

The May edition of our newsletter, The Messenger, is 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.

The latest edition of the AUMC Membership Directory can be found in the back of the sanctuary.

Join us for coffee and a treat each week at 9:30 AM downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

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

For upcoming events, please visit our website at www.avonnyumc.org Also, 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, Thursday and Friday from 9 AM -12 PM, Tuesday and Wednesday 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.

If you are making any purchases on Amazon.com, don't forget to select our church in the AmazonSmiles program!

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This Week's Church Activities

Sunday, April 29, 2018

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
8:30 Worship Service
9:30 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
11:45 Trustees Meeting

Wednesday

10:00 Bible Study
7:00 Chancel Choir

Sunday, May 6, 2018

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
8:30 Worship Service
9:30 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service

Our Church Staff

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

“Half Truths, Part Two: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves



Welcome to the Avon United Methodist Church. Our congregation includes people of all backgrounds and perspectives, and we affirm God's grace and love for all people, no matter where you are from, what you look like, or who you love. We gather out of our common love for God and his people, and we are glad you are with us.

Our mission is 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

**April 29, 2018
10:30 AM**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday after Easter

*Please Stand in Body or Spirit

WE GATHER

Welcome *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*

Prelude "How Deep the Father's Love," arr. James Keertz

Greeting and Announcements

Time of Centering "O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus,"
arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

From fire and storm, we come, O God.

Gather us in, and make us whole.

From suffering and pain, we come, Holy One.

Gather us in, and make us one.

From the highways of life we come, Great Spirit.

Gather us in, and make us your disciples.

*Praying Together

Shine upon us, O God. Help us see your image in one

another, and to hear your still small voice among us.

Through your grace, make us holy, that we may offer

spiritual sacrifices that honor and glorify your holy

name. Amen.

Hymn Sing

WE LISTEN AND PRAY

Scripture John 15: 1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts away every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit. But he trims clean every branch that does produce fruit, so that it will produce even more fruit.

³You are already clean because of what I have said to you.

⁴Stay joined to me, and I will stay joined to you. Just as a branch cannot produce fruit unless it stays joined to the vine, you cannot produce fruit unless you stay joined to me.

⁵I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined

to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But you cannot do anything without me. ⁶If you don't stay joined to me, you will be thrown away. You will be like dry branches that are gathered up and burned in a fire.

⁷Stay joined to me and let my teachings become part of you. Then you can pray for whatever you want, and your prayer will be answered. ⁸When you become fruitful disciples of mine, my Father will be honored.

Sharing Our Prayers, Pastor's Prayer, Lord's Prayer #895

Gift of Music "You are Mine," by David Haas

Conversation with Children

Sermon "Half Truths, Part 2:
God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of Light," #206

Joy of Giving "It is Well With My Soul," arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow," #95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Through these gifts, O God, proclaim your word of grace.

Shine forth through our offerings and our lives, that

others may see your face and know your steadfast love.

In your name we pray, Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," #400

*Benediction

As we have been strengthened,

we go forth to strengthen others.

As we have been blessed,

we go forth to bless the world.

As we have been loved,

we go forth to love with compassion and grace.

Postlude "O Happy Day," arr. John Cumberland

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.

Assisting In Worship Today

Pastor	Natalie Bowerman
Ushers	Marcia Cameron, June Despard Patti Goretti, Jackie Tickner
Reader	Rachel Rethman
Instrumentalist	Mark Brennan
Music Director	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer	Mark Blakely

The flowers on the altar are given by Judy & Gary Babbitt and family, in memory of Dorothy Cuthbert, our mother and grandmother.

Church News & Notes...

The Avon Walk Against Hunger will be on May 5th. If you are interested in walking, please see Laurie Combs for donor envelopes.

The Food Pantry is specifically requesting peanut butter, jelly, and jam for the month of April. Please bring any donations to church.

Lima Presbyterian Church is having their roast pork dinner on Saturday, May 5th, 4-7pm. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and children younger than 5 are free. Take outs are available.