

The April 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 latest edition of the AUMC Membership Directory can be found in the back of the sanctuary.

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

The Upper Room devotional guide for March/April 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. Also, follow us on Facebook at 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 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, April 22, 2018

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
8:30 Worship Service
9:30 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service

Monday

6:30 Partnership Dinner

Tuesday

10:00 Bible Study

Wednesday

7:00 Chancel Choir

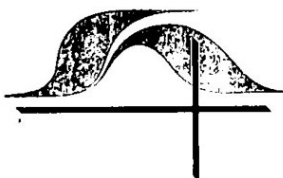
Sunday, April 29, 2018

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
8:30 Worship Service
9:30 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service

Our Church Staff

Pastor:	Natalie Bowerman
Lay Leader:	Alex Albany
Instrumentalist:	Mark Brennan
Office Manager:	Mark Brennan
Music Director:	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer:	Mark Blakely
Custodian:	Bob Wright
Child Care Providers:	Madelaine Wolfer Alex Herman

“Half Truths, Part One: Everything Happens for a Reason”



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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www.avonnyumc.org
Radio Ministry Sundays 7:30am, WYSL 1040

April 22, 2018
10:30 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday after Easter
*Please Stand in Body or Spirit

WE GATHER

Please fill out Fellowship Folder

Welcome
Prelude *Give Me Jesus," arr. Marianne Kim

Greeting and Announcements

Time of Centering "Like a River Glorious," arr. Gina Sprunger

*Call to Worship

When you feel alone, don't despair.
Christ is here.

When your hope falters, open your ears.
God is still speaking.

When you feel lost, open your hearts.
The Spirit is here to guide us home.

Here in this house of worship,
Enter, rejoice, and come home.

*Praying Together

Come to us, God, for we are waiting. Bring us your words of peace, that they might soothe our fearful and doubting souls. Open our hearts to the message you would share with us today through song, prayer, and meditation. Help us to claim our identity as your beloved children, and to live out that identity through selfless love of others. Amen.

*Hymn "Thine Be the Glory," #308

WE LISTEN AND PRAY

Scripture

John 10: 11-18
"I am the good shepherd, and the good shepherd gives up his life for his sheep. "12 Hired workers are not like the shepherd. They don't own the sheep, and when they see a wolf coming, they run off and leave the sheep. Then the wolf attacks and scatters the flock. "13 Hired workers run away because they don't care about the sheep.

"14 I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and they know me. "15 Just as the Father knows me, I know the Father, and I give up my life for my sheep. "16 I have other sheep that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them together too, when they hear my voice. Then there will be one flock of sheep and one shepherd.

"17 The Father loves me, because I give up my life, so that I may receive it back again. "18 No one takes my life from me. I give it up willingly! I have the power to give it up and the power to receive it back again, just as my Father commanded me to do.

Sharing Our Prayers, Pastor's Prayer, Lord's Prayer #895

Gift of Music

"Praise the Mighty Lord Forever,"
Mozart, K.277 arr. Patrick Liebergen

Conversation with Children

Sermon

"Half Truths, Part 1:
Everything Happens for a Reason"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Hymn

"Lead Me Lord," #473, sung twice

Joy of Giving "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna," arr. Mark Hayes

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of love, how can we adequately thank you for all that you have given us? We respond by offering you our very selves and the gifts of our resources, tokens of our love for you. May they touch the lives of others, as we have been touched, that all may know your radical, forgiving, transforming love. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory," #577, v. 1-2, 4

*Benediction

Postlude "The Day of Resurrection," arr. Larry Shackley

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.

Assisting In Worship Today

Pastor	Natalie Bowerman
Ushers	Steve House, Mary Primm Carole & Steve Stephenson
Reader	Ginny House
Instrumentalist	Mark Brennan
Music Director	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer	Mark Blakely

The flowers on the altar are given Barb Montessano and Marcia Cameron, in loving remembrance of John Montessano.

Church News & Notes...

The Avon Walk Against Hunger will be on May 5th. If you are interested in walking, please see Laurie Combs for donor envelopes.

The Food Pantry is specifically requesting peanut butter, jelly and jam for the month of April. Please bring any donations to church.

Lima Presbyterian Church is having their roast pork dinner on Saturday, May 5th, 4-7pm. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and children younger than 5 are free. Take outs are available.

Zion Episcopal Church is having their ham dinner on Saturday, April 28. Dinner will be from 5-7pm, with take outs available 4:30-6pm. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-10, and children younger than 5 are free.