



Summer 2017

The Dove Express

The First United Methodist Church of Avalon

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

This is an exciting time of year for our church as we begin a busy summer season.

I want to say a word of congratulations to our graduates from the class of 2017. Shannon Boyle graduated from Holy Spirit High School and will attend Drexel University, Andrew Buchanan graduated from Cape May County Technical High School and will attend Rowan University, Anika Buchanan graduated from Middle Township High School and will attend the Atlantic Acting School in New York, Holly Schall graduated from Cape May County Technical High School and will attend Messiah College, and Doug Schwartz graduated from Montclair State University with a degree in justice studies and plans to pursue a career as a law-enforcement officer.

I also want to offer a word of welcome to Zachary Taylor and Kyle Sheppard. We will be sharing Zach's ministry as a student pastor for the summer with the North Wildwood UMC. Zach is originally from Vineland, New Jersey and is a second year student at Boston University School of Theology. He studied secondary education, history and political science at Rowan University and was a substitute teacher before receiving the call to ministry. Our New Organist/Choir Director, Kyle Sheppard will be welcomed at the 10 am Worship Service on July 2nd. Come and be a part of this special celebration.

We are a welcoming church and we are becoming a teaching church. Offering opportunities to young singers, musicians and student ministers is a part of our heritage as a vital congregation.

God loves you and I'll see you in Church.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dave

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Come and Worship!

8:30 am - Informal Worship Service

(June 25, 2017 ~ August 13, 2017)

10:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

(With Chancel Choir and Special Music)

THE NEW AVALON ASSEMBLY
A CHAUTAUQUA-LIKE EXPERIENCE AT THE SHORE

The New Avalon Assembly returns for its 5th year!

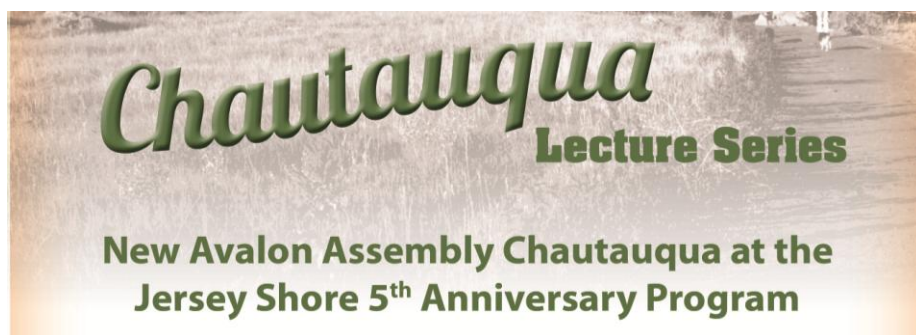
The New Avalon Assembly is based on the Chautauqua experience of the late 1800's and early 1900's, which provided lectures, concerts, religious speakers, and the opportunity to "recreate yourself" in beautiful natural surroundings.

The New Avalon Assembly has been designed to renew this unique forum for personal growth and enrichment through program offerings developed around the four original pillars: arts, education, spiritual growth, and entertainment.

Support for these events is provided by a partnership with the Avalon History Center and with contributions from the Avalon Public Library, Southern New Jersey Health Council and generous individuals.

Changing Times, Changing Minds

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| Tuesday, June 27th, 7 pm | Nathan L. Bryson Curator of the Boardwalk Hall Pipe Organs in Atlantic City |
| Thursday, June 29, 11:00 am | Opera Fest International presents "Little Red Riding Hood" An Opera for Children and Youth Directed by Nancy Fox |
| Tuesday, July 11th, 7 pm | "Will Avalon Still Be Cooler By A Mile" Dr. David La Puma Director of the Cape May Bird Observatory |
| Tuesday, July 25th, 7 pm | "The Avalon Poetry Festival" 4 Local Poets share their poems Eva Feeley, Marya Parrel & Sue Trumbetta |
| Tuesday, August 15th, 7 pm | 125 Years of Faith: Sharing memories of the history of the Methodist Church in Avalon Nina Ranalli, Director of the Avalon History Center Rev. Dr. David Montanye, Senior Pastor |



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. David J. Montanye, Senior Pastor
Zachary Taylor, Student Pastor
Kyle Sheppard, Organist/Choir Director
Sara Attack, Secretary
Brenda Katapodis, Treasurer
Patti Boyle, Sexton

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Have you moved or changed your mailing address, home address, home phone, cell phone, or email address? Please send an email to avalonmethodist@hotmail.com or call the church office at (609) 967-4204. Thanks!

NEW MEMBERS INVITATION

Have you thought about joining the First United Methodist Church of Avalon? Membership in the United Methodist Church involves making a simple commitment to support this faith community with your prayers, your presence, your witness, and your gifts. You can become a full-member, an associate member or an affiliate member or if you have never been part of a faith community simply profess your faith in Jesus Christ. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Dave.

GLEANINGS

Help feed the hungry children in Cape May County. Please place non-perishable items in our grocery cart (Courtesy of Avalon Market) and they will be delivered to local food banks.



