

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\***There will be** a free concert at the Geneseo United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 18th at 4:00. All are invited. Choirs from our area will gather together to perform a concert under the guest direction of Mr. Brian Bohrer. Invite a friend and come enjoy an afternoon of great choral music.

\***Linda Rosebrough** is looking for children who are interested in participating in the children's musical. This musical will be performed on Sunday, December 20th. There are parts for children and youth of all ages. Please contact Linda if your child would like to be involved or if you know of neighbors or friends.

\***Financial Peace University** continues Monday, October 12th, 6:30-8:30pm. For questions please contact Sally Sakshaug at 465-2737.

\***Save the date for the Baby Shower** to benefit **Red Bird Mission** and local organizations. Please bring new, unwrapped gifts on Monday, **October 12th at 7:00 PM** to United Methodist Women. If you are unable to attend, gifts may be left on the marked table in Fellowship Hall. **Gift Cards** would be greatly appreciated in order that Red Bird may purchase diapers locally. Thank you!

- 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.
- **First Aid Kits** are located in the Royal Perrin room by the cupboards and in the kitchen above the sink **October Food**
- **Pantry Update:** cereal, pasta sauce, canned pears, pineapple and fruit cocktail, and individually wrapped toilet paper rolls.

This Week

**TODAY — October 11, 2015**  
 8:30 Worship  
 9:30 Coffee Hour  
 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Service  
 11:45 Bible Study

**Monday** 7:00 United Methodist Women

**Tuesday** 9:00 Bulletin Deadline  
 9:30 Stewardship  
 10:30 Outreach

**Wednesday** 7:00 Chancel Choir

**Thursday** 9:30 Giggle Time  
 11:00 Bible Study  
**Newsletter Deadline!**

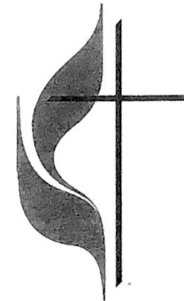
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Avon United Methodist Church

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*“Perfect Love  
 Casts Out Fear”*



**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**  
 October 11, 2015 10:30 a.m.

## 20th Sunday After Pentecost

\* = 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 "Cornerstone" *arr. by John Cumberland*

Welcome

A Time of Centering "Near to The Heart of God"  
*arr. by Jeanette Smith*

Come let us seek our God's protection;  
Yesu sets us free to love and serve.  
For sin and self and fear enslave us;  
Yesu sets us free to love and serve

#### \*Call To Worship

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before  
the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks  
to your name for your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness;**

For you have exalted your name and your word above  
everything

**On the day I called, you answered me, you  
strengthened my life.**

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

#### \*Praying Together

Gracious God, so many people have been scapegoated  
and injured just because we are afraid of difference. So  
many go hungry just because we are afraid of not  
having enough. So many have been abused and  
displaced just because we are afraid of powerlessness.  
So many have been turned away from Your life just  
because we are afraid of being judged ourselves.

Forgive us for giving our fear such power; teach us  
the faith of the sparrow. Teach us the love that drives  
out fear, and teach us to stop clinging to our lives, but  
to find life by giving ourselves up for Your kingdom.  
Amen.

### We Listen and Pray

Scripture Readings 1 John 4:7-12; 16b-21  
Matthew 6:25-34

Conversations with the Children

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.

A Gift of Music "Simple Song of Peace" *by Jerry Estes*

Sermon "Togetherness"

Hymn "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" # 452

### We Respond to God's Grace

The Joy of Giving "Tell It To Jesus"  
*by Mary McDonald*

\*Doxology # 95

#### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you hear our prayers, lift our burdens,  
free us from fear and guard us through the day and  
night. So shall we praise you, resting in your strength,  
living in your brightness and dwelling in your bounty.  
Use our gifts today. Amen

### We Go Forth to Serve

\*Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"  
v 1-3, 6 # 117

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven"  
*by Fay Lopez*

#### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Rev. Kimberly Ferrel  
Ushers: Laurie Combs, Miranda Kenyon,  
Jackie Potter, Mary Primm  
Reader: Bruce Amey  
Music Director: Linda Rosebrough  
Organist: Mark Brennan

The flowers on the altar were given by Jackie Potter to remind  
us of *God's Abundant Grace!*

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