

April 2022

## Letter from the Pastor

Dear Avondale Family,

It has been a wonderful start to 2022!

As I write this, I am still feeling the excitement and energy of celebrating my first Easter all together here at Avondale. For me, it truly felt like a service of Resurrection as we worshiped and visited with friends, old and new, that we have not been able to see for a while.

However, it wasn't just Easter ... Palm Sunday was wonderful for both young and old as the children participated in the Palm Parade, leading us in music, and of course the traditional Egg Hunt in the Sacred Garden. Prior to Lent, we experienced worship through the eyes of the Yakama Native American tradition. We were led by our Youth in worship as they helped us understand the biases that influence our perspectives in our church and in the world.

In just the first three months we helped shine the light of Christ by meeting the needs of our Homeless Neighbors as we partnered with Roof Above and our friends at Holy Comforter. Monthly, members gathered and packed lunches for the working homeless. We held a blood drive during Holy Week and raised over \$3,000 for Ukrainian Refugees in our special offering.

Yes, God has been at work in our faith community and continues to be working. In fact, we are in

the process of integrating Children's Moment and Children's Church back into Sunday morning worship. Avondale Adventures started up for the spring. We are planning Vacation Bible School for the summer, and a new Confirmation Class begins the first of May. Youth are preparing for their Mission Trip and the Youth Conference at Montreat. Sacred Space is moving forward and working with Church Interiors on a new permanent worship space. Leadership is working on Visioning for Avondale and discerning where God is calling us in this new season of ministry.



**"With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all."**

*Acts 4:33*



There is much, much more that I could talk about, but it is only possible because of God's work in and through wonderful folks like you, who respond time and again. Thank you, and may we continue to live into the world as Easter People sharing the hope and love found in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Grace & Peace,  
Jim

## Fun Facts about our Avondale Children's Center

*Did you know this about our Children's Center?*

1. Opened in January 1987. The mission was to provide top quality childcare to Avondale members and the community and to share God's love, uplift the children and their families, lovingly encourage them, and strengthen the bonds of the family unit.
2. The ACC is a nonprofit and a 5-star rated childcare center, the highest rating given by the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education
3. We serve approximately 80 children, from 3 months to 5 years old,

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## February 2022

At the February 13, 2022 Stated Meeting of the Session the following actions were taken and information received:

- Approved Minutes of the January 9, 2022 Stated Meeting of the Session and the January 30, 2022 Called Meeting of the Session.
- Received December 2021 Year End and January 2022 Avondale financial information and December 2021 Year End ACC financial information.
- Received as information a copy of the 2021 Clerk's Statistical Report as submitted to the General Assembly.
- Received an update on the status of work of the Sacred Space Task Force.
- Called congregational meeting for March 13, 2022 following the morning worship service for the purpose of presenting the 2021 Annual Report and the Terms of Call for Rev. Ewing.
- Approved a scholarship to Amanda Shanks for one-third of her tuition for the spring semester 2022 at Union Presbyterian Seminary pursuant to the Seminary's Matching Gift Program.
- Received a report on behalf of the Personnel Ministry Team of discussions and review regarding consideration of additional staff specifically for Christian Education and Mission ministries.
- Received an update on the status of the lawsuit noted at the January 30 called meeting.
- Received an update on the upcoming visit by Mending Wings group of the Yakama Nation program, "Dancing Our Prayers". The group will stay in the Family Life Center and will lead the worship service on March 6. Plans are also in process for additional opportunities to work with other churches and groups within the Presbytery and the Charlotte community.
- Received a report from elders Arthur Baum and Tom Stout on the

## From the Session

February 12, 2022 Presbytery meeting. Expressed gratitude to: the Sacred Space Task Force; the Member Care Ministry Team for the reception following Chuck Hendrix' memorial service; Rich Stanley for his work with the youth preparing for the Youth Sunday service.

