

Team	Description	Contact Person	Email	Phone
Missions	This is the core of the church. Help feed the poor, welcome refugees and more!	Pastor Jerry Hill & Pastor Betsy Clark	jbo.1fisher@gmail.com PastorBetsyC@gmail.com	864-320-3165 904-389-1175
Children's Ministry	Kid's Church & Sunday School	Trudy Corrieri	trudycorrieri@yahoo.com	904-389-1175
Youth Ministry	Youth Alive! Help our kids know God!	Michelle Sahrphillips	michellesahrphillips@yahoo.com	904-564-0396
Older Adult Ministry	Homebound mailings, visits, calls & other activities	Pastor Betsy Clark & Pastor Laurence Coles	PastorBetsyC@gmail.com coles.laurence@comcast.net	904-438-0001 904-693-3497
Music Ministry	Chancel Choir, Bell Choir & more	Ted Munn	ted.munn@me.com	904-635-3337
Praise Band	Play an instrument? We need you!	Mason Manion	masonmanion@gmail.com	904-591-5039
Tech Team	Learn the soundboard, video, slides!	Ted Munn	ted.munn@me.com	252-717-0874
Hospitality	Serve in the kitchen and buffet	Debbie Ocaña	debbieocana1962@gmail.com	904-622-8420
Welcome Team	Welcome new folks!	Winnette Sandlin	w.sandlin@comcast.net	904-631-4323
Ushers	Make our worship services welcoming	Sandy Arts	abilty@bellsouth.net	904-318-7341
Through the Bible	Reading through the Bible a chapter at a time and discussing how it applies today	Laura Grieve & David Peek	laura.grieve@comcast.net davidhpeek@comcast.net	904-389-7038 904-219-4544
Faithful Friends	Sermons, lessons, and songs in a traditional format	Pastor Laurence Coles & Roxanne Daniels	coles.laurence@comcast.net terroxdan@comcast.net	904-693-3497 904-838-9548
Breakfast Club	Sunday morning discussion group	Katie Sahrphillips	ksahrphillips@gmail.com	904-338-7755
Practicing the Presence	Sunday school and contemplative prayer	Pastor Dennis Myers Jr.	aumcdennis@gmail.com	904-514-1676
Tuesday Book Study	Book Study and discussion via ZOOM	Pastor Betsy Clark	PastorBetsyC@gmail.com	904-438-0001
Dietary Divergent	Life Group for those with dietary restrictions	Myra Freeman	thrallherd@aol.com	904-576-2895
Thursday Life Group	Book studies and Christian life discussion	Pastor Clare Chance	clarewc@gmail.com	904-389-1175

### Join Us After the Service!

Every Sunday after the service, our hospitality team provides a light brunch for all who show up to worship. If you are new or visiting, please stop by the meeting place and have some yummys and fellowship. Through the door on the right side of the sanctuary, and follow the signs.

### We Accept Deliveries!

You can have canned food items for our Little Free Panty, or books for our Little Free Diverse Library delivered to the church Mon-Thurs, 11am to 3pm. Pop-top and eat-now items preferred, canned meat, Chef Boyardee, cup soup.

Contact the office for details: [office@aumcjax.org](mailto:office@aumcjax.org) or 904-389-1175

### Craft Night

Do you knit, crochet, decoupage, paint, or just like to color? Come to craft night Monday nights at 7:00 and everybody is welcome! you can bring your crafts to work on or learn a new one from someone else as we spend some creative time together. Drop in any Monday and share in the fun For info email Pastor B at [pastorbetsyc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbetsyc@gmail.com)

### Daily Devotion

Betsy and Clare are writing wonderful daily devotions for everyone everyday! If you are not on the list to receive them and would like to be, please contact Pastor B at [PastorBetsyC@gmail.com](mailto:PastorBetsyC@gmail.com).

You will receive one via email Monday - Saturday each week. (Sundays are for church ;-)

You can find more information and watch our recorded service online at:

<http://www.aumcjax.org> [www.YouTube/aumcjax](https://www.youtube.com/aumcjax)

Worship Service at 10:00am is Live Streamed on YouTube!



All are welcome at Avondale!



### Feed My Sheep: Saturday 3/9

Rolling on the River has changed its name to "Feed My Sheep." We will still be heading out on the 2nd Saturday of every month. What we need are volunteers for: Sandwich makers and lunch packers at 8:00 a.m. in the kitchen, Drivers (at least 2), Handers-outers to ride along and hand out the lunches. We're usually back at the church by 11. Email Pastor Betsy at [pastorbetsyc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbetsyc@gmail.com) to help!

