



AUMC Blood Drive

Sunday, October 1st
8:30 am - 1:00 pm, MPR

Prime Timers

Tuesday, October 10th
Grindstone Charley's
12:00 pm

Sunday School

For All Ages at 9:30 am
Children's Church at 11:00 am

IGGY Thursdays

2:15 - 5:15 pm

Echo Youth Group

youthministry.avonumc.com

United in Christ Weekend September 22nd - 24th

During this weekend we will come together as a congregation to center our lives in Christ, celebrate what God has done during Serving September and *The Art of Neighboring* journey and eat lunch together after the 10:00 am outdoor worship. We hope you'll plan to join us for a special weekend as a church family!

Friday, September 22nd

Church Family Game Night - for all ages!

6:00 - 8:00 pm, MPR/Gym

Invite your family and friends. Bring a snack to share. Bottled water provided. Bring a board game or card game or play one of ours.

Saturday, September 23rd

Live Music under the tent at 6:00 pm!

Sunday, September 24th

Worship at 10:00 am - Catered meal following

Games and activities afterwards with bounce houses, Little Smokey train rides, Candy Bar Bingo, corn hole and euchre tournaments.



Serving September Opportunities

Midwest Mission Meal Packing at AUMC on Sunday, September 17th from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. Partnering with other local churches to pack 3,600 meal bags. Sign up for a time slot to volunteer at avonumc.com or Realm.

Greater Indianapolis Habitat for Humanity

September 23rd, Contact Rob Probus at robprobus@avonumc.com.

Flu Shot Clinic at AUMC on Sunday, September 24th from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Room 200/201. Please bring your insurance card and ID to receive your vaccination. You may copy these items and attach them to your paperwork.

America Red Cross Blood Drive at AUMC on Sunday, October 1st from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. If you are searching for a way to serve in September/October, please consider signing up to give blood...and give life! Register online at avonumc.com.

THE FLAME



To the dear members
of Avon UMC,

I cannot adequately express my gratefulness for the outpouring of love and support during my sweet husband Don's health issues. I find great peace in knowing that Avon UMC was so instrumental in strengthening Don's faith this last year before he passed away peacefully on the evening of July 6th.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Templeton

Please give my thanks and many blessings to everyone who sent birthday greetings to me on my 87th birthday!

Elsa Jones

Jill McCracken would like to thank everyone for the prayers, flowers, cards, calls, and visits during her recovery. The prayers worked!



Play-N-Share Preschool

Back in session!

Welcome to our students ages 2 – 5 years old!

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Lines will be in the northeast parking lot at 8:45 am and 12:45 pm, weekdays.

Thank you for your patience in welcoming student families and working diligently for the safety of the students in our parking lot and building!

THANK YOU ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE for your distribution toward playground replacement parts that were installed before the start of school!



Avon UMC Facts & Figures

Date	Worship Attendance	Offering Plate	Online	Total
7/30/2023	381	\$ 8,876	\$ 11,347	\$ 20,223
8/06/2023	335	\$ 4,388	\$ 10,387	\$ 14,775
8/13/2023	307	\$ 10,278	\$ 11,077	\$ 21,355
8/20/2023	310	\$ 3,083	\$ 11,842	\$ 14,925



Are you new to AUMC or attending for a while, but ready to make some connections? How about a three week session called, "Simple Group"! We will focus on three simple questions: "Who am I?", "Who is God?", and "Who Are We Together?" Sundays - October 29th, November 5th, and November 12th at 9:30 am in Room 111. Anyone is welcome to come, but please contact Michele Imler at micheleimler@gmail.com so that enough books and materials are prepared.



Be kind



AUMC to Launch "Alternative Christmas Gifts Catalog"

Ever wish you could give Christmas gifts that really honor the One whose birthday we celebrate? Well, starting next month you can do just that, as AUMC rolls out its first-ever "Alternative Christmas Gifts Catalog". In it you'll find brief descriptions of some of the mission projects our church supports. Just choose one (or more), make a donation through the church in the name of the person(s) you want to honor, and that person will receive a beautiful certificate stating, "In your honor a gift has been made to [name of mission]." What a great way to give in the true spirit of Christmas! Look for more details in next month's newsletter.



