

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

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Sabbatical May 5th - August 12th, 2025

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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!**



*Perfume and incense
bring joy to the heart,
and the pleasantness
of a friend
springs from their
heartfelt advice.*

- Proverbs 27:9, NIV

July 27, 2025

Traditional Worship: 8:30 am

Blended Worship: 10:00 am

8:30 am Worship

Prelude Dianne Perry, organ
"The Church in the Wildwood" - Arr. Dan Miller

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Ed

Call to Worship Pastor Rob

Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" **No. 158**

Prayer Pastor Rob

Special Music "Abide with Me"
Colleen Gross, flute; Dianne Perry, organ

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

Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" **No. 526**

Scripture
Proverbs 17:17, 18:24, 27:9, 27:17, 22:24-25, 13:20, 27:6,
& **John** 15:12-17, NIV

Message Rev. Matt Lake
"The Gift of Christian Friendship"

Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" **No. 557**

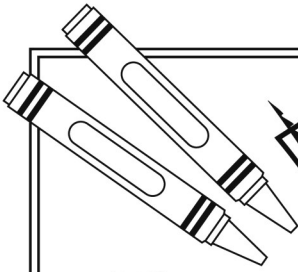
Time of Offering & Pastoral Prayer Pastor Rob
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your offering to the church office, Scan the QR Code, or
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Doxology

Benediction Pastor Rob

Postlude Dianne Perry, organ
"Majestic Postlude" - Mark L. Williams



PUZZLE

Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: in, is, hi, he, hip, end, sip, dip, rip, nip, pie, sir, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, rind, ripe, hide, fried, pride, siren, fresh, ferns, friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shrive, finish, shinier, insider, hinders, inspired, refinish, finished

Announcements

***Sunday, August 3rd is Back to School Sunday.** It will also be **the 3rd Grade Bible Presentation** at the 10:00 am worship service. If you have a 3rd Grader and would like them to receive a Bible this year, please contact the church office at 317-272-4068 or email Nancy Moon at: nancymoon@avonumc.com

***Annual all-church worship and small group series, "You Are the L.E.D. Light",** August 3rd - August 17th. If you are not currently part of a Bible study, class, or small group, you can join an L.E.D. Group during the series on Sundays at 10:00 am or 11:30 am in Room 205, at the end of the preschool hallway.

***Ruth Circle** will be having a picnic at the church on Monday, August 4th. Please remember to bring items for Family Promise.

***Prime Timer's** will be having lunch at The Beef House on Tuesday, August 12th. Plan to leave the church at 10:45 am.

***Club Ignite** for 4th & 5th graders begins the first Sunday of September from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. Activities include games, fellowship, service projects, and more. Sign-ups begin on August 3rd. Club Ignite will meet monthly of the 1st Sunday from September - May. Contact Nancy Moon at nancymoon@avonumc.com for more information.

***AUMC Cookbook** - Recipe cards can be found at the Welcome Desks, where you can submit your recipe for inclusion in the cookbook. Please ensure that all recipes are returned by the last Sunday in August.

***All-Church Renewal Reunion Fellowship Meal** - You are invited to mark your calendar and plan to join us on August 24th when Pastor Danny Walker shares a sermon about his renewal experiences during his sabbatical. After the worship services there will be a lunch with Olive Garden pastas in the Gym at about 11:30 am. It will be an all-church celebration and opportunity for fellowship with one another and the Walker family.

10:00 am Worship

Prelude Dianne Perry, organ
"The Church in the Wildwood" - Arr. Dan Miller

Call to Worship Pastor Rob

Songs "This Is Amazing Grace" Praise Band
"God So Loved"

Prayer Pastor Ed

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Pastor Rob



Doxology Praise Band

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Postlude Praise Band

Prayer Concerns

Our Church Family

Janet Carowan Linda Britton
Janet Falkenberg

Continued Healing & Grace

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

Our Extended Families & Friends

John - brother of Nicki Woodford; *Judy* - sister-in-law of Soni Birch;
Ezra - great-grandson of Alice King; *Brian & Denise* - friends of
Kevin & Ann Knicley

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:

Ashley Brower Maggie Johnson

Our Card Ministry

Tootie Davis



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

