

Community News & Notes.....

Weight Watchers	Thursdays	6 30 PM
AA Meeting	Fridays	8 30 PM
Food Addicts Meeting	Sundays	7 00 PM

Welcome to the Avon United Methodist Church. Our congregation includes people of all backgrounds and perspectives. We gather together with a common love for God and all of God's people, and we are glad you are with us. —Pastor Kim Ferrel

Next Sunday, December 11, is our **Children's Christmas musical!** There will be a reception following the program. Please contact Ginny House at 226-8380 if you are willing to provide cookies.

December 12 is the **AUMW dinner** at the Avon Community Center. If you are interested in attending, please contact Carole Stephenson at 226-3206. Bring a dish to pass, and a wrapped 'white elephant' gift.

A group is being assembled to go **Christmas caroling** next Sunday at 2PM. If you are interested, please fill out the sign-up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall.

The current edition of the **AUMC Newsletter, The Messenger**, is now available. It has been sent out via email. If you did not receive one, but would like to, or would prefer a paper edition, please call or email the office@avonnyumc.org.

Please call 585-226-8600 at any time with questions or concerns.

For upcoming events check out our Website at avonnyumc.org or on Facebook at [facebook.com/AvonnyUMC](https://www.facebook.com/AvonnyUMC).

Hearing Assistance is available for our services. Just let an usher know for assistance. For handicap accessibility to the second floor please let the greeter at the door know of this need.

Children are always welcome in worship. Coloring books, crayons, and activity bags are available from the usher.

During our 10:30 Service, our Nursery is available with paid, trained, background-checked staff.

Sunday School is held for all children N-6th grade from 9:30am-10:30am.

This Week's Church Activities

Today
7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040
8:30 Worship Service
9:30 Coffee Hour
Sunday School
10:00 Praise and Sing Choir
10:30 Worship Service
2:00 Wreath Making
4:00 Praise and Sing Choir

Tuesday
9:00 Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday
7:00 Chancel Choir
8:00 Bell Choir

Thursday
9:30 Giggle Time
11:00 Gospel of John Bible Study

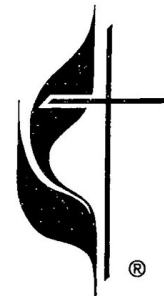
Saturday
10:00 Praise and Sing Choir

Sunday December 11, 2016
7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040
8:08 Men's Breakfast at Peppermint's
9:30 Coffee Hour
9:30 Praise and Sing Choir
10:30 Worship Service with Children's Musical
11:30 Cookie Reception
2:00 Community Christmas Caroling

Our Church Staff

Pastor:	Kimberly Ferrel
Lay Leader:	Paul Brown
Organist/Instrumentalist:	Mark Brennan
Office Administrator:	Mark Brennan
Music Director:	Linda Rosebrough
Custodian:	Bob Wright
Sound Engineer:	Mark Blakely
Child Care Providers:	Brenda Munzinger Madeline Wolfer

"A Good Cry"



WELCOME!

We're glad you came to join with us
in our worship time today.

WE BELIEVE God's grace is available to all people no matter where you are from, what you look like, or who you love.

OUR MISSION: to follow in the path of Jesus so that we may grow in faith, serve in His name, and share God's love.

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Radio Ministry Sundays 7:30am, WYSL1040
December 4, 2016
8:30 AM/ 10:30 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 2nd Sunday of Advent
 *Please stand in body or spirit
 Songs number 2000 or higher
 may be found in the small songbook.

WE GATHER

Welcome *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*
 Prelude "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus,"
 Arr. Mark Hayes
 A Time of Centering "Once in Royal David's City,"
 arr. Faye Lopez

*Call to Worship #795
 Give the King your justice, O God,
And your righteousness to the royal son!
 May he judge your people with righteousness,
And your poor with justice!
 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the
 hills in righteousness!
**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give
 deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor!**
 May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon,
 throughout all generations!
**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like
 showers that water the earth!**
 In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound,
 till the moon be no more!
**May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the
 river to the ends of the earth!**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Anthem for Advent "Christ Be Our Light"
 *Hymn "Seek the Lord" #124

*Praying Together
 Father, you have heard our prayers, and the petitions of
 our brothers and sisters in the faith. We ask that you
 grant us peace which goes beyond our understanding.
 Where there is sorrow, give us joy. Where there is a

troubled heart, give us peace. Wherever we go, let us be
 a testimony of your great works. In Christ's name,
 Amen.

WE LISTEN AND PRAY

Scripture Matthew 3:1-12
 Romans 15:4-13
 Silent Reflection (8:30)
 Conversations with the Children (10:30)
 Sharing our Prayers, Pastor's Prayer
 The Lord's Prayer # 895
 A Gift of Music (10:30) "When Will We See the Little One?"
 By Sally Albrecht & Jay Althouse
 Sermon "A Good Cry"
 Hymn (10:30) "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord" #352

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Joy of Giving "Sing We Now of Christmas/
 God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," arr. Brad Nix
 *Doxology # 95
 *Prayer of Thanksgiving
 Gracious God, you work miracles. Nothing can hinder
 your purposes. Your love shines forth in your living
 Word. We pray that the world will reflect your Word. Use
 these offerings to create small miracles of
 transformation in our communities. We pray through
 Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION

Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be" #399
 Communion Song "Born Where the Shadows Lie,"
 Arr. John Cumberland

*Please come to the front by the center aisle and stand around the
 Communion Table. Receive the bread. As the cup is offered, dip
 your bread into the cup and partake. After a benediction, please
 return to your seat.*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" #672
 *Benediction
 *Postlude "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," Arr. Brad Nix

Assisting in Worship Today
 Pastor: DJ Robinson
 Usher (8:30): Gary & Laurie Wright-Perrin
 Ushers (10:30): Craig & Stormy Bailey,
 Gary & Elaine Davis
 Reader (10:30): Elaine Davis
 Instrumentalist: Mark Brennan
 Music Director: Linda Rosebrough
 Sound Engineer: Mark Blakely

*The flowers on the altar are given by Cindy Carpenter
 in honor of the birthday of her mother, Audree.*

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We hope that you have felt God's love
 In a new, refreshing way
 For you're so welcomed in this place
 And we hope you'll come again,
 To join with us in fellowship
 And to make some special friends

Join us for Coffee and a Treat each week at 9:30 AM
 downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.