

**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.**

**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!**

A detailed illustration of a nativity scene. A wooden manger is illuminated from within, set against a dark, starry night sky. A bright, multi-pointed star shines prominently in the upper center. The scene is framed by a white archway, and the background is a textured, light beige color with vertical dotted lines on either side of the arch.

Behold, a virgin shall be with child,
and shall bring forth a son, and
they shall call his name Emmanuel,
which being interpreted is, God with us.
Matthew 1:23, KJV

8:30 & 10:00 am Christmas Cantata

"From Yearning to Light"

Prelude Dianne Perry, organ
"Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" - John A. Stallsmith

Welcome Pastor Ed

Lighting of the Advent Candles

8:30 am, The Haney family

10:00 am, The Spice family

"From Yearning to Light"

Part 1: It's Christmas

"Sing Gloria, Sing Noel" - Joel Raney

Featuring Jump Start Music

Opening Prayer Pastor Ed

Part 2: Come Messiah

"An Advent Yearning" - Michael Barrett

Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196

Part 3: Promise Fulfilled

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" - Gerald Custer

Susan Imel, soloist

Part 4: Christ Is Born

"He is Born" - Ruth Morris Gray

Puzzle!

The Christmas Story

Unscramble each set of letters to form a word from the Christmas story. One letter in each set doesn't belong. Write each extra letter below, on the line above the correct number. Then answer the question: What did we all receive at Christmas?

(1) TGLBEHHEME _ _ _ _ _

(2) NEAGLO _ _ _ _ _

(3) NRMEDAG _ _ _ _ _

(4) ODEKSNY _ _ _ _ _

(5) AMGYR _ _ _ _ _

(6) OHESJIP _ _ _ _ _

(7) EFJSUS _ _ _ _ _

(8) ITEENMSW _ _ _ _ _

(9) SPHDSREEO _ _ _ _ _

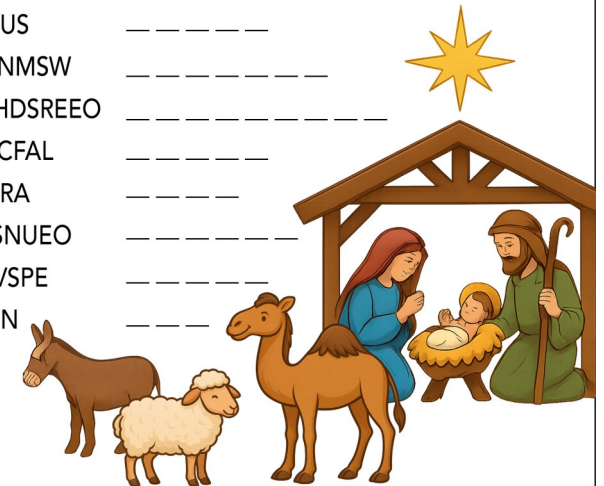
(10) EMCFAL _ _ _ _ _

(11) TLSRA _ _ _ _ _

(12) CSSNUEO _ _ _ _ _

(13) HEVSPE _ _ _ _ _

(14) ENIN _ _ _ _ _



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 10 11 12 13 14

Answers: Bethlehem (G), Angel (O), Manger (D), Donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), Wise men (T), Shepherds (O), Camel (F), Star (L), Census (O), Sheep (V), Inn (E), God's gift of love

Prayer Concerns

Our Church Family

Bob Vorpe Jill McCracken

Sympathy to:

Julie Narvell and family upon the death of her nephew.

Lorena Johnson and family upon the death of her mother.

Fred McCracken and family upon the death of his cousin, Kevin.

Continued Healing & Grace

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

Our Extended Families & Friends

Betsy - friend of Suzie Elliot; *Sandy* - sister of Sonia Barnes; Bob -
friend of Sonia Barnes; *Jay* - brother of Jon Prosser

Continued Healing & Grace Extended Families & Friends

Tim - brother of Teresa Donohue; *Reilly 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

Jim & Ann Wriston

Scripture	Matthew 1:18 - 25
Message	"The Light of the Birth" Pastor Danny
Hymn	"What Child Is This" No. 219, vs. 1 & 2
Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer	Pastor Rob/Pastor Danny
Doxology	Dianne Perry, organ

Part 5: Tell The World

"Go Tell It!" – Jack Schrader

Part 6: Rejoice!

"Rejoice! Your Light Has Come" – Mary McDonald

Benediction	Pastor Danny
Postlude	Dianne Perry, organ
	"Joy to the World" – Paul Manz



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

Matthew 1:22, ESV

Cantata Participants

Danny Walker, Lead Pastor
Rob Probus, Discipleship Pastor
Ed Melendez, Worship Pastor
Gary Robinson, Cantata & Choir Director
Dave Marty, Script & Narrator
AUMC Chancel Choir
Linda Dobbs, Jump Start Music Director
Dave Marty, Narrator
Dave Marty & Linda Dobbs, Narration Script
Nick Biever, Lead Tech



Instrumentalists

Flute - Colleen Gross	Bass - Fred Gross
Violin - Mary McLean	Percussion - Blake Hartz
Clarinet - Tyler Stephenson	Piano - Janet Gobel
Alto Sax - Gavin Curry	Organ - Dianne Perry

Choir Members

Sopranos

Ashley Childers
Susan Imel
Carolyn O'Conner
Susan Parsons
Linda Schorling
Lucy Schultz
Susan Spice
Amber Walker
Allison Williamson

Altos

Becky Archer-Inskeep
Marlene Cook
Donna Curtis
Jane DuMond
Marty Harris
Linda Smith
Marilyn Strange
Jan Whiteman
Mary Zerkel

Tenors & Bass

Linda Dobbs
Bill DuMond
Christopher Feld
Neil Gobel
Andy Patton
Jim Ralston
Raquel Ramirez
Ashton Schultz
Brad Spice
Woody Smith
Tom Wilson



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

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

Announcements

***This year's Christmas offering** will be going to our Helping Hands Fund. This fund is what we use to assist others who are coming from outside our church family to help pay their utility bills and provide gas cards.

***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.

***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.

***Ruth Circle** will meet on Monday, January 5th at 1:30 pm in Conference Room 1.

***Prime Timers** will not be meeting in January.

