



Avery United Methodist Church

1100 Gabby Avenue
Washington, PA 15301

Bill Lawler, Pastor
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January 1, 2023 at 10:30 AM Epiphany Sunday / New Year's Day

**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: The heavens are bursting forth with God's glory!

People: God's mighty acts of power and love are sung by God's angels.

Leader: From the darkness of our night, God has brought us salvation!

People: We have not been forgotten

Leader: Thanks be to God who in a little child, has again reminded us of God's love.

People: Praise be to God who comes to save and lead us.

***Hymn #224**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

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 2:1-23
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *A Rocky Start*

Hymn #254 *We Three Kings*

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon Hymnal p. 12

Offering Ourselves and Gifts to God

Prayer of Dedication

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal p. 15

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion in the United Methodist tradition is practiced as an open table. You do not need to be a member of this or any church. Anyone wishing to receive the grace of God in their life can receive communion.

***Hymn #251** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

***Benediction**

Postlude

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Worship Servants

<u>A/V Support</u>	Jessica Garda
<u>Communion</u>	Barb Humphreys and Pam Verderber
<u>Ushers</u>	Charley Lawler and Cindy Miller

In Our Prayers

<u>Concerns</u>	Ruth Fullerton, Mona Graham, Alan Harps, Isabell Heather, Mindy Kelley, Carlo Krenzela, Lori Martin, Richard Mast, Jonathan McDaniel, Grant Murphy, Kathleen O'Brien, Dorris Rea
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<u>Sympathies</u>	To the family of Ruth Shorts who died last week
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<u>Shut-Ins</u>	Jackie Carson, Lilian Dentel, Clara Eslep, Ruth Fullerton, Carlo Krenzela, Dorris Rea
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<u>Birthdays</u>	Jeff Bissett 1/1, Duncan Husk 1/6
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This Week at Avery

<u>Mon. 1/2</u>	Church Office Closed
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<u>Tues. 1/3</u>	
12:00 pm	Clergy Gathering
7:00 pm	Dartball - Home

<u>Sun. 1/8</u>	<u>Baptism of the Lord</u>
10:30 am	Worship

Church Staff

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

Church Office Hours

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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. The next meeting is scheduled for January 15th, when we will be attending a 4:15 pm Wheeling Nailers hockey game. Tickets are \$15. All kids receive a free hat, and a group photo will be taken on the ice. Please contact Pastor Bill for tickets and further information.



THANK YOU

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation and thanks for the kindness you have shown to us during this Christmas. Your cards, notes, letters, and gifts have been so kind and generous. You are such an amazing congregation, and it has been such a blessing to serve you these past 6 months. We are continually blown away by your compassion, generosity, and willingness to serve. We can only hope that we have inspired all of you as much as you have inspired us. We wish all of you peace, love, joy, and happiness in 2023.

Love,

Bill, Karin, Charley & Lehman

Avery members and friends, please accept my sincere thanks for the abundance of love, gifts, grace and compassion given at Christmastime and throughout all of 2022. Our family has been surrounded by the best of support systems, and Avery UMC is indeed no small part of that. Best wishes and ardent prayers for a happy and healthy new year. ~ Linda Boice

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023

Envelopes for weekly tithes and offerings are located
on the pew in the back of the sanctuary.