

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

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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!



Welcome



December 8, 2024

Traditional Worship: 8:30 am

Blended Worship: 10:00 am

8:30 am Worship

Prelude Dianne Perry, organ
"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" - Lyndell Leatherman

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Ed

Call to Worship Pastor Danny

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

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Itczak Family

Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory" **No. 220**

Prayer Pastor Rob

Special Music Spirit Ringers
"Sing We Now of Christmas"

***Children are dismissed to Children's Church.**

Hymn "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" **No. 218**

Scripture Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6

Message Pastor Danny
"Come, Let Us Adore Him: Passion"

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

God Story Pastor Danny

Time of Offering & Pastoral Prayer Pastor Rob
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Doxology

Benediction Pastor Danny

Postlude Dianne Perry, organ
"Sussex Carol" - Alfred V. Fedak

***The Missions Committee is excited to once again offer an Alternative Christmas Gift Catalog!** This catalog includes brief descriptions of some vital missions and ministries, some of which we support and some of which are new ones to AUMC. This is a chance to share your love at the holidays with a gift from you, from your family, or in honor of someone. You will receive a holiday certificate from the church that you can give to the recipient of your gift if it is given in honor of someone. It's that simple! Someone from the Missions Committee will be set up outside of the services with the catalog and to answer any questions. Please pick up a copy!

***Thanks to everyone who helped the Newcomer Team** in supporting Indianapolis area Veterans who lost everything in a fire. We were able to deliver 2 full truck loads of food, towels, blankets, kitchen appliances, dishware and clothing. Your generosity is much appreciated.

***Save the Dates!**

Christmas Cantata - "The Good News of Christmas"

Sunday, December 22nd at 8:30 & 10:00 am, Sanctuary
20-Minute Christmas Party in the Gathering Place following each worship service. There will be hot cocoa and cookies!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

4:00 & 6:00 pm, Sanctuary; 8:00 pm, Chapel

***Please remember to return your 2025 Practical Discipleship Pledge Card or use the QR code to make your pledge.**



Announcements

***Today - The Village of Avon Worship Team wishes to invite you to join us to sing Christmas carols** with the residents of the Memory Care unit. A strong singing voice is not required – just the desire to share God’s love through song. The Village of Avon is located at 4171 Forest Pointe Circle on County Rd. 400 E, between Old and New 36. The door is on the north side of the building. We meet in the lobby by 1:20 pm and head back to the unit at 1:30 pm. We usually wrap up around 2:00 pm. Children are more than welcome to attend. This worship team goes to The Village every 2nd Sunday of the month so please come as you are able. Send any questions to Sally Wilson at cwilson13@indy.rr.com.

***Ruth Circle** will meet at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen on Monday, **December 9th at 12:00 pm** for lunch.

***Prime Timers** will be having lunch at MCL in Avon on Tuesday, **December 10th at 12:00 pm**.

***You are invited to the December 12th AUMC Sages** small group meeting at Hotcakes Emporium on US 36 in Avon starting at 11:30 am.



***If you would like to order a poinsettia** in memory or in honor of a loved one, please use the QR code or pick up a form from the Welcome Desk.

***December 14th from 5:00 - 7:30 pm, Echo Youth will be turning the downstairs into the Echo Diner.** We will be providing a menu of spaghetti, garlic bread and hot dogs, chips, and cookies. We are asking for reservations at 30-minute increments. Cost is \$10/adults, \$5/under 12, and free will donations accepted. 100% of the profits will be used for youth ministry, including a winter retreat in January 2025. Please contacting Dustin Etting at dustinetting@avonumc.com with any questions.



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Carols Praise Band
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/Way Maker"
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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Our Church Family

Jarrold Spice Linda Dobbs Brenda Hull
Janell Miller Laurie Bandy

Sympathy to:

Deirdre Horton and family upon the death of her mother .

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

Neauaeh - friend of Steve DeWeese; *Jerry* - friend of the Letourneau's; *Darla and family, Ayla, Steve, & Gigi* - family & friends of Sonia Barnes; *Samantha* - niece of Lori Rosemeyer; *Jim* - father of Lori Taylor; *Mary* - friend of Adrian Davis; *Jewel & family* - sister of Karen Ujereh

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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:

Drew Schmidt Seth Scott Brody Katterheinrich

Our Card Ministry

Bob Dillon



Giving



Ways to Give:

1. Offering boxes on Sunday
2. Text AVONUNITED to 73256
3. Scan the Giving QR Code
4. Drop off or mail to the church

Attendance



Other Ways to Support AUMC:

1. Select AUMC as your rewards partner at Kroger Community Rewards.
2. Through IRA distributions
3. Through your estate
4. With your time

Prayer



Pledge

