

Save the Date: February 6th and 7th—Ladies Retreat at the Quality Inn in Geneseo. This year's leader will be Carmen FS Vianese, UNY Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries, who promises us a fun-filled, rewarding spiritual renewal. Her topic will be: Finding Joy in our Day to Day Lives. More information and sign up to follow!

January 11th, services will be held by Rev. Douglas Wilson. Rev. Mary will not be available.

A Note from Pastor Kim:

Dear Friends, thank you so much for the lovely flowers and your care. We also appreciate your understanding as we seek quiet as we begin our life together as a family of three. Willis and I look forward to the time when we can share Jack with our church family!

Blessings,
Pastor Kim, Willis, and Jack

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This Week

TODAY — December 28, 2014

8:30 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
Coffee Hour
10:30 Worship Service
11:30 Bible Study

Wednesday New Years Eve

Thursday New Years Day!

NEXT WEEK — January 4, 2015

8:30 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
Coffee Hour
10:30 Worship
11:30 Bible Study

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Where Do
We Go From
Here



Welcome to worship this morning!
We're glad you've joined us!

Please take a moment to note your presence
on the yellow welcome sheets
found in the pews near the center aisle.

Our vision: "We are a family of God, a fellowship of believers, seeking to know Christ and to make Christ known to others."

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."

AVON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
December 28, 2014 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday After Christmas

* - Please stand in Body or Spirit
Songs numbered 2000 and higher
may be found in the small black songbook.

We Gather in Praise and Prayer

Prelude "Joy to the World" *arr. by Janet Vogt*

Welcome

*The Peace

A Time of Centering "Still, Still, Still" *arr. by Faye Lopez*

Christ is born.
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Because of this birth, life is full of promise for you and for me and for all people.

We celebrate today the presence of God's promise in our midst.

The promise of a small child coming into a crowded, hurting world and growing to be a liberator.
It's the promise of you and me, struggling and stumbling together, growing and celebrating and reaching out to make a new presence in our world.

We Hear The Word

Scripture Readings Luke 2:22-40

Conversation With Children

Baptism - Ethan James Blye

Sharing our Prayers

Morning Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sermon "Where Do We Go From Here?"

*Hymn "Like A Child" # 2092

We Respond to God's Grace

The Joy of Giving "What Child is This, with Jesu,
Joy of Man's Desiring" *arr. by Bethany Smith*

*Doxology # 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Living God, moved by the coming of Christ into our lives, we seek to be your people. Help us to live in faithful covenant with you and with one another. Let the peace of Christ guide us, and let these offerings help us spread the good news in all its richness to our community and our world. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

*Hymn "Go Tell It On The Mountain" # 251

*Benediction

*Postlude "Good Christians All, Rejoice"
arr. by Todd Beaney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date Change! Thursday Bible Study will resume January 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Unless otherwise noted, church meetings will be held in the Royal Perrin Room.

The Royal Perrin Room is located through the doors at the front of the church worship space past the church offices on your left hand side.

The Church offices are located through the doors at the front of the church worship space.

Fellowship Hall is located in the large room below the church worship space on the lower level.

Coffee Hour is located in Fellowship Hall.

Restrooms are located on the lower level. Pass through Fellowship Hall where they will be on your left.

The Nursery, staffed by trained, background checked individuals, is located on the lower level. Pass through Fellowship Hall, to the end of the hallway.

December Food Pantry Update: cereal, boxed potatoes, rice and/or pasta mixes, and canned spaghetti's

It's that time of year again to donate your "Pennies for the Pantry" change toward the mission of the Avon Food Pantry. Containers can be returned (at the back of the Sanctuary) throughout the month of December. Loose change and checks payable to Avon Interfaith Council are also welcome in helping to provide for the increased needs of our community pantry at this time of the year.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Rev. Mary E. Martin

Reader: Mark Blakely

Usher: Steve & Carole Stephenson

Harley & Jackie Potter

Music Director: Linda Rosebrough

Organist: Mark Brennan

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