



AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Midweek

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Not Good Enough

This week, as we continue our Asked | Answered series, we answer an interesting question: How could people who witnessed Jesus' miracles not believe in him?

I know that this may seem baffling, but miracles are not good enough. To witness miracles (which should be enough) and believe in Jesus are not the same. Reaping supernatural benefits does not result in wholehearted faith and commitment. This seems hard to believe (excuse the pun). However, we see instance after instance, where God has demonstrated his might and power in supernatural ways and still, people did not believe. We also see how God's people in the Old Testament, those around Jesus in the Gospels, and those that followed, not only lacked belief but often forgot the amazing deeds they had witnessed or that had been witnessed by their forefathers. We will examine several instances on Sunday morning.

For now, let's remember that time when Jesus fed the multitude in John 6 (where it says there were 5,000 men – we have to guess how many women and children might have been there, too). On this occasion, Jesus multiplies 5 loaves and 2 fishes into a major meal for thousands (with left overs, to boot). At that moment the crowd believed and were amazed by what they saw (and benefited from).

The next day, they stalked and found him. Jesus was fully aware that they

were there for selfish reasons and in v. 26 *Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves.”* Jesus then goes on to tell them that they must believe in whom God has sent (him). They then ask what signs will he give so that may see and believe, and mention God sent manna in the wilderness. Jesus says, he *himself* is the bread of life and clearly speaks of God’s purpose through him in v. 40: *“This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.”*

After all of the miracles he had performed before the miracle of feeding the 5,000, and after hearing him clearly say what his purpose was, many found it too difficult and abandoned ship. John 6:66 – *Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.* In short, they believed in his miracles but not in him. This may seem like an oxymoron, but it is not. This Sunday we will explore how others in the Bible, experienced miracles and did not believe, were not grateful, or abandoned Jesus, altogether. Can’t wait to see you Sunday!

Pastor Neyda



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continue making fully devoted disciples
of Jesus Christ!

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App to give.

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON SEPTEMBER 11th: The United Methodist Men will be serving up some hot pancakes, eggs, and sausage on **Sunday, September 11th** in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be available between services and after the 10:30 a.m. service. There is no fee for the breakfast, a love offering will be received. **Men: If you would like to help serve in the dining area, contact Jeff Carmine (jbcarmine@verizon.net).**

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 begin a new study on September 13th. DAVID - Seeking a Heart Like His by Beth Moore is an 11 week study which take us up to Advent. If you are interested please contact Brenda Powers or Ginny Van Tine.

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 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.

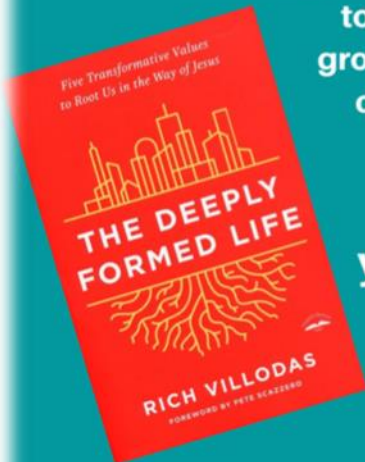
Dorothy Yates (Dennis Yates's Mother)
Milford Place Assisted Living
Room 236
500 S. DuPont Blvd.
Milford, DE 19963

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

Would you be interested in being a

Growth Group Leader?

We are looking for people wanting
to help others know God,
grow in their faith, make new
connections, and serve.



Please sign up in foyer or text
your name and "Growth Groups"
to (302) 240-4240

Our first leaders' gathering:

Wednesday, August 31 @ 6:30 pm
Grier Room

Discipleship
Pathway >>>

FALL KICKOFF

MINISTRY FAIR

This is your chance to

- Inform others about your ministry
- Invite others to serve with you

What you will need

- Informational material (printed)
- Reserve a spot (we will provide table)
- Someone to be at your table to answer questions
- Wear an Avenue Tshirt and a big smile

To reserve your spot email:
nalbarran@avenueumc.com

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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FALL KICKOFF

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

10 AM WORSHIP



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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



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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH is the new name of United Methodist Women (UMW). **We are UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH!** UMW has refreshed the organization with a new look, new feel and new and improved programs. Adopting the name **United Women in Faith** and introducing improved programs, acknowledges the great changes that have occurred in the lives of U.S. women over the past four decades and in the ways, they are engaging in faith. Check out **umfaith.org** and watch the video. Become a part of the sisterhood that puts love in action. Check out the United Women of Faith brochure for more Avenue information.

HEALTH MINISTRY

Fleas are tiny, wingless insects. They are dark brown or black with flat bodies. They have six legs, strong claws on the bottoms of their legs that allow them to hold onto a host and mouthparts that pierce your skin and feed on your blood. Their hind legs are longer and stronger than their legs in the middle and the front, allowing them to jump over 12 inches. They survive by feeding on animal or human blood. Fleas are vectors (living things that carry diseases between animals and humans) Vectors tend to carry infections through blood. Fleas can infect animals and humans. Fleas may carry diseases like cat scratch disease or parasites such as tapeworms.

Flea Bites and why do they itch?

Fleabites appear as small-discolored bumps on your skin from a flea feeding on your blood. They rarely cause lasting harm. Fleas can be an annoyance and irritation for a short period. Fleabites can also be dangerous because they can spread diseases that can be serious or fatal.

