

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Avondale Church Family,

We are off to a good start in the year 2019. As you know we are celebrating 75 years of life together at Avondale Presbyterian Church. Each month, we are celebrating and commemorating the seventy-five year anniversary in some fashion. On Sunday, March 17, 2019, a history of the church was passed out to the membership. I do hope you got one, but if not, just call the church office and we can make sure there is one available for you to pick-up. There are worship opportunities on the calendar, fun activities scheduled, and many opportunities for fellowship and sharing Christian life together.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is still hard at work on your behalf. They are discerning and seeking your next pastor. As you know, interviews have been scheduled and are being conducted. Please keep the PNC in prayer as they continue through this journey. The work they do is hard but rewarding and will prayerfully end with the best candidate for Avondale.

The task force for Sacred Space is still hard at work. They are working diligently on plans for sacred space for Avondale. Their work is also difficult and time consuming. They are working to come up with the best plans for Avondale considering ministry uses, building size, funding; all of the things that make for a project to help Avondale grow and live in faith. The session is asking

for your continued patience through this process and as soon as it is possible, an update on the work of the task force will be forthcoming. I know that with so many unknowns, anxiety can rise, but please know forward move-



ment is happening. Most importantly, know that Avondale is God's church and that God is in the midst of all that is going on. God has not left us. God is very present with us and will be for at least the next 75 years.

Never lose sight of all that God is doing, not only in our church, but in your lives and on your jobs and in your schools.

We are in the Lenten season. So in your prayers, pray for guidance, patience, revelation, joy, and peace, even as you pray for repentance of sins. Lent for many is a time of darkness moving steadily toward the light. How about this Lenten season, living in the light of Christ and not letting the darkness overcome you. Keep your focus on the light of Christ and let's have some joy in the midst of shadows.

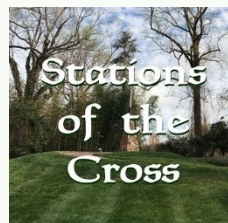
Finally, many of you have been asking about my trip to Israel. Stay tuned. A presentation is coming!

Live in Christ Avondale, Rev. Veronica

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Stations of the Cross

On Saturday, March 30 from 10 AM to 12 PM, join our friends from South Mecklenburg Presbyterian and CN Jenkins for Lenten Prayer Stations in our Sacred Garden. The purpose is to help us experience the events of Holy Week with Jesus. Avondale is invited to join in this reflective and meditative time.



Welcome New Members

On Sunday, March 31, 2019 we will welcome new members to Avondale. They recently completed our "Next Steps" class. We will have a cookies and punch **reception immediately after worship** and prior to the Sunday School hour. We hope you can join us in welcoming:

- James Beall Jr.
- Terry* and Liz Davis (*and Baptism)
- Timothy and Anne Doherty and children, Thomas and William
- Drew and Mary Margaret Martin

AVONDALE &
BETHLEHEM CENTER



AVONDALE
TAILGATE PICNIC
& KNIGHTS GAME



SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019
RSVP REQUESTED
PURCHASE TICKETS BY MARCH 27
SEATS LIMITED!



**Avondale Tailgate Picnic & Knights Game
Info & Tickets**



Tickets are normally
\$17 or more!

KNIGHTS TICKETS \$12

PURCHASE BY MARCH 31!



Purchase online at



www.AvondalePresbyChurch.org/knightsgame

RSVP FORM

Register for tickets via link above. Then...

BUY NOW

...click Buy Now to pay for your tickets and
the complete the reservation.

THEN JOIN THE FUN ON APRIL 28!

