Avondale Presbyterian Church presents the 9th Annual Community Handbell Benefit Concert on Sunday, May 7th, 2017 at 3:00PM in the Great Hall, 420 Pennsylvania Ave., Avondale, PA 19311. Local handbell choirs and fellow musicians will be sharing their gifts of music and song. Church handbell choirs are from Avondale Presbyterian, West Grove United Methodist, Oxford United Methodist, First Presbyterian of Newark, and Ebenezer United Methodist, and the First State Ringers, an auditioned community choir, is based at Newark United Methodist.

A freewill offering will be received and shared with Kacie's Cause, a local heroin addiction awareness organization founded by Andrew and Donna Rumford, parents of the late Kacie Erin Rumford who died in March 2013 from a heroin overdose. “Kacie had always wanted to change the world,” Andrew writes, “to make it a better place for everyone.” Kacie graduated from Kennett High School in 2007 and attended Penn State University as well as Delaware County Community College. For one summer, Kacie also attended De Anza College near San Francisco. The mission of Kacie’s Cause is to heighten awareness about heroin abuse and addiction and to provide resources and information to the greater community. At the concert, founder Andrew Rumford and chairperson of the Parkesburg Chapter of Kacie’s Cause Betsy Gillen will be on hand to share their stories and answer questions. In 2011, Gillen’s only child John died at age 21 of a heroin overdose.

The concert is open to the public and parking is free. The church is fully accessible. Doors open at 2:30pm. Seating is limited. For more information, please visit the Avondale Presbyterian Church Facebook page or contact Handbell Director Peggy Watkins at 610-869-2610.

Kacie Erin Rumford, late daughter of Andy & Donna Rumford, for whom heroin addiction awareness group Kacie’s Cause was founded.