Attention College Students

We want to spread some love to our college students, but we need your help. If you have a student in college, please send their address to LaDonna Sloan at ladonnasloan@avonumc.com. We will be praying for each student and making care packages to send to them this fall.



VBS 2024 Fundraiser

Do you need some desserts for family gatherings this holiday season? We are selling Butter Braids and cookie dough to support VBS 2024 starting Friday, September 22nd. You can order online. Sale ends Friday, October 13th, so don't wait to order! Items will be delivered to the church on November 9th. Thank you in advance for your support of VBS 2024!

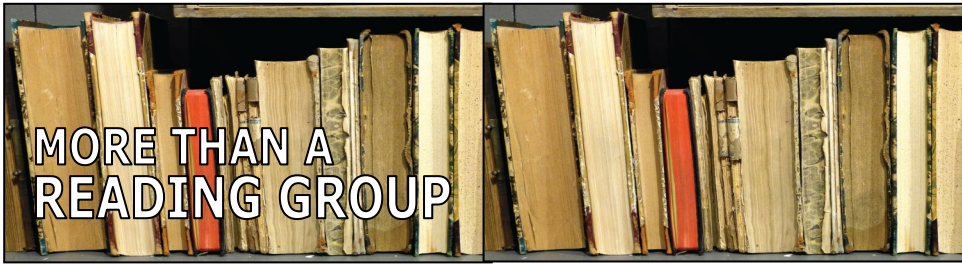


A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17

Circle of Friends is GROWING! We have had a new record of Friends attending. 32! I am so happy to see the growth of our group. We are appreciative of the support the church family gives us and ask for continued prayers as we navigate this new bigger and awesome group.

Circle of Friends will meet September 24th at 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall for our Serving September meeting. We will be collecting food items for a local food pantry and will be playing BINGO.





More Than a Book Club will meet on September 18th, 6:15 pm at the church to discuss *The Paris Key* by Juliet Blackwell. Copies of this book are on loan from Indiana Humanities Novel Conversations program and are available while they last. We will also be considering our reading selections for next year at the September meeting.

After her marriage crumbles and Genevieve is faced with an incredible opportunity to return to the magical city of her youth and take over her uncles' shop, she realizes Paris never really left her. *The Paris Key* is an emotionally evocative novel of a women in Paris determined to unlock her family secrets and secret past. As she absorbs all that Paris has to offer, she realizes the revelations she uncovers about her family could change her forever.

This story is a fast read that will quickly draw you into its plot and descriptions of the City of Light. For more information, contact Jane DuMond at bjdumond@sbcglobal.net.



Tuesday, September 12th
Beef House
Leaving at 11:00 am

The Prime Timers will be going to the Beef House Restaurant in Covington, IN on Tuesday, September 12th. Leaving the church at 11:00 am. Please RSVP to Janell Miller at 317-506-0758.

We are the “PBJ, Peanut Butter & Jelly Church”

Fletcher Place Community Center is a nonprofit that is near and dear to a lot of us at Avon UMC. Peanut butter and jelly is always needed, it is placed in their food pantry, “The Elaine”, located in the Fountain Square area of Indianapolis. This is an area that is a food desert, so the free food pantry serves many families below poverty and those families struggling at this time. They also provide a free thrift store for clothes, household items, and other goods.

FPCC celebrated their 150th anniversary in 2022! They have been firmly supported by Avon UMC in our tradition, through PBJ and other services. One other way we help is providing underwear for children at Christmas time. We collect now until “Hanging of the Green” when the packages are assembled. So please remember this during the Christmas season. We’ve helped over 350 children each season through this donation. A bin will be placed near the Sanctuary and Chapel soon. (Underwear, 2T to adult Large are needed, both genders, males like boxers.)