The Church at Work

Session Update

At the March 3, 2019 Called Meeting of the Congregation the following action was taken:

The Congregation received the 2018 Annual Report

At the March 10, 2019 Stated Meeting of the Session the following actions were taken:

Approved Minutes of the February 10, 2019 Stated Meeting of the Session

Approved Minutes of the February 24, 2019 Called Meeting of the Session

Approved Minutes of the March 3, 2019 Called Meeting of the Congregation

Approved the February 2019 Financial Report

Received the January 2019 Avondale Children's Center Financial Report

- Approved the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Great Vigil of Easter service which will be on Saturday, April 20, 2019
- Approved a fundraiser for the Haiti Mission during the month of May 2019 with the date, time, and location to be determined at a later date. Proceeds of the fundraiser will be used for building the mission house in Milot, Haiti
- Approved expenditure of \$44,000 from the Facilities Fund to replace the five flat sections of the Family Life Center roof due to numerous leaks
- Scheduled a Called Meeting of the Session on March 31, 2019 at 8:45 o'clock A. M. to meet, greet, and receive new members into the church

Financial Information

2018 Annual Report published

Read online: avondalepresbychurch.org

2019 Pledges Update

\$447,773 / 19% remaining to Goal

Easter Gifts by April 15

Children's Ministry Butterfly Release, the Goodpasture Fund, & One Great Hour of Sharing

Auto-Draft your Giving

Make giving easier with Bank Draft!

Form online: avondalepresbychurch.org/donate

Music Ministry

Thank you to all for your huge support of the William & Mary Choir and Performance, through your attendance, inviting friends and neighbors, and hosting students. It was a wonderful evening.

Rich Stanley was the guest for the March 25 ASAP meeting. Rich played piano and ASAP enjoyed singing favorite old hymns and the Doxology.

During Holy Week, our Music Ministry will share a Tenebrae service on Maundy Thursday. The Tenebrae service dates back to the fourth century. It is a service of shadows and ends in near darkness.

TENEBRAE SERVICE: The darkness symbolizes the flight of the disciples, the arrival of Jesus' enemies and his ultimate suffering. Total darkness reminds us of Christ's death and his burial in the tomb. Relighting the Christ candle is a simple sign of hope. Readers in the service represent all of humankind sharing responsibility for Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

AVONDALE IN ACTION

Worship - Avondale in Action

Avondale in Action, formerly Commitment to Community, is more than an announcement about activities at Avondale. It is an opportunity during worship for the congregation to learn more about how Avondale actively seeks to be faithful to its call to serve others.

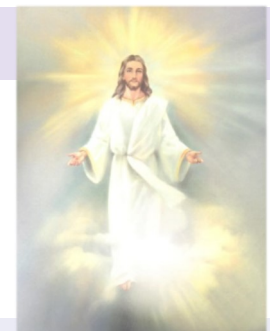
It prompts us to consider the following three questions:

How does Avondale in Action fulfill the mission of the church?

How does it reflect the love of Jesus?

How can church members support? (prayers, time, etc.)

This year we will be hearing regularly from the Stewardship Ministry Team, the Mission Ministry Team, the ABC Team, and the Avondale 75th Anniversary Team as part of Avondale in Action. Please contact Karen Shannon or Paula Huffines with questions or for more information about sharing your mission activities with the congregation.



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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.

www.avondalepresbychurch.org/pledge



Stewardship

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!



[\(You can start/stop a Bank auto-draft anytime!\)](#)

DISCIPLES IN ACTION

Gifts of Service...

Member Care

Contact Rena Beall or Susanne Anderson

Worship: Beverages, Setup, AV, etc.

Contact Karen Shannon or Paula Huffines

ABC Ministry or Bridge Ministry

see page in this edition

Nursery or Sunday School

Contact [Dee Dee McDonald](#) or [Julie Caldwell](#)



