

The Upper Room devotional guide for November/ December 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 Tuesday and Friday from 10AM -1 PM, and Thursday from 9AM-12PM.

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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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.

This Week's Church Activities

Sunday, November 4, 2018

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

Tuesday (Election Day)

4:30-7 Chicken 'n' Biscuit Dinner

Wednesday

7:00 Chancel Choir

Friday

10:00 Bible Study

Sunday, November 11, 2018

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
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 Leader:	Alex Albany
Child Care Providers:	Kristina Torres Alex Herman

"GOD'S TOY BOX, PART 4: THE YO-YO"



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.

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Radio Ministry Sundays 7:30am, WYSL1040

**November 4, 2018
10:00 AM**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

24th Sunday after Pentecost

*Please Stand in Body or Spirit

^See Insert

WE GATHER

Welcome *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*

Prelude "The Stand," arr. Matt Hyzer

Greeting and Announcements

Time of Centering "Here I Am to Worship," arr. Lloyd Larson

*Call to Worship

God ushers us through the windings and unwindings of life.

We were all wound up, wrapped in a funeral cloth and sealed in a tomb like the dead.

But Jesus said, "Open the tomb. Unbind them, and let them go."

Jesus released us from the confines of death, and unraveled the string. We fall gracefully with freedom. But we don't free fall forever, we stay attached to Jesus, and we always bounce back to him when it's time.

The string wraps around us again, every time we need to feel it. We're never separated from Jesus because we are surrounded by his love, and surrounded by the communion of saints.

Let us worship the one who allows us to fall and promises we'll rise again.

*Praying Together

God of new beginnings, remove the shroud that separates us from one another and from you, and release us to life and freedom. Unravel our tears, our grief, and our disgrace, and allow us to see your glory anew at the end of the cord. Then pull us closer to you, and bind us in your love, knowing that our belongingness to you connects us all, in this life and in life eternal. Amen.

*Hymn

"For All the Saints," #711 v. 1-3

We Receive a New Member

WE LISTEN AND PRAY

^Scripture: John 11: 32-44

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

Gift of Music "To Where You Are,"
by Linda Thompson & Richard Marx

Conversations with Children

Sermon "God's Toy Box, Part 4: The Yo-Yo"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn "Hymn of Promise," #707

Joy of Giving "Swing Low," arr. Ruth Schram

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, you released us to live, to discover, and to harvest. As we return to you, we bring the fruits of our labor, all created by your hand. Bless these offerings, and use them to bind us all to you. Amen.

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION

Chancel Choir "In Communion with Me," arr. Mary McDonald

Gracious God, the string unraveled, and we fell. You blessed us with the gift of freedom, and we wandered far from you. We give thanks for the beauty of your Creation that we discovered along the way, and we confess that at times we strayed far enough to forget about your will for this world. Forgive us, and bring us back to you. May this sacred feast be a glorious thread that unites us all in your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," #557 v.1-2

*Benediction

Postlude "Praise My Soul," arr. Faye Lopez

Assisting in Worship Today

Pastor	Natalie Bowerman
Ushers	Stormy & Craig Bailey, Gary & Elaine Davis
Reader	Cathy Dickinson
Instrumentalist	Mark Brennan
Music Director	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer	Mark Blakely

The flowers on the altar are given by Natalie and Sean Bowerman, in memory of Grandma G.

Many thanks to Bruce Amey for providing us with special music this morning!

Church News & Notes...

Our annual Chicken 'n' Biscuit Dinner is this Tuesday! Please see the insert for more information.

The Food Pantry is asking that we provide canned green beans, gravy, canned pumpkin, pie crust, stuffing mix, mushroom soup, cranberry sauce and evaporated milk for the Thanksgiving baskets. Please bring donations to church by November 11th, if possible. (Perishable food is being furnished by Foodlink.) Baskets will be assembled at the East Avon Fire Hall on November 12 at 9AM.

The November 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.