

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Avondale Church Family,

This is a year of great celebration in the life of the church.

Avondale is celebrating 75 years in ministry and mission. Because we want to celebrate this milestone, we decided that we would celebrate for the entire year. Indeed, we have already celebrated over meals, and over games, and with church trivia. We have celebrated with the youth thus far as well as with dinner and remembrances of youth groups from the past and the present. And there is much more to come.

We have also convened a Sacred Space Task Force to help us look at building new worship space on our campus. They have been working diligently on our behalf to develop the best laid plans for worship and ministry at Avondale.

If you have not yet heard, we want to share the great news that we have called a new pastor at Avondale. His name is Jim Ewing and he will be starting with us on August 5, 2019.

We give God praise for what God has done in the life and ministry of Avondale and for what God has planned for your bright future.

Please join me in thanking the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) for their steadfast work,



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the prayers lifted, the many hours of time spent together in writing the Mission Information Form, in interviews, listening to sermons, reading Pastor Information Forms, travel, and for being faithful in their work. What a blessing! So to Mary Martin (chair person), Jack McKenzie, Tom Stout, Joy Callaway, Dollie Sitton, Lisa Worf, and Zach Chambers, we say thank you!

And Avondale, though I will be with you a short while longer, let me say what a pleasure it has been serving you. The joy you have, may it continue to grow;

the faith you have, may it continue to deepen, the peace you have, may it continue to flourish, the love you have, may it continue to spread.

God be with you, Rev. Veronica

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update



At the congregational meeting held on May 19, 2019, the congregation voted to accept the terms of call for our new Senior Pastor Rev. Jim Ewing. The Ewings will be moving to Charlotte this summer from Pinehurst, NC. Rev. Ewing's first day in the office will be August 5, 2019. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is very excited about this new chapter in the life of Avondale and can't wait for you all to meet the Ewings.

Read the handout titled, "Introducing Rev. Jim Ewing & Family" shared with the congregation at the meeting. <https://tinyurl.com/MeetRevJim>

Session Update

Actions taken at the April 14, 2019 Session Meeting *[edited to eliminate information shared elsewhere in this publication]*

- Approved March Session Minutes and March 2019 Financial Report
- Approved motion from the ABC Team to provide space in the Family Life Center Kitchen for the following: (1) pantry space to store dry goods and (2) space to house a freezer. This space will assist in resourcing the ABC Kids Café effort

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Session Update cont.

- Approved motion to replace the refrigerator in the Family Life Center and to replace the water shut off valve located outside the Children's Center wing with funding to come from any money remaining in the Facilities Fund after paying for roof repairs on the Family Life Center. If necessary, additional funds to complete these projects will come from either the Operating Account Reserves or the Endowment.
- Appointed John Magee and D. J. Saleeby as commissioners to the May 21, 2019 Presbytery Meeting
- Gratitude was expressed to all who helped with the work day, Amanda Shanks for leading the new members' class, Avondale Adventures volunteers, all who helped with the William & Mary concert, and the RITI volunteers

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- Approved April Session Minutes and April 2019 Financial Report
- Received March 2019 Avondale Children's Center Financial Statement
- Granted approval to sponsor Davidson Valmyr for the CPCA summer session
- Approved request from Henry and Hannah Stockwell to have memorial plaques placed on the towers in the Sacred Garden in lieu of using a niche they purchased in the columbarium
- Concurred with Christian Nurture request to share Children's Sunday School space for band and choir rehearsal
- Received the 2019 Stewardship Timeline
- Gratitude was expressed to the Pastor Nominating Committee, all participants in Youth Sunday service, all participants in the Tailgate and Knights Game event, and Rev. Veronica Cannon



Service to God and the church

Pastor Nominating Committee:

Joy Callaway
Mary Martin
Jack McKenzie
Dollie Sitton*
Tom Stout

Zach Chambers (alternate)
Lisa Worf (alternate)

* "I am grateful and humbled to be asked to serve on the PNC.

