



SAVE THE DATE!



Thursday Oct. 31st 🍬

AWC is planning to host a Trunk n Treat again this year, in our parking lot. This will be a fun night for you & your family as well as an opportunity to interact & connect with people in the Avon community. More details will follow in weekly bulletins and church-wide emails.

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AWC YOUTH ACTIVITIES

September

- **8th - 9am - Equip (SS)**
Classes start back on Sunday Mornings
- **11th - 6:15pm - WELL Kick-Off**
at Avon Driving Park
- **14th - 9:30am to 2:30pm - Service Opportunity**
Brockport Hygiene Bank
- **22nd - Noon Parent Meeting**
- **22nd - FOLLOW Conference**
Registration Deadline

October

- **5th - 4 to 8pm - Barnyard Olympics** @ The Willistein's
- **12th - Noon to 7:30pm - Dare2Share Youth and Leader Evangelism Training**
- **23rd - @ The WELL - Pumpkin Carving Contest** (bring pre-carved)
- **31st - 5 to 8:30pm - Trunk N Treat** @ AWC

November

- **2nd - E416** @ Houghton
- **9th - 9:30am to 2:30pm - Service Opportunity**
Brockport Hygiene Bank
- **15th - 7 to 11pm SEVEN-ELEVEN** Location TBD
- Date/Time TBD - "SKILLS" Project

December

- **8th or 11th - Youth Christmas Party**
- **28th thru 31st - FOLLOW International Wesleyan Youth Conference** in Cincinnati



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Children's Pastor Dan Blowers

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While on vacation with my family, we found ourselves in an outdoor shopping area, in 90 degree heat, and I had 4 little girls who were ready for a cold drink. So I located a vending machine that was glowing with the promise of cold, refreshing, overpriced bottles of water. I approached the machine, swiped my debit card, pressed the button, expecting the bottle to drop out and satisfy our thirsty throats, but sadly it didn't happen. The LED display flashed, "sold out". In that moment, my kids and I became even more irritated and impatient as our mouths dried with every passing second. "What?! I thought this was going to work? This wasn't supposed to happen! What are we going to do now?!"

Now all hope wasn't lost. We did eventually find another fully stocked vending machine, but this little experience affirmed what I believe God has been trying to teach me lately - I'm addicted to results. I want life to work like a little vending machine: I do "this" and then "that" happens. If I don't immediately see a result from my effort in my work, relationships, family, or even my faith, then something must be wrong.

The problem is that life isn't like a vending machine. Often times we don't see or receive immediate results, but instead, we need to wait. "Wait" is likely a bad "4 letter word" for most of us. No one likes to wait, but as followers of Jesus and people of God, we need to learn to. David, a man who knew the power of waiting, wrote in Psalm 27.14 "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord". The prophet Isaiah shares a similar insight in Isaiah 40.31, "but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

Waiting reminds us that we are not the Lord. Waiting reminds us that life, and more importantly, God is not a vending machine. In fact, if we can learn to wait, we'll often find that God can do more in our waiting than we can do in our impatient doing. For those like me, who find themselves struggling with being "addicted" to results, I encourage you to listen to Bethany Dillon's song "To Those Who Wait". It has consistently been a reminder to me of the power of waiting.

Serving with you,
Pastor Pete

Our summer in Kids' Ministry was full of excitement at our Zooplosion, learning Bible lessons from animals. Nancy Kroll came to visit and talked to us about how she rescues and cares for God's creatures. She also taught us about what we should do when we find abandoned baby animals and injured animals. Jason Herring brought in some feathered friends - chickens - and talked to us about their needs and caring for them. Nobody got pecked! It was interesting to see and hear about the different kinds of chickens. We also had the Zoomobile from Seneca zoo come and visit. They brought different animals and it was great to hear about some animals you don't see everyday.

This Fall will bring a new look to our downstairs and a new name. Kids Town! Besides a new look, our programming structure will change. In the past years, our two kids' services were different in content and format. We will now have our school age groups learning the same Bible story for the day at both services. The structure of the two services will now be similar as we plan to incorporate the best features of each into one great program. This should be helpful to families as they discuss with their children what they learned at church that day. A more detailed explanation will be sent to parents before we begin classes.

Our midweek programming will also see some changes as we will divide the 4th-6th graders into boys and girls clubs. The boys will be doing different building projects using Legos, Playmobil, trains, and other building materials. The girls will have opportunities to use their creativity in art, music and

other areas of interest. Our K-3rd grade will be doing a series called "Paws and Tales" which will feature stories, video, games and projects.

Our booth at the Corn Festival drew many families into the tents. We used a Zoo theme this year and expanded our space from one tent to two tents. This provided more room for us to interact with people as they came into our section. We had some great conversations with individuals about our church. We handed out over 100 booklets which presented the story of Noah with a Gospel presentation at the end of the book. We continue to pray for the seeds that were planted at this great outreach event.