Church Family Members

Margaret Hayes

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle, women of The First United Methodist Church of Avalon, meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month for brunch/lunch at The Links or the Sand Barrens restaurant. Please join us! There is always a sign-up sheet at the back table in the sanctuary or call Louise Baehr @ 536-2814.



GOOD NEWS FOR GROCERIES!

We have a wonderful fund raising program at our church. It's easy – sign up for an ACME or SHOP-RITE \$100 gift card; give Margie Lingerfield a check for \$100, she will purchase the cards and give them to you. The church earns \$5 for every \$100 purchased. This does not sound like a lot of money but think of the money spent on groceries in a month. There are churches in our conference that earn over \$5000 a year!

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017



Are you ready?
Vacation Bible
School is coming
this summer!

*Remember that
the Lord is great
and awesome
-Nehemiah 4: 14 b*

What: Hero Central uses music, spectacular science, crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help kids discover their strength in God! Kids go on awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God.

Who: Registration is for children 4 years old through 6th grade. Junior and Senior High students can become volunteers and register to be Assistant Teachers. Registration forms for those attending and for volunteers are available on our website at AvalonMethodist.com.

Registration is open to all but be sure to register early.

When: Monday-Friday, July 10-14
(9 am-Noon)

Where: The First UMC of Avalon at
3344 Dune Drive
Avalon, New Jersey 08202

You can reach us by phone at
(609) 967-4204
or on our website
AvalonMethodist.com.

WEST POINT CADET CHOIR

The West Point Cadet Choir, from the US Military Academy is scheduled to come and worship with us on September 17, 2017. Anyone who is willing to house 1-2 cadets that weekend, send an email to the Church Office at avalonmethodist@hotmail.com. Include your preference for hosting male or female cadets and let us know how many you can house.

Responsibilities include providing the cadets a place to sleep, a meal on Saturday night, and transportation to and from the Church for rehearsals and worship. We would like to host as many cadets as possible.

CHURCH CONFERENCE 2017

The Annual Church Conference will be held on **Saturday, November 4, 2017** at St. Peter's UMC in Ocean City for all churches in the Cape Atlantic District. The purpose of holding these Super Saturday Church Conferences is to:

1. Provide each congregation with separate space and a designated Elder to lead participants through the necessary discussion and decisions reflected in votes.
2. Gather 100 or more leaders and members from 10 or more congregations in worship to celebrate what God has done and is doing in our lives.
3. Provide several workshops to resource our ministries in several areas to strengthen vitality.

This Summer at the First UMC of Avalon



THE NEW AVALON ASSEMBLY

Chautauqua at the Jersey Shore

“Changing Times, Changing Minds”

June 27th, July 11th, July 25th & August 15th at 7:00 pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Discover Your Strength in God!

Monday - Friday, July 10-14

9 am - Noon



CHICKEN BBQ

Cooked for you by Rode's Catering

Saturday, July 29

Pick-up orders from 4:30 pm -6:30 pm

PEACH FESTIVAL

Ice Cream, Cake, Peaches!!!

Saturday, August 12th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Adults \$6

Children (8 and under) \$3



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**Pencil these dates
on your calendar:**



JULY

- July 4: Independence Day
July 9: Birthday Coffee Hour
Decorate for VBS 2017
July 10 - 14th: Vacation Bible School
July 11: New Avalon Assembly - 7 pm
July 16: VBS Musical Presentation
at 10 am Service
July 18: Women's Circle - 11:30 am
July 25: New Avalon Assembly - 7 pm
July 29: Chicken BBQ - 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

AUGUST

- August 1: National Night Out
August 6: 125th Anniversary
Celebration
August 8: Trustees Meeting - 7 pm
August 10: Council Meeting - 7 pm
August 12: Peach Festival - 6:30 pm to
8:30 pm
August 13: Summer Worship Schedule
Ends
Birthday Coffee Hour
August 15: Women's Circle - 11:30 am
New Avalon Assembly - 7 pm
August 20: Healing Service

SEPTEMBER

- September 4: Labor Day
September 10: Birthday Coffee Hour
September 12: SPRC Meeting - 7 pm
at the parsonage

September 17: West Point Cadet Choir
September 19: Women's Circle - 11:30 am

September 22: Family Promise
Dinner 5 - 7 pm
Family Time 7 - 9 pm
Overnight 9 pm - 7 am

Our 2017 Communion Offerings and Mission Projects meet a variety of important needs in Cape May County, in New Jersey, and around the world. Our focus this year is on helping our five strategic mission partners which help children and families in need here in Cape May County and on building greater capacity to support the One Great Hour of Sharing, the United Methodist Homes, and the Future with Hope Campaign.

COMMUNION OFFERINGS

- July 9th:**
UM Methodist Communities
August 6th:
Camden Neighborhood Center
September 3rd:
Red Bird Mission School
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MISSION PROJECTS

- July:** Birthday Book Project
Glenwood Ave. Elem. School
August: Backpacks & School Supplies
Glenwood Ave. Elem. School
September: Sneakers
Glenwood Ave. Elem. School