Avondale Church has been my life-long place of worship; from my earliest days, this congregation and its' clergy have nurtured and shown me the love of God. I feel called to help our church continue on the journey God has placed before it. I know the Holy Spirit will be with us on this path."

- Dollie Sitton

Memorials & Honorariums

Honorariums:

In Honor of James Beall
Given by Isabel Beall

In Memory of David Phillips
Given by Paula Huffines

Memorials:

In Memory of Martha Rogers
Given by The Presbyterian Women

In Memory of David Phillips
Given by Susan Brandau

In Memory of Harriette Thomas
Given by The Presbyterian Women

In Memory of David Phillips
Given by Peggy Simpson

In Memory of Tom Barrett
Given by Earlene Nash

In Memory of David Phillips
Given by Connie Stout

In Memory of Rachel Darling
Given by Connie Stout

In Memory of Dollie Sitton
Given by Connie Stout

In Memory of Dollie Sitton
Given by Bill and Suzi Thornberry



Lord, you alone know the number of our days. We live as those who are dust and will return to dust... Comfort, Lord, the friends and family and colleagues of those whose deaths have shaken us to the core. Grant peace and the assurance that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses...

- from "Prayer for those who grieve" The Presbyterian Outlook



Birthdays in June

1 Stephanie Tomey	14 Jeff Zirkle	24 Connie Stout
2 Kim Flowers	15 Louise Chambers	Tyler Mann
5 Barbara Witzel	Brynn Stewart	Covert Suydam
Millie Norris	16 Zach Chambers	Keagan Cavanaugh
Hannah Comstock	Courtney Chandler	25 Margaret Martin
6 Will Moss	17 Linda Shaw	26 David Thornberry
7 Brian Tomey	Heather Hogston	27 Caleb Burgh
Travis Ferguson	18 Ann Patterson	Julia Wardlaw
9 Vicki Smith	20 Helene SanDominick	Kellen Pavlin
10 Burt Hilton	Mickey Nash	28 Kelly Platt
Sam Parler	Wesley Yount	29 Betty Parrish
12 Sean Hogston	Emily Zuyus	Charlie Eakes
13 Pat Gribble	Aiden Yount	Gabrielle Eyer
Vickie Rolfe	22 Gram Chambers	30 Mac Patterson
Knox Martin, III	23 Brenda Darnell	John Callaway
14 Chick Martin	Stella Beall	

Wedding Anniversaries in June

2 Drew and Elizabeth Russell	2012	17 Tina Wilson	1978
4 James and Rebecca Harris	1994	18 Will and Jennifer Vick	2005
6 Sue Haag	1942	20 Tim and Willette McLeod	1981
Bill and Marcia Halsey	1981	Vince and Kay Chelena	1992
7 David and Michele Lindsey	2008	23 Eric and Martha Hayes	1990
Thomas and Kristen Martin	2014	Ashley Corbin	2012
8 Lee Weigle	1949	26 Michael and Sue Gibbs	1999
Rogers and Olivia Magee	1968	Eric and Amanda Shanks	2010
Bill and Julie Caldwell	2002	29 Ann Sanders	1985
12 Henry and Hannah Stockwell	1965	30 Marsha Rose	1962
16 Travis and Mindy Ferguson	2012		

Member News

Church Triumphant:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of:

- Mary Alice Bryson, who entered the Church Triumphant (May 1, 1945-*May 26, 2019). A Celebration of Life will be held June 29. Details to come. (*TBC)

- Domicia Louise "Dollie" Sitton, who entered the Church Triumphant (June 7, 1947-May 8, 2019). A Celebration of Life was held at Avondale on May 19, 2019.

[obituary](#)

- Jessica McQuillen, ACC Director, for the loss of her uncle Raymond Bonacorte on May 7, 2019.



