

The December/ January 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 Upper Room devotional guide for January/February is available, and can be found in the church stairway or on the back shelf. Please take one.

The latest edition of the AUMC Membership Directory and Birthday/ Anniversary List can be found in the back of the sanctuary.

For upcoming events, please visit our website at www.avonnyumc.org Also, follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/AvonnyUMC](https://www.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 and Thursday from 9AM- 12PM, and Tuesday and Friday from 10AM -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!

Printed Scriptures are from Contemporary English Version. All hymns or lyrics are used by permission: CCLI # 923595

This Week's Church Activities

Sunday, December 16, 2018

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
9:00 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School
10:00 Worship Service
12:30 Christmas Caroling

Monday

6:00 Partnership Dinner

Wednesday

6:00 Christmas Caroling with Avon Wesleyan Church
7:00 Chancel Choir

Thursday

11:00 Work Meeting

Friday

10:00 Bible Study

Saturday

10:00 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

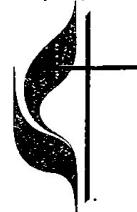
Sunday, December 23, 2018

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
9:00 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School
10:00 Worship Service (Christmas Pageant)

Our Church Staff

Pastor:	Natalie Bowerman
Instrumentalist:	Mark Brennan
Office Manager:	Mark Brennan
Music Director:	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer:	Mark Blakely
Custodian:	Bob Wright
Lay Leaders:	Laurie Combs Jackie Potter
Child Care Provider:	Alex Herman

"A Service of Special Music"



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.

Avon United Methodist Church
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585-226-8600
www.avonnyumc.org
Radio Ministry Sundays 7:30am, WYSL1040

December 16, 2018
10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Advent

*Please Stand in Body or Spirit
*See insert for scripture readings

WE GATHER

Welcome *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*

Prelude "Ding, Dong Merrily on High,"
Harp, Dulcimer, Hurdy Gurdy

Greeting and Announcements

Time of Centering "Sleep of the Infant Jesus"
Dulcimer, Recorder

*Call to Worship
Surely God is in our midst.
God is our strength and our shield.
Christ is with us now.
Rejoice and give thanks for this gift.

*Praying Together
Gather us in, Emmanuel, as we come to worship and rejoice together. Be with us now, as you have always been with us. Prepare our hearts to receive your presence, and prepare our lives to produce the fruit of your justice and righteousness. Gather us in, Emmanuel, that we might be strengthened to go forth as your beloved children. Amen.

*Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus," #196

Lighting of the Advent Candle

WE LISTEN AND PRAY

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

Gift of Music "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem,"
arr. Shawn Kirchner

Conversations with Children

^THE WORD, THROUGH MUSIC AND SCRIPTURE

Scripture: Psalm 96: 1-6

Sacred Carol Medley - Dulcimer solo

Scripture: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

In the Bleak Midwinter - Harp, dulcimer, recorder

Scripture: Isaiah 11: 1-9

Away in a Manger - Harp solo

Scripture: Luke 1: 47-55

Sacred Carol Medley - Harp and dulcimer duo

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn "People Look East," #202

Joy of Giving "Nous voice dans la vile"-- Scottish Small Pipes

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, our salvation and our joy, spread joy through the gifts we now bring. Spring forth with salvation for all the earth, that your good news may be proclaimed and that all may rejoice with us as we proclaim your great deeds. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," #240

*Responsive Benediction

As John before us, let us proclaim God's good news.
Following Jesus, we will proclaim God's love in word and deed.

As the children of Zion, go forth rejoicing and singing God's praise.

We go in joy and song, for God is in our midst, in our hearts, and in our world.

Postlude "Christmas Polkas," Harp, Dulcimer, Hurdy Gurdy

Assisting In Worship Today

Pastor	Natalie Bowerman
Ushers	Marcia Cameron, June Despard Mavis Preston, Malinda Wilson
Reader	Alex Albany
Instrumentalist	Mark Brennan
Music Director	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer	Mark Blakely

Many thanks to Mitzie Collins, Roxanne Ziegler, and John Heyer for providing us with such special music this morning!

Church News & Notes...

Please join us in singing Christmas Carols today! We will be meeting at the church at 12:30, and will divide into twogroups. One group will travel to sing to those in the city and the other group will sing for the people around Avon. All are invited to join in. Contact Linda Rosebrough with any questions. rosebrough5@gmail.com or 585-748-6633

This year's Christmas Pageant, on Sunday, December 23rd at the 10:00 worship service, will be a simple retelling of the story of the birth of Jesus with narration and music. There are parts for adults and children. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, December 22nd from 10:00 - 11:00. Please let Linda Rosebrough know if you or your child would like to be involved. All are welcome! rosebrough5@gmail.com

The Food Pantry is requesting cereal this month- please bring it to church if you are able to provide.