over a large part of the body
- Large, local reactions do not usually lead to more serious generalized reactions. However, they can be life-threatening if the sting happens in the mouth, nose, or throat area. Swelling in these areas can cause breathing difficulties.



Treatment for local skin reactions may include the following:

- Remove the stinger by gently scraping across the site with a blunt-edged object, such as a credit card, a dull knife, or a fingernail. Do not try to pull it out, as this may release more venom.
- Wash the area well with soap and water.
- Apply a cold or ice pack wrapped in a thin cloth to help reduce swelling and pain (10 minutes on and 10 minutes off for a total of 30 to 60 minutes).
- If the sting happens on an arm or leg, keep the arm or leg raised to help reduce swelling.
- To help reduce the pain and itching, consider the following:
 - Apply a paste of baking soda and water and leave it on for 15 to 20 minutes.
 - Apply a paste of nonseasoned meat tenderizer and water and leave it on for 15 to 20 mins.
 - Apply a wet tea bag and leave it on for 15 to 20 minutes.
- Use an over-the-counter product made for insect stings.
- Apply an antihistamine or corticosteroid cream or calamine lotion.
- Give acetaminophen for pain.
- Give an over-the-counter antihistamine, if approved by your healthcare provider.
- Watch the person closely for the next hour for more serious symptoms.

Call 911 or your local emergency medical service (EMS) for immediate care if the sting was in the mouth, nose, or throat area, or if any other serious symptoms happen.

Preventing insect stings

- To reduce the possibility of insect stings while outdoors, try the following:
- Avoid using perfumes, hair products, and other scented items.
- Avoid brightly colored clothing.
- Do not go outside barefoot. Avoid wearing sandals in the grass.
- Use insect repellent.
- Avoid locations where hives and nests are present. Have the nests removed by professionals.
- If an insect comes near, stay calm and walk away slowly.

If you have a known or suspected allergy to stings, you should:

- Carry a bee sting kit (such as EpiPen) at all times and know how to use it. These products are available by prescription.
- Wear a medical alert bracelet or necklace with your allergy information.
- Wear long-sleeve shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- Talk with your healthcare provider about seeing an allergist for allergy testing and treatment.

<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/insect-stings>

“Eat honey, my son, for it is good; honey from the comb is sweet to your taste.”

Proverbs 24:13

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

- **Harry and Carolyn Humes** who will celebrate their **62nd** anniversary on **August 27th**.

SYMPATHY TO:

- Family and friends of Howard Wilkins who passed away on August 7, 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
Mary Charnick
Roland Cohee
Janet E
Barbara Fleetwood
Dan Williams Gaskill Sr
Tom Glenn
Michael Hall
Sam Hanna
Beverly Harrison
Pat Hudson
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 8/17

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

THURSDAY 8/18

- 11:00 a.m. AA, Century Club
- 5:30 p.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. SPRC, Grier Room

FRIDAY 8/19

- 7:00 p.m. AA, Century Club

SATURDAY 8/20

- 9:00 a.m. Haitian Church, Century Club
- 11:00 a.m. Joanne McKay Memorial
Service, Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. McKay Funeral Reception,
Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Century Club

SUNDAY 8/21

- 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 8/22

- 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 8/23

- 8:00 a.m. APS Back to School Teacher
Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Yard Sale Wrap Up & Holiday
Sale Planning, Heritage Room
- 7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club,
Grier Room
- 7:00 p.m. Milford Al-Anon Group,
Century Club

WEDNESDAY 8/24

- 4:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary