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#### **AUMC Blood Drive**

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

#### **Prime Timers**

Tuesday, November 14th
The Locale in Brownsburg
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**

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 pm Youth Center. Basement





#### Fall Spooktacular

The Fall Spooktacular is scheduled for Friday, October 27th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. We are in need of volunteers and donations to make this event a success. Donations of candy can be left in the bins in the Coat Rooms or brought to the church office. If you are able to volunteer to help with the event, please see the needed positions on our Sign-up Genius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D44ADAB22A3FC1-fall We are also in need of individuals, families, and organizations to host the trick-or-treat tables. You provide the decorations for the table and volunteer(s) to pass out candy and we'll provide the candy. There will be a competition for the best decorated table with prizes! You may sign-up to host a table on the Sign-up Genius or by contacting the church office at 317-272-4068.







#### Alternative Christmas Gift Catalog

Looking for Christmas gifts with real meaning? Check out AUMC's "Alternative Christmas Gift Catalog"!

So, you don't know what to get Uncle Bob who has about everything already or your adult daughter who wants to make a difference in the world? Well, how about blessing each of them with a gift that blesses others too?

That's what AUMC's new Alternative Christmas Gift Catalog is all about! Put together by the Mission Committee, each organization in the catalog is on our church's list of supported ministries, so you can know you're investing in a worthwhile cause. See details on Page 2.





Dear Avon UMC,

I just received my turbans. I love them! I'm truly blessed with friends and friends of friends and they are prayer warriors.

Thank you for blessing me in this time of my life. I'm claiming victory and healing through Jesus Christ. Paula

Thank you for all the prayers and cards after my father's passing. All the warm words of comfort and sympathy were appreciated.

I am so grateful for my AUMC church family!

Ann Knicley





#### Alternative Christmas Catalog

Order your gift! Here's how it works:

Look over the brief descriptions of the ministries/organizations in the catalog, which is available either at the table outside the Sanctuary or Chapel beginning October 1st, or on the church's website at avonumc.com, or scan the QR code. Then choose one or more you'd like to support in honor of someone special.

Decide on the amount(s) you'd like to give and make your donation through AUMC using the form on the last page of the catalog. You can either pay by check (mailed to the church or given directly to a Mission Committee rep at the table outside the Sanctuary/Chapel) or online on the church's website.

In return, you'll receive an attractive certificate from the church that you can give to the recipient(s) of your gift(s) stating, "In your honor and in the spirit of Christmas, a donation was made to [name of organization or ministry]."

It's that simple! If you have questions, contact Dave Marty at 317-800-5486. Thanks so much for taking this wonderful opportunity to bless others and make a positive difference in the world!



#### **Avon UMC Facts & Figures**

<u>Date</u>	Worship Attendance	Offering <u>Plate</u>	Online	Total
8/27/2023	316	\$ 5,663	\$ 6,622	\$ 12,285
9/03/2023	268	\$ 12,285	\$ 10,997	\$ 23,282
9/10/2023	356	\$ 7,171	\$ 10,472	\$ 17,643
9/17/2023	309	\$ 2,401	\$ 5,517	\$ 7,918



More Than a Reading Group will meet on Monday, October 16th at 6:15 to discuss THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY, by Matt Haig. This is a truly captivating and thought-provoking novel that delves deep into the complexities of life, regrets, and the endless possibilities that lie before us. With its unique premise and heartfelt storytelling, this book will stay with you long after you have finished reading. It is an easy read that is a little science fiction, a little romance and has a heroine with many relatable emotions that may just make you remember some of your own trials and challenges in life.

We welcome anyone who loves to read or just loves the book we are reading to join us in the gathering space, 6:15 pm at the church. We begin with a little social time and start our discussion at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Jane DuMond at bjdumond@sbcglobal.net.



#### Tuesday, October 10th Grindstone Charley's Rockville Road at 12:00 pm

The Prime Timers will be going to Grindstone Charley's on Rockville Road on Tuesday, October 10th. Leaving the church at 11:00 am. Please RSVP to Janell Miller at 317-506-0758.