### March 2022

At the March 13, 2022 Stated Meeting of the Session the following actions were taken and information received:

- Approved Minutes of the February 13, 2022 Stated Meeting of the Session.
  - Received February 2022 Avondale financial information and January 2022 ACC financial information.
  - Received a report from the Personnel Ministry Team recommending that the Church call an Associate Pastor for children, youth and family ministries.
  - Approved the Sacrament of Baptism for Autumn Rosalie Yonnone, daughter of Nick Yonnone and Bridget Goode on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at the 10 AM worship service.
  - Approved the Sacrament of Baptism for Rosalie Flynn Wright, daughter of Aaron and Carolyn Wright on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at the 10 AM worship service.
  - Elected the following as corporate officers: Lynn Daniel – President; Tom Stout – Vice President; Cheryl Judd-Magee – Secretary; DJ Saleeby – Treasurer.
  - Approved a change in policy to encourage (but not require) wearing masks for all indoor Church sponsored activities.
- Expressed gratitude to: the Congregational Life Ministry Team for the meal following the Mending Wings worship service; all of those who helped with the Mending Wings

visit; the Youth Group for the Youth Worship Service; Cheryl Judd-Magee for the worship artwork; Caroline Starnes for her work on the Annual Report.

### April 2022

At the April 10, 2022 Stated Meeting of the Session the following actions were taken and information received:

- Approved Minutes of the March 13, 2022 Stated Meeting of the Session and March 13 Congregational Meeting.
  - Received March 2022 Avondale financial information and February 2022 ACC financial information.
  - Approved the Sacrament of Baptism for George Stephen Hill, son of Stephen and Katy Hill on Sunday, May 8, 2022 at the 10 AM worship service.
  - Approved a request from the Finance Ministry Team to allocate \$4,000 outside of this year's budget for an external review of the financial statements of the Church and the Children's Center.
  - Received a report from the Property Ministry Team of a number of current inspections and projects involving needed repairs to the Church and Children's Center.
- Expressed gratitude to: Corey Shanks and Todd Oswald for their work with the ACC regarding facilities repairs; the children of Avondale; Jim Ewing, Rich Stanley, Jessica Shanks and the ACC Teachers for their work with the children for the Palm Sunday service; and Rev. Jim Ewing for his service to Avondale and its members.





## ACC Fun Facts *cont.*

and maintain a very low teacher/student ratio. The Center stays full and maintains a long waitlist.

4. Have a staff of 20 led by our Director Dawn Peebles who has 31 years of early childhood education.

5. Millie Norris has been the Assistant Director AND an important part of the Center for 26 YEARS!

6. The Board is comprised of both church members and parents and meets bi-monthly.

7. ACC has its own chef preparing nutritional breakfasts, lunches and snacks. The kids' favorite food is - Homemade Macaroni and Cheese!

**Spring** is a busy time with lots of energy. Some of the ACC's activities include:

- Soccer Shots
- A mid May Art Walk showcasing favorite art from the classrooms
- Chapel with Pastor Jim Ewing and singing with Rich Stanley. We loved the Palm Sunday celebration led by the children.

- RocketScience classes. Theme this month "My Best Nest"

- Participation in Avondale Adventures

### **Ways to help** the ACC:

- Referrals of part-time floater teachers always appreciated

- Linking your Harris Teeter VIC card to the ACC Center

[Harris teeter.com/together-in-education](https://www.harris-teeter.com/together-in-education)

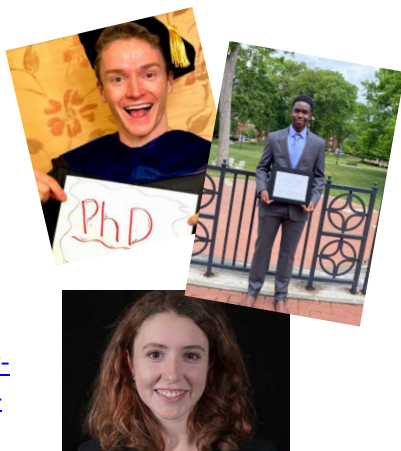
We are indeed grateful to each teacher and staff who provide such a loving, caring and stimulating environment for our precious children.