- David Phillips, who entered the Church Triumphant (January 23, 1938-April 28, 2019). A service was held at Avondale on May 2, 2019. [obituary](#)

Baptism:

Baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit was:

- James Griffin Shanks, son of Corey and Jessica Shanks and brother Max, on Easter, April 21, 2019.

- William Brian Doherty, son of Tim and Anne Doherty and brother Thomas, on May 26, 2019.



Birthdays in July

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|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Evie Steude | 7 Eric Shanks | 19 Jane Shumate |
| 2 Jim Neely | Amanda Shanks | Luke Mitchell |
| Laura Meier | 8 D. J. Saleeby | 20 Patti Oswald |
| Erik Smith | 9 Nathan Tomey | Sarah Jane Stout |
| Alex Gustafson | 11 Martha Meunier | 21 Robert Rogers |
| 3 Renita Fowler | Lincoln Ely | 22 Rich Worf |
| 4 Charles Hayes | Michele Lindsey | Joy Callaway |
| Marilyn Nolan | Reid Parler | Gray Thomas |
| Ted Camp | 12 Gardner Gibson | 23 Jack McGinn |
| 6 Olivia Magee | Libby Barron | 26 James Higgs |
| Page Woods | 13 Ann Gregory | Ava Zuyus |
| Jackie Ely | 14 Jackson Wilson | 27 Mary Martin |
| Melissa Wray | 15 Jack McKenzie | Taylor Cavanaugh |
| Mindy Ferguson | Baden Stuhr | 28 Lois Payne |
| Dorothy Patterson | 16 Belinda Camp | 29 Sigrid Sacra |
| 7 Mark Brantley | 17 Scotty Gustafson | Louise Lawson |
| Mary Harris | Sage Wright | Katherine Wood |
| | 18 Stephanie Barber | |

Wedding Anniversaries in July

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| 8 Jim and Nancy Buchanan | 1980 | 21 Bill and Leslie Thomas | 1997 |
| 10 Zach and Shea Chambers | 1999 | 22 Tom and Carey Cavanaugh | 2000 |
| 15 Libby Phillips | 1967 | 30 Terry and Sandy Brodof | 1966 |
| 16 Kevin and Kristin McNeil | 2003 | Bob and Tina Gaddy | 1966 |
| 19 Drew and Mary Margaret Martin | 2014 | | |

Member News

Births:

We welcome into the world and celebrate the birth of:

- Dell Carter Lawson on May 14, 2019, son of Thomas and Jodie Lawson and sister Tinsley.
- Emory Page Parks on May 2, 2019, daughter of Chad and Kendel Parks, granddaughter of Ted Todd and Debby Sacra, and great-granddaughter of Sigrid Sacra.
- Hudson Liam Vorholt on April 21, 2019, son of Dana and Beth Vorholt.
- Blake Wyatt Michalak on April 2, 2019, grandson of Renita and Wyatt Fowler (Renita served the church nearly 10 years as our finance coordinator).
- Irie Ann Presson on March 25, 2019 to parents Rebeca and Nic Presson, and proud grandparents are Rogers and Olivia Magee.



Henry & Hannah Stockwell



Irie Ann Presson
born March 25, 2019

Member News:

Henry and Hannah Stockwell bid farewell as they move to Canada, where many of the Stockwell family reside. May God's blessing follow them as they find new journeys. We are deeply grateful for their fellowship and gifts shared.

Hannah's letter:

<https://tinyurl.com/y644ejwq>

Stockwell new address -

#1001 9188 University Crescent
Burnaby, BC V5A- 0A5 Canada

Find Hannah's name in "The First 10 Years" article shared on our 75th Anniversary [webpage](#).

Rev. Dale Mullennix retired this month, May 2019, from Director of the Urban Ministry Center, after 25 years of work to help end homelessness in Charlotte.

Avondale-Bethlehem Center (ABC) Ministry

TLC for our BC Youth

Please note that we have begun calling the out-of-school time and summer programs for the Bethlehem Center (BC) middle and high school youth housed at Avondale, the **Teen Leadership Cooperative (TLC)**.

