

**Welcome to our guests! Please stop by the
Welcome Center after the service for a special gift.**

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Welcome Desk - Patsy Porter

**Previous video messages and the church calendar are
available on the website at www.avonumc.com.**

**Remember to record your attendance in Realm or use
the attendance pad found in the pew or on the
chairs and pass to those in your row.**

**NA meets in the AUMC building on Mondays at 6:30 pm.
AA meets on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:00 pm. For more
information about AA, please contact Dan: 765-513-0588.**

**Please make sure you keep a lid on your coffee cups in the
Narthex and the Gathering area. Your help keeping coffee out
of the Chapel and Sanctuary is appreciated. Thank you!**



COME, LET US ADORE HIM

WEEK 4

Promise

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

"The Good News of Christmas"



Avon UMC Cantata



December 22, 2024

Traditional Worship: 8:30 am

Blended Worship: 10:00 am

8:30 & 10 am Christmas Cantata

"The Good News of Christmas"

Prelude **Dianne Perry, organ**
"Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" - John A. Stallsmith

Welcome **Pastor Ed**

Advent Candle Prelude **No. 234, chorus only**
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Lighting of the Advent Candles
8:30 am, The Koehlinger Family
10:00 am, The Thalken Family

Call to Worship & Pastoral Prayer **Pastor Rob**

"The Good News of Christmas"

Prepare Your Hearts
"Joy to the World" (A Christmas Introit) - Joel Raney

Scripture **Luke 1:26-38** **Pastor Ed**

The First Announcements are Made
"Angels are Making Their Rounds" - Pepper Choplin

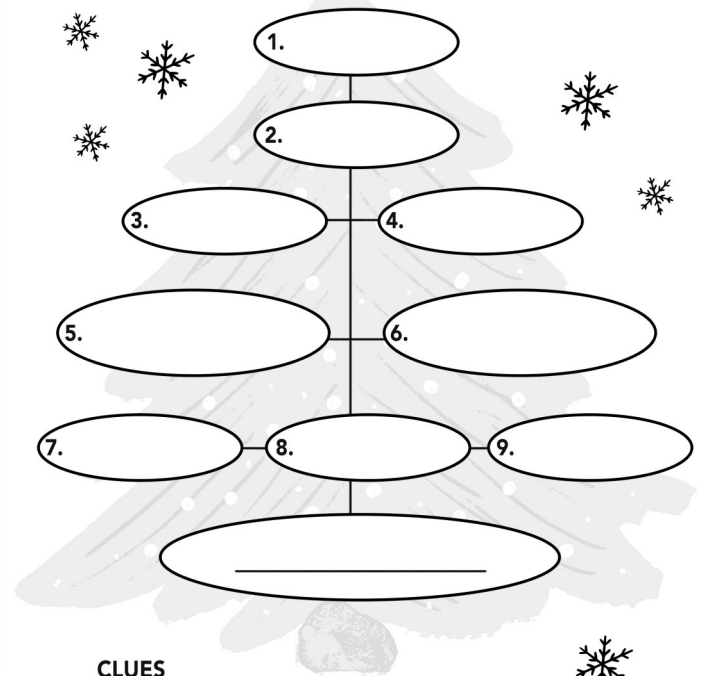
Hymn **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** **No. 230**

The Good News is Born
"How Quietly" - Joel Raney
Featuring JumpStart Music



Puzzle!

Write the answer to each clue in the correct circle.
Then jot down the first letter of each answer
and unscramble those letters to form a word about this
season. Write that answer at the bottom of the tree.



CLUES

1. You trim this at Christmas.
2. One who governs
3. The first word of a popular carol, it means "Listen!"
4. You burn this to make the air sweet.
5. "For unto us is born this day a _____ ..."
6. She was betrothed to Joseph.
7. Shepherds heard them sing.
8. A Christmas song
9. 'Tis the _____ to be jolly!"

Answers: 1. tree, 2. ruler, 3. hark, 4. incense, 5. Savior, 6. Mary, 7. angels, 8. carol, 9. season; Christmas

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Our Church Family

Laurie Bandy

Sympathy to:

Bruce Schaedel and family upon the death of his cousin, Zoila.