You may help through donating items, attending the 150th Celebration, monetary donations (as they are a self-funding mission) or by being the hands and feet of Jesus with hands on volunteering. And of course, prayer!

For more information on their mission or opportunities to serve, join their Facebook page, visit their website at fletcherplacecc.org, or ask Suzanne Conger at onox56@hotmail.com for opportunities.



From the Health Ministry Team...

SHELTERING WINGS



LaToya was in an abusive relationship. She was told time and time again that there wasn't a place for her to go and be safe. LaToya was scared, trapped, and felt like she had nowhere to go. Until she called Sheltering Wings and finally heard the words she had been longing to hear: "We have a place for you."

Sheltering Wings is a domestic violence shelter in Danville that was formed in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ. They serve anyone fleeing domestic abuse. Sheltering Wings provides emergency housing and supportive services with the goal of ending domestic violence and empowering survivors to live stable, independent lives free from abuse.

Once at Sheltering Wings survivors, like LaToya, work with a case manager to assess their situation and create a plan for the future. Whether it be leaving an abusive marriage, getting a driver's license, finding a safe place to live, or a number of other goals, the case manager will partner with the survivor to tirelessly work toward safety.



Survivors like Adrianna have found healing, freedom, and safety through Sheltering Wings. Facing physical, financial, and emotional abuse, Adrianna bravely fought for her safety, working each day to provide a better life for herself and her three children. Then, working with her case manager, Adrianna and her children are now living in their own apartment. They don't have to worry about whether they'll be allowed to eat. Or if the abuser will come home in a fit of rage. Now, Adrianna is proudly showing her children that they deserve love, respect, and independence.

Sheltering Wings also works to create a safer community for everyone. They offer free training for churches, schools, and businesses so that people know how to respond when someone tells them they're being abused. They go into local middle schools and high schools to talk about healthy dating relationships. Sheltering Wings also distributes this life-saving information and resources through events and booths in the community.

Most of all, Sheltering Wings is working to end domestic violence.

And you can help. Contact Sheltering Wings or visit their website, www.shelteringwings.org, to learn more.



For United in Christ Weekend, the Health Ministry Team is working with Franciscan Health for a flu shot clinic. Come join in the morning worship and also take care of your health!

Need a flu shot?

When: Sunday Sept. 24, 2023

Where: Avon United Methodist Church
6850 US Highway 36
Avon 46123

Time: 11:30am – 1pm

Please bring your insurance card and ID to receive your vaccination.

You may also copy these items and attach to your paperwork.



 **Franciscan HEALTH**
IMMUNIZATION SERVICES

We accept most major insurance companies like Anthem, Aetna, Medicare, United Healthcare and Cigna. Please check to make sure we are in network. If you do not have health insurance, no problem. We have a program that allows us to assist with the cost of the vaccine.



AUMC Blood Drive

October 1st, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Multi-Purpose Room/Gym

Hope you can help with the current blood shortage! Register now using the QR Code.





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Thomas Elliott Troy Brownfield Cathy Wray	14th	Addison Jones Matthew Barton Zachary Utz
2nd	Cathy Klemmensen Allie Farman	15th	Kim Vorpe Sandy Staley Eloise Coulter Andrea Brown
3rd	Austin Sweeney Sharon Melendez Marlene Burdick	16th	Ann Allison
4th	Joe May Nick Bandy Alyson Staley Karen Smalley	17th	Sue May Charlotte Martin Christy Steuerwald
5th	Andy Johnson Alan Rumble	18th	Trish Rausch LaVerne Cantrall Hannah Raines Ann Wriston Conner Humphrey Lexi Narvell Amelia Balderston
6th	Linda Dobbs Marilyn Sisil Don Lewsader	19th	Mike Barrett Allie Berry Jack Erny Marie McCracken
7th	Andrea Schmidt Rebecca Mills	21st	Collin Bowers Talan Maxwell Jade Maxwell Peggy McCoy Carly O'Maley
9th	Steve White Jim Horton	22nd	Vicky Tyler Janet Carowan Gaylord Huber
10th	Bill Pfaffenberger Mark Hemphill Bob Thompson	23rd	Vicki Wood Greg Albert
11th	Darletta DeAtley Carol Pferrer Ron Jessup Jan Misenar	24th	Rita Bivens
12th	Gene Bingaman Greg Steuerwald Erin Probus	25th	Michelle Alcorn
13th	Eva Monroe Chris Johnson Joshua Walker	27th	Susan Spice
		28th	Chris Maxwell Greg Michael

