



Avery United Methodist Church

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Washington, PA 15301

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January 22, 2023 at 10:30 AM 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

**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: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

**People: To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God's glorious presence
has appeared.**

Leader: God is indeed our light and our salvation.

People: We will follow unafraid where God and Jesus lead us.

Leader: Let us worship our God of light and promise.

People: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of salvation.

***Hymn #344**

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Scripture

Isaiah 9:1-4

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 Matthew 4:12-23
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Call to Adventure*

Hymn #277 *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

Offering Ourselves and Gifts to God

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #398** *Jesus Calls Us*

***Benediction**

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

Worship Servants

<u>Liturgist</u>	Bill Burdett
<u>A/V Support</u>	Jessica Garda
<u>Ushers</u>	Charley Lawler, Cindy Miller

This Week at Avery

<u>Tues. 1/24</u>	
10:00 am	Small Group
12:00 pm	Clergy Gathering
<u>Sun. 1/29</u>	<u>4th Sunday after Epiphany</u>
10:30 am	Worship

In Our Prayers

<u>Concerns</u>	Ruth Fullerton, Mona Graham, Alan Harps, Isabell Heather, Mindy Kelley, Carlo Krenzela, Lori Martin, Jonathan McDaniel, Grant Murphy, Kathleen O'Brien, Dorris Rea
<u>Shut-Ins</u>	Lilian Dentel, Clara Eslep, Ruth Fullerton, Carlo Krenzela, Dorris Rea
<u>Birthdays</u>	Jason Colbert 1/23, Ian Miller 1/23, Kristall Moninger 1/25, Jean Wentzel 1/25, Cindy Miller 1/26

Church Staff

<u>Pastor</u>	Bill Lawler
<u>Accompanist</u>	Zach Smith
<u>Office Manager</u>	Linda Boice

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ALTAR GUILD NEEDED

We would like to have volunteers to head up an Altar Guild. Many hands make light work. Responsibilities would include hanging appropriate banners and paraments, filling candles with oil, cleaning up around the lectern and pulpit. Delivering flowers to appropriate persons as listed in bulletin. If you are scheduled for a communion service, you will also provide the bread loaf and grape juice and set up/cleanup for communion.

If you are willing to participate, please inform me or the church office. Once the schedule is set, please trade with someone or arrange to have your day covered should you not be able to be there.

Volunteers will be sought through Jan. 29 and the schedule will be set starting on Feb. 5. Please let me know if there are dates in February through April that you are unavailable. This will include Ash Wednesday (Feb 22), Maundy Thursday (April 6), Good Friday (April 7) and Easter (April 9).

Thanks,
Dana Stainbrook

SPRING 2023 WASHINGTON DISTRICT SCHOOL OF LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

This annual course offering takes place over five consecutive Sunday afternoons at First UMC, 29 North College Street, Washington. Registration deadline is Feb. 6. For further info and registration info, flyers are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

THE WAY (Washington Area Youth)

This new multi-church youth group for middle and high school students meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 6-8 pm. Many special activities are being planned. The next meeting takes place on February 19th.

AVERY IN ACTION

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

1st Quarter: Camperships

Congregations of the Western PA United Methodist Conference know the importance of strengthening the Christ-focused foundations of all disciples. One way we nurture this personal growth is through the programs and facilities of our camps. Wesley Woods, Camp Allegheny, and Jumonville are all dedicated to serving the diverse population of Western PA by offering unique experiences for connecting with God, having fun, and developing spiritual maturity in a natural setting. This year, the first quarter Avery in Action funds are designated to send any Avery youth to one of these camps.