

The December/January issue of The Messenger is available in the back of the sanctuary.

The latest editions of the AUMC Membership Directory and Birthday/ Anniversary List can be found 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.

For upcoming events, please visit our website at [www.avonnyumc.org](http://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.

If you are interested in purchasing Tops gift cards, an on-going fund-raiser for our church, please see Elaine Davis.

#### This Week's Church Activities

##### Sunday, December 29, 2019

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

##### Wednesday (Happy New Year!)

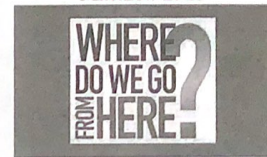
##### Sunday, January 5, 2020

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

#### Our Church Staff

Pastor:	Mia Richardson
Lay Leaders:	Laurie Combs Jackie Potter
Instrumentalist:	Mark Brennan
Office Manager:	Mark Brennan
Music Director:	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer:	Mark Blakely
Custodian:	Bob Wright
Child Care Providers:	Alex Herman Cecelia Drake

#### Matthew 2: 13



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  
585-226-8600  
[www.avonnyumc.org](http://www.avonnyumc.org)  
Radio Ministry Sundays 7:30am, WYSL1040

December 29, 2019  
10:00 AM

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday after Christmas  
\*Please stand in body or spirit  
^Please see insert

### WE GATHER

Prelude "Prince of Heaven," arr. Tracey McKibben  
Greeting & Announcements *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*  
Time of Centering "Silent Night," arr. Mark Hayes

\*Call to Worship  
You have called your church into the leadership of service  
**Inspire our generosity of word and deed, that we may join in your work of reconciliation on behalf of the whole earth.**

You bless the servant-leadership of this congregation.  
**Grant us vision and generosity as we respond to your calling with grateful hearts.**

You hear the hearts of all who are burdened.  
**Accept our prayers on behalf of those for whom we intercede.**

We thank you for the abundance of creation.  
**Hear our prayers of gratitude and thanks. Amen.**

Praying Together:  
**Merciful God, guide and protect your church. Let it cherish and share the gifts of life, forgiveness, and union with your dear Son Jesus. Give it grace to proclaim them boldly and faithfully; and bestow them generously, so that the family you have created in him may grow and flourish. Grant that your Son Jesus is always cradled in the hearts of the people in this congregation; and that we always speak and act in ways that are worthy of our calling as his sisters and brothers. We pray that more and more, we think, pray, speak, and act as your disciples, bearing the great gift of Jesus' love to everyone we meet. Lord, in your mercy, please hear our prayer. Amen.**

\*Hymn "The Church's One Foundation," #545, v. 1-2

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

\*Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated," #399, v. 1

^Baptismal Covenant I

### WE LISTEN AND PRAY

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16-20

Gift of Music "On this Day, Earth Shall Ring"

Conversation with Children

Sermon "Where Do We Go From Here?"

\*Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated," #399, v. 2

^Baptismal Covenant II

\*Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated," #399, v. 3

Joy of Giving "The Birthday of the King," arr. Lloyd Larson

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

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving  
**God of mercy and compassion, as we bring our gifts this morning, we still bask in the warmth of celebrations of Christmas, with tables surrounded by family and friends, tables filled with abundant food and joy. Alongside these blessings, let us also remember this story of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph fleeing as refugees at your direction to escape persecution in their homeland. We can only pray they found welcome and compassion in their flight, and we pray that the gifts we give and the lives we lead will offer compassion and welcome to your children, wherever they are in need. In Christ, who opens his arms to all. Amen.**

### WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," #89, v. 1-3

\*Benediction

Postlude "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," arr. Brad Nix

#### Assisting In Worship Today

Pastor	Mia Richardson
Liturgists	Jackie Potter, Tasha Hairston
Ushers	Dale and Larry Bailey, Jackie Potter and Mary Primm
Reader	Alex Albany
Instrumentalist	Mark Brennan
Music Director	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer	Mark Blakely

We would like to thank Quinn Kenyon for sharing her gifts with us this morning.

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.

#### Church News & Notes...

Please note that Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. All are welcome!