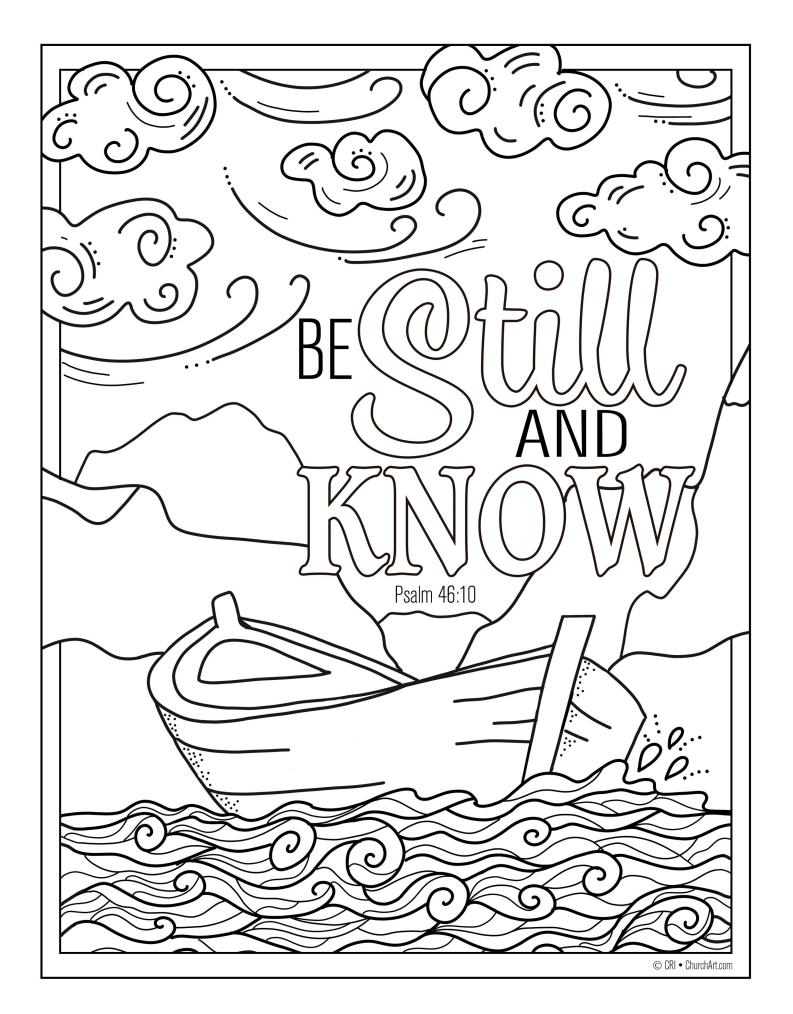
The Newcomer Ministry will be collecting socks and hygiene items for the veterans and for Sheltering Wings in memory of Bob Schmidt. Bob always took charge of collecting socks for the veterans. A couple years ago, we overstocked the Veterans Hospital with socks. Therefore, we will collect five large size hygiene items only: deodorant, soap (bar or liquid), toothpaste, shaving cream and razors, in addition to the socks. The collection will begin October 15th through November 11th. A collection bin for the veterans will be located in both of the Coat Rooms. Last year we collected 289 large items and hope to go over that number this year! Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you from the Newcomer Ministry Team.





The Stephen Ministry Series, for which Avon United Methodist Church will soon begin training, benefits many others besides those who *receive* the care of their Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Ministers grow greatly as they learn about helping others — and they learn about themselves. As the hurting members of our congregation grow stronger through this caring ministry, the whole church is built up and made stronger. And, of course, we all can have the knowledge that when the pains of life come our way, someone will always be there, ready to care for us, to bring God's love to us in a special, personal way. Perhaps God is calling you to be one of these caring, committed servants who offer Christ's love to those who are hurting. If you would like more information regarding our training class which begins January 6, 2024 through May 4, 2024, please contact Kerry Locke, Stephen Ministry Leader, Training Co-Coordinator, at 317-441-4429 or email jlocke4@indy.rr.com.





Are you new to AUMC attending for a while, but ready 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.



#### **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!



The Endowment Fund Committee is sponsoring another free informational seminar titled "Life Can Change Rapidly...Are You Ready?" The seminar will take place on Saturday, November 11th from 9:00 am - noon in the AUMC Chapel. This year we will have four speakers, all who attend our church.

Kelly Lane will speak about losing your spouse unexpectedly.

Jan Dorsey will discuss the many services that Hendricks County Senior Services offer.

Dan Kenyon will speak on Navigating the Assisted Living Maze.

Pastor Danny Walker will talk on the spiritual issues related to these topics.

Please mark your calendar and register by emailing the church office at officeassistant@avonumc.com or by calling church office at 317-272-4068. Refreshments will be provided. Childcare will be available if requested. Please contact the Endowment Fund Committee with any questions.

#### From the Health Ministry Team...

#### The Long Goodbye

Alzheimer's is a brain disease often referred to as the long goodbye by loved ones due to the slow deterioration of an afflicted individual's mind and body.

Specifically, patients with Alzheimer's have a specific type of dementia that typically manifests as memory loss and confusion. Over time, these symptoms may progress to a decline in daily activity, motor function, decision-making, communication, and self-care habits.

Often, these symptoms begin during one's late 30s to 40s. After the initial symptoms, patients typically live for a few more years until they die from the rapid and severe progression of symptoms. The main risk factor for Alzheimer's is increasing age; however, this disease has a genetic component affecting 2% of patients. Having a blood relative with the disease only slightly raises your risk of getting the disease.

Some warning signs of Alzheimer's include:

- Asking the same questions
- Confusion
- Unusual changes in mood
- · Repeating information or stories, sometimes word-for-word
- Becoming lost in familiar surroundings
- Misplacing or placing items in unusual places
- Neglecting hygiene

If your loved one exhibits any of these signs, a visit to their physician is warranted. Their physician will do a memory test to determine if there is a potential problem. Alzheimer's is diagnosed by a medical specialist in Alzheimer's and Dementia, not a primary care physician. This specialist will conduct various examinations to form a diagnosis and optimal treatment plan.

Once a diagnosis of Alzheimer's is made, someone must be designated a Durable Power of Attorney. This will allow the patient to make decisions as long as they can, and then the decision-making will go to the person named Power of Attorney. The patient's Last Will and Testament will also need to be obtained. Changes to the Will can be made in the early stages of the disease, which is an excellent time to make final arrangements.

To assess whether you are experiencing significant memory loss, please visit www.DoctorEricKnows.com and search for the Short Portable Mental Status Questionnaire (SPMSQ), which can be performed by a medical professional or loved one.

An excellent resource for caregivers or loved ones of those with Alzheimer's Disease is Caregiving in Alzheimer's and Other Dementias, a book by Eric Pfeiffer, MD.

Submitted by Rita Bivens, RN, CNOR







### Meal Packing at AUMC













1st	Grant Hamilton	12th	Nick Bingaman
2nd	Beth Ann Fox	13th	Sandy Davis
	Levi Ward	14th	Reese Davis
	Mark Boardman	15th	Doyle Lee
	Andy O'Maley		Emma Walter
	Keegan Utz		Abigail Walter
	Gregory Mueller		Susanne Delisle
	Mariah Mueller	16th	Lisa Bray
3rd	Dylan O'Maley	17th	Terry Decker
4th	Sarah Willis		lan Bullock
	Mark Clark	18th	Charlotte Schneider
5th	Boston Matthews		Jimmy Lunsford
	Sandy Barrett		Peter Rowell
	Samantha Stringer		Wesley Mills
	Rian O'Maley	19th	John Lazaro
6th	George Pelton		Hayden Coulter
	Nancy Sebree		Josias Aguiar
	Susan Parsons	21st	Penny Hanlon
	Jane DuMond		Shelly DeBoer
	Lynnell Jackson	22nd	Brycen Johnson
7th	John Locke		Teana Norcutt
	Faith Snyder	23rd	Jean Perry
	Cecilia Zeronik		Heather Berry
8th	Zach Staley	24th	Jeff Haviza
	Jenna Haney	25th	Joyce Groover
	Paul Britton	26th	Carson Bowers
9th	Megan Moore	27th	Amanda Farmer
	Darryl Becktel		Lisa Pinnick
	Gail Levstek	28th	Beth Biever
	Gary Robinson		Nancy Duncan
11th	Nevada Matthews	29th	John Minderman
	Sam Gugenheim	30th	Hanlee Ogden
	Brent Walter		Wayne Schafhauser
	Joyce Webb	31st	Christopher Medonis



Kurtis & Elizabeth Searcy	10/1/2011
Matthew & Julie Doss	10/2/2004
Scott & Sharon Dendler	10/3/1992
Fred & Jill McCracken	10/5/1974
David & Joyce Webb	10/5/2002
Randy & Shelly Heck	10/5/1991
Dave & Connie Hoffmeyer	10/8/1983
Bill & Shelly DeBoer	10/10/2009
Tim & Jan Whiteman	10/11/1975
Brad & Missy VanBuskirk	10/12/1996
Corey & Becca Robinson	10/13/2001
Tom & Judy Trowbridge	10/16/1965
Gary & Patricia Johnston	10/16/1971
Jon & Tammy Prosser	10/16/1999
Brent & Darletta DeAtley	10/16/1999
John & Dana Unison	10/17/1992
Paul & Penny Guckenberger	10/17/1987
Devin & Kayla Vosefski	10/22/2022
Dan & Beth Gugenheim	10/24/2009
Gary & Susan Robinson	10/27/1990
Dan & Cathy Wray	10/28/2019
Gregory & Mariah Mueller	10/28/2006
Mark & Jan Rothrock	10/29/1981
Todd & Dipti Shields	10/29/1996
Danny & Amber Walker	10/30/2004
Mike & Amy Barton	10/30/1999
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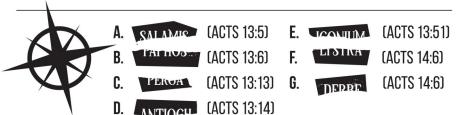


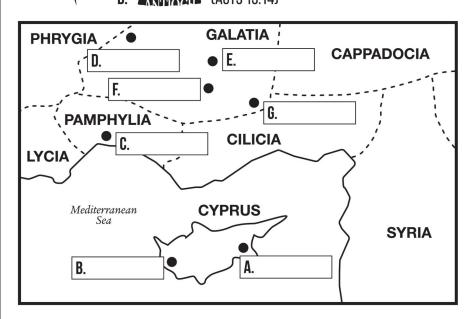


## CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

**Directions:** From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.





Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe

# MINDED PRAYER An important part of missions is propertially

MISSIONAR

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.

#### What you need:

- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy



- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet

#### What you do:

- 1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
- 2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
- 3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
- 4. Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.



"Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."

