

# AVERY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 15 at 10:30 AM / FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## WELCOME TO AVERY!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today, in the sanctuary or online.

Restrooms are on the lower level directly across from the stairs.


## STAFF

Pastor: Erik Hoeke  
Accompanist: Zach Smith  
Office Manager: Linda Boice  
Custodian: Jessica Garda

## WORSHIP SERVANTS

Liturgist: Bill Burdett  
A/V Support: Jessica Garda

Altar flowers are given today to the glory of God.

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CALL CONNECT COMMIT CELEBRATE

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Welcome & Centering

Music #127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Scriptures Galatians 5:2-6; James 2:14-26

Children's Moments

Message *Theology of Faith AND Works*

Music #2197 *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Prayers

Offering

Music #2175 *Together We Serve*

Benediction

## NEXT WEEK

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
*Sundays are for Preaching AND Feasting*

## IN OUR PRAYERS

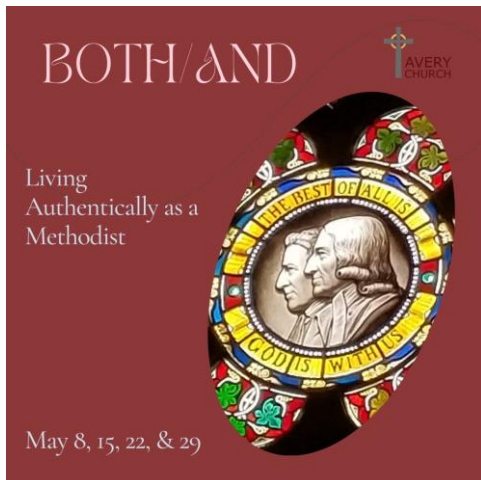
<u>Concerns</u>	Patricia Andes	Mike Benyo
	Jeff & Donna D'Arcy	Alan Harps
	Lori Martin	Richard Mast
	Jonathan McDaniel	Grant Murphy

Sympathies Family of Carolyn Brownlee Lawler who died Wed. 5/11

<u>Shut-Ins</u>	Jackie Carson	Lillian Dentel
	Clara Eslep	Ruth Fullerton

<u>Birthdays</u>	Bill Tarr	5/19
	Phyllis Kern	5/20

## Current Worship Series



## THEOLOGY OF BOTH FAITH AND WORKS

*The truth lies between both. We are, doubtless, "justified by faith." This is the corner-stone of the whole Christian building. "We are justified without the works of the law" as any previous condition of justification. But they are an immediate fruit of that faith whereby we are justified. So that if good works do not follow our faith, even all inward and outward holiness, it is plain our faith is nothing worth; we are yet in our sins.* - John Wesley, *Works*, Sermon 35,

"The Law Established Through Faith, 2" 2.6

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. How is your faith in God being "worked out in love" in your life?
2. Draw a tree and fill it with the loving fruit of your faith.
3. Hymn writer Charles Wesley once referred to an "active faith that lives within." What do you think he means by that?

## This Week at Avery

**Sun. 5/22** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Annual Conference  
Information Session



May – June issue available

## Pastor Office Hours

**Mon. 5/16** 8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
And by appointment

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## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm



## BILL LAWLER APPOINTED TO AVERY UMC

Pastor Bill Lawler will be the pastor of Avery UMC beginning July 1. His first Sunday will be July 3. Read the May-June newsletter to learn more about Bill and his excitement about being our next pastor.

*In the United Methodist Church, pastors are appointed by a bishop. When it became known that Pastor Erik would not continue as our pastor beyond June 30, 2022, the bishop and district superintendent prayerfully began seeking a new pastor for Avery, and ultimately discerned Pastor Bill as a good fit for this church's membership and ministry.*

## DISTRICT AND CONFERENCE NEWS

Avery UMC is part of the Washington District within the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church.

### The 2022 Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference Session will occur June 2-4 at Erie Bayfront Convention Center.

This year's Lay Delegate is **Dana Stainbrook** (J.R. Pond was elected but is no longer able to attend). Annual Conference includes an ordination service, a memorial service, bible study, reports, and legislation voted on by delegates. Every year the legislation covers the Annual Conference budget, approvals of several nominating reports and proposed celebrations, and matters of pastoral compensation and benefits. This year's legislation also includes proposals for how to allow churches to leave the denomination if they desire. You may follow along via live stream at [WPAUMC.org](http://WPAUMC.org).

### Pre-Conference Information Session & Conversation:

**Sun. May 22 at 11:30 am**

Dana & Pastor Erik will summarize proposed legislation and invite you to share your questions and opinions so they may best represent you at Conference. Following Annual Conference, Dana will give a report in worship on Sun. June 19 and be available for questions or concerns.