

October 2019

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Regular Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:45pm Contemporary Worship
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship

Monday

6:30pm Yoga Class (Postponed)

Tuesday

6:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Wednesday

11:00am Staff Meeting
6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Children's Drama
Small Group
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:30am Frances Jennings Book Study @AUMC
6:30pm Frances Jennings Book Study @ Her Home 1604 Avondale Ave

Worship Opportunities

8:45am - Contemporary Worship

11:00am - Traditional Worship

Need To Contact Us?

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Happy Birthday!



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The Dinner Club

Everyone is welcome to join the dinner club on Sunday, **October 13th**. They will be going to Bono's Pit Bar-B-Q. You can meet everyone at the restaurant or you can catch the church bus (on the Talbot side) after the second church service. Please RSVP with Clara Hartman at church or at 904-480-4050.

Mary Circle

The Mary Circle is a ministry and book club for women that meets the first Monday of every month at 10am. We are starting a new book, "The Noticer Returns." The books are for sale in the church office for \$13.00.

Friendly Reminder

Make sure to look for your Daily Devotions in your email or on social media. If you are not on the list to receive them and would like to be, please contact Pastor Betsy at PastorBetsyC@gmail.com. You will receive one via email Monday - Saturday each week.



Mini Trunk or Treat



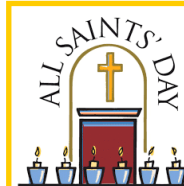
We are doing a Mini Trunk-or-Treat here at Avondale UMC! We are going to fill up the parking spaces on the Talbot side of church with cars backed into those spots. That way our trunks are facing the sidewalk and Trick-or-Treaters don't have to worry about being in the street. We have 11 spots and two differently-abled spots available. Let's share the love of Jesus (and Candy) with the neighborhood! **Thursday, October 31st 5pm—9pm**. Please see Pastor Dennis for Sign-Up and info.



Children and Youth Drama Rehearsal Begins!

Merry Christmas!!! Get your talents ready to make our Christmas season even more special with our children and youth musical, **Random Acts of Christmas**. All

children 1st grade-12th grade are welcome! We need you all! If you can't sing..ok! If you can't dance..ok! If you can't speak...ok!! There's still a place for you!! See you every Wednesday night at 6pm! The fun begins October 2nd!



All Saints' Day

If you have lost a loved one, and would like us to remember them on Sunday, **November 3rd** for All Saints' Day, Please let Dennis in the office know by October, 25 at office@aumcjax.org

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The Pastor's Pen

Dear Avondale Family,

We are off and running this year at Avondale with our G3 groups (come to mine at 6 on Wednesdays!), Children's Ministry 2.0, and our upcoming RETREAT on St. Simon's Island at Epworth-By-the-Sea retreat center, Nov. 15-16 (Fri.-Sat.).

Sign up now by emailing office@aumcjax.org or calling (904) 389-1175, Monday through Thursday, 10-3. We will take reservations through October. The fee covers your overnight at the onsite hotel, and three really good



Rates	
Single Adult	\$ 129.93
Double, Each Adult	\$ 87.11
Child 3-12	\$ 19.84
Teen 13-17	\$ 45.44

meals, as well as our meeting space and campfire. Please pay your fees for the overnight stay and three meals no later than November 10. We have a limited amount of scholarship money (based upon need); first come, first served—so don't let limited finances limit your opportunity to grow in relationship to God and with each other!

We will drive up on Friday afternoon (an hour and a half drive from the church) to arrive at Epworth by 5:30 with dinner from 6-7. At 7:30 we will meet by the river for worship around the campfire. There will be communion, and there will be marshmallows, and I will try hard not to confuse the two! Saturday morning we will meet for breakfast no later than 8:30 with morning programming starting at 9.



(Strategic Planning and Inspiration for the adults and teens, and Crafts for the kiddos). After lunch it will be fun, fun, fun. We will have some team sports, fishing, horseshoes and board games for those who don't want to run around. We'll head home around 4 on Saturday. Our goal is to grow deeper in our faith, help our church move forward, and enjoy each other on the beautiful riverside of St. Simon's Island!

I love being your pastor!

