



Avery United Methodist Church

1100 Gabby Avenue
Washington, PA 15301
Bill Lawler, Pastor

**September 4, 2020 at 10:30 AM
13th 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: God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.

People: We have been called to be faithful to God's intention.

Leader: God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service.

People: We have been given multiple opportunities to witness to God's love.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.

People: Let us send our praises to God who knows us totally and loves us.

Hymn #382 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Scripture Jeremiah 18:1-11

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 14:25-33

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Counting the Costs

Hymn #399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

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 #159**

Lift High the Cross

***Benediction**

Postlude

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in memory of Smokey and Marty Stainbrook
by the Stainbrooks.**

Worship Servants

Liturgist Dana Stainbrook
A/V Support Jessica Garda
Communion Steward Pam Verderber

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 Mary Garrone 9/4
Anniversaries Blaine & Pam Stump 9/5, Bill & Karin Lawler 9/8

This Week at Avery

Mon. 8/8 Labor Day
Church Office Closed
Sun. 9/11 **14th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship Hour

Church Staff

Pastor Bill Lawler
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Office Manager Linda Boice

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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.

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. Here are a few samples of current available styles; other styles may follow at a future date.



THANK YOU

Heartfelt thanks to the Avery Church family for the abundant expressions of love and sympathy, flowers, food, generous bereavement time, charitable contributions to causes near and dear to Matthew's heart, and the many ways you continue to shower our family with your support following the sudden loss of our dear husband and father.

*In Christian fellowship & love,
Linda Boice
Mitchell & Sarah Boice Stecker
Dustin & Kelly Boice Fuller*