

**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](http://www.avonumc.com).**

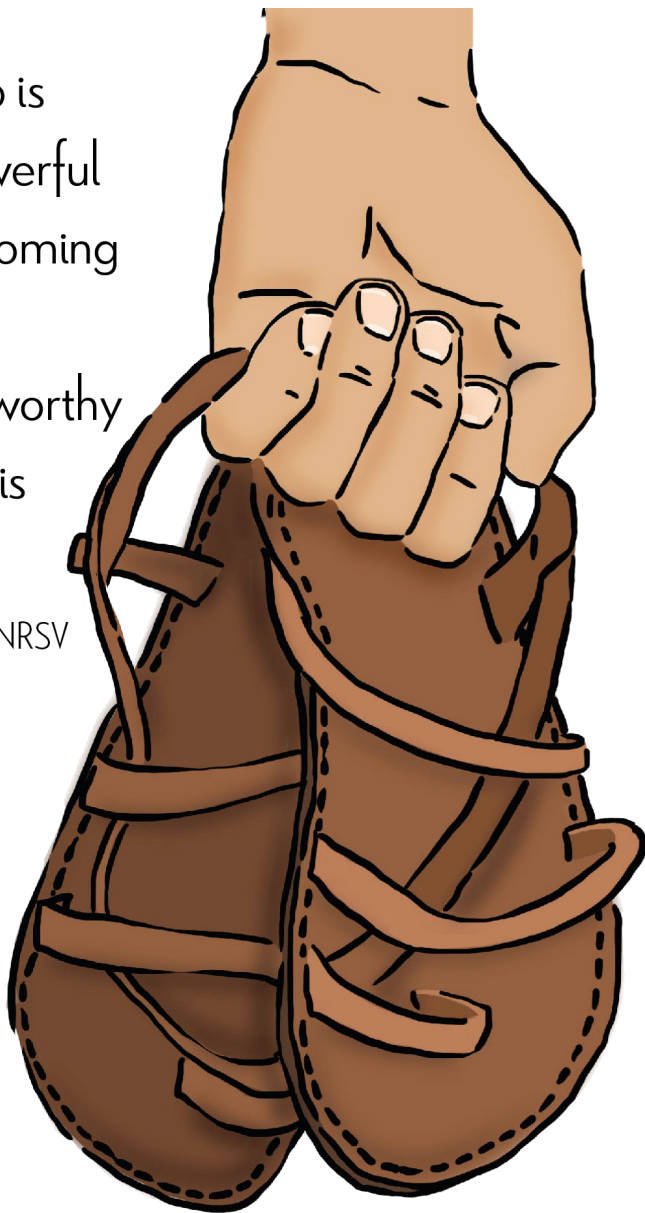
**Remember to record your attendance in Realm or use  
the attendance pad found in the pew or on the  
chairs and pass to those in your row.**

**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!**

One who is  
more powerful  
than I is coming  
after me:  
I am not worthy  
to carry his  
sandals.

Matthew 3:11, NRSV



# 8:30 am Worship

**Prelude** Dianne Perry, organ  
"Prepare the Way, O Zion" - Lani Smith

**Welcome & Announcements** Pastor Ed

**Call to Worship** Pastor Danny

**Lighting of the Advent Candles** The Itczak Family

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

**Prayer** Pastor Rob

**Special Music** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Ashley Childers

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

**Hymn** "There's a Song in the Air" **No. 249, vs. 1 & 2**

**Scripture** Matthew 3:1-12 Pastor Danny

**Message** "The One Who Is Coming" Pastor Danny

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

**Holy Communion**

**Time of Offering & Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Rob

Give now via the wooden offering boxes, mail or bring your offering to the church office, Scan the QR Code, or text "AVONUNITED" to 73256 to give.



**Doxology**

**Benediction** Pastor Danny

**Postlude** Dianne Perry, organ  
"Savior of the Nations, Come" - Paul Manz



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

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

**\*Blessing Box** - Below is a list of items we will be collecting in 2026 as we transition to meet the community needs: Instant oatmeal (after Christmas, as we have an abundance), granola or cereal bars, cereal (Cheerios are rarely taken), pancake mix (only water required) and syrup, spaghetti sauce (in plastic jars) and pasta, peanut butter (not organic) and grape jelly, crackers (saltine, Ritz, or sandwich ones), fruit cups, soup (ready to eat or condensed), prepared pasta meals, (ravioli, SpaghettiOs, chili, etc.), protein (chicken, tuna, beef, spam, sardines, Vienna sausage) in cans or pouches, instant macaroni and cheese, instant mashed potatoes, plastic cutlery, personal hygiene products (soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.).



## **Announcements**

**\*Prime Timers** will be meeting for a Christmas Pot-Luck on December 9th at 12:00 pm at the Waterford Lakes Club House. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

**\*Breakfast in Bethlehem** - Saturday, December 13th from 9:00 - 10:30 am. Meet Santa, enjoy breakfast, and the Christmas Story Stations!

**\*Ugly Sweater Sunday** - Sunday, December 14th  
As we celebrate the joy of this season you are invited to wear an ugly sweater.

**\*Christmas Cantata** - "From Yearning to Light" on Sunday, December 21st at 8:30 & 10:00 am. Both services will be in the Sanctuary.

**\*Order your Christmas poinsettia(s) today** in honor or in memory of a family member, friend, or loved one. Order forms are available at the Welcome Desk, in the church office, or you can order using the QR Code or through the Realm app.



**\*AUMC Sages** - There will be no December Sages meeting due to travels and the holidays. We will resume on the second Thursday of January, January 8th.

**\*Please do not bring in newspaper bags** for the woven mats. They are too thin and small. Thank you!

**\*AUMC Alternative Christmas Gift Catalog** is now available. If you are searching for the perfect Christmas gift this season, please consider making a selection from our catalog.



# 10:00 am Worship

**Prelude** Dianne Perry, organ  
"Prepare the Way, O Zion" - Lani Smith

**Call to Worship** Pastor Danny

**Lighting of the Advent Candles** The Aguiar Family

**Songs** Praise Band  
"Come All Ye Faithful/Come Now Is The Time To Worship"  
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/Our God Is An Awesome God"

**Prayer** Susan Parsons

**Special Music** "Prepare!" Chancel Choir

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**Announcements**

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**Postlude** Praise Band



## **Our Church Family**

Charlotte Martin

Jim Wriston

## **Continued Healing & Grace**

Linda Huber, Penny Hanlon, Troy Brownfield, Alice King,  
Doris Pellom, Bob Thompson, & Betty Vogel

## **Our Extended Families & Friends**

*Scotty* - grandson of Charlotte Martin; *Wendy* - daughter-in-law of Charlotte Martin; *Mark & Ed* - grandfathers of Linda Dobbs' grandchildren

## **Continued Healing & Grace**

### **Extended Families & Friends**

*Tim* - brother of Teresa Donohue; *Reily Novak* - niece of Mary Sue Lisby; *Miles* - grandson of Deane & Nancy Duncan; *Nora* - granddaughter of Sebastine & Karen Ujereh; *Alyssa* - granddaughter of Bob & Joyce Thompson; *Gladys* - mother of Lisa Dick

## **Those Serving Our Country in the Military**

This week's military persons of the week are:

Allen Crady

Kent Gable

## **Our Card Ministry**

Janet Miller

# Ways to Support AUMC



## 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



So we fix our eyes not  
on what is seen, but on  
what is unseen, since  
what is seen is temporary,  
but what is  
unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18, NIV

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