Avondale Tailgate Picnic & Knights Game

On April 28, Avondale hosted our 3rd annual lunch and Knights game, partnering with our ABC and Bridge Ministries. We welcomed neighbors from Brookhill and the Bethlehem Center and had a great time!

Kids Café & Birthday Blessings

Avondale volunteers cooked Friday night dinners for the children at Bethlehem Center twice a month throughout the school year. We will start this ministry back in September and we need help. This meal may be the most substantive meal the child receives for the weekend. ABC members can help with easy ideas for feeding a crowd, and this is a wonderful volunteer opportunity for a church group, church friends, or Sunday school class.

New Sheets & Pillows for Kids

We are collecting donations of new twin sheets, pillow cases, and a new pillow for the kids to use this summer on overnight camping trips. At the end of their trip, they get to take home a new set of sheets and a pillow! Bring donations to the Church Office labeled for ABC Summer Camps by mid-July. Many thanks to those who have donated over 20 twin sheet sets and 10 pillows thus far. Our goal is to collect 70 sets before the kids go to camp. [See *Donation Form* below!]

New! Vacation Bible School - Bethlehem Center Partnership

Exciting news about Avondale's Vacation Bible School. Many thanks to Lou Johnson for partnering with Bethlehem Center to include their campers in VBS at Avondale, July 29-August 2. Volunteers are needed! You can be a shepherd, help with snacks, or help in another role. We will share a link soon for signing-up to help.

BC Kids go to Camp Grier!

The church is providing scholarships for a BC student to attend Camp Grier in June. BC obtained grant money to send three other children to Camp Grier as well. What a wonderful opportunity for the kids!

ABC Donation Form & Volunteer Hours Log

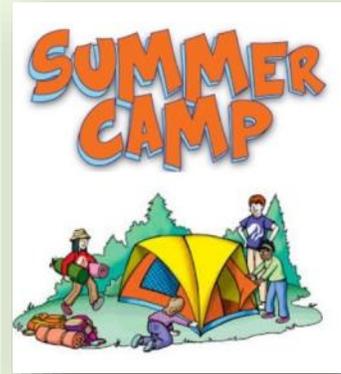
If you have donated items to our ABC Ministry (Rewards Store, Kid's Café food, Christmas gifts, pillows, sheets, or other In-Kind donation), please let us know by completing the Donation Form!

Also, if you have volunteered with the ABC Ministry, please send us your unreported hours on the Volunteer Log Form. And then please continue to record and send us your volunteer time.

Providing this information helps the Bethlehem Center understand the impact of both on their staffing and budget. Please submit your forms to: Southview Recreation Center, Avondale Presbyterian Church or email to Georgett Johnson or Ginny Mitchell. gjohnson@bethlehemcenter.org or vgmitchell3630@gmail.com

We appreciate your donations and time!

Forms online: www.avondalepresbychurch.org or <https://tinyurl.com/ABCMinForms>



BC Program & Summer Camp VOLUNTEERS!

With the end of the school year, the afterschool program will be transitioning into summer camp mode. We will host the TLC program again this year for middle and high schoolers. Volunteers are needed to help with year-end and summer programs and field trips.

School Year End:

May 30- Southview Center Rewards Store (help kids pick out rewards with "good behavior points")

June 7- End of Year Party & Cookout

Summer Field Trips:

June 28- Schiele Museum

July 2- Kate's Skate

July 16- Bowling at Northcross

July 26- Cane Creek Park

Aug 1- Dan Nicholas Park

Aug 6- Greensboro Science Center

Aug 8- Movie "How to Train Your Dragon"

To sign-up for an event, click on this [sign-up genius link](#).

Or, find the link on our website!



