

The September 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 Upper Room devotional guide for July/ August 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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This Week's Church Activities

Sunday, September 2, 2018

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
9:30 Worship Service

Sunday, September 9, 2018

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
9:30 Worship Service at Long Point Park

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.

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

“War, What Is It Good For?”



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

September 2, 2018
9:30 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

15th Sunday after Pentecost

*Please Stand in Body or Spirit

[^]See Insert

WE GATHER

Welcome *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*

Prelude "Here I Am to Worship," arr. Victor Labenske

Greeting and Announcements

Time of Centering "An Offering," arr. Bethany K. Smith

*Call to Worship

Let us join together in worshipping our God.

God is our Lord of love and peace.

God alone is where we find our joy.

God alone gives us our strength.

Let us worship God.

*Praying Together

Creating God, giver of life, open our hearts to hear your call. Open our ears to hear your voice, and open our eyes to see the world the way you see it. Open our minds to think like you, and open our lives to follow you. Amen.

*Hymn "Christ is the World's Light," #188, v. 1-2,4

WE LISTEN AND PRAY

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, Matthew 26: 47-52

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Everything on earth has its own time and its own season. ²There is a time for birth and death, planting and reaping, ³for killing and healing, destroying and building, ⁴for crying and laughing, weeping and dancing, ⁵for throwing stones and gathering stones, embracing and parting.

⁶There is a time for finding and losing, keeping and

giving, ⁷for tearing and sewing, listening and speaking.

⁸There is also a time for love and hate, for war and peace.

Matthew 26: 47-52

⁴⁷Jesus was still speaking, when Judas the betrayer came up. He was one of the twelve disciples, and a large mob armed with swords and clubs was with him. They had been sent by the chief priests and the nation's leaders.

⁴⁸Judas had told them ahead of time, "Arrest the man I greet with a kiss."

⁴⁹Judas walked right up to Jesus and said, "Hello, teacher." Then Judas kissed him.

⁵⁰Jesus replied, "My friend, why are you here?" The men grabbed Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹One of Jesus' followers pulled out a sword. He struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

⁵²But Jesus told him, "Put your sword away. Anyone who lives by fighting will die by fighting."

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

Conversations with Children

Sermon "War, What Is It Good For?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light," #206 v. 1-2

Joy of Giving "Coronation," arr. Bethany K. Smith

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Receive our offerings, O God, as our commitment to give from our lives to the work of your Church. We offer ourselves and these gifts as our promise to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. Amen.

*WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION

Communion Song "Let Us Break Bread Together," arr. Joel Raney

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth," #431

*Benediction

Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine," arr. Jerry Ray

Assisting In Worship Today

Pastor	Natalie Bowerman
Ushers	Stormy & Craig Bailey Gary & Elaine Davis
Reader	Ginny House
Instrumentalist	Linda Rosebrough
Music Director	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer	Mark Blakely

Church News & Notes...

Sunday, September 9, at 10am, our church will have a joint worship service with Geneseo United Methodist Church at Long Point Park. Our choirs will sing a special anthem together, and everyone is invited to stay after for a potluck lunch.

Sunday, September 16, we're going to our new fall schedule, with one service at 10am. Our full morning schedule will be as follows:

9am— Coffee hour
9am— Praise and Sing Choir
9:15am— Sunday School
9:15am— Sanctuary choirs warm up
10am— Worship

The Food Pantry is asking that we provide pasta sauce and canned tuna. Please bring donations to church, if possible.