

Church News & Notes...

The Food Pantry is asking that we provide canned fruit, canned peas, and canned green beans. Please bring donations to church, if possible.

The October 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 Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9AM-12PM, and Tuesday and Friday from 10AM -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!

This Week's Church Activities

Sunday, October 14, 2018

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
8:08 Men's Breakfast at Peppermint's Diner
10:00 Worship Service

Monday

6:30 Ad Team

Wednesday

7:00 Chancel Choir

Friday

10:00 Bible Study

Sunday, October 21, 2018

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Prayer Team

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

"GOD'S TOY BOX, PART 1: LEGOS"



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

**October 14, 2018
10:00 AM**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
21st Sunday after Pentecost
*Please Stand in Body or Spirit

WE GATHER

Welcome *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*

Prelude "I Am Bound for the Promised Land,"
arr. Hugh Livingston, Jr.

Greeting and Announcements

Time of Centering "Create in Me a Clean Heart,"
arr. Todd Beaney

***Call to Worship**

One piece at a time, we build our trust in God.

We lend each other blocks, so we can build a strong foundation.

If we build on Christ, we cannot be shaken.

If we build toward God, then our blocks become God's Kingdom.

Our blocks are love, justice, and faithfulness.

They replace our towers of prejudice, oppression, and distrust.

Let us build the Kingdom of God.

***Praying Together**

Holy One of Peace, you hold the blueprint for our building. We can't always see all your plans, but you reveal them to us, little by little, and you show us where to put the next block. You help us build in harmony, so our blocks all snap together, and you help us see that we all have a valuable block to contribute to the building of your Kingdom. Help us to trust all of our building to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn # 400, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

WE LISTEN AND PRAY

Scripture: Mark 7: 24-37

²⁴ Jesus left and went to the region near the city of Tyre, where he stayed in someone's home. He did not want people to know he was there, but they found out anyway. ²⁵ A woman whose daughter had an evil spirit in her heard where Jesus was. And right away she came and knelt down at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was Greek and had been born in the part of Syria known as Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to force the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ But Jesus said, "The children must first be fed! It isn't right to take away their food and feed it to dogs."

²⁸ The woman replied, "Lord, even dogs eat the crumbs that children drop from the table."

²⁹ Jesus answered, "That's true! You may go now. The demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ When the woman got back home, she found her child lying on the bed. The demon had gone.

³¹ Jesus left the region around Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward Lake Galilee. He went through the land near the ten cities known as Decapolis. ³² Some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk. They begged Jesus just to touch him.

³³ After Jesus had taken him aside from the crowd, he stuck his fingers in the man's ears. Then he spit and put it on the man's tongue. ³⁴ Jesus looked up toward heaven, and with a groan he said, "Effatha!" which means "Open up!" ³⁵ At once the man could hear, and he had no more trouble talking clearly.

³⁶ Jesus told the people not to say anything about what he had done. But the more he told them, the more they talked about it. ³⁷ They were completely amazed and said, "Everything he does is good! He even heals people who cannot hear or talk."

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

Gift of Music "Come and Sing to the Lord," arr. Hal Hopson

Conversations with Children

Sermon "God's Toy Box, Part 1: Legos"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Hymn #389, "Freely, Freely"

Joy of Giving "When the Morning Comes,"
arr. Mary McDonald

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of justice, may these gifts become one block that helps in building your Kingdom. Bless these gifts to our ministry, and us to your service. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn #368, "My Hope Is Built," v. 1-2, 4

*Benediction

Postlude "O Magnify the Lord," arr. Dick Tunney

Assisting in Worship Today

Pastor	Natalie Bowerman
Ushers	Laurie Combs, Jackie Tickner
Reader	Marcia Cameron
Instrumentalist	Mark Brennan
Music Director	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer	Mark Blakely

The flowers on the altar are given by Ken & Norrine Furman, in celebration of the beauty of Autumn.

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