Our picnics were well attended this year. It was very encouraging to see these fellowship opportunities grow. The weather was great, the food was fantastic and everyone enjoyed the services. Our 4 corners facility is such a great blessing to use for these events.

I'm looking forward to our great Fall season and the many plans we have. Thank you for your continued prayers and help in our Children's ministry. I would invite any parent wishing to check out our programs to come downstairs and sit in on a service. We have fantastic volunteers that teach and lead your children. Perhaps you would like to join our team. There is always room.

In His Service,
Pastor Dan Blowers
(Pastor B.)

Wednesday's at thewell

KICK-OFF PICNIC!

Avon Driving Park

Wed • Sept 11 • 6:15pm

Bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs
meat & beverages provided



Everyone is
invited to
participate!

The WELL is our weekly all-church ministry night with groups available for all ages

Programs begin Wednesday, Sept. 18

6:15pm Dinner together

7:00pm Breakout Sessions

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Nursery through 6th grade

YOUTH MINISTRY 7th through 12th grade

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S MINISTRY

PRAYER GROUP



SUNDAY ♦ OCTOBER 27 ♦ 6PM

Join us as we sing the old-time great hymns of faith
(Additional details in upcoming bulletins)

September 29th will be another installment of our Night of Prayer and Worship. I am certain you will not want to miss this worship service - the power of the Word along with uplifting music and personal testimonies. We're praying for lives to be changed. Come and see what God will do in you as we are reminded of how we Belong to Him.

October 20th we will hold the worship ministry's New Season Orientation for current team members with the intent of having new members join our team. If you like to listen to music, you may be a great fit to learn how to run sound for us. Maybe you're more visually minded and like the thought of seeing well-presented projection slides and graphics. Both are relatively easy to learn and perform. Some of you wanted to jump onto the team last year as a musician or singer but life seemed too busy. Well, here's another chance. We would love to have you. Please see me (pastormonty@avonwesleyanchurch.com) if you would like to join the worship ministry.

November 2nd all current members of the AV Team and anyone interested in serving in this way, are invited to join us for breakfast and training. Stay tuned for more details.

With vacations, camps, and family time, the summer seemed to be a little hectic for many. The AWC Youth Ministry ended with a GREAT summer retreat of our own. The camp focused on what it means to be "Fishers of People." With insightful conversations, we discussed WHY we are to fish for people (because of what God has done for us). We also established WHAT we fish with (which is the Good News of Jesus). Not only did we define what the Gospel of Jesus is, but we also presented an overview of God's Story of Redemption that is found in the Bible. After learning the aspects of WHY we fish and WHAT we fish with, our campfire conversations focused on practical ways on HOW we fish (recognizing how we can influence the people already around us with the Gospel). Being prayerful, sensitive to the Holy Spirit, and specifically intentional, we can effectively share our faith with those around us. To finish the retreat off, we talked about how important it is to help those feel like they belong to this new family of God. With the beauty of this incredible property and the fun that it offered, so much was accomplished in such a short time. The students expressed they were looking forward to next year's summer retreat and requested for at least another day at the Country Cabin Retreat Center.

Malachi Crist headed up a portion of the AWC Youth Ministry's area renovation. Sanding and repainting the hall walls from the bottom of the steps to the fire escape stairwell, he is using this as his Eagle Scout/Boy Scout project. The other rooms (Big Room, Study Room, and Extra Room) will be renovated as the year goes along and possibly part of next year's budget plan.

I am excited to get started with this year's group meetings. Below you'll get an idea of what coming up. See ya soon.

Sunday, Sept 8th during the 9 am service, the Sunday School Classes (now called EQUIP Classes) for middle school and high school students will start back up. That class will be upstairs. We are using the Gospel Project Curriculum. We started in Genesis last fall and look the summer off. Sept. 8th we'll begin again in the Book of 1 Samuel and continue to go through the Bible.

Wednesday, Sept. 11th, the WELL kicks off again at Avon Driving Park at 6:15 pm.

Wednesday, Sept, 18th our WELL programs officially begin. 6:15 to 6:45 pm, students can come for food and fellowship. From 6:45 to 7 pm they can head up to the Youth Room for games and free time, then from 7 to 8 pm, we'll be discussing our lesson topics. This fall, our focus will be on Seven Spiritual Disciplines that help us walk in victory on this journey of faith and life.

Wednesday evenings (5:30 to 6:15 pm), before the WELL, Dave Berthin and I have started a young men's group. This is a gathering specifically for young men (that have a few adult leaders) who are intentionally seeking God's path for purity and healthy relationships in today's society. If you would like to know more about this group please contact me (pastormonty@avonwesleyanchurch.com) or Dave Berthin (dave@theberthins.com).

AWC YOUTH



MISSIONS MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

We have a confession to make...