## Celebrate Graduates

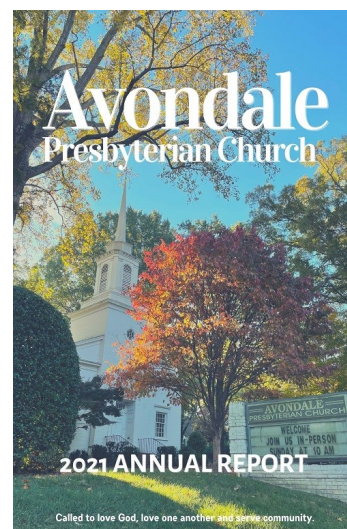
Coming soon...we will ask members to share news of their graduates!

Let's look back at 2021, the second summer of COVID-19, as we celebrated the graduates of our families and friends. [avondalepresby-church.org/post/celebrating-graduates-2021](https://www.avondalepresby-church.org/post/celebrating-graduates-2021)



## Avondale Annual Report

Each year, Avondale Presbyterian Church holds a congregational meeting and presents the Annual Report for the previous year. Read our 2021 report on our website or pick-up a copy at church. [www.avondalepresby-church.org/annualreport](https://www.avondalepresby-church.org/annualreport)



## Memorials & Honorariums

### Memorials:

#### In Memory of Annie Elizabeth Ivey, sister of Daisy Alexander

Given by D.J. & Leslie Saleeby  
Given by Rogers & Olivia Magee

#### In Memory of Chuck Hendrix

Given by Ann Vipperman  
Given by Becky Chavaree  
Given by Connie Stout  
Given by D.J. & Leslie Saleeby  
Given by Jim Crisp

Given by Lib & Morrison Creech  
Given by Linda Haigh  
Given by Lynn & Laura Daniel  
Given by Marge & Lamaar Hardegree  
Given by Mark & Kendra Hendrix  
Given by Mike & Ginny Mitchell  
Given by Paula Huffines  
Given by Rogers & Olivia Magee  
Given by Ross Hendrix & Family  
Given by Shirley McDowell  
Given by Susan Brandau  
Given by Tim & Betty Chambers  
Given by Ty Buckner

#### In Memory of Peggy Simpson

Given by Caroline White  
Given by D.J. & Leslie Saleeby  
Given by Paula Huffines  
Given by PWA  
Given by Sarah Cumley  
Given by Susan Brandau  
Given by Tom & Martha Bryson

#### In Memory of Rachel Darling

Given by Susan Brandau



## Birthdays in May

1	Clay Parler	9	Davis Hautop	21	David Hall
	Marin Blake		Hanna Whitesides		Paula Huffines
	Reese Hautop	10	Anderson Cohen	22	Connor Gibbs
	Zackery McKenzie	11	Kay DeArmon		Harry Whitesides
2	Emory Parks	13	Jim Buchanan	23	Bob Watson
	Joe Moss		Tommy Wray		Jack Hunter
	Lee Ballard	14	Dell Lawson		Julie Caldwell
3	Audrey Dougherty		Laura Daniel	24	Thomas Doherty
	Libby Phillips	15	Ben Meier	25	David T.A. Mitchell
4	Paige Hamilton		Clark Saleeby		Peyton Burgh
5	Corey Shanks		Lora Toney		Sophie Barron
	Roberta Hayes	16	Jackie Shannon	26	Miles Tate
6	Jack Hogston	17	Mike Mitchell	27	Lucian Hayes
	John Callaway	18	Evie Wray	28	Emily Freeze
	Joshua Wardlaw	19	Ginny Pease	29	Betty Chambers
7	Karen Annas		Lucas Ferguson		Drew Pavlin
	Susan Brandau		Rosalie Wright	30	Betty Boyd
9	Andrew Pavlin	20	Chris Mathis		Chip Burke
	Daisy Alexander		Nancy Buchanan		Jozsef Eyer
		21	Carl McDonald		Rick Parler