### AUMC Kid's and Youth Easter



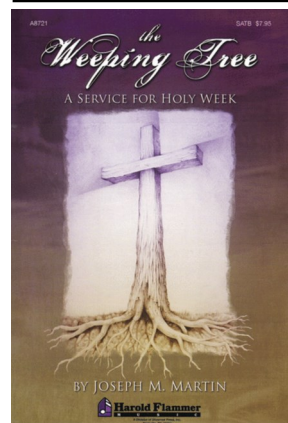
### Kid's and Youth Rehearsal

Parents! We will be having rehearsals for an Easter Sunday performance after the Sunday School hour each week from 11:50 a.m. to a bit after 12:00 p.m. We are excited for this opportunity to showcase our kids here at Avondale UMC. Please contact Pastor Michelle for more info: 904-564-0396



### Tai-Chi Wednesdays

Starting Wednesday, February 28th we will be having *Tai-Chi with Elizabeth* every Wednesday at 1:00pm. Elizabeth has over 20 years of experience as a certified Tai-Chi instructor. She leads a very gentle and easy to follow class. For more information and sign up, please contact Dr. Mary Robinson at 904-891-8816 or [maryarrg21@gmail.com](mailto:maryarrg21@gmail.com).



### Good Friday Cantata

Our Chancel Choir, conducted by Ted Munn, will be performing "The Weeping Tree" a Good Friday Cantata, Friday, March 29 at Sunset (7:44 pm).

The Weeping Tree, watered by a thousand tears, her sylvan branches once held a perfect harvest, for heaven had chosen her rugged frame to be the bearer of grace. There in her crooked and twisted arms she cradled Jesus, the Hope of the world. She who was cut and fashioned by hatred and violence because a tree of life for the world.

## Messages From the Wilderness Whispers



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# Welcome to Avondale!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.  
If you are visiting with us, we would love to meet you  
and to give you a welcoming gift bag.

## WORSHIP SERVICE

### In-Person and Livestreamed

#### WELCOME TO ALL

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear of God's promise.  
All: The promise rests on grace.  
Leader: God gives life to the dead.  
All: The promise rests on grace  
Leader: God calls into being things that did not exist.  
All: The promise rests on grace.  
Leader: God came to us through Jesus.  
All: The promise rests on grace.  
Leader: Jesus died and rose again to save us.  
All: God's grace comes to us through our faith.

**\*OPENING HYMN**      Glorious Day  
*Praise Team & Chancel Choir*

**SCRIPTURE**      1 Kings 19:1-12      *MSG*  
*May God bless this reading and guide our understanding of the Holy Scripture*  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**  
**A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada**  
  
We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works  
in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to  
be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect  
in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist  
evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our  
hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**  
  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.

**CHILDRENS MOMENT**      *Christine Davies & Trudy Wackrow*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GIVING AND SONG**      Elijah Rock      *Chancel Choir*  
*(Please place your offerings, prayer requests and Connection Card in the offering plates at this time)*

**\*DOXOLOGY**      *UMH #95*  
  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

#### COMMUNITY PRAYER

**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 and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.

**MESSAGE**      Messages From the Wilderness:  
Whispers in the Wilderness  
*Rev. Clare Chance*

#### \*\*COMMUNION

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      Whom Shall I Fear  
*Praise Team & Chancel Choir*

#### \*BENEDICTION

*\* Please stand as you are able.*  
*\*\* All are welcome to receive communion. You do not have to be a United Methodist.*  
*If you are unable to come forward we will offer to serve you in the pew.*

## AUMC Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

10:00am    Worship Service  
              (also on YouTube)  
11:00am    Faithful Friends  
              Thru the Bible  
              The Breakfast Club  
              Practicing the Presence  
              Youth Alive!  
              Kid's Sunday School

### Monday

7:00pm    Craft Circle

### Tuesday

6:30pm    Praise Band Rehearsal

### Wednesday

7:00pm    Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm    Dietary Divergent Group

### Thursday

7:30am    Men's Prayer Breakfast  
6:00pm    Pastor Clare's LifeGroup  
7:00pm    Pastor Betsy's LifeGroup

## AUMC Online!

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Receive Daily Devotions  
from Pastors Betsy & Clare!  
  
**pastorbetsyc@gmail.com**

## Need To Contact Us?

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