For those of you who know our family, you know that we enjoy being active in ministry. We pray and we plan, as if we will have 100% energy, passion & efficiency to complete the plans that we feel God is laying before us. Then, we seek the Spirit's guidance and provision, with prayerful & hopeful expectations to see how the Lord will help us accomplish (OR how the Lord will change) the tasks laid out before us. With amazement, the past four years God has given us the mental and physical ability, without fail. But 2019 has been a different year. Not only have we been limited physically and by resources (missionaries leaving the field early, pastors who are out of commission because of tuberculosis, computer viruses that erase months of hard work, electricity and internet outages daily), but our passion and energy levels have been really low as well.

We must confess, that for most of March through the end of May, we have felt like complete failures, unable to physically complete the tasks we committed to doing the beginning of 2019 (due to this time of low energy, low passion and low resources).

In ministry we have found that there is a HUGE temptation to count our worth according to the tasks ticked off our lists, or how well we are measuring up to the expectations made by man (yes, all good tools that do help us stay accountable), but what a timely & encouraging reminder that our worth comes 1st from being HIS son and then we are only responsible to walk in obedience down the path He has marked for each of us.

Before Jesus ever started His ministry we heard the Father's voice say "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased and delighted!" (MATTHEW 3:17 AMP)

SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR JULY 2019

It is humbling to participate in what God is doing, we covet your prayers on a daily basis as YOU are an important part of this ministry. Pray with us daily over these specific ministry emphases:

Khmer Pastors: Families and Ministries, Pastoral Development Plans, Worship Emphasis Program

Youth Conference October 2019: Pray for the youth from each church who will be attending the conference, for the Spirit to prepare the hearts and minds of all involved

Oral Curriculum Program: Creation of Lessons, Wisdom for Facilitators, Open hearts and minds of students, New Students Starting the Program
Soth Kann's Recovery from Tuberculosis

Community Health Evangelism

Homeschool and Co-Op

Seeds Planted at VBS: When life is Unfair, Scary, Ever Changing, Sad and Good... God is Good! What a great message for all of us and what a blessing to be used by the Lord last week during VBS in Cambodia. Pray for those seeds that were planted to grow and produce a harvest!

School is Beginning: Patience, teachable hearts & the Spirit's leading



ADULT "GROW" MINISTRIES

Ephesians 4 tells us that we are called to "equip" each other to know what God is calling us to do and how to do it. Stay tuned for gam classes to Equip us in Bible Study, Personal Evangelism, Spiritual Calling, Relationships, Biblical Culture and more.



Growing spiritually doesn't happen when we know what Jesus says. It happens when we apply what He says. Application happens best within the context of community. To grow spiritually, you have to be connected relationally. Our **LIFEgroups** are one of the main ways that you can connect relationally and grow spiritually. Watch for information about Fall season **LIFEgroups**, in the bulletin and at the Next Steps table.

Be sure to look for these and additional events and details in our bulletin and church-wide emails.

As the Fall season approaches (Sorry to those that love Summer) some of our favorite annual events are starting up! Be on the lookout for the following events this fall:

Targets N' Teamwork (late Sept / Early Oct). This is our annual event to get guys and their sons together to hone their bow and firearm skills, plink a little, share a meal, fellowship and have some good fun.

Men's Bible Study- (at the WELL). This is an awesome time of fun as we explore the scriptures and unearth nuggets that bring a new light to some of the most beloved stories of the Bible.

Men's Purity Group- (Thursday nights). This group of men looking to keep one another sharp will continue.

Guys Night Out (November)- We will gather for a night of fun. It might be dinner and movie, Pizza and games, Wings and go karts, who knows what we will come up with- but you can count on many laughs and some good food.

If you have an interest in participating or helping on the Men's Ministry Team please contact Andy Britton. We are always looking for a few more good men to join the team.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- ♦ Wednesdays Starting Sept 18 ▪ 7:00pm
WELL Bible Study

- ♦ Friday ▪ Oct 4 ▪ 6:00-8pm
Game Night
Bring a favorite board/card game and a snack/dessert to share - Pizza Provided

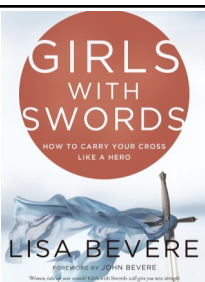
- ♦ Wednesday ▪ Oct 22 ▪ 7:00-8:30pm
Art Night
Bring a snack/dessert to share

