

The Choruses and Theatre of Avon High School present the musical "Guys and Dolls" on Friday, March 13th at 7:00 PM, Saturday, March 14th at 7:00 PM and Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 PM in the Middle School Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door.

If you are interested in volunteering at Teresa House in Geneseo, please call 243-1978. Tasks may include assembling simple meals, providing hands-on care, washing clothes and bedding, or to just provide a loving presence.

The current editions of the AUMC Membership Directory, The Messenger newsletter, and the birthday/ anniversary list can be found in the back of the sanctuary.

The Upper Room devotional guide for March/ April is available and can be found in the church stairway or on the back shelf.

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. Office hours this week are Wednesday from 9AM- 12PM.

If you are interested in purchasing Tops gift cards, an on-going fund-raiser for our church, please see Elaine Davis.

#### This Week's Church Activities

##### Sunday, March 8, 2020

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM  
8:08 Men's Breakfast at Peppermint's Restaurant  
9:00 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School  
9:15 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship Service

##### Monday

7:00 United Methodist Women

##### Tuesday

11:45 Lenten Luncheon at Central Presbyterian

##### Wednesday

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

##### Thursday

11:00 Heart of Ruth

##### Friday

4:30 Lenten Fish Dinner

##### Sunday, March 15, 2020

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

#### Our Church Staff

Pastor:	Mia Richardson
Lay Leaders:	Laurie Combs Jackie Potter
Instrumentalist:	Mark Brennan
Office Manager:	Mark Brennan
Music Director:	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer:	Mark Blakely
Custodian:	Bob Wright
Child Care Providers:	Alex Herman Cecelia Drake

## "Climbing a Mountain"



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.

Avon United Methodist Church  
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Radio Ministry Sundays 7:30am, WYSL1040

**March 8, 2020  
10:00 AM**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Lent

\*Please stand in body or spirit

### WE GATHER

Welcome *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*

Prelude "Grace Greater Than Our Sin," arr. Larry Shackley

Greeting and Announcements

Time of Centering What Wondrous Love," arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

O, my soul, and all that is within me,

**Bless the Lord.**

O, my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

**Bless the Lord,**

Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.

**Bless the Lord,**

Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies.

**Bless the Lord.**

Praying Together

**Thank You, Father, for the light that surrounds me, the hope that surges into me, for the love that controls my mood. I am experiencing Your presence. Praise be to you, O God. I worship You, the eternal source of all life. O Lord, I pray that in this hour You will inspire me and give me the drive to be Your voice in my world. This I pray in Your name. Amen.**

Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine," #585

### WE LISTEN AND PRAY

Scripture: Psalm 36: 7-9  
How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Psalm 37: 4-7  
Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do for you: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

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

Gift of Music "Fill-a Me Up," by Pepper Choplin

Conversations with Children

Scripture John 8: 12-16

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid." Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me.

Sermon

"Climbing a Mountain"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Hymn "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine," #465, v. 1-3

Joy of Giving "I Will Enter His Gates," arr. Mark Hayes

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**I come to You now with so much to thank You for. As Your child I want to shout for joy and sing your praises for all You have done for me. There is a fresh fragrance in the air, and I sense it is the presence of my God, whose love and peace is filling my life now. Give me the strength to hold on to hope as I meet the many challenges throughout the day. With all of love, Amen.**

### WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn "Where He Leads Me," #338, v. 1-2, 4

Benediction

Postlude "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners," arr. Jeff Bennett

### Assisting in Worship Today

Pastor	David Jacobus
Liturgists	Jackie Potter, Tasha Hairston
Ushers	Laurie Combs, Jackie Tickner Lloyd Hynes, Bobby Luu

Children's Ministry	Lisa Kay Kuchar
Reader	Craig Bailey
Instrumentalist	Mark Brennan
Music Director	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer	Mark Blakely

The flowers on the altar are provided by Judy Babbitt, in memory of her father.

We would like to thank the Chancel Choir for sharing their gifts with us today.

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.

### Church News & Notes...

The Lenten Luncheons will be held each Tuesday of Lent beginning on February 25 at 11:45 AM at Central Presbyterian Church.

Our Lenten Fish Dinners will be held on March 13, 20, 27, and April 3. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall, if you would like to participate!

Genesee Country Christian School on Long Point Road in Genesee will be hosting its largest fundraiser of the year. On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-7PM, come enjoy a wonderful spaghetti dinner which will be followed by our silent and live auctions. There will be many incredible items to bid on, as well as some great deals. Ticket prices: Adult- \$8, Child- \$4, will be available for purchase at the door. For more information or to donate to the auction, please call Genesee Country Christian School at (585) 243-9580.