Christian Nurture's Children's Ministries

Contact Lou Johnson

75th Anniversary or Congregational Life

Contact Lynn Wilkerson or Ruby Cathey

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Honorariums

In Honor of: Avondale
Given by: The Klepser Family

In Honor of: Avondale
Given by: Cynthia Campbell

In Honor of:
Jim and Martha Rogers
Given by: Rogers Family Fund

Memorials

In Memory of:
Jim and Martha Rogers
Given by: Valerie Burnie

In Memory of:
Rev. Munro Sefcik
Given by: Louise Chambers

In Memory of:
Bill Rose
Given by: Louise Chambers



All were for: The Memorial Facilities Fund



Birthdays in April

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|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Brooks Mitchell | 9 Leni Patterson | 21 Jim Beall |
| 2 David Thomson | 10 Jamie Saleeby | 22 Katherine Baloga |
| Kevin Watson | 11 Bill Town | Matthew Mitchell |
| Sam Watson | Nic Presson | 22 Ruby Cathey |
| 3 Lamar Hardegree | Sharon McCarthy | 23 Mary Katherine Darnell |
| 4 Carley Yount | 12 Carter Hipps | 24 Martha Hayes |
| Katelyn Yount | Graham McNeil | Nathan Thomas |
| Natalie Benson | 13 Karen Shannon | 25 Abbie Vick |
| Zack Benson | 15 Addison Harris | 27 Leslie Thomas |
| 5 Eli Oswald | Chuck Hendrix | Max Shanks |
| 6 Fletcher Saleeby | Marc Chavaree | Tinsley Lawson |
| Pat Banks | Steve Passaly | 28 Gloria Alexander* |
| 7 Bruce Vestal | 16 Caroline White | 29 Celeste Longshore |
| Carey Cavanaugh | Wesley Flowers | Eric Hayes |
| Griffin Shanks | 17 Rachel Matthews | Katherine Annas |
| Sarah Cameron Wilson | Tiz Benson | Suzi Thornberry |
| Wendy Campbell** | 18 Amanda Norris | 30 Chip Reed |
| 8 Alan Wray | GiGi Gibbs | *ACC Teacher |
| Chris Rolfe | 19 Jordan Meadows* | **ACC Teacher & Member |
| Jay Barron | | |

Wedding Anniversaries in April

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|-----------------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|
| 12 Scott and Brenda Coble | 1968 | 19 Tom and Marian Stout | 1997 |
| 13 Terry and Liz Davis | 2013 | 20 Bob and Bonnie Howard | 1996 |
| Corey and Jessica Shanks | 2013 | 21 Wesley and Cheryl Yount | 2001 |
| Dann and Vicki Smith | 2002 | 25 Thomas and Jodie Lawson | 2015 |
| 18 John and Elizabeth Eyer | 2005 | 29 Jim and Rena Beall | 2017 |
| Elizabeth Moore | 2014 | 30 Francis McNair | 1960 |
| 19 Michael and Marimatha Matthews | 2003 | Caleb and Lora Toney | 2016 |

Member News

Members: Billie Coates; Sue Haag; Martha Hayes; Olivia Magee; Betty Marshall; Tim McLeod; Mickey Melton; Matt & Stephanie Mitchell & family; Ryan & Ann Patterson & family; David & Libby Phillips; Peggy Simpson; Henry Stockwell; & Tina Wilson.

Family and Friends: Donna Allen; Marvin & Pattie Bethune & family; Frank Clarke; Roger Cockman; W. B. Galloway; Elizabeth Green; James Higgs; Will McClure; Melinda Shamblin; JoAnn & Jim Judd; & Iesha Thomas.

Birth: We welcome into the world and celebrate William Brian Doherty, born on January 20, 2019. The proud family is parents Anne and Tim Doherty and big brother, Thomas.

LETTER:

*To my Avondale family:
My family and I thank you
for your many kindnesses
before, during, and after my
surgery. The many cards,
prayers, thoughts,
electronic hugs, and other
ceaseless caring actions
have shown your love of God
to my family. Each act adds
a spark of sunshine
to my daily recovery.
Blessing,
Olivia Magee*

Birth: We welcome into the world and celebrate Irie Ann Presson born on March 25, 2019 to parents Rebeca and Nic Presson. Proud grandparents are Rogers and Olivia Magee.

Birth: We welcome into the world and celebrate Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Russell born on March 22, 2019. The proud family is parents Elizabeth and Drew Russell and big sister, Anne.