Avondale in Action

Property Update

As you can see from all the construction going on, the FLC has a few new roofs. After 18 years, all the flat roofs on the FLC needed to be replaced. Construction has been completed so hopefully we are leak free on our most used building. Also the FLC keys have been changed. If your ministry at Avondale requires an FLC key, contact Jessica in the Church Office about obtaining the new one.

Personnel Update:

Lou Johnson - Lou's contract employment with Avondale is coming to an end. She shares a letter with us about her time at Avondale. <https://tinyurl.com/LousLetter>

Nursery & Marcia Halsey - On May 12, 2019, we said a big "thank you" in worship service to our beloved Marcia Halsey, who has faithfully served in the Sunday nursery for 27 years. We had a reception following worship for personal thank yous and celebration of her gifts shared.

Nursery & Dee Dee McDonald - Personnel is excited to announce that Dee Dee McDonald, a life-long member and nursery volunteer, accepted the position as our Sunday Nursery Coordinator. Thank you Dee Dee for your service. Please congratulate and thank her for loving our children!

James Higgs - Our custodian James Higgs is out on medical leave following reconstructive jaw surgery, a procedure resulting from his previous throat cancer. We had a love offering for James and raised enough money to cover nine weeks of lost wages. He still has a long road of recovery but is home and doing well. James expressed deep gratitude for Avondale's outpouring of love and support!

"Active Survival" Training Classes

Due to unfortunate shooting events in recent years, it has become common practice for places of business, worship, and education to obtain Active Survival Training. Several months ago, the Session decided to seek this training for the staff and congregation. We held two training sessions in May for staff, leaders, elders, and any congregants who wanted to participate. We also invited people from ABC, ACC, and even rental partners to attend. The excellent 2-hour program was provided by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

The Goodpasture Fund & Youth

Our Finance Ministry Team and Session approved Rich Stanley's request for \$100 per youth in scholarships from The Goodpasture Fund for each participant extended an invitation to attend the Montreat Music and Worship Conference.

Bridge Team Ministry

Avondale's Bridge Team has been working diligently to identify opportunities to foster and develop relationships with nearby, under-served communities



Joys & Concerns

Members:

Billie Coates; Sue Haag; Betty Marshall; Fran McCoy; Frances McNair; Mickey Melton; Matt & Stephanie Mitchell family; Ryan & Ann Patterson family; Peggy Simpson; Libby Phillips; Tina Wilson.

Family and Friends:

Donna Allen; Rachel Caudle; Lillie Cowan; Frank Clarke; Taylor Dozier; Elizabeth Green; Bill Haigh & family; James Higgs; Darlene Johnson; Will McClure; Marcial Montiel; Mike Page; Billy & Libby Stanley; Maxine Starner.



Celebrate Graduates

We want to celebrate graduates with our families! If you have a family member graduating from high school, college, or graduate program, please share the news with Caroline Starnes.

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such as the Brookhill community. Efforts are hopefully beginning to bear fruit. The Brookhill Community Resource Center opened this year at 407 Basin Street. Director Debbie Williams is working to provide Brookhill residents access to social services, specifically to help people identify avenues to ultimately improve their economic situation. We hope to be offering opportunities for involvement to the congregation in the upcoming months.

Sacred Space Planning Continues

Many of you may be wondering if there is any progress on planning for new worship space at Avondale! As we know, worshipping in the FLC is a temporary solution, and we thank you all for your willingness to accept new and different spaces for worship and your patience as we discern the best solution for Avondale moving forward. In the same vein, we are so grateful to all of those who continuously and tirelessly work to setup and break down that space each week. The Sacred Space team continues to fine-tune our development needs, design ideas and cost implications with an architect and general contractor. We look forward to sharing with the congregation as soon as we have, with the Session's approval, what we believe to be the best solution for Avondale. Thank you again for your prayers and patience!

Easter Offerings

The Mission Ministry team thanks Avondale members for their generosity with special Easter offerings. We received:

Children's Ministry "Butterfly Release": \$677 (net of expense); Goodpasture Fund: \$845; and One Great Hour of Sharing: \$2,720.

