

Church News & Notes...

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

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 September/ October 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, 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 16, 2018

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
9:00 Coffee hour
9:00 Sunday School
9:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship Service

Tuesday

11:00 Heart of Ruth

Wednesday

7:00 Chancel Choir

Sunday, September 23, 2018

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
9:00 Coffee hour
9:00 Sunday School
9:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship Service

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:	Natale Sowerman
Instrumentalist:	Mark Brennan
Office Manager:	Mark Brennan
Music Director:	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer:	Mark Blakeley
Custodian:	Bob Wright
Lay Leader:	Alex Albany
Child Care Providers:	Kristina Torres Alex Herman

"Aliens"



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 16, 2018
10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

17th Sunday after Pentecost

*Please Stand in Body or Spirit

WE GATHER

Welcome *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*

Prelude "All the Poor and Powerless," arr. James Koertz

Greeting and Announcements

Time of Centering "Softly and Tenderly," arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

The heavens are telling the glory of God,

And the earth proclaims our Creator's handiwork.

The sun shines with the word of God,

And the moon glimmers with the knowledge of the Lord.

God's voice is sovereign, and it echoes throughout the universe.

Everything we see, and everything we know, bears the image of God.

And the things we've never seen, the things we cannot know, the things we cannot imagine, are also the work of the Lord.

Let us worship our loving Creator.

*Praying Together

God of our world, God of our existence, and God of our wonder,

we approach you in worship with awe and humility. God of our security, and God of our certainty,

we adore you for the world we know. God of the unknown, God of our curiosity, and God without limits,

we adore you for all the worlds we don't know, and all the life we can't even fathom, knowing that it's all held in perfect balance by your love. Amen.

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

WE LISTEN AND PRAY

Scripture: Revelation 5: 11-13, Matthew 16: 13-17

¹¹As I looked, I heard the voices of a lot of angels around the throne and the voices of the living creatures and

of the elders. There were millions and millions of them, ¹²and they were saying in a loud voice, "The Lamb who was killed is worthy to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and praise."

¹³Then I heard all beings in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and in the sea offer praise. Together, all of them were saying, "Praise, honor, glory, and strength forever and ever to the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb!"

Matthew 16:13-17

¹³When Jesus and his disciples were near the town of Caesarea Philippi, he asked them, "What do people say about the Son of Man?"

¹⁴The disciples answered, "Some people say you are John the Baptist or maybe Elijah or Jeremiah or some other prophet."

¹⁵Then Jesus asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

¹⁶Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷Jesus told him: Simon, son of Jonah, you are blessed! You didn't discover this on your own. It was shown to you by my Father in heaven.

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

Gift of Music "God is Our Refuge," by Allen Pote

Conversations with Children

Sermon "Aliens"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn #109, "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace," v. 1-2, 4

Joy of Giving "Come, Thou Fount!" arr. Bethany Smith

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of the land and the water, God of the clouds and the constellations, God of the planets and the galaxies, God of all that is, and will ever be: bless these gifts to the use of your Church, and us to your service. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn #150, "God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens," v. 1-2

*Responsive Benediction

God's love reaches us from the furthest corners of space.

God's glory transcends time and matter.

God's wisdom beams on shooting stars and northern lights.

God's compassion illumines the darkness within and without.

Go in peace, with the blessing of our God resting on you wherever you go.

Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," arr. Larry Shackley

Assisting In Worship Today

Pastor	Natalie Bowerman
Ushers	Marcia Cameron, June Despard Mavis Preston, Malinda Wilson
Reader	Bruce Arney
Instrumentalist	Mark Brennan
Music Director	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer	Mark Blakely

The flowers on the altar are given by Jackie Potter.

We are extremely grateful to welcome back the Chancel Choir this morning!