Pictured: Mary Beth Russell





Birthdays in May

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| 1 Clay Parler
Marin Blake
Mary Alice Bryson
Reese Hautop
Zackery McKenzie | 9 Davis Hautop
Hanna Whitesides | 21 Paula Huffines |
| 2 Joe Moss | 10 Anderson Cohen
Veronica Cannon | 22 Connor Gibbs
Harry Whitesides
Terry Brodof |
| 3 Audrey Dougherty
Libby Phillips | 11 Kay DeArmon | 23 Bob Watson
Jack Hunter
Julie Caldwell |
| 4 Paige Hamilton | 12 Edith Gardner | 25 David T.A. Mitchell
Peyton Burgh
Sophie Barron |
| 5 Corey Shanks
Roberta Hayes | 13 Jim Buchanan
Tommy Wray | 27 Lucian Hayes |
| 6 Jack Hogston
Jason Hayes
John Callaway
Joshua Wardlaw
Vince Chelena | 14 Laura Daniel
Meredith Rogers
Ronnie Holm | 28 Emily Freeze |
| 7 Doughton Horton
Karen Annas
Susan Brandau | 15 Ben Meier
Lora Toney | 29 Betty Chambers
Drew Pavlin
Eleanor Ramey |
| 9 Andrew Pavlin
Daisy Alexander | 16 Jackie Shannon | 30 Betty Boyd
Chip Burke
Jozsef Eyer
Molly Carver
Rick Parler |
| | 17 Mike Mitchell | 31 Roseanne Thomas |
| | 18 Evie Wray | |
| | 19 Lucas Ferguson | |
| | 20 Chris Mathis
Nancy Buchanan | |
| | 21 Carl McDonald
David Hall | |

Wedding Anniversaries in May

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|---------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------|------|
| 1 Wesley and Caroline Flowers | 2015 | 15 Brian and Stephanie Tomey | 1993 |
| 6 Edwin and Katherine Anderson | 2000 | 18 Bill and Suzi Thornberry | 1985 |
| 8 Douglas and Vicki Hautop | 2004 | 19 Millie Norris | 1979 |
| 11 Mike and Ginny Mitchell | 1985 | Andrew and Deidrea Pavlin | 2007 |
| Sabine Schwieman | 1979 | 20 Bordie and Delia McCloskey | 1972 |
| 12 Greg and Cindy McKenzie | 1984 | 30 David and Mary Hall | 1987 |
| 14 Floyd and Doris McClung | 1958 | Meredith Rogers | 2010 |

Avondale's 75th Anniversary



We are having a year-long celebration of Avondale's 75th Anniversary with activities each month and throughout the year! We invite all Avondalers - past and present - to join in the celebrations! Come to events, share your unique Avondale story, share your gifts

with the planning/coordinating of historical information and events... come celebrate 75 years of worship, music, fellowship and more to come.

To get involved contact Lynn Wilkerson at 704-965-5757 or lbwilkerson@att.net.

Email: 75thAnniversary@avondalepresbychurch.org

Website: www.avondalepresbychurch.org/75thanniversary

75th Celebrations coming up...

April 14 - Palm Sunday and Egg Hunt

April 28 - Avondale Tailgate and Knights Game with ABC & Bridge Missions

May 5 - "The Avondale Cookbook" from 1970s / Go online to reserve your copy / Pick-up on May 5

May 19 - Church Night Supper

featuring Youth Group Memories & Avondale History

May 31 - Game Night!

June 2 - Avondale Luncheon Celebrating Presbyterian Women



ABC Ministry & Bridge Ministry Update

Kids' Café & Birthday Blessings

Kid's Café Volunteers Needed

Only 4 more Kid's Café Fridays left in the school year and we need volunteers! Currently we are serving Kid's Café at their Southview Recreation Center, located at 1720 Vilma Street. Eventually, Kid's Café will be hosted back at Avondale. In the meantime, we have broken out the volunteer needs to spread the love/work. See what works for you. Even if you don't have a partner to fill the other slots, we'll partner with you and make sure the event is pulled off.

Meal Prep: An individual or team to prepare a nutritious meal for 35 and have it ready for transport by 4 PM the day of Kid's Café. You can be reimbursed for meal expenses.

Transport and Serve: A team of two needed to transport the food to Southview Recreation Center and serve the students. Pick-up food from the preparers at Avondale at 4 PM; travel to Southview and serve around 5:30 PM. You just serve, enjoy the kids and clean-up the food. You'll be done by 6:15 PM to depart Southview. The Bethlehem Center staff will have the serving space and dining tables set and ready to go for you. And they provide beverages and clean-up the dining tables.