Easter Butterfly Release

The Easter season concluded with butterflies released by the congregation in the Sacred Garden following our Easter services. 150 butterflies were given in honor of or in memory of loved ones. The names were read aloud and Reverend Veronica Cannon gave a prayer. It was a memorable experience for all.

Two butterfly bushes were given in memory of Sarah Hendrix and Jim Boyd by their spouses, in hopes of butterflies making a home in our garden and to remind all of us of the symbol of new life daily.

Children's Sunday School Studies during Lent

This year during Lent, the elementary age children spent Sundays learning about the symbols connected with the season. Symbols we studied included: ashes; the color violet; barren stones; prayer hands; a money bag; butterflies; and pretzels. Prior to Palm Sunday and Easter, the children looked at the symbols and meanings of: palms; a donkey; a cup and chalice; crown of thorns; silver coins; a rooster; nails; a stone; and more. The children asked many great questions!

Avondale Adventures

Avondale Adventures concluded their 12-week session in April with a pizza dinner and games, finishing out a time of music, fun, learning, outreach, and building friendships. Each week, the group followed the lectionary teaching for their Bible Study lesson and once a month they made gifts for our Avondale "Faithful Friends", to let them know they were being thought about and prayed for each month during our program time.



Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday was May 5, 2019.

"What happens when we give away love like we're made of it?"

Old Testament Lesson -
Genesis 37-47 (excerpts)

New Testament Lesson -
Luke 10: 25-37

From the service:

The Congregation moved sticky notes from boards, revealing the message, "Love Everybody Always", the theme of the book that the youth group read together.

Sarah Jane Stout gave the sermon.



Coming Up for our Youth

June 2 - Year End Cookout at Sedgefield Park

June 16-22 - Youth Work Camp, Harlan, KY – Youth will be working on a project with COAP (Christian Outreach with Appalachian People).

July 16-19 - Middle School Massanetta Conference- "At the Door"
Matthew 7:7-12 *Will you knock?*

July 21-27 - High School Montreat Conference: "Let Love Lead"
How is God leading us?

More Coming Up for Avondale...

Bunco Makes Fun Giving

Bunco is more than good fun! Our mission for May and June is providing two children with scholarships for Vacation Bible School. Bunco will meet on **Friday, June 7** at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. We'll take the summer off. Our next time to play will be in September as we start a new year of Fun, Laughter, playing a great game, food, and of course our missions each month. Women of all ages are invited to join the fun!

Pentecost & Children's Sunday

Sunday, June 9 we invite you to wear red as we celebrate Pentecost and all of the children of the church. The children will help lead worship and we will also recognize our teachers and their gifts to the children.

Taizé Prayer Services

Our monthly Taizé Prayer Services have continued each month. Our next three dates are Tuesdays at 7 PM: **June 11, July 2, and August 6**. All welcomed for Taizé Song, Silence, and Prayers for our church and the world.

Music Ministry

Rich Stanley, Marin Blake and Katherine Baloga are going to the Worship & Music Conference, **June 23-29**, 2019 in Montreat. The theme is "Not As The World Gives".

ASAP Mission: Pop Tabs

Did you know that 4 lbs. of pop tabs will cover a one night stay for a family at the Ronald McDonald House? ASAP is asking you to join them in their efforts to collect as many tabs as possible! Collect the tabs off of your sodas, canned goods, pet food, etc. and bring them to an ASAP member or the office by **June 24**.



DISCIPLES IN ACTION

Help in Office

Cover during vacations, fold newsletters, more!
If interested to help, contact [Jessica Shanks](#).

