

**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.**

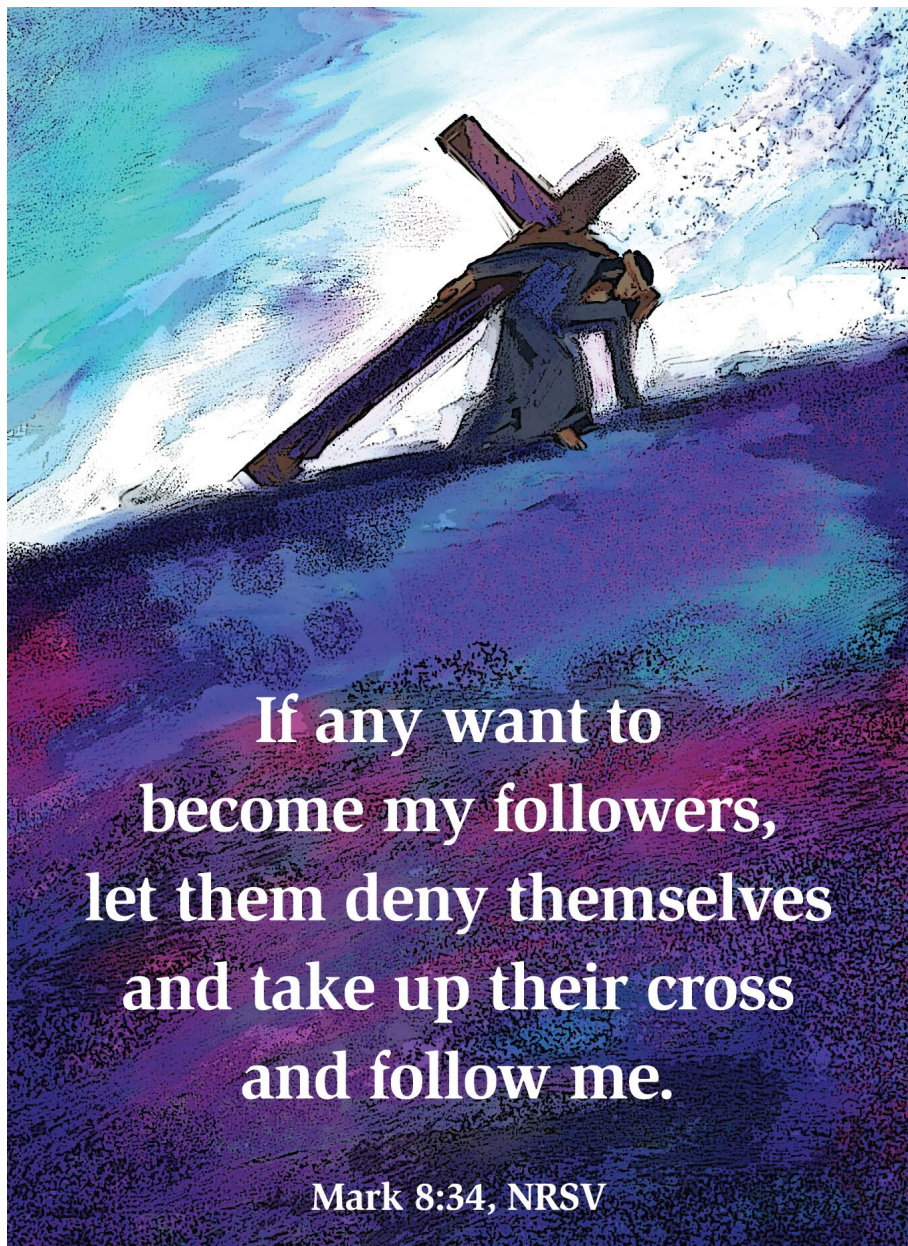
**Remember to record your attendance in Realm or use
the attendance pad found in the pew or on the
chairs and pass to those in your row.**

**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!**



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If any want to
become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross
and follow me.

Mark 8:34, NRSV

8:30 am Worship

Prelude Dianne Perry, organ
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" - Robert Thygeron

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Ed

Call to Worship Pastor Danny

Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" **No. 64**

Prayer Andy O'Maley

Special Music "Ovation" Spirit Ringers

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

Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour" **No. 397**

Scripture Mark 8:27-38 NRSV

Message "Deny Oneself?" Pastor Danny

Hymn "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" **No. 401**

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
"Christ the Sacrifice" - Grieg/Arr. L.N. Porter

Upcoming Discussion Sessions

Pastor Danny will be leading three discussion sessions on Sundays from 5:00 - 6:00 pm in Room 200/201. Register for one or all sessions separately using the links below. Size is limited to 20 attendees, but more sessions can be added as needed.