Open dates (all Fridays):

April 12 and April 26

May 10 and May 24

Thank you for considering. You'll be glad you did. Use the [Sign-up Genius link](#) on our Avondale homepage to claim your spot. You'll be contacted by someone on the ABC team to provide suggestions and answer questions. Questions? Contact Kay Chelena at kay@themanagementoffice.com.

ABC Volunteer Training

Three more training sessions are offered for those interested in volunteering (now or in the future) with children in the ABC Ministry. All sessions meet in the FLC youth rooms and are approximately 30 minutes.

Dates: Sun., April 7 at 8:45 AM
Wed., April 10 at 5:30 PM
Wed., May 15 at 5:30 PM

Click the link on our Avondale homepage to [sign-up for a training session](#). Contact Ginny Mitchell with questions.

Start the process *now* to get approved to volunteer with kids, then get involved when you are ready!

New Group on Campus

A group of visually impaired older adults, called The Sunshine Group, will begin meeting in the Vanguard room every other Tuesday. This group was meeting at the Bethlehem Center on Baltimore Avenue, that is closing soon.

BC Leadership Change

ABC Out-of-School Time Teen Leadership Cooperative (TLC) Update:

Donnell Washington is no longer with the Bethlehem Center. We wish Donnell the best as he pursues other opportunities. The Bethlehem Center will replace the position; in the interim Georgett Johnson will handle the responsibilities of the TLC. Georgett is the Bethlehem Center Program Director and will be working some in the FLC BC office.



Bridge Ministry

#BrookhillMatters

Our Bridge Ministry has been working with representatives of the Brookhill community. Debbie Williams, the former administrative director at STCUMC, is the Executive Director of the recently opened Brookhill Community Resource Center. Debbie was raised in Brookhill and is committed to ensuring residents of the community have the resources they need to continue moving forward in a positive direction. The resource center has begun offering education sessions and community benefits to residents, opened a professional clothing closet, and invited residents to join Avondale at the Tailgate & Knights game on April 28! Please RSVP to attend the Tailgate lunch!

If you are interested in participating in this ministry effort and/or serving as a member of the Bridge Team, please contact Greg McKenzie at 704-953-0428.

Get Involved with ABC

Help with Homework
Mentor
Share Special Skills
Help with Events
Chaperone Field Trips
and many other opportunities

"If you haven't been to Kid's Café on Vilma, the Rec Center is new and bright, the Bethlehem Center staff are nice and helpful, and the room is easy to work in. And the kids are the best part!"
shared Caroline Starnes.

ABC Summer Camps

We are collecting twin sheets and new pillows for the summer camps again this year. Kids will LOVE taking home the new bedding!

The Church at Work

Youth BBQ Sale

The Youth Fellowship program put together a successful BBQ sale and fundraiser. They made and sold approximately 500 lbs. of BBQ and "fixin's" and generated over \$6,000 in sales! Sorry, there's no leftovers, they sold out! Thank you to all of our supporters and for spreading the word.



BBQ Sale

Basketball Ministry

The 2018-2019 Avondale basketball season has come to an end with 12 teams, over 120 players and 3 championship winning teams. Zachary Barjona, fondly known as "Ziggy", is our basketball coordinator and did a wonderful job organizing and working with our many coaches, players and families. Each team completed the season with a mission project organized through Playbook for Life International Mission which focused on sending basketballs to children in South Africa. Avondale was able to send eight basketballs! Way to go team! Ziggy referred to this season as his best one yet with players showing great sportsmanship and character! *"At the end of the day, this ministry is about molding Christian character in our kids. They will not remember all of the games but they will remember coming together to give back."* -Zachary Barjona



Youth Retreat

Women's Retreat & the Mission Project

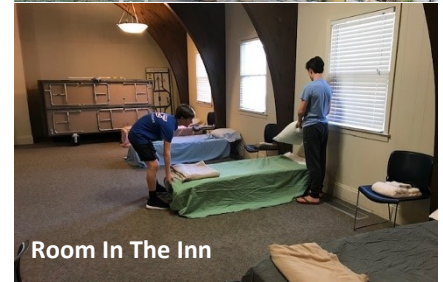
For our Women's Retreat in March, we had a great speaker in Jan Edmiston. A great time was had by all in the group. "Bright Blessings" was our mission benefit project this year. This group gives birthday parties for homeless children and provides baby showers for homeless mothers in Mecklenburg county. The Women's Retreaters with the help of Bunco Ladies provided 36 sets of "Clean and Cozy" sets for babies consisting of: baby wash, baby lotion, ointment, wash cloths, baby socks, baby hats, and two pacifiers.



