

The Upper Room devotional guide for March/ April 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](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. Church office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9AM-12PM, and Tuesday and Friday, 10AM- 1PM.

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!

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#### This Week's Church Activities

##### Sunday, March 24, 2019

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM  
9:00 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School  
10:00 Worship Service  
11:15 Prayer Team Book Study

##### Wednesday

7:00 Chancel Choir

##### Friday

11:00 Bible Study  
4:30 Lenten Fish Fry

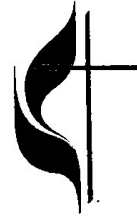
##### Sunday, March 31, 2019

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

#### Our Church Staff

Pastor:	Natalie Bowerman
Interim Pastor:	Rev. Mary Martin
Instrumentalist/ 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

## "Thirsting for God"



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

**March 24, 2019**  
**10:00 AM**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

3rd Sunday of Lent

\*Please Stand in Body or Spirit

^See Insert

**WE GATHER**

Welcome *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*

Prelude "Near the Cross," arr. Larry Shackley

Greeting and Announcements

Time of Centering "Gethsemane Hymn," arr. David Winkler

**\*Call to Worship**

It is an awesome thing to stand in the presence of God, to call God's holy name.

**As far as the heavens are above the earth, God's ways are above our ways.**

But we come with confidence, because in Christ we are called to be God's people.

**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before God our Maker.**

Praying Together

**Amazing Creator of ourselves and of our world, we thank you that you reveal yourself in the events of human history. We thank you that you have shown yourself in Christ, who shared our human life, walking the path of obedience all the way to the cross. May we also die to ourselves and live for the world, through the empowerment of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Hymn "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart," #160, v. 1, 3, 5

**WE LISTEN AND PRAY**

^Scripture: 1 Corinthians: 10: 1-13, Luke: 13: 1-9

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

Gift of Music "Lamb of God," arr. Craig Courtney

Conversation with Children

Sermon "Thirsting For God"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

Joy of Giving "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," arr. Jeff Bennett

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

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy," #395 v. 1, 3-4

\*Benediction

Postlude "All Glory, Laud and Honor," arr. Larry Shackley

**Assisting in Worship Today**

Pastor	Rev. Mary Martin
Ushers	Mary Primm, Steve House Carole & Steve Stephenson
Reader	Don Mastin
Instrumentalist	Mark Brennan
Music Director	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer	Mark Blakely

The flowers on the altar are given by June Despard.

**CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES**

**\*There will be NO Partnership Dinner for March.\***

Our annual Lenten fish fries begin this week, and will be held March 22, 29, April 5 & 12. Sign up sheets can be found downstairs!

Fish Dinner Gift Cards will be available each Sunday from Jackie Tickner.

Please see Jackie Potter to sign up to get your picture taken for the new directory, which will take place before and after church for the next three Sundays.

The Food Pantry is asking for pancake mixes and syrup, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, Jell-o and pudding this month- please bring them to church if you are able to provide.

The Lenten lunches at Central Presbyterian Church run from March 5, 2019 to April 16, 2016, and are held at 11:45AM each Tuesday.

Local churches are asked to help with items for Easter baskets. Our church has been asked to furnish the canned corn and help with purchase of hams. Hams can be dropped off at food pantry or gift cards and money will be collected by Jackie Potter through April 7th.

The March 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 Organ Recital Series will continue at Central Presbyterian church, with concerts held at noon on Tuesdays, March 26, April 2 and April 9. They are free and open to all.