29th	Patsy Fleener Carole Farmer Jeff Moore
30th	Karl Scholtes Mary Dixon



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Rose Lewsader	9/1/1963
Larry & Charlotte Schneider	9/4/1955
Scott & Anne Erny	9/11/1999
Tom & Glenda Wallace	9/13/1969
Scott & Gretchen Matthews	9/14/2002
Steve & Suzette White	9/14/1991
Timothy & Greta Rohe	9/15/2012
Troy & Becky Brownfield	9/16/2000
Josias & Christine Aguiar	9/17/2016
Joe & Kelley Skelton	9/18/2010
Matt & Teresa Calvert	9/19/1981
David & Anne Rowell	9/22/2002
Richard & Beth Biever	9/25/1993
Ron & Tammi Jessup	9/25/1976
Mike & Jean Money	9/28/1991
Matt & Crista Moore	9/30/2000





A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA



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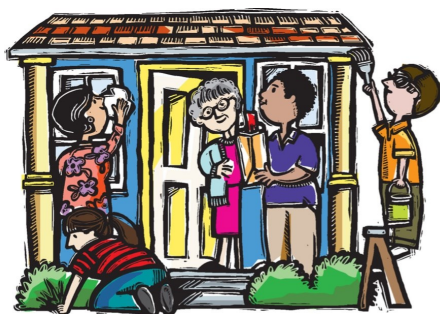
L U B L F , R Z O D Z B H

K I Z B D R G S Q L B

1:3-4, NIV

K S R O R K K R Z M H

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV



"Life is for service."

— Fred Rogers



SEARCHING FOR SILVER

Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.

What you need:

- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sand-box or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.





Friday, 01 September 2023

8:30 AM	to 1:00 PM	Play-N-Share	PNS Rooms
9:00 AM	to 12:30 PM	Play-N-Share	MPR/Gym
7:00 PM	to 8:00 PM	Friday Night AA Meeting	MPR/Gym

Sunday, 03 September 2023

8:00 AM	to 12:00 PM	Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery B
8:15 AM	to 9:15 AM	Traditional Worship	Chapel
9:00 AM	to 9:30 AM	Blood Pressure Checks	Room 111
9:15 AM	to 10:45 AM	Life Group	Library
9:30 AM	to 10:45 AM	Balanced Life Group	Room 200/201
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Sisters in Strength	Conference 2
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Sunday School 7th-12th grade	Youth Center
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Sunday School PreK-6th grade	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Toddler Sunday School	Class 203
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Wesleyan Sunday School	Conference 1
10:30 AM	to 11:00 AM	Blood Pressure Checks	Class 204
10:45 AM	to 12:00 PM	Art of Neighboring	Room 200/201
11:00 AM	to 12:00 PM	Children's Church	Fellowship Hall W
11:00 AM	to 12:00 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
2:00 PM	to 4:00 PM	Grief Share Support Group	Room 200/201
5:00 PM	to 6:30 PM	Echo	Entire Lower Level
6:30 PM	to 8:30 PM	Pickleball	MPR/Gym

Monday, 04 September 2023

Labor Day - Office Closed

12:30 PM	to 2:30 PM	Women's Pickleball	MPR/Gym
6:30 PM	to 7:45 PM	NA Meeting	Room 200/201