- Miles Kington





9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary		Tuesday, 24 October 2023	
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Sisters in Strength	Conference 2	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Conference 2
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Sunday School 7th-12th grade	Youth Center	9:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Morning Glories	Room 200/201
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Sunday School PreK-6th grade	Fellowship Hall	10:30 AM to 11:45 AM	Aerobics	Fellowship Hall E
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Toddler Sunday School	Class 203	5:30 PM to 8:00 PM	BSF	Sanctuary
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Wesleyan Sunday School	Conference 1	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Finance Committee	Conference 1
10:45 AM to 12:00 PM	Art of Neighboring	Library	7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Church Council	Fellowship Hall E
10:45 AM to 12:00 PM	Parenting Study	Conference 1		Wednesday, 25 October 2023	
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Children's Church	Fellowship Hall W	9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Restorative Yoga	Fellowship Hall E
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary	12:00 PM to 1:01 PM	Staff Lunch	Conference 1
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Agape Support Group	Conference 2
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Bridal Shower	FH & Kitchen	6:15 PM to 7:45 PM	Girl Scout Meeting	Conference 2
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM	Echo	Entire Lower Level	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Choir Practice	Music Suite
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Pickleball	MPR/Gym	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Mops	Room 200/201
	Monday, 16 October 2023		7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Wednesday Night AA	MPR/Gym
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Restorative Yoga	Fellowship Hall E		Thursday, 26 October 2023	
12:30 PM to 2:30 PM	Women's Pickleball	MPR/Gym	9:00 AM to 10:30 AM	WinGs	Room 200/201
6:15 PM to 7:15 PM	Girl Scout Troop 1591	Conference 2	10:30 AM to 11:45 AM	Aerobics	Fellowship Hall E
6:15 PM to 8:00 PM	More than a Book Club	Gathering Place	12:30 PM to 2:30 PM	Women's Pickleball	MPR/Gym
6:30 PM to 7:45 PM	NA Meeting	Room 200/201	5:00 PM to 7:15 PM	Indianapolis Children's Choir	Music Suite
	Tuesday, 17 October 2023		6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	Stephen Leader Meeting	Conference 2
7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	Church Closed	Lift Station Repair	7:00 PM to 7:45 PM	Prayer Group	Chapel
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM	BSF	Sanctuary	8:30 PM to 10:30 PM	AUMC Men's Basketball	MPR/Gym
	Wednesday, 18 October 2023			Friday, 27 October 2023	
	Restorative Yoga	Fellowship Hall E	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Trick or Treat	Room 200/201
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Branch Leader Meeting	Conference 2	1:00 PM to 8:00 PM	AUMC Fall Spooktacular	MPR/Gym
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Choir Practice	Music Suite	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Barnes Life Group	Conference 2
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Wednesday Night AA	MPR/Gym	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	AA	Sanctuary
	Thursday, 19 October 2023			Sunday, 29 October 2023	
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM		Room 200/201	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery B
10:30 AM to 11:45 AM		Fellowship Hall E	8:15 AM to 9:15 AM	Traditional Worship	Chapel
12:30 PM to 2:30 PM	Women's Pickleball	MPR/Gym	9:15 AM to 10:45 AM	Life Group	Library
5:00 PM to 7:15 PM	Indianapolis Children's Choir	Music Suite	9:30 AM to 10:45 AM	Balanced Life Group	Room 200/201
6:15 PM to 7:15 PM	Girl Scouts - Chastain	Room 200/201	9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 7:45 PM	Prayer Group	Chapel	9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Simple Group	Room 111 Conference 2
8:30 PM to 10:30 PM	AUMC Men's Basketball  Friday, 20 October 2023	MPR/Gym	9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Sisters in Strength	Youth Center
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Friday, 20 October 2023 Friday Bible Study	Conference 1	9:30 AM to 10:30 AM 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Sunday School 7th-12th grade Sunday School PreK-6th grade	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Barnes Life Group	Conference 2	9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Toddler Sunday School	Class 203
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Friday Night AA Meeting	MPR/Gym	9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Wesleyan Sunday School	Conference 1
7.00 1 101 10 8.00 1 101	Sunday, 22 October 2023	ivii iy Oyiii	10:45 AM to 12:00 PM	Art of Neighboring	Library
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Infant Nursery	Infant Nursery B	10:45 AM to 12:00 PM	Parenting Study	Conference 1
	Traditional Worship	Chapel	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Children's Church	Fellowship Hall W
9:15 AM to 10:45 AM	•	Library	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Balanced Life Group	Room 200/201	12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	STEAM Festival	MPR/Gym
	Sisters in Strength	Conference 2	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Grief Share Support Group	Room 200/201
	Sunday School 7th-12th grade	Youth Center	4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Circle Of Friends	Fellowship Hall E
	Sunday School PreK-6th grade	Fellowship Hall	4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Faithful Feet	Sanctuary
	Toddler Sunday School	Class 203	5:00 PM to 6:30 PM	Echo	Entire Lower Level
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Wesleyan Sunday School	Conference 1	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Pickleball	MPR/Gym
10:45 AM to 12:00 PM	Art of Neighboring	Library		Monday, 30 October 2023	
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Children's Church	Fellowship Hall W	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Trick or Treat	Room 200/201
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary	9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Restorative Yoga	Fellowship Hall E
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Grief Share Support Group	Room 200/201	12:30 PM to 2:30 PM	Women's Pickleball	MPR/Gym
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Faithful Feet	Sanctuary	6:30 PM to 7:45 PM	NA Meeting	Room 200/201
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM	Echo	Entire Lower Level		Tuesday, 31 October 2023	
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Pickleball	MPR/Gym	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Conference 2
	Monday, 23 October 2023		9:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Morning Glories	Sanctuary
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Restorative Yoga	Fellowship Hall E	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Trick or Treat	Room 200/201
12:30 PM to 2:30 PM	Women's Pickleball	MPR/Gym	10:30 AM to 11:45 AM	Aerobics	Fellowship Hall E
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Boy Scouts	MPR/Gym	5:30 PM to 8:00 PM	BSF	Sanctuary
6:30 PM to 7:45 PM	NA Meeting	Room 200/201			
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Newcomer Meeting	Fellowship Hall E			
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Trustees	Conference 1			

#### The Flame

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9:30 am - Contemporary, Sanctuary 11:00 am - Traditional, Sanctuary

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