Continued Healing & Grace

Sharon Mattingly, Brad Spice, Penny Hanlon, Nancy Schooley,
Pastor Ron H. Branson, Troy Brownfield, Cheryl Powell, Alice King,
Doris Pellom, Bob Thompson, Jeff Trees, & Betty Vogel

Our Extended Families & Friends

Father of Patty Lyday; Edwin - friend of Bruce Schaedel's daughter; *Leanna & Dennis* - mother & brother of Dianne Perry

**Continued Healing & Grace
Extended Families & Friends**

Miles - grandson of Deane & Nancy Duncan; *Nora* - granddaughter of Sebastine & Karen Ujereh; *Alyssa* - granddaughter of Bob & Joyce Thompson; *Ken & Jim* - friends of Joanne Barrick; *Gladys* - mother of Lisa Dick

Those Serving Our Country in the Military

This week's military persons of the week are:

Bridget Logeais Ryan Filek

Our Card Ministry

Elsa Jones

We Must Follow

"Come, Follow that Star" - Don Besig & Nancy Price

**Receive and Share the Good News
"Mighty Good News" - Victor Johnson**

Message "Jesus: The Good News!" Pastor Danny

Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 234, vs. 1- 3

Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Pastor Rob

The Doxology

**The Lord is Come: Rejoice!
"Sing Joy to the World" - Mark Hayes**

Benediction

**Postlude Dianne Perry, organ
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - James Denton"**

... and you shall call his name

Jesus for he will save his
people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21, ESV



Cantata Participants

Danny Walker, Lead Pastor
Rob Probus, Discipleship Pastor
Ed Melendez, Worship Pastor
Gary Robinson, Cantata & Choir Director
Dave Marty, Script & Narrator
AUMC Chancel Choir
Jumpstart Singers - Linda Dobbs, Director
Nick Bieber, Tech



Instrumentalists

Flute - Colleen Gross Bass & Lead Guitar - Fred Gross
Violin - Mary McLean Bass & Tech Support - Ed Melendez
Alto Sax - Gavin Curry Percussion - Blake Hartz
Bassoon - Preston Curry Organ - Dianne Perry
Performance & Rehearsal Piano - Janet Gobel

Choir Members

Sopranos

Ashley Childers
Charlotte Martin
Carolyn O'Conner
Susan Parsons
Linda Schorling
Lucy Schultz
Amber Walker
Allison Williamson

Altos

Becky Archer
Marlene Burdick Cook
Donna Curtis
Jane DuMond
Marty Harris
Linda Smith
Marilyn Strange
Jan Whiteman

Tenors & Bass

Grant Curry
Linda Dobbs
Bill DuMond
Christopher Feld
Neil Gobel
Andy Patton
Jim Ralston
Raquel Ramirez
Woody Smith
Tom Wilson

Announcements

***Christmas Eve** we will celebrate the birth of our Savior at 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00 pm, with Holy Communion, as well as a candlelight singing of Silent Night at the conclusion at each worship service.

4:00 PM - Family Service, Sanctuary

6:00 PM - Music led by the band , Sanctuary

8:00 PM - Traditional service, Chapel

***Children's Ministry** - On December 29th Children's Ministry is offering our Church Family the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and serve together on the fifth Sunday of the month. Instead of Sunday School, kids will attend the worship service with their families. After the 10:00 am service there will be lunch, decorating cookies, and visiting the assisted living residence at Traditions at Reagan Park in Avon. Contact Nancy Moon to learn more. The 8:30 am worship service will be in the Chapel as usual.

***VBS** is already planning for Summer 2025. This Christmas season, if you encounter any extra large boxes...TV, refrigerator, deep freeze, etc., we'd like to take those off of your hands! Please contact Holly Collins at 317-345-3002 or hncollins.family.03@gmail.com if you've got something that might work.

***Robert's Park Soup's On Ministry** - We will be sending a team to serve at Robert's Park on Sunday, December 29th to help feed those who are hungry and homeless. Between now and then you can donate food as part of our efforts to love our neighbors in need. Please contact the church office for more information.

***Ruth Circle** will meet at Jo Ann Marsh's house on January 6th at 12:00 pm for a pitch-in luncheon and meeting.

***Be sure to save the date for our always entertaining Talent Show!** It will take place on Sunday, February 2nd and we would love for you to participate and attend! There will be a Chili Cook Off prior to the big show. For more information or to sign up, please e-mail Michele Feld at michelejanine@icloud.com or Beth Bieber at thebievs@sbcglobal.net.