

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.

The Upper Room devotional guide for November/ December is now available, and can be found in the church stairway or on the back shelf.

The December edition of our newsletter, **The Messenger**, is now available. If you would like to receive a full-color digital copy via email, please indicate that in the fellowship folder. Paper copies are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Our new edition of the **AUMC Membership Phone Book** can be found in the back of the sanctuary.

For **upcoming events**, follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/AvonnyUMC, and on Twitter @UMCAVON

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.

Please feel free to **contact the church** with any questions or concerns at 226-8600. This week's office hours are Monday, Wednesday- Thursday from 9 AM -12 PM, Tuesday and Friday from 10 AM – 1 PM.

If you are interested in purchasing **Tops gift cards**, an on-going fund-raiser for our church, please see Elaine Davis.

Christmas Pageant – "Jesus' Christmas Party"

Rehearsals Dec. 3, Dec. 17 (9:30– 9:45AM & 11:00 – 11:30 AM)

Dress Rehearsal – Sat. Dec. 23- 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Performance – Sunday, Dec. 24 – 10:30 AM worship service

This Week's Church Activities

Sunday, December 3, 2017

- 7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:30 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School
- 9:30 Prayer Team
- 10:30 Worship Service
- 2:00 Christmas Wreath Making

Wednesday

- 7:00 Chancel Choir
- 8:00 Chancel Bells

Friday

- 10:00 Bible Study

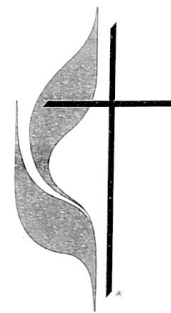
Sunday, December 10, 2017

- 7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
- 8:08 Men's Breakfast at Peppermint's
- 9:30 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School
- 10:30 Worship Service featuring the special music of Mitzie Collins & Roxanne Ziegler

Our Church Staff

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| Pastor: | Natalie Bowerman |
| Lay Leader: | Alex Albany |
| Instrumentalist: | Mark Brennan |
| Office Manager: | Mark Brennan |
| Music Director: | Linda Rosebrough |
| Custodian: | Bob Wright |
| Sound Engineer: | Mark Blakely |
| Child Care Provider: | Madeline Wolfer |
| | Alex Herman |

"Things No One Knows"



WELCOME! We are 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 3, 2017

ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent

*Please Stand in Body or Spirit
Songs number 2000 or higher
may be found in the small songbook.

WE GATHER

Prelude "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly," arr. Anthony Giamanco

Welcome *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*

(8:30) Passing of the Peace

Time of Centering "Brightest and Best," arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Watch and wait, Christ is coming soon.

Emmanuel, God is with us.

Look and see, God's creative power is close at hand.

Emmanuel, God is with us.

Stop and notice, God has a plan to do new things.

God is recreating us every day, reforming us in his image. Emmanuel, God is with us.

*Praying Together

When we turn away from you God, forgive us and lead us back. When we sin and fall short of the people you need us to be, forgive us and help us do better. Speak to us anew, that we may hear your voice and see you at work in our lives and in our world. Shine on us with your grace and mercy, that we may always come back to you and your love, no matter how far we stray. In your name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211, v. 1-2, 4

WE LISTEN AND PRAY

Scripture Mark 13: 24-37

(8:30) ACTS Prayer

(10:30) Gift of Music "With Open Hearts, We are Waiting,"
by Pepper Choplin, given in loving memory of
Rev. Bertram Croop by Betty and Ed Croop

(10:30) Conversations with the Children

(10:30) Sharing Our Prayers, Pastor's Prayer

(10:30) The Lord's Prayer #895

(10:30) Sermon "Things No One Knows"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Joy of Giving "Carol of the Bells," arr. Matt Hyzer

*Doxology #95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bless these gifts with your loving presence, O God. Make your face shine through our offering this day. Shine the light of your love through our ministries and our lives, that all may know and notice that you are here, Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Hymn "As We Gather At Your Table," #2268

Communion Song "Adore," arr. Todd Beaney

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 "People Look East," #202 v. 1-2, 4

Benediction

*Postlude "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,"
arr. Terry Osman

Assisting In Worship Today

Pastor	Natalie Bowerman
Ushers (8:30)	Pat & Roger House
(10:30)	Craig & Stormy Bailey
	Gary & Elaine Davis
Reader	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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unless otherwise noted

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 Fellowship Hall.

Community News & Notes...

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

Church News & Notes...

There will be **NO** 8:30 AM service on 12/10, 12/24, & 12/31

We have **special music guests** on Sunday, Dec. 10. Mitzie Collins and Roxanne Ziegler will share their amazing harp and dulcimer music. This is a great opportunity to invite a neighbor or friend to attend a special Advent service.

We anticipate the launch of our **new website** today! Check us out at www.avonnyumc.org