

Church News & Notes...

Stars! Angels! Shepherds! Kings! Children's Musical Rehearsal today (11/27) and 12/4 at 10AM and 4PM. Dress rehearsal is Saturday, 12/10 from 10AM-11AM. The children will perform the musical on Sunday, 12/11. Warm up will be at 9:30AM. There will be one church service that morning, at 10:30AM, with a reception following. Cookies are needed. Please contact Ginny House at 226-8380 if you are able to provide them.

Special Music: Invite your friends and neighbors to come and worship with us on Sunday, December 18th. Mitzie Collins, Glenda Dove and Roxanne Ziegler will be sharing their beautiful music with us. This is the perfect way to slow down and meditate on the meaning of the Christmas season through the amazing music. There will be one service at 10:30 am.

Women of Zion Tea The women of the church are invited to the Women of Zion's Eleventh Silver Tea at the Zion Episcopal Church on 12/11 from 2PM-4PM. Please RSVP by December 5th to Zion's church office at 226-3722.

United Methodist Women are invited to a Christmas dinner at the Avon Community Center on December 12th at 6:30. Please bring a "white elephant gift" and a dish to pass. Please contact Carole Stephenson at 226-3206 if you would like to attend.

Welcome to the Avon United Methodist Church! Our congregation includes people of all backgrounds and perspectives. We gather together with a common love for God and all of God's people, and we are glad you are with us! *-Pastor Kim Ferrill*

For upcoming events, check out our website at avonnyumc.org or on Facebook at [facebook.com/avonNYUMC](https://www.facebook.com/avonNYUMC)

Hearing assistance is available for our services. Please contact an usher for assistance, if needed.

Handicap accessibility to the second floor is available. Please alert the door greeter of this need.

Children are always welcome in worship. Coloring books, crayons, and activity bags are all available from the ushers.

Our nursery is available with paid, trained, background-checked staff during our 10:30 service.

Sunday School is held for all children N-6th grade, from 9:30-10:30AM.

This Week's Church Activities

Today

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040
8:30 Worship Service
9:30 Coffee Hour
Sunday School
10:00 Praise and Sing Choir
10:30 Worship Service
4:00 Praise and Sing Choir

Monday

6:30 Ad Team

Wednesday

7:00 Chancel Choir
8:00 Chancel Bell Choir

Thursday

9:30 Giggle Time
11:00 Bible Study

Sunday December 4, 2016

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040
8:30 Worship Service
9:30 Coffee Hour
Sunday School
10:00 Praise and Sing Choir
10:30 Worship Service
2:00 Christmas Wreath Making
4:00 Praise and Sing Choir

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED



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www.avonnyumc.org
Radio Ministry Sundays 7:30am, WYSL1040

November 27, 2016
8:30/ 10:30 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent

*Please stand in body or spirit
Songs number 2000 or higher
may be found in the small songbook.

WE GATHER

Prelude "Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying,"
arr. Zach Unke

Welcome *Please fill out fellowship folder*

Time of Centering "Coventry Carol, with Chopin's Nocturne
Op. 72, No. 1," arr. Faye Lopez

*Call to Worship

I was glad when they said unto me. Let us go into the house
of the Lord.

Our feet were standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city and is bound firmly together, to
which the tribes go up to the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks
to the name of the Lord as was decreed for Israel.

**Thrones for judgment were set there, the thrones of the
house of David.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

**May they prosper, who love you! Peace be within your
walls, and security within your towers!**

For the sake of my relatives and friends, I will say "Peace be
within you!"

**For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek
your good.**

*Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light,"
v. 1, 2, 4 #206

*Praying Together

At the invitation of Christ we come, Oh Lord, to wait before
your throne. We stand here, not in our own righteousness,
but clothed with the righteousness of Jesus. We have
received Your grace, and our hearts are warmed by the gift of
your Holy Spirit. Blessed be your name O God and blessed
be this time of Worship. In the name of Christ Jesus, Amen.

WE LISTEN AND PRAY

Scripture Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Silent Reflection (8:30)

Conversations with the Children (10:30)

Sharing our Prayers, Pastor's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer # 895

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY (10:30)

A Gift of Music (10:30) "Christ, Be Our Light!"
by Bernadette Farrell & Joel Raney

Sermon "Expect the Unexpected"

Hymn (10:30) "Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying," #720
V. 1, 2

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Joy of Giving "Come, O Come Emmanuel,"
arr. Mark Hayes

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Celebrate Communion (8:30)

Hymn "This is a Day of New Beginnings," 383

Communion Song "For the Fruit of All Creation,"
arr. Zach Unke

*Please come to the front by the center aisle and stand around the
Communion Table. Receive the bread. As the cup is offered, dip
your bread into the cup and partake. After a benediction, please
return to your seat.*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," #672

*Benediction

Now, Unto him that is able to keep you from stumbling and to
make you stand in the presence of his glory, blameless with
great joy, to the only God our savior, through Jesus Christ
our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all
time and now and forever. Amen

*Postlude "Lead On, O King Eternal," arr. Ralph Long

Our Church Staff and Lay Volunteers

Pastor:	Kim Ferrell
Interim Pastor:	Rev. DJ Robinson
Lay Leader:	Paul Brown
Ushers:	Alex Albany (8:30) Laurie Combs, Jackie Tickner Steve & Carole Stephenson (10:30)
Readers:	Lloyd Hynes (8:30), Sue Moses (10:30)
Instrumentalist/ Office Administrator:	Mark Brennan
Music Director:	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer:	Mark Blakely
Custodian:	Bob Wright
Child Care Providers:	Brenda Munzinger, Maddy Wolfer

*The flowers on the altar are given by Mary Primm in
loving memory of her sisters, O'Neal Campbell and
Alberta Dortch.*

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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.

Join us for Coffee and a Treat each week at 9:30 AM
downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Community News & Notes.....

Weight Watchers	Thursdays	6:30 PM
AA Meeting	Fridays	8:30 PM
Food Addicts Meeting	Sundays	7:00 PM