

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

The Interfaith Council is requesting gift cards in denominations of \$10 or \$20 to give as gifts to older children/teenagers this holiday season.

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!

This Week's Church Activities

Sunday, December 9, 2018

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
8:08 Men's Breakfast at Peppermint's Diner
9:00 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School
10:00 Worship Service

Monday

6:30 United Methodist Women

Wednesday

7:00 Chancel Choir

Thursday

11:00 Work Meeting

Friday

10:00 Bible Study

Sunday, December 16, 2018

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

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

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"Es Ist Ein Ros' Entsprungen"



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
130 Genesee St, Avon, NY 14414
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www.avonnyumc.org
Radio Ministry Sundays 7:30am, WYSL1040

December 9, 2018
10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP
2nd Sunday of Advent
*Please Stand in Body or Spirit

WE GATHER

Welcome *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Time of Centering

*Call to Worship

In the beginning, we see darkness, and a lot of dirt.

But where we see dirt, God sees fertile soil.

God tells us to get ready, because great things are coming, and then buries our hearts in the soil.

But when we thought we were being buried, we were actually being planted.

Glorious things will spring out of the earth in God's timing. **Jesus will make us bloom toward heaven.**

*Praying Together

Holy God, prepare us for you. Fill the earth around us with mercy and love, with compassion and grace. Let us soak in those nutrients and thrive in their richness. Let what springs forth within us show the world who you are. Amen.

*Hymn "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," # 218, v. 1-3

Lighting of the Advent Candle

WE LISTEN AND PRAY

Scripture: Luke 3: 1-6

For fifteen years Emperor Tiberius had ruled that part of the world. Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was the ruler of Galilee. Herod's brother, Philip, was the ruler in the countries of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was the ruler of Abilene. ² Annas and Caiaphas were the Jewish high priests.

At that time God spoke to Zechariah's son John, who was living in the desert. ³ So John went along the Jordan Valley, telling the people, "Turn back to God and be baptized! Then your sins will be forgiven." ⁴ Isaiah the prophet wrote about John when he said,

"In the desert someone is shouting, 'Get the road ready for the Lord! Make a straight path for him. ⁵ Fill up every valley and level every mountain and hill. Straighten the crooked paths and smooth out the rough roads. ⁶ Then everyone will see the saving power of God.'"

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

Gift of Music "Come My Savior, Come," by Stan Pethel

Conversations with Children

Sermon "Es Ist Ein Ros' Entsprungen"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," #216

Joy of Giving *to Howard Rose - Linda & Mark*

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

With thanksgiving, we bring these gifts, and offer them up as seeds of Christ's light. Help us to plant them, O God, so that they can grow into your presence in all places in the world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory," #220, v. 1-2, 4

*Responsive Benediction

Prepare the way.

We'll shine God's light within us.

Prepare the way.

We'll bring God's compassion wherever we go.

Prepare the way.

God's love with bloom through us.

Postlude

Assisting in Worship Today

Pastor	Natalie Bowerman
Ushers	Laurie Combs, Jackie Tickner Lloyd Hynes, Bobby Luu
Reader	Sean Boweman
Instrumentalist	Mark Brennan
Music Director	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer	Mark Blakely

Church News & Notes...

You are invited to join us for a worship service of music at the Avon United Methodist church (130 Genesee St.) on Sunday, December 16 at 10:00 am. Our special guests Mitzie Collins (hammered dulcimer), Roxanne Ziegler (harp) and John Heyer (recorder) will be featured. Come and enjoy a time of reflection and preparation for Advent while listening to beautiful music. We welcome all who would like to attend this free event. Please call 226-8600 with any questions.

The Christmas Pageant this year will be a simple retelling of the story of the birth of Jesus with narration and music. There are parts for adults and children. The program will be on Sunday, December 23 rd at the 10:00 worship service. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, December 22nd from 10:00 – 11:00. We will meet at 9:00am on December 23 rd for a run through before the service. The children will rehearse on 12/2, 12/9 and 12/16 from 9:00– 9:15 followed by Sunday School. Please let Linda Rosebrough know if you or your child would like to be involved. All are welcome!
lrosebrough5@gmail.com

UMW will be meeting on Monday, December 10th at the home of Jackie Potter's sister at 6:30 pm. Meet at the church at 6PM to carpool. Please bring a dish to pass and a wrapped gift worth approximately \$10 for the white elephant exchange.