## Wedding Anniversaries in May

Wesley and Caroline Flowers	May 1, 2015
Douglas and Vicki Hautop	May 8, 2004
Mike and Ginny Mitchell	May 11, 1985
Sabine Schwieman	May 11, 1979
Brian and Stephanie Tomey	May 15, 1993
Bill and Suzi Thornberry	May 18, 1985
Andrew and Deidrea Pavlin	May 19, 2007
Delia McCloskey	May 20, 1972
David and Mary Hall	May 30, 1987

## Mission & Service

**PWA Clothing Drive** - donate summer clothing for middle school age/size children by May 15

**Avondale Adventures Food Drive** participate along side the children to collect for Loaves & Fishes

**PWA Bible Study** - Join women of Avondale for a mid-week time of study, fellowship & mission

**Roof Above Lunches & ACE Ministry** see our website for volunteer sign-ups

**PWA Clothing Drive**


Another clothing drive for Sedgefield Middle Clothing Store, now through May 15. Donate gently used SUMMER CLOTHING & accessories for middle school age/size youth. Adult sizes welcomed too.



**PWA Bible Study**

1st Tuesday at 1 PM

*Jesus' Lineage - Women of the Bible* is the current study  
Open to all Women



**World Labyrinth Day**  
Saturday, May 7

**Walk as One at 1**

Enjoy the peace & healing of Avondale's Sacred Garden

[avondalepresbychurch.org/labyrinth](http://avondalepresbychurch.org/labyrinth)



**Avondale Adventures Mission**  
to collect non-perishable food for Loaves and Fishes.

The children of Avondale Adventures will walk next door to visit the food pantry, deliver their collection, and hear about their direct impact on others in need! Join them in being the "hands and feet of Christ" and their mission to end hunger in our community. A drop box will be available in worship through Wednesday, June 8.



**Avondale in Action**

**Roof Above Lunches**  
We need your help! PROVIDE BAG LUNCHES  
Next date is Wednesday, May 4 @ 9:30 AM  
Find DATE CHANGE details on our website.

**ACE Kids Café**  
ACE Ministry Kids Café  
Next date is May 20. See our website for details & sign-up link.

**Going on now with neighbors in need**

**Walk Avondale's Labyrinth**  
Saturday, May 7, 2022  
Walk for peace on World Labyrinth Day

[avondalepresbychurch.org/labyrinth](http://avondalepresbychurch.org/labyrinth)



## Birthdays in June

<b>1</b> Stephanie Tomey	<b>14</b> Chick Martin	<b>24</b> Connie Stout
<b>2</b> Kim Flowers	<b>15</b> Brynn Stewart	Covert Suydam
<b>5</b> Millie Norris	<b>16</b> Zach Chambers	<b>25</b> Margaret Martin
Barbara Witzel	<b>17</b> Heather Hogston	<b>26</b> David Thornberry
Hannah Yocum	<b>18</b> Ann Patterson	<b>27</b> Caleb Burgh
<b>6</b> BJ Byrd	<b>19</b> Grace Marren	Kellen Pavlin
Will Moss	<b>20</b> Mickey Nash	Julia Wardlaw
<b>7</b> Travis Ferguson	Helene SanDominick	<b>28</b> Dawn Peebles
Brian Tomey	Aiden Yount	Kelly Platt
<b>10</b> Sam Parler	Emily Zuyus	Leah Hackworth
<b>12</b> Sean Hogston	<b>22</b> Gram Chambers	<b>29</b> Charlie Eakes
<b>13</b> Pat Gribble	<b>23</b> Stella Beall	Gabrielle Eyer
Vickie Rolfe	<b>24</b> Keagan Cavanaugh	Betty Parrish
Knox Martin, III	Tyler Mann	<b>30</b> John Callaway
		Mac Patterson

