

The February edition of our newsletter, **The Messenger**, is now 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 January/ February is now available, and can be found in the church stairway or on the back shelf.

Our new edition of the **AUMC Membership Phone Book** can be found in the back of the sanctuary.

For **upcoming events**, please visit our website at [www.avonnyumc.org](http://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 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!

### This Week's Church Activities

#### Sunday, January 28, 2018

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

#### Friday

10:00 Bible Study

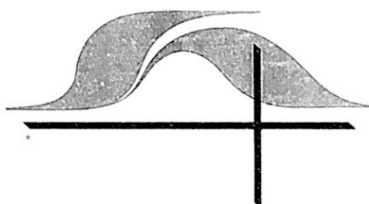
#### Sunday, February 4, 2018

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:	Linda Rosebrough
Music Director:	Bob Wright
Custodian:	Mark Blakely
Sound Engineer:	Madeline Wolfer
Child Care Providers:	Alex Herman

## “Things We Trip Over”



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, WYSL 1040

**January 28, 2018**  
**8:30 AM**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
4th Sunday after Epiphany  
\*Please Stand in Body or Spirit

**WE GATHER**

Welcome *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*  
Prelude "Holy Ground," arr. Lloyd Larson  
Passing of the Peace

Time of Centering \*Amazing Grace, with Liszt's 'Un Sospiro,'  
arr. Joel Raney

\*Call to Worship  
Praise the Lord!  
Praise God with hearts full of song.

Delight in the Lord!  
Celebrate the majestic work of God's hands.

Trust in the Lord!  
Rejoice that following God leads to abundant life.  
Come into God's presence with joy and thanksgiving.  
Come and worship God.

\*Praying Together  
God of mystery and might, when your presence  
overwhelmed your people, you sent prophets, teachers,  
and guides to call them back to life; when we wandered  
in the shadows, you sent your Son, Jesus, to open our  
eyes, that we might see your ways anew. Open our  
hearts and minds this day, that we might understand  
your holy mysteries and proclaim your teachings for all  
to hear. Amen.

\*Hymn Sing

**WE LISTEN AND PRAY**

Scriptures 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13, Mark 1: 21-2

Sharing Our Prayers, Pastor's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer #895

Sermon "Things We Trip Over"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

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

Joy of Giving "All Creatures of Our God and King,"  
arr. Larry Shackley

\*Doxology #95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving  
God of splendor and might, you lead us across the  
wilderness of our lives, setting our hearts aflame; you  
teach us the ways of life and death and send us prophets  
to bless us with understanding and wisdom. May these  
offerings show our commitment to grow ever deeper in  
your ways, through the one who leads us into life. Amen.

**WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION**

(8:30)  
See Insert

Communion Song "Reflection," by Todd Beaney

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," #557, v. 1-2, 4

Benediction

May the love of God sustain you as you leave this place.

We go to share God's love with the world.

May the teachings of Christ guide you as you share God's  
wisdom with the world.

We go to share Christ's teachings with the world.

May the power of the Spirit sustain you as you continue your  
journey of faith.

We go to share the Spirit's power with the world.

\*Postlude "Lead On, O King Eternal," arr. Larry Shackley

**Assisting in Worship Today**

Pastor Natalie Bowerman  
Ushers Bobby Luu  
Reader Bobby Luu  
Instrumentalist Mark Brennan  
Music Director Linda Rosebrough  
Sound Engineer Mark Blakey

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.

**Community News & Notes...**

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

**Church News & Notes...**

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

Avon Central Presbyterian Church's "Super Soup-er Bowl  
Dinner" will be held on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:30-7  
PM at 133 Genesee St. There will be a soup bar, salad bar,  
baked potato bar, and dessert bar. Bring in a donation for the  
Avon Food Pantry and receive a dollar off your meal! Adult:  
\$10, Children 6-10: \$8. Quart of soup only: \$6. Eat in or take  
out.

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unless otherwise noted.