Tuesday, 05 September 2023

8:30 AM	to 1:00 PM	Play-N-Share	PNS Rooms
9:00 AM	to 10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Conference 2
9:00 AM	to 10:30 AM	Morning Glories	Room 200/201
9:00 AM	to 12:30 PM	Play-N-Share	MPR/Gym
10:30 AM	to 11:45 AM	Aerobics	Fellowship Hall E
10:30 AM	to 12:00 PM	Staff Meeting	Conference 1
6:00 PM	to 8:00 PM	Basketball - Orman	MPR/Gym
6:00 PM	to 8:00 PM	Staff Parish	Conference 1
6:45 PM	to 7:45 PM	District 20	Fellowship Hall E

Wednesday, 06 September 2023

8:30 AM	to 1:00 PM	Play-N-Share	PNS Rooms
9:00 AM	to 12:30 PM	Play-N-Share	MPR/Gym
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Restorative Yoga	Fellowship Hall E
7:00 PM	to 8:00 PM	Choir Practice	Music Suite
7:00 PM	to 8:00 PM	Wednesday Night AA	MPR/Gym

Thursday, 07 September 2023

8:30 AM	to 1:00 PM	Play-N-Share	PNS Rooms
9:00 AM	to 12:30 PM	Play-N-Share	MPR/Gym
9:00 AM	to 10:30 AM	WinGs	Room 200/201
10:30 AM	to 11:45 AM	Aerobics	Fellowship Hall E
12:30 PM	to 2:30 PM	Women's Pickleball	MPR/Gym
3:30 PM	to 4:30 PM	Unity Weekend Planning	Conference 1
5:00 PM	to 7:15 PM	Indianapolis Children's Choir	Music Suite
6:15 PM	to 7:15 PM	Girl Scouts - Chastain	Room 200/201
7:00 PM	to 8:00 PM	Endowment Committee	Conference 1
7:00 PM	to 7:45 PM	Prayer Group	Chapel
8:30 PM	to 10:30 PM	AUMC Men's Basketball	MPR/Gym

Friday, 08 September 2023

8:30 AM	to 1:00 PM	Play-N-Share	PNS Rooms
9:00 AM	to 10:30 AM	Friday Bible Study	Conference 1

9:00 AM	to 12:30 PM	Play-N-Share	MPR/Gym
6:30 PM	to 7:30 PM	Barnes Life Group	Conference 2
7:00 PM	to 8:00 PM	Friday Night AA Meeting	MPR/Gym

Saturday, 09 September 2023

10:00 AM	to 3:00 PM	AUMC Golf Outing	Prestwick
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Sunday, 10 September 2023

8:00 AM	to 12:00 PM	Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery B
8:15 AM	to 9:15 AM	Traditional Worship	Chapel
9:15 AM	to 10:45 AM	Life Group	Library
9:30 AM	to 10:45 AM	Balanced Life Group	Room 200/201
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Sisters in Strength	Conference 2
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Sunday School 7th-12th grade	Youth Center
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Sunday School PreK-6th grade	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Toddler Sunday School	Class 203
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Wesleyan Sunday School	Conference 1
10:45 AM	to 12:00 PM	Art of Neighboring	Room 200/201
10:45 AM	to 12:00 PM	Art of Neighboring Group	Conference 1
11:00 AM	to 12:00 PM	Children's Church	Fellowship Hall W
11:00 AM	to 12:00 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	to 1:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	to 1:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Supervision	Room 200/201
12:15 PM	to 1:15 PM	Children's Council	Conference 1
2:00 PM	to 4:00 PM	Grief Share Support Group	Room 200/201
3:00 PM	to 4:30 PM	Widowed Support Group	Conference 2
4:00 PM	to 5:00 PM	Faithful Feet	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	to 6:30 PM	Echo	Entire Lower Level
6:30 PM	to 8:30 PM	Pickleball	MPR/Gym

