

## SERVING US TODAY

10:30 Liturgist: Terry Cullinan

Reader: Anne-Claire Markle

Ushers: Gary & Elaine Davis

Craig & Stormy Bailey

Thank you to Nancy Sullivan for her recorder  
accompaniment of the Chancel Choir

Advent Wreath Readers:

Flowers: from Cudy Carpenter

Happy Birthday to my mother

All hymns or lyrics printed are used by permission: CCL #823595  
Printed Scriptures are from Contemporary English Version unless  
otherwise noted.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Advent Bible Study: Christmas Gifts that Won't Break. Please

Join us: Sundays at 2:00pm or Thursdays at 10:30pm

IMW Christmas Party! Monday, December 10, 6:00pm, at

the home of Ginny House, 1652 Batzing Road, Caledonia.

Please bring a dish to pass. Meat, dessert and table setting  
provided. ALL women are welcome.

Save the Date! December 16. One service at 10:30am. Join us  
as we celebrate the coming of Christ with harpists John Gasper  
& Roxanne Ziegler.

Salvation Army bell ringers needed:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/avonbellringer/>

Hurricane Relief: Please make checks payable to Avon United

Methodist Church and designate "Hurricane." A special  
offering will be taken today, Sunday, December 2, 2012

December nursery need: Christmas coloring books and  
toddler crayons (thick ones)

## This Week

TODAY — December 2, 2012

8:30 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

Adult Sunday School

Coffee Hour

10:30 Worship

2:00 Bible Study

6:30 Living Son

7:00 Confirmation Class

Chancel Choir

8:00 Bell Choir

10:30 Bible Study

NEXT WEEK — December 9, 2012

8:30 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

Adult Sunday School

Coffee Hour

10:30 Bible Study

2:00 Bible Study

NOTE: The most current church calendar is always available at  
our website. Just click on the CALENDAR link at the top.

The  
Way  
of  
Hope

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 2, 2012, 10:30am

## Administrative Team Financial Update

As of October 31, 2012

\$127,130.63 Total Revenue Year to Date

\$141,693.25 Total Expenses Year to Date

-\$14,562.62 Negative Budget Gap Year To Date

## Avon United Methodist Church

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## First Sunday of Advent

\* = Please stand as you are able.  
Songs numbered 2000 and higher  
may be found in the small black songbook.  
Please place your prayer requests  
in the prayer box or offering plate.

### We Gather

**Prelude**

**"Of the Father's Love Begotten"**  
arr. Mark Hayes

**Welcome**

**\*The Peace**

**Time of Centering**

**"'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"**  
arr. Joseph Martin

God Almighty, we are waiting for a Savior to appear.

Meet us in our desert journey;

give a sign that You are near:

burning bushes, parted waters, food aplenty in the wild.

As we look for signs and wonders,

help us see You in a child.

God Incarnate, we are waiting

for the feast day of Your birth.

Looking back and looking forward

to the Christ's return to earth.

Help us to proclaim the gospel,

'til the world is reconciled.

Let us set Your holy table

for each woman, man, and child.

God the Spirit, we are waiting

for Your presence here and now.

Humbled by our sinful weakness,

at Your mercy we will bow.

Search our hearts and make us ready,

Speak in language strong and mild,

help each one of us, Your people,

to receive You like a child.

**\*Call to Worship**

**"Lift Up Your Heads,  
Ye Mighty Gates" v 1-3 # 213**

### **\*Lighting the Advent Wreath**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will fulfill the promises I have made.

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls:

In You, O God, we trust.

The One Who is coming will show us the way

of steadfast love and faithfulness.

Teach us Your ways,

O God of our salvation.

We light this candle in the sure hope

that God's promises endure.

We will live in the light and way of hope

as we await the coming of the Lord.

**Song**

**"Advent One"**

**\*Praying Together**

Surround us with Your holy quiet, Emmanuel. In this

time of worship, assure us of Your presence and pour

Your Spirit upon us. Inspire within us a hope to greet

the dawn of each new day as Christ draws ever closer

to us. Make our hearts ready for the brightness of

Your glory and the fullness of Your blessing in Jesus

Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### We Listen and Pray

**Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 21:25-36

**Conversations with the Children**

**Sharing our Prayers**

"Lord, hear our prayer."

**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.

**A Gift of Music**

**"Who Shall Appear?"**  
Words and Music by John Puritoy

Adapted from Micah 5:2 and Isaiah 40:3-5

**Sermon**

**Hymn**

**The Joy of Giving**

**Freedom is Coming** # 2192

**"O Come, Emmanuel"**

arr. Jason Krug

### We Celebrate Communion

**Communion Song**

**"Canon de Noel"**

arr. Joseph Martin

*Please gather around the Sanctuary in a circle. Receive*

*the bread. As the cup is offered to you, please dip the*

*bread into the cup and partake.*

*If you would prefer, you may remain seated*

*and the elements will be brought to you.*

### We Go Forth to Serve

**\*Hymn**

**"Soon and Very Soon" # 706**

**\*Benediction**

**"Rise Up Shepherd and Follow"**  
arr. Mark Hayes

**Intercessory Prayer** Team members are available following  
the service each Sunday for anyone who wishes to have  
personal prayer.