Member Care

Contact [Susanne Anderson](#) or [Rena Beall](#)

Nursery or Sunday School

Contact [Dee Dee McDonald](#)

ABC Ministry Volunteer & Forms

[ABC webpage](#)

Worship Setup Volunteers Needed

Help setup the worship space on Sunday mornings, rotated among several teams. Contact Karen Shannon for more info. kpschan@bellsouth.net

Greeter/Usher Volunteers

... needed for Sunday worship! Contact Paula Huffines. paula.huffines@bankofamerica.com

ONLINE RESOURCES

Member Directory Online

Password: member
www.avondalepresbychurch.org

Read Weekly eNews Online

www.avondalepresbychurch.org

Bank Draft Form

www.avondalepresbychurch.org/donate

Next of Kin / Emergency Contact Form

tinyurl.com/AvonNextOfKin

2019 Leadership Link

Book a Room - See Space Request

www.avondalepresbychurch.org/calendar

Memorials & Honorariums

www.avondalepresbychurch.org/donate

Stewardship

LETTING GO OF ME:

Raising the Consciousness and Embracing Something Larger

The Stewardship Committee is hoping that each of us will begin to see Stewardship as a step in “Raising the Consciousness” to see and embrace Stewardship not as something we do, some task we complete, but changing our perspective to one of good stewards, as beings who give from a deeper place within. It’s important that we start to peel away our layers of “Self” to a place of giving and nurturing that embraces a larger realm.

As a committee we are aware this is a new approach to Stewardship, which may involve facing some hard truths.

Though the gift of money can be an expression of our beings, it is a small part of our willingness to let go of ourselves and embrace the larger sphere on which we physically live, as well as the spiritual realm of Christ in which we also live.

The Stewardship season is going to be earlier this year than in previous years. Start to pick-up your pledge cards August 18 and August 25, 2019 at church. We will then send the remainder through the mail. As a loving and giving congregation, we would like to dedicate our gifts to the church on Dedication Sunday on September 22, 2019.

Questions or to volunteer with us, please contact:
Laura Meier (laurajmeier@bellsouth.net) or
Ted Todd (ted@blossomshopflorist.com)



BLUE CARDS

Stewardship is asking that people who have their pledges setup to auto-draft from their account, please place one of these cards in the offering plate each/every Sunday to symbolize their giving. These blue cards will be on the worship tables each Sunday so that people can pick one up and place in the offering plate. Thank you!



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MAKE YOUR GIVING EASIER

You can put your pledge on bank draft! Like you may do with your utilities or other recurring expenses, you can do the same with your Avondale giving. There are two methods to setup a bank draft: 1) members can initiate a draft via their personal online banking or 2) complete the church’s Bank Draft Form allowing Avondale to draft quarterly, monthly, or weekly as you indicate. Keep in mind you can discontinue at ANY time!

Bank drafts are preferable to us. The auto-draft really helps Avondale budget with these “guaranteed” monthly receipts. Plus, we have an electronic record of your gift. This works on your end too, as you can see your giving in your account.

Find a Bank Draft Form on our website or click this [link to our website](#).
Questions? Contact Jacqueline at jacqueline@avondalepresbychurch.org.



REVENUE UPDATE & Operating Budget

Our 2019 operating budget is \$612K, or \$12K per week on average. So far this year, we have averaged between \$12K and \$13K in weekly revenue. Thank you for all of your generous contributions to make Avondale’s missions and ministries a success during our 75th Anniversary Year.

Please Welcome

New Members

Disciples

The Session unanimously received these friends into active membership of Avondale Presbyterian Church. We received these members in worship on March 31, 2019 and enjoyed a reception following.

James L. Beall, Jr.

Jim has been attending services at Avondale for over two years. He is married to Rena, dad to Lacey and Stella, stepdad to Grace and Caroline, and is a Programmer with Wells Fargo. He enjoys skiing and plays the guitar. When we asked Jim why he wanted to join Avondale now, after two years of worshipping with us, he said his faith had always been there, but he wanted to make a commitment to this faith community and his Avondale family.



