

Pennies for the Pantry™ containers can be returned any Sunday in December to the collections box in the back of the Sanctuary. Empty containers are also available for anyone saving money for/donating to the special needs of the Avon Food Pantry. Thank you for your help!

Save The Date! April 22–23, 2016 will be the Ladies' Retreat. We are again blessed to have Carmen Vianese leading our retreat with the topic "Grow in Grace"...2 Peter 3:18. Registration forms will be available in March.

United Methodist Women's garage sale... June 4, 2016. Save the date and your gently used items!

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.

This Week

TODAY — December 20, 2015

9:30 Coffee Hour
10:30 Worship Service
11:30 Bible Study
11:30 Silent Christmas Auction

Monday 6:30 Partnership

Tuesday Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday 7:00 Chancel Choir

Thursday 7:30 Family Candlelight
Christmas Worship
11:00 Candlelight Christmas Worship

Friday Merry Christmas!

NEXT WEEK — December 27, 2015

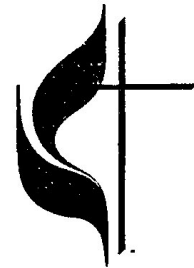
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Fiesta! The Legend of The Poinsettia



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

Please take a moment to note your presence in the folders 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 20, 2015 10:30 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
4th Sunday in Advent
*Please Stand in Body or Spirit
Songs number 2000 or higher
may be found in the small songbook.

December 20, 2015 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER

Prelude "Joy Has Dawned" by Douglas Wagner

Welcome Please fill out pew folder

A Time of Centering "Brightest and Best"
by Mark Hayes

I cannot visit Bethlehem,
But what I can, I'll do:
I'll love you, Jesus, as my friend,
And give my life to you.

Call to Worship
"Call the timid to take heart
The Lord our God will come!
We wait for the Lord as we wait for the new day.
Our God shall come to us!

Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" v 1-3 # 234

Praying Together
"Merciful God, you are the giver of every good and
perfect gift. You show us mercy and offer your
forgiveness to us. Thank you for loving us and setting us
free to worship you. Give us your compassion and love
to share with others. We pray in the name of Christ, our
Lord. Amen.

WE LISTEN AND PRAY

Scripture Readings Proverbs 22:1-6
Luke 1:39-55

Children's Moment for Advent

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" v 1-2 # 230

Sharing Our Prayers, Pastor's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer # 895

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" v 3-4 # 230

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Joy of Giving "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
By Mark Hayes

*Doxology # 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving
"Faithful God, you astound us with your love. We rejoice
that you sent Jesus, your Son, to bring light and
salvation. We dedicate our gifts for the mission of this
church, so that more people will find hope in Jesus the
Christ. Amen

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" # 240

*Benediction

*Postlude "We Have a Savior" by John Cumberland

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Kimberly Ferrel
Ushers: Marcia Cameron, Mavis Preston
Malinda Wilson, June Despard
Reader: Laurie Combs
Music Director: Linda Rosebrough
Organist: Mark Brennan

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

Special thanks to Linda Rosebrough and to the
participants of this morning's musical.

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 immediately following
service...downstairs in
Fellowship Hall.



News & Notes.....

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Giggle Time Thursdays 9:30 AM

Weight Watchers Thursdays 6:30 PM

AA Meeting Fridays 8:30 PM

FA Meeting Sundays 7:00 PM

Thanks to everyone who has helped to make
"Fiesta" a success. We especially appreciate all
of the time and dedication of the families
involved. Thank you to Paul Brown, Mark
Blakely and Cindy Loy for their assistance. A
big thank you to those who gave us sombreros
and costumes from Mexico!