## Wedding Anniversaries in June

James and Rebecca Harris	June 4, 1994	Will and Jennifer Vick	June 18, 2005
Sue Haag	June 6, 1942	Vince and Kay Chelena	June 20, 1992
Bill and Marcia Halsey	June 6, 1981	Tim and Willette McLeod	June 20, 1981
Billy and Julie Caldwell	June 8, 2002	Eric and Martha Hayes	June 23, 1990
Rogers and Olivia Magee	June 8, 1968	Michael and Sue Gibbs	June 26, 1999
Henry and Hannah Stockwell	June 12, 1965	Eric and Amanda Shanks	June 26, 2010
Travis and Mindy Ferguson	June 16, 2012	Ann Sanders	June 29, 1985
Tina Wilson	June 17, 1978	Marsha Rose	June 30, 1962

## Birthdays in July

<b>1</b> Evie Steude	<b>7</b> Eric Shanks	<b>20</b> Patti Oswald
<b>2</b> Laura Meier	<b>8</b> D. J. Saleeby	Sarah Jane Stout
Jim Neely	<b>9</b> Nathan Tomey	<b>21</b> Robert Rogers
<b>3</b> Dana Vorholt	<b>11</b> Lincoln Ely	<b>22</b> Joy Callaway
<b>4</b> Ted Camp	Reid Parler	Rich Worf
Marilyn Nolan	<b>12</b> Libby Barron	<b>23</b> Jack McGinn
<b>6</b> Bridget Goode	<b>13</b> Ann Gregory	<b>26</b> James Higgs
Jackie Ely	<b>14</b> Jackson Wilson	Ava Zuyus
Mindy Ferguson	<b>15</b> Jack McKenzie	<b>27</b> Taylor Cavanaugh
Olivia Magee	Baden Stuhr	Mary Martin
Dorothy Patterson	<b>17</b> Sage Wright	<b>28</b> Lois Payne
Page Woods	<b>18</b> Stephanie Barber	<b>29</b> Louise Lawson
Melissa Wray	<b>19</b> Luke Mitchell	Sigrid Sacra
<b>7</b> Mark Brantley	Amanda Shanks	Katherine Wood
Mary Harris	Jane Shumate	<b>30</b> Jack Culbertson

## Wedding Anniversaries in July

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



## Member News

### Prayer Requests

Allman Family; Hannah Caddell; Laurie Caudle; Sallie Chumley; Louise and Ron Crossley; Jozsef Eyer; Anthony Higgs; James Higgs; Stewart Jernigan; Kim Kirk; Charity Liutai; Wendy McCreery; Drew Milholland; Tim O'Neil; Ulli Otto; Rita Outland; Tina Sanderson; Gail Trippodo; David Waller; Courtney Williams and Family; Tina Wilson; Barbara Witzel.

### Church Triumphant

Please join us in keeping these families and friends in your prayers.

- Peggy Simpson, 83, Avondale member since 1988, joined the Church Triumphant January 27, 2022.

- Chuck Hendrix, 91, Avondale member since 1958, joined the Church Triumphant January 30, 2022.

- Mona J. Floor, sister of Barbara Witzel, joined the Church Triumphant April 1, 2022.

### Birth

-Born January 30, 2022 was Autumn Elise CuvIELLO, daughter of Chris and Alice CuvIELLO.

-Born January 31, 2022 was Henry Peter Culbertson, son of Chase and Alyssa Culbertson and brother to Jack.

-Born April 4, 2022 was Benjamin Zachary McCarthy, son of Ashley and Brett McCarthy and grandson of Jim and Sharon McCarthy.

