



Avery United Methodist Church

1100 Gabby Avenue
Washington, PA 15301
Bill Lawler, Pastor

September 11, 2020 at 10:30 AM 14th 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

***Unison Opening Prayer**

God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.

***Hymn #378** *Amazing Grace*

Scripture 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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 15:1-10
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *God's Lost and Found Department*

Hymn #368 *My Hope Is Built*

Offering Ourselves and Gifts to God

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #431** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

***Benediction**

Postlude

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in memory of Raymond Smith by Phyllis Smith.**

FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY!

Please join us today in Heiskell Hall following worship
to recognize and thank Jessica Garda for her custodial service to Avery UMC.

Worship Servants

Liturgist Bob Areford
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 Sarah Walker 9/14, Stacy Batson, 9/15, Kirsten Pletz 9/16

Anniversaries Michael & Mindy Semple 9/14, J.R. & Jamie Pond 9/15,
Bob & Heather Frye 9/16

This Week at Avery

Mon. 9/12

6:30 pm Church Council

Sun. 9/18 15th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Nominations Committee meeting

Church Staff

<u>Pastor</u>	Bill Lawler
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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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER OCTOBER 1, 4-7 PM

Adults \$10. Children under twelve \$5. Please invite friends and family!

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT INSTALLATION

Rev. Ross Pryor will be installed as Washington District Superintendent on Sunday October 9th at 3:00 pm. The Installation will take place at Jefferson Avenue UMC, 160 Jefferson Ave. All are welcome to attend.

AVERY FUNDRAISER

Give the gift of Avery this Christmas, or any occasion! Hand-crafted crosses from the wood of an Avery UMC pew. A sign-up sheet for pre-orders is located in the church Welcome Area.