Fleas use their strong claws on the ends of their legs to hold onto a host. Their mouthparts include a tiny needle (proboscis) that pierces your skin, sucks your blood and secretes saliva into your bloodstream. Your body registers the saliva as an allergen. "Your immune system then sends the chemical histamine to the area where the flea bit you to remove the allergen from your body. Histamine is what causes your flea bites to itch and swell. Most people have a flea bite allergy." <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases/21718-flea-bites>



Where can you find Fleas?

Fleas are found outside and prefer cool, damp areas with lots of shade. They are the most active in the warmer months.

Fleas can be found on dogs, cats and other animals, fleas live around the ears, neck, back and belly (abdomen). Once inside your home, fleas may jump off an infested animal and hide. They often hide in carpet, furniture, bedding and cracks in the floor.

The best way to prevent fleas on people is to keep pets free of fleas. Most fleas in the United States prefer to feed on animals, however, people are sometimes bitten out of convenience when they share space or come into contact with a flea-infested animal. https://www.cdc.gov/fleas/life_cycle_and_hosts.html

Prevent Fleas by protecting your animals

Dogs and cats are very susceptible to fleas, but they can be protected. To prevent fleas on your pet:

- Limit the amount of time your pet spends outdoors.
- Limit contact with wild and stray animals.
- Bathe and brush pets regularly.
- Check for fleas regularly.
- Fleas prefer warmer and more humid months, but if there is an animal to feed on, fleas can survive year-round.
- Talk to your veterinarian about flea control products that are right for your pet.
 - Treat pets for fleas year-round in order to kill adult fleas and prevent new ones from hatching.

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- Always follow product instructions.



To protect yourself from fleas:

- “Use Environmental Protection Agency(EPA)-registered insect repellents external icon containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone. EPA’s helpful search tool external icon can help you find the product that best suits your needs. Always follow product instructions. Do not use products containing OLE or PMD on children under 3 years old.
- Covering skin with long-sleeve clothing and pants will minimize exposure to bites. Flea bites often occur on the lower legs and feet, protect these areas with long socks and pants.
- Treat clothing and gear with products containing 0.5% permethrin. Permethrin can be used to treat boots, clothing and camping gear and remain protective through several washings. Alternatively, you can buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
- Do not feed or pet stray or wild animals.
- Always wear gloves if you are handling sick or dead animals.”

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“Now therefore, do not let my blood fall to the ground, away from the presence of the Lord; for the king of Israel has come out to seek a single flea, like one who hunts a partridge in the mountains.”

I Samuel 26:20

HEALTH MINISTRY

Successful Components of Aging in Place Understanding • Planning • Paying



PACE
YOUR
LIFE

Join us to learn more about the trendy phrase, “Aging in Place.” We will define “aging in place”, “activities of daily living” and “comprehensive care.”

Our discussion will include how to pay for care needs as a person ages and will use support from Procino-Wells & Woodland, LLC to outline how legal strategies can play a role in planning for a person’s future care needs.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL 302-865-3565.

SEPTEMBER 16 - 10:30 A.M.

AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 20 Church Street, Milford

Coffee and light refreshments will be served.



HEALTH MINISTRY



**KEEP
CALM
AND
GET YOUR
FLU SHOT**

**Avenue United Methodist church has agreed to host
a flu vaccine clinic at the church on**

Sunday, October 23, 2022 from 9 am-12 pm.

Rite Aid will be providing flu vaccines both the regular dose, for individuals 4-64 years of age and high dose, for individuals 65 and over.

Individuals with Medicare and or insurance will be at no cost. Individuals without insurance will have a cost for the vaccine.

Please sign up with your name, address, phone number and age before October 1st. We need to have an accurate count to ensure the proper amount of doses are available for each age group!

Thank you!



Sign up for the flu vaccine scheduled for **October 23, 2022** from
9 am-12 pm at Avenue United Methodist Church
Milford, DE.

Please leave your completed form in the Health Ministry box in
the church office **by October 1st** for Health Ministry. You can
also email your form to healthministry@avenueumc.com

Name _____

Insurance Yes or No

Address _____

Phone number _____

Age _____ Birthdate _____

When you come for the flu vaccine, you will need to fill out a
form that Rite Aid will be providing.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Horsman MSN,
RN, Faith Community Nurse at Avenue United Methodist Church
at (302) 422-8111

**“That they may know that you alone, whose name is the
Lord, are the most High over all the earth.” ~ Psalm 83:18**

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

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

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:

Donna Ambrose
Terry and Ann Andrews
Doug and Sharon Baker
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
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 8/24

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

THURSDAY 8/25

11:00 a.m. AA, Century Club

5:30 p.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 8/26

7:00 p.m. AA, Century Club

SATURDAY 8/27

9:00 a.m. Haitian Church, Century Club

7:00 p.m. AA, Century Club

SUNDAY 8/28

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 8/29

11:00 a.m. AA, Century Club

7:00 p.m. Harmonizers, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY 8/30

5:30 p.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Pack Meeting, Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Central Delaware Chess Club,
Grier Room

7:00 p.m. Milford Al-Anon Group,
Century Club

WEDNESDAY 8/31

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

6:30 p.m. Leaders Meeting (Groups),
Grier Room