

Lenten lunch will be this Tuesday, April 1st, 11:45 am at the Central Presbyterian Church. Rev. Carin Farmer will present "Faithfulness".

Gift Cards are available to purchase for the fish dinners. They are priced the same as tickets at the door and can be used at any of the 4 dinners. Share your love of AUMC while bringing a smile to someone's face. These are a great way to say "Thank You", "Welcome", or "We Miss You". To purchase, please contact Jackie Tickner at 226-2825.

WOULD YOU like to attend the church's Annual Conference meeting in Syracuse, NY, from May 29-31, 2014? Please see Pastor Kim if you are interested and would like to attend. The church will cover the cost for the event.

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.

**IMPROVING OUR COMMUNICATIONS:** The Church would like to discover a better way to communicate with everyone. If you have a moment, please notify the Church office either by email or phone (226-8600) to let us know which method you would prefer for us to contact you. Thank you!

**Easter Basket Food Pantry Needs:** cereal, boxed potato or stuffing mixes, boxed rice or pasta mixes, canned stews/hash/chili, baked beans/pork and beans, and canned fruit and applesauce. We will need to have these items by April 7th.

**Volunteers needed:** Please help the Avon Food Pantry sort and organize the food for the Easter boxes, we'd be glad to see you at the East Avon Fire Hall on Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

#### This Week

##### TODAY — March 30, 2014

8:30 Worship  
9:30 Coffee Hour  
Sunday School  
10:30 Worship Service  
Tuesday 9:00 Bulletin Deadline  
Wednesday 7:00 Chancel Choir  
8:00 Chancel Bells  
Thursday 9:30 Giggle Time  
11:00 Bible Study  
Friday 4:30 Fish Dinner

##### NEXT WEEK — April 6, 2014

8:30 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
Coffee Hour  
10:30 Worship  
11:45 Bible Study

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God  
Calls  
Us!



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  
March 30, 2014 10:30 a.m.

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

\* = 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 "Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"  
*arr. by Larry Shackley*

Welcome

\*The Peace

A Time of Centering "Lead Me to the Cross"  
*arr. by Todd Beaney*

As a green bud in the springtime  
Is a sign of life renewed,  
So may we be signs of oneness  
'Mid earth's peoples, many hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens  
When a storm is past and gone,  
May our lives reflect the radiance  
Of God's new and glorious dawn.

#### \*Call to Worship

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me  
beside still waters;

He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his  
name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear  
no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my  
enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

### Hymn Sing

#### \*Praying Together

God our shepherd, you provide for us in all things so  
that we shall not want. Help us to remember that you  
are the giver of all good gifts and call us to share with  
others. Inspire our worship with your presence and  
inspire us forever. We pray in the name of Christ.  
Amen.

### We Listen and Pray

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

New Testament Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

### 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

"House of Grace"  
*by Joseph M. Martin*

#### Sermon

"God Calls Us!"

### We Respond to God's Grace

The Joy of Giving "Beneath The Cross of Jesus"  
*arr. by Mark Hayes*

\*Doxology #95

#### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creator God, as we bring our gifts to your altar how  
easy it is to confuse ourselves about what is really needed  
for a full life. Give us a clear vision of the things that  
clutter our lives. Help us grow in our trusting you to  
guide us, and let us find the joy and satisfaction in  
faithfully following. We pray this in the name of your  
son, the good shepherd. Amen.

### We Go Forth to Serve

#### Hymn Sing

#### Benediction

\*Postlude "There Is Power in the Blood"  
*arr. by Lloyd Larson*

### SERVING US TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Kimberly Ferrel

Reader: Carole Stephenson

Ushers: To Be Announced

Organist: Mark Brennan

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