Pastor Clare

MISSIONS MOMENT

Avondale UMC is now an official faith-based partner with **West Riverside Elementary**! We are supporting this wonderful school by:



- Praying for the students, faculty, and staff
- Collecting school supplies
- Providing snack blessings for the faculty and staff
- Assisting with onsite projects as needed
- Putting together Food Backpacks to give students nourishment over the weekend

You can become involved with this outreach project through prayers, donations when requested, helping put Food Backpacks together, and assisting at the school when needed.



WEST RIVERSIDE
Elementary School &
Dual Language Program

Contact **Tammy Burrows** or **Jerry Hill** for more details!

Feeding Jesus

We will be passing out lunches to our homeless neighbors on **Sunday, October 27th**. There are many ways YOU can participate. On Sunday you can help make lunches between the two services. You can help with one of the delivery teams, passing out lunches to very grateful folks. You can make a donation to the Feeding Jesus ministry, which covers the cost of all the food and materials needed to make the lunches. Place your donation in an envelope, mark it Feeding Jesus, and place it in the collection plate or drop it off at the church office. This is a wonderful ministry and a great way for **YOU** to get involved!



Save the Dates!

The Church Fall Retreat to Epworth by the Sea is **November 15th-16th**! We will carpool from church at 4pm on the 15th and we will head home around 4pm the next day. Epworth by the Sea is right on the river with great views and great food. The first evening we will worship around a campfire. The next morning, after breakfast the children will have activities while the youth and adults will get together for planning, learning and growing together. After Lunch we will have fun: Games, fishing, sports, etc. 24 Hours to bring our church forward... together! **More information coming in this month!** Please email Dennis (office@aumcjax.org) or call at 389-1175 to reserve your room! Let's spend some time together growing as a church family!





Unconditionally Welcome...



What does that mean
at Avondale?



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, LGBT or just not sure, filthy rich, dirt poor, gorgeous, or sporting a face only a mother could love. We welcome you whether you are from another country or if you grew up around the corner. We welcome those who are crying newborns, too old to care, skinny as a rail, or carrying around a spare tire or two.

We don't care if you're more churchy than the Pope, or if you haven't been in church since little Joey's baptism. We welcome you if you are on wheels, or if you are just starting to toddle. We welcome soccer moms, bikers (with motor or without!), police officers, animal trainers, nursing babies, teachers, starving artists, proctologists, junk-food addicts, vegans, and yes, even mimes. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're on the mountaintop or stuck in the valley or if you don't like "organized religion," because we've been there too.

Avondale is different—we are about Jesus, not judgement.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both. We welcome those who could use a prayer right now, who hated mandatory church as a kid, or who just got lost in traffic and wound up with us by mistake.

We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts... and you!

**We welcome you because if you're good enough for God,
(and you are!)**



then you're good enough for us!



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Aondale

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Services:

Contemporary Band @ 8:45
Traditional Choir @ 11

Online Giving... What a Great Idea!

We would like to let you know that **AUMC** has several ways to help you keep your tithes & offering goal. Please review the options below and get signed up today.

- ✓ It's Easy
- ✓ It's Free
- ✓ Never miss a Sunday of giving.
(Even when you're unable to attend church!)

Option #1: You may use the Pay-Pal link on our website to donate

Go to <http://aumcjax.org> and click on the Pay-Pal button. It will give you the option of either a 1-time donation or you can set it up to make a recurring weekly or monthly donation at a time that is convenient in your budget

Option #2: EFT Authorization

Complete the EFT authorization form included in the package and return to the office manager. Once submitted, your contributions will be set-up and automatic. The EFT authorization form may also be downloaded on our website by clicking on the "Electronic Giving" link on the homepage.

Option #3: Use your own bank's bill-pay service.

Every financial institution has this service available. Once set-up, your bank will mail a paper check straight to the church office on the day of the week you choose.

If you need any assistance in setting up online giving, please contact Bill Trammell at webmaster@aumcjax.org or contact the church office.

Thank you for your interest. We appreciate your faithfulness! You will find this service extremely easy in making your yearly stewardship goal; which is a wonderful feeling!