

### Church News & Notes...

The Food Pantry is requesting paper products (toilet paper, paper towels) and soap products (laundry detergent, dish soap) this month- please bring them to church if you are able to provide.

Geneseo Country Christian School, 4120 Long Point Road, Geneseo, invites you to their Spaghetti Dinner & Auction on Saturday, March 9, 4:30-7 PM. If interested, please see flyer next to Pastor Natalie's office.

The February 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 March/ April 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](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.

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, February 24, 2019

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM  
9:00 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School  
10:00 Worship Service  
11:15 Prayer Study

#### Wednesday

7:00 Chancel Choir

#### Friday

11:00 Bible Study

#### Sunday, March 3, 2019

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM  
9:00 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School  
10:00 Worship Service  
11:30 SPARC

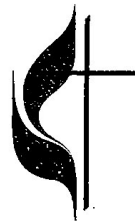
### Our Church Staff

Pastor:	Natalie Bowerman
Interim Pastor:	Rev. Marvin Krieger
Instrumentalist/ Office Manager:	Mark Brennan
Music Director:	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer:	Mark Blakely
Custodian:	Bob Wright
Lay Leaders:	Laurie Combs Jackie Potter
Child Care Provider:	Alex Herman

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## "Love Your Enemies? Are You KIDDING Me?"



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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[www.avonnyumc.org](http://www.avonnyumc.org)  
Radio Ministry Sundays 7:30am, WYSL1040

**February 24, 2019  
10:00 AM**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
 7th Sunday after Epiphany  
 \*Please Stand in Body or Spirit  
 ^See Insert

**WE GATHER**

Welcome *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*  
 Prelude "Walk Worthy," arr. Faye Lopez  
 Greeting and Announcements  
 Time of Centering "I Want to Know You More," arr. Mark Hayes

\*Invocation

\*Call to Worship  
 "You never enjoy the world aright.....till you perceive yourself to be the sole heir of the whole world..... Till you can sing and rejoice in God, as misers do in gold, and kings in scepters. **Make God your chief delight, and our heart's purest desire shall be given to all.**  
 The meek shall possess the land, and delight themselves in God's generosity.  
**The salvation of loving people is from God, God is our fixed point in the troubles of life.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving  
 God of extravagant love, may your generous Spirit flow into our little lives. Although our spiritual capacity is small and judgmental thoughts waylay good intentions, may we become miserly in recrimination and more generous in our affirmation of those who share this journey with us. through Jesus Christ, your most prodigal act of love. Amen!

\*Opening Hymn "Freely, Freely," #389

**WE LISTEN AND PRAY**

^Scripture: Genesis 45:3-11, 15, Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40,  
 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

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

A Gift of Music

Conversation with Children

\*^Gospel Reading Luke 6:27-38

Sermon "Love Your Enemies? Are You KIDDING Me?"

Service of Baptism: Lukis Aaron Davis, Liam David Davis,  
 Liliann Belia Davis

\*Hymn "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise," #611

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

\*Hymn of Praise "The Gift of Love," #408

Joy of Giving "Day By Day," arr. Mark Hayes

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

\*Offerory Prayer  
**Holy One, we give because You beckon us to give. We give because You call us to be merciful. We give because you command us to love our enemies. We give because we seek be Your followers who do good and expect nothing in return. May the offering that we place upon the altar humble us so that we do not judge or condemn, but offer a posture of forgiveness and love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*Closing Hymn "Pass It On," #572

\*Commission and Blessing  
 Little children of God, if God so loves us, then so should we love one another.

**The love of Christ enables us.**  
 Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you.

**And we will be children of the Most High, who is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish; giving good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, poured into our lap.**

The abundant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the immeasurable love of God, and the boundless fellowship of the Holy Spirit, will be with you today and always.  
**Amen.**

\*Sung Benediction "God Be With You till We Meet Again," #672, v. 1-2

Postlude "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place," arr. Matt Hyzer

**Assisting In Worship Today**

Pastor	Rev. Marvin Krieger
Ushers	Steve House, Mary Primm Carole & Steve Stephenson
Reader	Cathy Dickinson
Instrumentalist	Mark Brennan
Music Director	Linda Roserough
Sound Engineer	Mark Blakely