- ♦ Saturday ▪ Nov 16 ▪ 2:00-4pm
Tea
Bring a tea and snack to share

- ♦ Wednesday ▪ Dec 11 ▪ 7:00-8:30pm
Art Night
Bring a snack/dessert to share



LIBRARY NEWS These are highlights of just some of the many books available



Girls with Swords by Lisa Bevere Spiritual/Emotional

In a day of worldwide trafficking, gendercide, discrimination, and other hostility against women, Lisa Bevere points to a biblical foundation to present a model of feminine strength that will empower women to live confidently. Drawing on the many references to swords throughout Scripture, the author constructs a revealing and compelling female paradigm that will impact every area of a woman's self identity, spiritual awareness, relationships, and life vision and mission

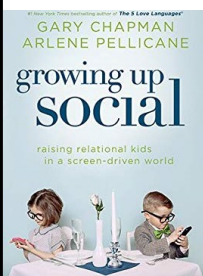
JEFF VANDERSTELT



Speaking the Truths of Jesus Well

Gospel Fluency by Jeff Vanderstelt. Evangelism/ Church Growth

To become fluent in a new language, you must immerse yourself in it until you actually start to think about life through it. Becoming fluent in the gospel happens the same way—after believing it, we have to intentionally rehearse it (to ourselves and to others) and immerse ourselves in its truths. Only then will we start to see how everything in our lives, from the mundane to the magnificent, is transformed by the hope of the gospel.

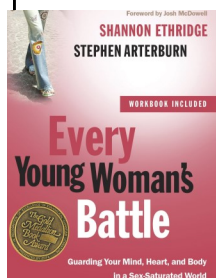
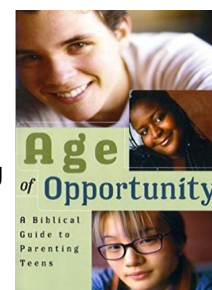


Growing Up Social by Gary Chapman & Arlene Pellicane Marriage & Family

Through stories, wit, and wisdom, you'll discover how to take back your home from an overdependence on screens. Plus, you'll learn to teach the five A+ skills that every child needs to master: affection, appreciation, anger management, apology, and attention.

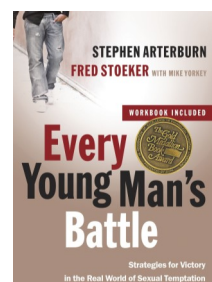
Age of Opportunity by Paul Tripp. Marriage & Family

Teenage hassles that disrupt parents lives or prime opportunities to connect with, listen to, and nurture our kids? Paul Tripp uncovers the heart issues affecting parents and their teenagers during the often chaotic adolescent years. With wit, wisdom, humility, and compassion, he shows parents how to seize the countless opportunities to deepen communication, learn, and grow with their teenagers.



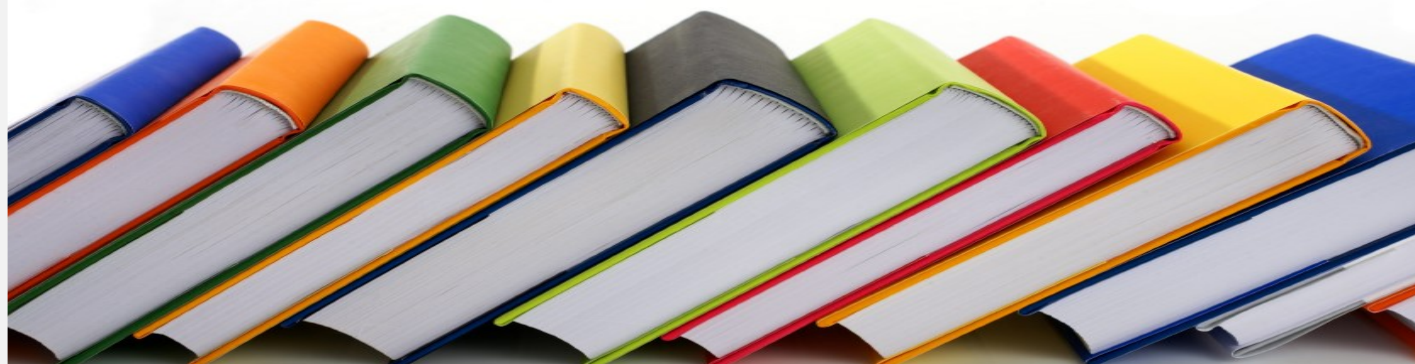
Every Young Woman's Battle. by Shannon Ethridge & Stephen Arterburn. Teen

The world you live in promotes sex as the answer to just about everything. The pressure to go along with the crowd is greater than ever before, and it's easy to compromise in little ways that are a lot more harmful than they seem. You and your friends may become caught up in destructive relationships or sexual activities without even knowing how you got there. You just want to be normal—to fit in, to be liked, to look attractive to the opposite sex. But are you paying too high a price?



Every Young Man's Battle by Stephen Arterburn & Fred Stoeker. Teen

A survival guide for male teens and young adults struggling with sexual temptation. Learn how to help young men implement a practical "battle plan"---exchanging shame and confusion for a positive, thriving relationship with Christ.



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