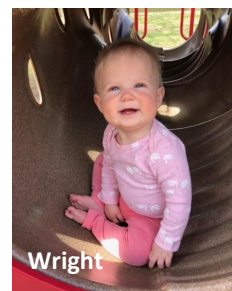
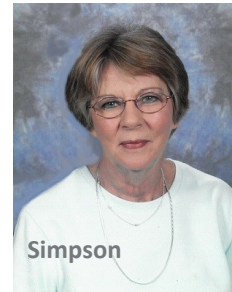
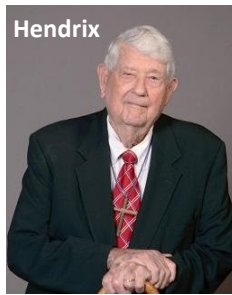
-Born April 5, 2022 was Arthur Jennings Parler, son of Sam and Becky Parler and grandson of Rick Parler.

### Baptism

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

- Autumn Rosalie YonnONE, daughter of Nick YonnONE and Bridget Goode, on March 13, 2022.

- Rosalie Flynn Wright, daughter of Aaron and Carolyn Wright and sister to Sage, on April 3, 2022.



## ACE Ministry

### Kids Café

Avondale volunteers have continued to prepare meals for ACE's Kids Café on the 3rd Friday of each month. Meals are prepared at Avondale and delivered to ACE kids at ACE's Southview, Mulberry, and Plaza locations. This month, Avondale volunteers also prepared a nice Easter lunch for Kid's Café on Maundy Thursday. The menu included BBQ chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans and rolls. Each student and staff member received an "Easter Bag" filled with homemade cookies, candy and a couple of trinket/toys to take home.



### Scholarships

Avondale is providing scholarships for two ACE students to attend Camp Grier for a week of over-night camp this summer.

### ACE Summer Camps

ACE Summer Camps will be held on Avondale's campus from June 21 through August 5, Monday through Friday, 8 AM

– 5 PM. ACE is seeking Avondale volunteers to share their hobbies or interests with campers, especially in the 6th grade through 12th grade age group (e.g., car repairs, woodworking, art, etc.). Please contact [stefaniemitchell@gmail.com](mailto:stefaniemitchell@gmail.com) if you are interested in sharing your hobby! In addition, a Summer Showcase will be held at Mulberry Baptist Church on August 5 to conclude the summer camps, and ACE will be seeking volunteers to help with setup, serving food, clean-up, etc. More details to follow.



### Volunteer Opportunity

ACE needs volunteers to drive the Avondale bus to transport ACE staff and students between the Southview location and Renaissance West Stem Academy, Monday through Friday from 3 - 4 PM, now through June 8 (even one day per week would help!). Volunteers will need to complete Avondale bus training and the ACE volunteer requirements, including a background check. Please contact [stefaniemitchell@gmail.com](mailto:stefaniemitchell@gmail.com) for more details.



## Property Ministry

Saturday, April 2 was our Spring Work Day. Thank you to the many helping hands. The major activities focused on:

- Clearing out brush and cleaning out the area behind the columbarium and storage shed.
- Replacing covers over vents to the crawl space under the Sanctuary and office wing along Lilac Rd.
- Spreading mulch around the new Sanctuary HVAC unit on the children's playground side of the Sanctuary.
- General cleanup by Children's Center staff and parents.
- Pressure washing along walkways.

Near term focus areas for Property include:

- Removing shutters on the Sanctuary along the children's playground side due to significant deterioration.
- Supporting the Children's Center in refurbishment of the children's sink counters and toilet rooms.
- Repairing plumbing vent lines in Family Life Center re-strooms.

We are excited about the Eagle Scout Project underway to install an amphitheater along the driveway across from the Family Life Center.

Your continued support of the Facilities Fund is appreciated as we continue to work with our aging facilities.

- Property Committee

## Mission Ministry

### Room In the Inn

Many thanks to all who participated in the Room In The Inn (RITI) ministry at Avondale this past winter. After a pandemic hiatus during the winter of 2020-2021, RITI re-opened operations in winter 2021. With COVID-19 still in full force and many churches bowing out of Room In The Inn, Jim Ewing spearheaded a collaboration with three neighboring churches to continue RITI ministry at Avondale this year.