Women's Retreat

Room In the Inn

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge "Thank You" to all those who made "Room In The Inn" possible this year. We had a very successful season participating on Sunday evenings for 13 straight weeks. We had 100 volunteers from Avondale serve our neighbors and we were able to serve 156 neighbors as an outreach ministry here in our local community. Avondale has a strong history in supporting this ministry and I personally want to say it was a joy working with all of you to make this a positive experience for me and all those we served this year. Blessings to all of you who served, provided meals, fellowship, and a warm place to stay for 12 individuals each week. – Lou Johnson



Room In The Inn

Pancake Supper on Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday we had the burning of palms, a wonderful meal and the imposition of ashes. This was an evening full of learning and fellowship for the children and adults followed by a time of information and questions about Lent and why we burn the palms. We had 15 to 20 people involved in this special time together learning about the Lenten season and the imposition of ashes. This time was followed by a pancake meal prepared by members of the congregation which was delicious. We served 65 to 70 people who joined together for food and fellowship. At the conclusion of the meal people went to the sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday service and the imposition of ashes. This was a meaningful service for all who attended.



Ash Wednesday Pancake Breakfast



Ash Wednesday Pancake Breakfast

PWA SENT 69 PUMPKIN SPICE BREADS TO SEDGFIELD TEACHERS THIS MONTH!

The Church at Work

Giving Garden

Big yellow cubes full of soil were delivered to the garden in preparation for a Garden Workday on Saturday, March 16. Avondale's Giving Garden continues to draw in members and neighbors from the surrounding community. Sharing an interest in growing their own fresh organic produce, gardeners coax a wide variety of crops from their own plot in Avondale's 17 bed community garden. We look forward to the bounty from David Hall's variety of heirloom and cherry tomatoes, Martha Hayes' spinach and okra, and eagerly anticipate Nancy Boher's and granddaughter Sophia's harvest for Friendship Trays. While appreciating therapeutic time in nature, we remain excited to hear God's calling for the future use of this little plot of land in building the Kingdom.



New Benefits for Children's Center (ACC) Staff

ACC staff are really excited about enrolling in the Board of Pensions health benefits plan. The plan will offer them lower copays and deductibles, greater benefits, enhanced customer service, and access to an EAP. There is also a wellness benefit which is something that the ACC staff haven't had previously. The BoP staff came onsite March 19, 2019 to provide an overview of the benefits and enroll staff. ACC will begin on the BoP plans starting April 1, 2019. Thank you to Patti Oswald, who was instrumental in getting this in place, along with Jessica McQuillen and ACC board president Taylor French.



Avondale Adventures

For the month of February, the Adventure children prepared cups of snowman soup for our "Faithful Friends" of the church. The children enjoyed decorating the cups with cute faces and filling them with Hugs and Kisses, marshmallows, a package of hot chocolate, and a spoon to stir the delicious cup of warm coco. These were delivered for the children by the ASAP group to our special friends of the church. It is with joy that the children share their love with the older members of the church.



Children's Sunday school

Our newly restructured children's Sunday School began March 3, 2019. Adventure Sundays is the new name. Sunday School will be from 11 AM to 12 PM, the traditional time unless otherwise publicized. Our Christian Nurture Coordinator, Lou Johnson, will be in charge of determining the theme and scripture for each month's lesson. The text and theme will be carried out each week throughout the month with activities, crafts, stories, and shared experiences. Each Sunday we need a second person in the classroom to assist the teacher/leader, and from time to time, we will need someone to lead. Please contact Lou if you can assist with the children.



Children & the Lenten Season

A letter was sent to families with young children from Lou Johnson, sharing helpful information for parents to engage their children with during the Lenten season. This was sent to the ACC parents of 4 and 5 year olds, Avondale parents of K-5th grade children, and the Bethlehem Center parents we are connected with. For a copy of the letter or Lenten materials, please speak with Lou. Her contact info is 704-333-6194 x12 and Lou@avondalepresbychurch.org.