Monday, 11 September 2023

8:30 AM	to 1:00 PM	Play-N-Share	PNS Rooms
9:00 AM	to 12:30 PM	Play-N-Share	MPR/Gym
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Restorative Yoga	Fellowship Hall E
12:00 PM	to 1:30 PM	Art of Neighboring Lunch Group	Conference 2
12:30 PM	to 2:30 PM	Women's Pickleball	MPR/Gym
6:00 PM	to 8:00 PM	Women of the Kingdom	Library
6:30 PM	to 7:45 PM	NA Meeting	Room 200/201

Tuesday, 12 September 2023

8:00 AM	to 11:59 PM	Repainting Gym Floor	MPR/Gym
8:30 AM	to 1:00 PM	Play-N-Share	PNS Rooms
9:00 AM	to 10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Conference 2
9:00 AM	to 10:30 AM	Morning Glories	Room 200/201
10:30 AM	to 11:30 AM	Administrative Branch Meeting	Room 111
10:30 AM	to 11:45 AM	Aerobics	Fellowship Hall E
10:30 AM	to 5:30 PM	Prime Timers	Beef House
5:30 PM	to 8:00 PM	BSF	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	to 9:00 PM	Trustees Committee	Conference 1

Wednesday, 13 September 2023

		Repainting Gym Floor	MPR/Gym
8:30 AM	to 1:00 PM	Play-N-Share	PNS Rooms
9:30 AM	to 10:30 AM	Restorative Yoga	Fellowship Hall E
12:00 PM	to 1:00 PM	Staff Lunch	Conference 1
1:00 PM	to 2:00 PM	Worship Branch Meeting	Conference 1
6:15 PM	to 7:45 PM	Girl Scout Meeting	Conference 2
7:00 PM	to 8:00 PM	AA	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	to 8:00 PM	Choir Practice	Music Suite

Thursday, 14 September 2023

12:00 AM	to 8:30 PM	Repainting Gym Floor	MPR/Gym
8:30 AM	to 1:00 PM	Play-N-Share	PNS Rooms
9:00 AM	to 10:30 AM	WinGs	Room 200/201
10:30 AM	to 11:45 AM	Aerobics	Fellowship Hall E
5:00 PM	to 7:15 PM	Indianapolis Children's Choir	Music Suite
7:00 PM	to 8:30 PM	Endowment	Conference 1
7:00 PM	to 7:45 PM	Prayer Group	Chapel
7:00 PM	to 8:00 PM	Worship Team	Room 200/201

Friday, 15 September 2023

8:30 AM	to 1:00 PM	Play-N-Share	PNS Rooms
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The Flame

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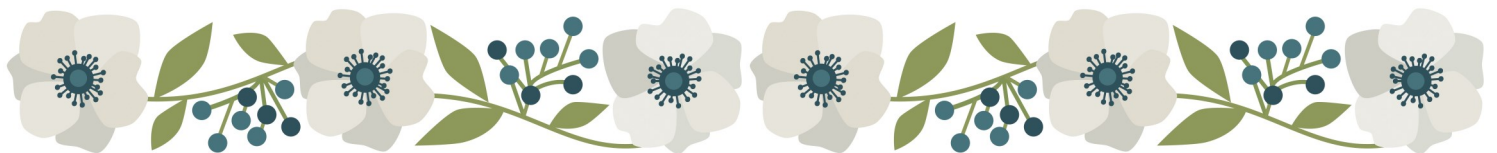
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 **September**



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Director of Play-N-Share

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Stephen Ministry Coordinator

Jeremy Locke

Building Maintenance Manager

Christine King, Custodial Manager

Melissa Bivens

Evening Custodian

Ben Speheger

Weekend Custodian



Sunday Worship

8:15 am - Traditional, Chapel

9:30 am - Contemporary, Sanctuary

11:00 am - Traditional, Sanctuary

**Worship Messages
are available on the Web
at www.avonumc.com!**