Avondale partnered with next door neighbor, Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, to staff RITI every other week from December through March. Safety protocols were developed to ensure the safety of the guests and the volunteers. Thanks to an immediate and enthusiastic volunteer response, we easily staffed RITI throughout the season and had no COVID cases reported.

We are grateful to our guests and volunteers who obeyed our mask policy. A special shout out to Mahlon Thomas, our early morning bus driver



throughout the season. Mahlon graciously offered to even drive the weeks that our neighbor churches, St. Luke's Lutheran and Sedgfield Methodist, hosted guests. Rich Worf led Room In The Inn for a second year and we are indebted for his capable oversight and leadership.

### Monthly Roof Above Lunches

Thanks to Rogers Magee who oversees the monthly lunch-making. Our ministry of providing lunches, through Roof Above, to homeless, working men continues each month. We are changing the date to the first Wednesday in May and preparation will be at 9:30 AM. Please sign-up through the Sign-up Genius link shared on the church website and emails.

### Blood Drive

Avondale hosted its second annual blood drive on Good Friday. Our 27 donors saved up to 81 lives – imagine that! Thanks to all who rolled up their sleeves.

### Refugee Ministry

Avondale is looking into mission opportunities with the refugee population locally. If you are interested in this area of ministry, please let Ann Sanders know at [annmsanders2@gmail.com](mailto:annmsanders2@gmail.com).



## Avondale in Action

### Session's Mask Wearing Update

Sunday, March 13, the Session approved the recommendation made by the COVID-19 Safety Task Force to follow the changes in mask mandates set forth by Mecklenburg County, dropping the required indoor face coverings. The Session continues to encourage face coverings during indoor gatherings and asks that you follow CDC guidelines regarding self-screening and quarantine periods should you contract or be exposed to COVID-19.

### Lent, Easter & Sacred Art

The season of Lent at Avondale was a beautiful time of faith and fellowship. The season was filled with worship, indoors and outdoors, music, and sacred art. Our Lenten theme, "Renegade Gospel" based on the book by Mike Slaughter, was our Sermon Series. The rebel Jesus was beautifully symbolized with artwork in worship, with changes each week that followed along with our sermons, by Cheryl Judd-Magee. Our missions were Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Ukraine, Easter Gifts of One Great Hour of Sharing and the Avondale Facilities Fund, and our 2nd annual blood drive. Our music ministry expressed the joy of living our faith, from the Ash Wednesday service to the "Colors of Grace" cantata. We connect-



ed with community with Lunch with the Pastor, Stations of the Cross, and more.

### Easter Gifts

Help us honor and memorialize all our loved ones remembered this season through our Easter Gifts presentation. [Watch it on YouTube.](#)



### Faithful Friends

ASAP collaborated with our Children's Center to have the children make approximately 65 handmade cards for ASAP's Faithful Friends!

### ASAP News

Avondale Senior Adult Program (ASAP) continues to meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at noon. Along with a delicious meal together, ASAP is looking forward to our upcoming programs: Sally Brewster from Park Road Books will share reviews of good books for summer reading; a craft activity with the Avondale Children Center's children; Joy Callaway to share her new book with us; singers Elizabeth Bridgers and Molly James to share their beautiful voices; a representative from JAARS to tell us all about this organization; and so much more! In April, ASAP recognized Leslie Saleeby as a "Faithful Senior," generously sharing her gifts.



## Avondale Youth Group

### Youth Sunday

February 27, 2022

Click below for more about the service "Come and C"- about the 13 biases: Confirmation; Complexity, Community; Complementarity; Contact; Conservative/Liberal; Consciousness; Competency; Confidence; Comfort; Catastrophe; Cash; and Conspiracy.

[Youth Sunday Service and the Bulletin](#)



### Mending Wings Visit

Youth of the Native American organization that our Youth Group visited in July 2021 in Washington state, visited Avondale in March 2022! The youth group of Mending Wings, a nonprofit organization located on the Yakama Reservation, shared their culture, spirituality, and way of life with us through "Dancing Our Prayers."