Jim Beall

Terry and Elizabeth "Liz" Davis

Terry is originally from Clover, SC and is a Programmer with Flores & Associates. He likes to play soccer and is a self-proclaimed "tech" guy. He met Liz while they were both attending the University of South Carolina. Liz is a Finance and Operations Manager with Bank of America. She was born in New Orleans. Terry and Liz love to travel and are do-it-yourselfers – they are currently renovating the basement of their home. Both have already signed-up as volunteers with the Bethlehem Center and completed the initial application.



Terry & Liz Davis

Timothy and Anne Doherty

Tim and Anne Doherty are both attorneys at McGuire Woods. They moved to Charlotte several months ago from San Diego, CA and have been attending Avondale since the Fall of 2018. They have two sons, Thomas (2 years old) and William (12 weeks old). Tim has already served as an overnight host with Room In The Inn and is interested in gardening. Tim and Anne have described feeling so welcome at Avondale and as though they have found a church family.



Tim & Anne Doherty

Andrew and Mary Margaret Martin

Drew and Mary Margaret Martin are both NC natives and both attended UNC Chapel Hill. They are expecting their first child, a baby girl, in July. Drew is a Fraud Policy Strategist with Bank of America. Mary Margaret is a Social Studies Specialist with Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. They love to be active – hiking, swimming, waterskiing and wakeboarding, and Drew loves to play golf. The Martins believe the mission and goals of the church are very much in line with their own personal values, particularly in Avondale's work with the Bethlehem Center and efforts to reduce economic inequities by breaking down barriers to education. After completing applications and the initial training, the Martins have jumped in to volunteer with the Bethlehem Center and Kid's Café.



Drew & Mary Margaret Martin

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CELEBRATING OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

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Presbyterian Women

JUNE 2, 2019
ALL INVITED

11 AM / FOLLOWING WORSHIP
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS DAY

Presbyterian Women of Avondale (PWA)
Honorary Life Membership Award Presentation

June 2, 2019 / In Worship

The Presbyterian Women of Avondale (PWA) will present the annual Honorary Life Membership Award in worship on Sunday, June 2. We will also receive the PWA Birthday Offering. The Charlotte Presbytery is a recipient of a Birthday Offering grant this year!



Avondale Brunch Celebrating Presbyterian Women:
PWA Family Brunch

June 2, 2019 / Following Worship

11:00 AM / no Sunday School / All invited

The PWA congregational brunch is for *everyone*! We will be honoring women, celebrating our Honorary Life Membership Award recipient, and rejoicing in 75 years of worship here at Avondale.

There is no need to bring a dish, this brunch will be catered!



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Congregational Life at Avondale

Avondale’s 75th Anniversary celebrations continue! We recently enjoyed a night of Youth Group Remembrances and dinner, a history presentation “The First 10 Years”, and the 1970s Avondale Cookbook reprint. Coming June 2, is the Avondale brunch for everyone celebrating Presbyterian Women!



The next 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting will be **Tuesday, June 11 at 6 PM**. ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP with our big Homecoming Weekend celebrations in October! We’ve also begun spreading the word about our Avondale Christmas Market. We’re calling artisans to participate.

www.avondalepresbychurch.org/75thanniversary

Coming Soon:

June 2- Avondale Congregational Brunch Celebrating Presbyterian Women at 11 AM / no Sunday School / a Catered Meal / The PWA Honorary Life Membership Award will be presented this day.

August 25- Backpack Breakfast and art class exhibit

September 21- Chili Bowl

October 12 & 13- AVONDALE HOMECOMING WEEKEND!

November 28- Thanksgiving Breakfast

December 7- Avondale Christmas Market & Village



75th Anniversary Avondale History QUIZ

1. “We were a _____ that built a church”. (3 words)
2. Name of our first pastor?
3. What was “the hut”?

Find the answers and more in the article [“The First 10 Years”](#) by our History Team and shared on our website!



1954 Children’s Choir

1. Sunday School class
2. Rev. Thomas MacLean
3. an old Army surplus Quonset hut that was on campus

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