

Church News & Notes...

Join us for coffee and a treat each week at 9:30 AM downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

The April edition of our newsletter, The Messenger, is now 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 March/ April is available, and can be found in the church stairway or on the back shelf.

The latest edition of the AUMC Membership Directory 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.

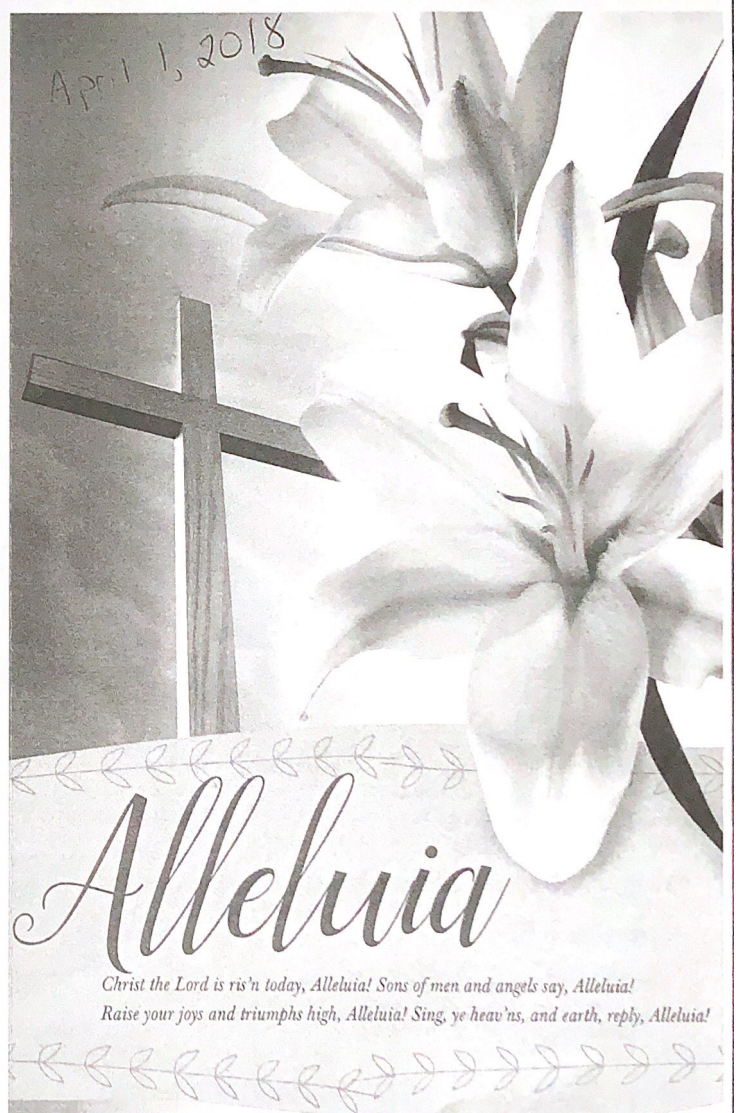
Please feel free to contact the church with any questions or concerns at 226-8600. This week's office hours are Monday, Wednesday- Thursday from 9 AM -12 PM, Tuesday and Friday from 10 AM - 1 PM.

If you are interested in purchasing Tops gift cards, an on-going fundraiser 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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

*Please Stand in Body or Spirit

WE GATHER

Prelude "Hosanna," arr. Larry Shackley

Greeting

Time of Centering "Keep Me Near the Cross," arr. Mary McDonald

*Call to Worship

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Open the gates of justice and righteousness, that we may give thanks to God.

Today we enter the gates of the Holy One as the body of Christ.

We are called to do justice and love kindness.

Today is the day of celebration and promise.

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*Opening Prayer

God of mystery, God of wonder and love, God of resurrection and new life; last night we wept, because we thought you were dead. This morning, like Mary in the garden, we mistake you for someone else, and ask where you have gone. But you have wakened us with sunshine, opening our eyes to daffodils and cherry blossoms, filling our ears with birdsong, filling our hearts with joy. For you are not dead, but risen, and live among us now. Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," #302, v. 1-3

Scripture Reading John 20: 1-18

Sharing Our Prayers

Pastoral Prayer ,The Lord's Prayer #895

Gift of Music

Conversation with Children

Sermon "Questions God Asks Us, Part 6: What Are You Looking For?"

Hymn "He Lives," #310, v. 1-2

Offertory "Hallelujah, What a Savior," arr. Mark Hayes

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of love and grace, for the love and life that you gave us in Christ, we offer you these signs of our gratitude; for the compassion and mercy that you give us in the Holy Spirit, we offer you our thankfulness and praise. Receive these gifts in your holy name. Amen.

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION

Communion Song "Here, At Your Table Lord," arr. Mark Hayes

*Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns," #327, v. 1-3

*Benediction

Christ is Risen! Go forth in joy!

From darkness and despair, we go to share Christ's hope and joy.

Christ is Risen! Go forth in faith.

From doubt and betrayal, we go to walk in faith and fidelity.

Christ is Risen! Go forth to live.

From suffering and death, we go to heal a broken world.

Christ is Risen.

Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia.

Postlude "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," arr. Jeff Bennett