Property Ministry

Visitors on Campus

Here at Avondale we are blessed with an open campus full of beauty and charm. Many groups throughout the city seek space on our campus for their programming. Take a look at the visitors on our campus and what they are up to.

Girl Scouts will be here on April 1 and 15 at 6:30 PM in a Children's Sunday School room, jump starting a neighborhood troop. Tell your neighbors! You may find out more information on their website at www.hngirlscouts.org.

The Sunshine Club is a group of visually impaired older adults who plan to meet in the Vanguard room every-other Tuesday starting, March 27 at 9:30 AM. Feel free to stop by and welcome them to our campus!

Moms of Multiples meet in the Joyful Noise room the second Saturday of every month at 9:30 AM for fellowship and a time to build community. They are greeted by an Avondale member who also offers a moment of devotion and prayer at the conclusion of their time. If you would like to be a host, please contact the church office.

The Charlotte Art Collective is a long time guest and one we look forward to! This group is full of local artist who come together on our campus twice a year and sell their beautiful work. Their spring show is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 in the FLC.

Chair Yoga is organized and run by Hampton Thrower. They meet every Tuesday at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Ham has a wonderful gift of working with the older adults in our congregation along with many in the community to keep them active and moving.

Martial Arts lessons are offered every Saturday at 10am by Nic Griffin. If you are interested in learning more or signing up for a class, contact the church front office.

Havurat Tikvah is a Jewish congregation who gathers on our campus for their services and frequently join in to help serve with Room In The Inn.

A2B Coaching is run by Luteke Kalombo and is a program designed to offer personal training along with a spring and fall basketball program. You will find Luteke and his groups in the FLC on Sunday's and Tuesday's. If you would like more information please contact the church front office.

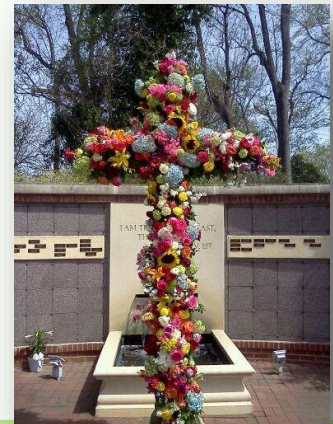
Time-Out Basketball is a longtime rental and basketball program run by Coach Jim Baker. Coach Baker offers summer basketball camps for children and will be on campus this summer for two camps. During both camps he will be offering 3 scholarship spots for our ABC campers and also an introductory basketball lesson for our ACC 4's and 5's class. If your child is interested in playing, call the church front office.

Futsal is an academy located in Charlotte offering camps and lessons in Futsal, an indoor soccer game and they aim to serve players aged 4-18. Futsal is an indoor soccer game and a popular sport in South America and Europe. This summer Futsal will be offering four week-long camps in our FLC and a 5th camp in August to introduce our ABC campers to the sport. To learn more and register for a camp visit <https://fcbarcelonaus.wufoo.com/forms/futsal-charlotte-summer->

Spring Church Work Day April 6

Our spring campus work day will be 8 AM to 12 noon. Please pitch-in as many hands make light work.

Gutter Cleaning
Spread Pine Needles
Fix Parking Lot Pot Hole
Clean out closets (FLC and FH)
Sunday School Room
Cleaning
Fix FLC Kitchen Faucets
Pressure washing white fence
and walkways



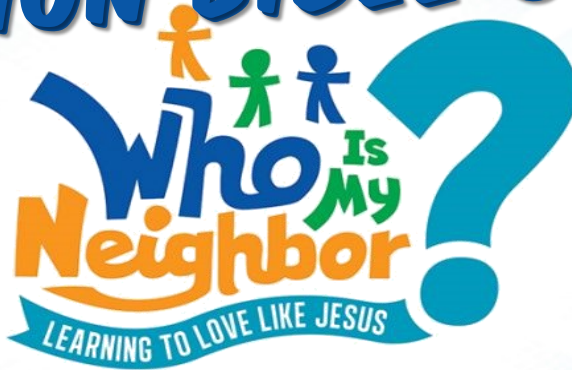
FLC Re-Keyed

We have re-keyed the Family Life Center. The small offices, worship closet, youth rooms and ACC pantry remain unchanged (these were previously different keys).