This program was our worship service on March 6, 2022. if you missed it, click below for the service ["Dancing Our Prayers."](#)

### Youth Group Fundraiser

May 30 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Charlotte Art Collective Spring Sale at Avondale

### Middle and High School Mission Trip

Work Camp June 19 - 24, Harlan, KY

### Middle School Conference

at Massanetta July 7-10

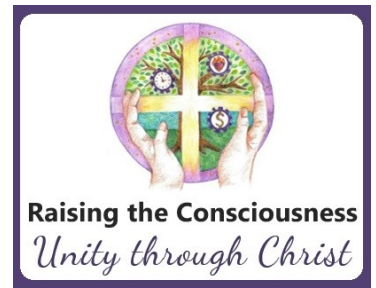
### High School Conference

at Montreat July 24-30

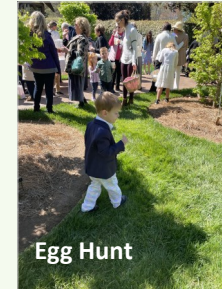
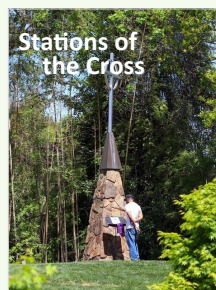


## Disciples in Stewardship

Approaching stewardship in this holy season, I am reminded of the beautiful song "Here I am Lord," by James Kilbane. The question, "Is it I Lord" is one we all should answer. As the pandemic lessens, and life seems to return closer to "normal," I personally have fewer reasons to limit my contact with the church. It has always been too easy to say to myself that someone else will do it. And they do. But we have to be careful that we don't rely on the usual suspects over and over to get things done. Some of the best connections I have made with other church members have been in volunteering, serving on committees, work day, and Sunday School. The result is a deeper relationship with other church members, Avondale itself, and our spiritual selves. So consider chances to get more involved, and answer the question "Is it I Lord." Love and peace, David Hall, Co-Chair Stewardship Ministry



## Avondale in Action



*Avondale*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Avondale Presbyterian Church**

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#### **Newsletter Publishing Schedule**

*Avondale Avenues* is published quarterly on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Content deadline for the next newsletter is a week prior to publication. Send submissions to [caroline@avondalepresbychurch.org](mailto:caroline@avondalepresbychurch.org).

### **Children at Avondale**



**August 1-5, 2022 at Avondale**

## **Vacation Bible School**

**Registration opens May 4, 2022! Register early!**

Join Avondale this summer for a fun fest Vacation Bible School. Our theme is "Wonder World Fun Fest! Amazed by our Extraordinary Savior." Your child will be amazed at the extraordinarily fun week of music, Bible exploration, crafts, games, and more.

The camp for kindergarten to 5th grade aged children will be held from 10 AM to 1 PM Monday through Friday the week of August 1-5, 2022. Lunch will be served. On Friday, we will enjoy a carnival!

## **Children's Sunday School**

**For ages 3 and up, Sundays at 10 AM**

Take your littlest ones (under 3) to the Nursery and your older children to worship with you. Following the Children's Moment, the children will be called to join their teachers to go to classrooms for fun and learning.

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### **Avondale Calendar**

April 30- Youth Fundraiser  
May 1- Breakfast before Worship  
May 1- Worship Cantata  
May 1- Children's Sunday School resumes  
May 1- Confirmation Class begins  
May 1- Next Step class #2  
May 2-6- Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 3- PWA Bible Study  
May 3- Taizé Prayer Service  
May 4- Roof Above Lunches  
May 4- Vacation Bible School registration opens  
May 4- Avondale Adventures  
May 4- Spring Women's Bible Study  
May 7- World Labyrinth Day  
May 8- Mother's Day  
May 15- Session meeting  
May 15- Next Step class #3  
May 17- Primary Election voting  
May 26- ASAP monthly meeting  
May 30- Memorial Day; Office Closed  
June 5- Pentecost