Discussion Session 2 - "How to Disagree as a Christian in Family, Church, World".

February 22nd - Full

March 8th - Register with QR Code:



Discussion Session 3 - "Church and State: What Jesus Would/Did Say"

March 15th - Full

March 29th - Register with QR Code:



***Avon UMC is now accepting applications for an Office Manager and for a Director of Traditional Music & Chancel Choir.**

The **office manager position** is full time and the hire date is April 6th. The applicant should have experience with supervising staff, developing and maintain schedules, assisting Pastors with knowledge of those in the congregation in need of visits and prayer. The applicant should have computer competency skills with a variety of office programs. Applicant should be detail-orientated, have the ability to problem solve, and be a devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

The Director of Traditional Music & Chancel Choir should have experience in directing choirs and a background in Music Education or an equivalent. This is a part-time, hourly position that begins on June 1st.

Send your resume to: officeassistant@avonumc.com

***Confirmation Classes** - The start of the Confirmation season is being postponed until August. We're looking forward to guiding students on this part of their faith journey during the upcoming school year. Look for more information during the summer.

Announcements

***AUMC Lenten Breakfast** will be on February 28th at 8:30 am.

***You are invited to a special Lenten season retreat** on March 14th at Broadway UMC in Indianapolis led by Pastor Danny. It will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 am. The opening devotional will begin at 9:15 am. The retreat will conclude by 5:15 pm. Cost is \$25. Sign up and pay through Realm or call the office.



***Play-N-Share Preschool Registration** for 2026-2027 school year has begun. Enrollment packets are available at the front desk, on our website, or by contacting Julie Narvell, Director at 317-272-1786. Early registration is highly encouraged. We are happy to schedule tours for our faith-based preschool!

***The Chancel Choir** will begin rehearsals for their Easter music on Wednesday, February 25th from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Music Suite. If you've thought about singing but are not sure of the schedule commitment, join for the Easter season. All are welcome, and our schedule can be flexible.

***Simple Group Begins March 1st** - Are you new to AUMC? Have you been attending for a while and feeling ready to seek new connections? If so, please consider joining a three session gathering called "Simple Group." All are welcome! We will focus on three simple questions: "Who Am I?"... "Who Is God?"... "Who Are We Together?" Simple Group will meet in Room 111 for an hour on Sundays from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm. Meeting dates are March 1st, March 8th, and March 15th. If planning to attend, please contact Donna Curtis at dsuecurtis@gmail.com to assist with the preparation of materials.

***Lent Gospel Reading Plans** - Do you know the story of Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection? Have you read one of the gospels recently? If you have never read one of the four gospel accounts within the New Testament of the Bible, or even if you've read them dozens of times, the Lenten season is a great time to invite the Holy Spirit to direct you to one of the gospels to go through from beginning to end during this time of year. To help you, there are Lent reading plans available at the welcome desks for the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and John. It's recommended that if you read Luke, then you read the second volume that goes along with it afterwards, which is known as "Acts" or "The Acts of the Apostles."

10:00 am Worship

Prelude Dianne Perry, organ
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" - Robert Thygerson

Call to Worship Pastor Danny

Morning Welcome

Songs "Let The Praises Ring" Praise Band
"What A Beautiful Name"

Prayer

Special Music "You're Beautiful" Faithful Feet

Special Music "Ovation" Spirit Ringers

Scripture Mark 8:27-38 NRSV

Message "Deny Oneself?" Pastor Danny

Hymn No. 401, vs. 1, 2, & 4
"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

Stephen Ministry Commissioning

Offering & Pastoral Prayer

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Our Church Family

Sympathy to:

The family & friends of Bill Rosemeyer upon his death.

Peggy McCoy and family upon the death of her son, David.

Continued Healing & Grace

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

Our Extended Families & Friends

Ann & Emma - sister-in-law & great-niece of Linda Dobbs; *Connie* - friend of Eric Schmidt; *Donita* - daughter of Betty Kinder; *Lori & family* - friends of Greg Wolff; *Missy* - daughter of Bonnie Niemann; *Hunter* - great nephew of Andy Patton; *Gina* - daughter of Peg Sharkey

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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:

Bridget Logeais Ryan Filek

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



LESS
OF ME
~~more~~
of
Jesus