Please inform any members that serve within your ministry who you know currently have and need an FLC key. Then let Jessica Shanks know. She has new key copies in the office.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 29 - August 2, 2019

at Avondale Presbyterian Church
2821 Park Rd, Charlotte, NC 28209

Avondale's 2019 Vacation Bible School will be held July 29-August 2, 2019. Our theme is "Who is My Neighbor? Learning to Love Like Jesus". Neighbors are more than people in our families or communities. Through carefully chosen Bible stories, "Who Is My Neighbor" leads children on a journey to discover more about God's great love and compassion for others. We will have a full-day camp program of fun and learning from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Registration and more details: www.avondalepresbychurch.org/vbs



AGES: 5 years old - rising 6th grade **COST:** Cost is \$75 for the week per child.

FOOD: Children will need to bring a sandwich each day. The Church will provide a mid-morning snack and a drink, chips, and dessert with lunch.

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP: Drop-Off between 8:45-9:00 AM; Pick-Up between 4:00-4:30 PM / at Family Life Center

The Camp Day of fun and learning!

The morning session will feature Bible Study, Music, Recreation, and Mission activities from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. The afternoon session will be special guests sharing their gifts and talents with the kids, ranging from pottery to painting and other fun activities from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. On hump day, Wednesday, we will have a special off-site afternoon experience for the children.



Who is my neighbor?

Neighbors are more than people who live next door. More than people in our families or communities. Through carefully chosen Bible stories, Who Is My Neighbor VBS leads children on a journey to discover more about God's great love. From looking at how to be a neighbor to diving into what it means to live out our faith, this interactive VBS series will be a ton of fun. Join us as we discover neighbors near and far!

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!

Teens and older are needed to help make this an awesome week!

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TO REGISTER

Pick-up forms in the
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Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday

April 14 / Children's Egg Hunt follows Worship

Easter Gifts

April 15 / due to the Church Office

Maundy Thursday

April 18 / 7 PM in the Sanctuary
 Communion and "Behold the Darkness" A Tenebrae Service

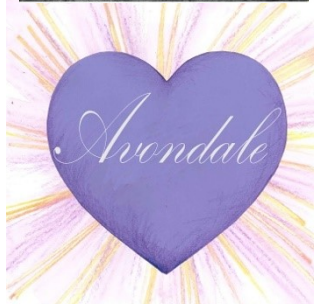
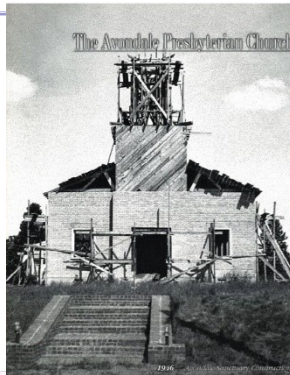
Great Vigil of Easter

April 20 / 7 PM in the Sanctuary

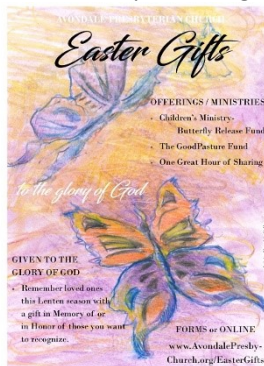
Easter

April 21 / 6:30 AM in the Sacred Garden and 9:30 AM in the FLC*
 Easter Gifts will be shared at the 9:30 AM Service.

We will be Flowering the Cross. We invite you to bring flowers from home.
 *The Easter Gifts Butterfly Release will follow Worship.



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Select Avondale Dates

Knights Tickets Purchase Deadline
 by March 31

Spring Work Day
 April 6

Church Office Closed
 April 19 & 22

Tailgate Picnic & Knights Game
 with ABC & Bridge Ministries
 April 28

Youth Sunday
 May 5

Presbyterian Women of Avondale (PWA) Luncheon
 June 2

Youth Year-End Cookout
 June 2

Pentecost
 June 9

**Avondale Homecoming
 75th Anniversary Celebration!**
 October 13