



## Avery United Methodist Church

1100 Gabby Avenue  
Washington, PA 15301  
Bill Lawler, Pastor

**August 28, 2020 at 10:30 AM**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

### **Prelude**

*That all of us here may know each other, please sign the Worshipping Fellowship pew pads.*

### **Gathering & Announcements**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: With all your strength, sing aloud to the Lord, who has brought you here and blessed you.

**People: Our voices shall shout forth praise and thanksgiving to God.**

Leader: With all your heart, reach out in service to those in need, remembering God's mercy in your own life.

**People: Our lives shall be witnesses to the love of God which has been lavished upon us.**

Leader: Come, let us worship with Great joy!

**People: Let us bring all we have and all that we are to God in gratitude.**

**\*Hymn #57**      *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**Scripture**      Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

### **Children's Moments**

*A staffed nursery is available for infant-preschool aged children. Children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary to experience the full worship service as well.*

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### **Scripture**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sermon**

*Jesus Is Watching You*

#### **Hymn #92**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

### **Offering Ourselves and Gifts to God**

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

#### **\*Hymn #568**

*Christ for the World We Sing*

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.**

## **Worship Servants**

A/V Support    Jessica Garda

## **In Our Prayers**

Concerns        Patricia Andes, Mike Benyo, Jeff & Donna D'Arcy, Alan Harps,  
Lori Martin, Richard Mast, Jonathan McDaniel, Grant Murphy,  
Kathleen O'Brien

Shut-Ins         Jackie Carson, Lilian Dentel, Clara Eslep, Ruth Fullerton

Birthdays      Julie Elling 8/29, Brandon Trbovich 9/1

Anniversaries    Jan & Cindy Garda 9/2

## **This Week at Avery**

Sat. 9/3

4 - 6 pm        Picnic @ Passalcqua Pavilion

7:05 pm        Wild Things Faith & Family Night Game

Sun. 9/4         13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am        Worship

### **Church Staff**

<u>Pastor</u>	Bill Lawler
<u>Accompanist</u>	Zach Smith
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#### **Church Office Hours**

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## FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT, SEPT. 3

Join us for a Church Picnic and a Wild Things game!

**Picnic ~ 4pm ~ Passalacqua Pavilion** (off Wild Things parking lot)

- Burgers, hot dogs, drinks and paperware provided. Bring a side dish or dessert.
- Use the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center or call the church office.

**Game time ~ 7:05 pm. Tickets ~ FREE!!**



## SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING ~ SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30-8:30 PM

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi said in a July 6, 2021 email to clergy: *"As followers of Jesus Christ we have an obligation to ensure the safety and care of the most vulnerable in our community. As United Methodists we believe theologically that it is our obligation to know and follow the laws of the land"*. Creating a safe, loving environment is one of the foundations of what we do as God's people. Developing an atmosphere that protects our children is critical. We, as Christians, must be diligent about this task. The Western PA Conference highly recommends that every church adopt and implement a Safe Sanctuaries Policy and creates a Safe Sanctuary environment within the church facility and throughout its ministry. In 2014 and 2015 The Commonwealth of PA strengthened laws designed to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse. Among other things, the laws expanded the categories of people considered "mandated reporters" of child abuse and provided for direct reporting to PA Childline. Our Sept. 19 training is free of charge and open to all Avery UMC members and friends. Each participant will receive a certificate of completion from the Conference. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Area or call the church office to register by Mon. Sept. 12.

## EVERY IN ACTION

Each quarter, we designate a cause to support with our *Avery in Action* funds. 2022 thus far:

**1<sup>st</sup> quarter:** Ukraine Assistance.

**2<sup>nd</sup> quarter:** Thomas Campbell Apartments Activity Fund.

**3<sup>rd</sup> quarter:** North Franklin Volunteer Fire Company. The fire company's response area encompasses 7.3 square miles of Washington County. The members of Station 43 protect their community and respond to neighboring communities on over 300 emergency calls per year. In addition to fires, NFVFC serves by responding to priority medical calls, and provides public service including fire safety through education and prevention programs. Their all-volunteer membership commits over 10,000 hours of fundraising, emergency calls, training and fire prevention annually.