

**W**ELCOME TO AVERY STREET CHURCH! We greet those who are visiting with us today in the name of our Lord and Savior. Please join us for coffee after the service. Our Pastor and the greeting Elder are available to answer any questions you may have. For more information about the Christian Reformed Church visit our website at [www.ascrc.org](http://www.ascrc.org)

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**THIS WEEK**

Scripture: Exodus 16:1-3, Romans 5:1-5  
Message: "Desert Storm"



**NEXT WEEK**

Scripture: Mark 8:34-37  
Message: "Me First or Father First"

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**MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY**

Greeting Elder  
Doug Christians

North Door Elder  
Ed VanderLeest

Offertory Deacon  
Sandra Dominguez

**Greeters:** Paula Raymond and Judith Collar  
**March:** Jim & Sue Brownell  
**Ushers:** Cal & Anne Hulstein  
**March:** Sal & Cathy Cerrigione



**Coffee Servers: This week:** Kevin & Eileen Crawford

**Children's Worship:** Dave Hiskes and Emma Lapierre

\* \* \* **NURSERY** \* \* \*

A nursery is available during the worship service. The nursery is located in the north hall of this building. Electronic pagers are available and will vibrate if it should become necessary for a parent to come to the nursery. For parents with small children, we also offer a "cry room" in which you can see and hear worship and feel more comfortable should your child become fussy during worship. It is located near the corner with the sound and visual equipment.

2/26/17  
**9:15 AM**  
Sunday School  
Donna Belair

2/26/17  
**10:30 AM**  
Worship Service  
Teresa VanderLeest  
Brooke Nelson  
Eric Rentz (on call  
infants)

\* \* \* **AUDIO EQUIPMENT** \* \* \*

A voice copy of the sermon is available on the church website at [ascrc.org](http://ascrc.org). CD copies are available as well. See David Van Deusen or email him at [rm15.13@cox.net](mailto:rm15.13@cox.net). Please specify sermon or service. Copies are ready the following week but can also be expedited if necessary. Thank you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PASTORAL CARE:** Pastor Dave will be out of town from Tuesday through Thursday this week, as he mentors distance learning students at Calvin Theological Seminary. If you need pastoral care in the meantime, please contact your district Elder or Deacon.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Have you been a guest at Avery Street and wondering more about what our church believes? Have you been thinking of becoming a member of Avery Street? Have you been considering becoming a Christian for the very first time, or making a profession of your faith? If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, Pastor Dave will be offering a 4-6 week class sometime after Easter that will allow you to ask your questions and learn more about the Christian faith and about Avery Street CRC. Times and dates for the class will be determined after we know how many people are interested in it. If you'd like to be a part of that class, or if you have questions, please contact Pastor Dave before Sunday, March 26.

**PRAYER MEETING:** Due to last week's church cancellation, we missed the date of our **monthly prayer meeting**, which had already been pushed back a week. So...please continue the challenge to pray at least three times a week for the families on your street or in your neighborhood. At our next monthly prayer meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, March 5, we will take some time to share with each other about any answers to prayer or conversations with our neighbors that may be a result of those prayers.

**Do You Shop on AMAZON?** If you do, Avery Street CRC can now receive 0.5% of the purchase price of your transactions! Simply enter the following address in your browser: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0147823>. You will be directed to Avery's AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. Please feel free to ask your friends and family to support Avery when they shop on AmazonSmile. Contact Kevin Crawford should you have any questions.

**BUDGET STATUS:** The latest budget status is given below. The fiscal year for Avery St. Church is July 1 through June 30.

	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD (July 1 – Jan 31)</u>
Receipts	\$31,121	\$194,127
Expenditures	\$25,051	\$171,298
Net	+\$6,070	+\$22,829

Thanks to everyone for your continued faithful giving!

**PAYPAL:** We have recently been conducting a review of the church website to improve its appearance and navigation. Some changes have already been made but more are coming. One of the most significant upgrades is the ability to now give online via PAYPAL. Select the Give Online button on the home page, then click the Donate button. You will be given the option of donating via your own PAYPAL account or with a credit card. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Hulstein ([jenhulstein@gmail.com](mailto:jenhulstein@gmail.com)) or Rich O'Neill ([roneill28@cox.net](mailto:roneill28@cox.net)).

**SENIORS AGE 55 AND OVER:** Our next luncheon is Thursday March 2nd, 12:30 pm at Bertucci's Italian Restaurant, Buckland Hills Mall. Bertucci's has some delicious new menu items on their \$8.49 luncheon menu. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can provide the manager an accurate count. Thank you! Jim Childs, Email - [jimchilds@hotmail.com](mailto:jimchilds@hotmail.com)

**BOOK CLUB:** Book Club will meet on Friday, March 24, at 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Gloria Ranney will lead the discussion on the book Look Again by Lisa Scottoline. "When reporter Ellen Gleeson gets a *Have You Seen this Child?* flyer in the mail, she almost throws it away. But something about it makes her look again, and her heart stops – the child in the photo is identical to her adopted son, Will. Her every instinct tells her to deny the similarity between the boys, because she knows her adoption was lawful. But she is a journalist and won't be able to stop thinking about the photo until she figures out the truth. And she can't shake the question: If Will rightfully belongs to someone else, should she keep him or give him up?" Look Again is a thriller that's both heart stopping and heart-breaking. Everyone is welcome to join us for the evening. Refreshments will be served by Heather Brindisi.

**FROM THE DEACONS:** WIHS Christian Radio has enjoyed many blessings in 2016. Among the blessings was a gift of \$10K that will allow them to purchase a new antenna. They'll need to raise another \$10K to cover the associated expenses to install the antenna. Please visit their Web Site for details. If you would like to help, donations may be made to:

WIHS Radio Fellowship, Inc.  
 1933 South Main Street  
 Middletown CT 06457- 6150

For Feb 26

Session 3-The Journey of Grief Helpful goals to set on your journey of grief  
 Part 1 How to deal with those who try to rush you through your grief  
 How long the journey of grief typically lasts



**This Week's Calendar**

<b>Sunday 2/26/17</b>	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00-5:30 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	(7:30) PM	(NA)(FH)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Coffee Break
<b>Tuesday</b>	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	4:30-6:00 PM	GEMS (Room A)
<b>Friday</b>	7:00-8:30 PM	LifeGroup (Sylvester)
	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
	7:00-8:30 PM	LifeGroup (Christians)

**Next Week's Calendar**

<b>Sunday 3/5/17</b>	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00-5:30 PM	Honduras Slideshow and Potluck (FH)
	6:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
<b>Monday</b>	(7:30) PM	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM	(NA)(FH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM	Coffee Break
	7:00 PM	Council (Admin)
<b>Wednesday</b>	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
	8:30AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	10:00 AM	Wednesdays for Women (FH)
	(6:30 PM)	(Garden Club)(FH)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 PM	Choir
	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
<b>Friday</b>	4:30-6:00 PM	GEMS (Room A)
	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
<b>Saturday</b>	7:00 PM	LifeGroup (Paquet)
	9:30 AM-1:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal

**FROM CRC COMMUNICATIONS**

**ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER** - Join members of the Christian Reformed Church nearby and around the world in prayer on Wednesday, March 8, the denominational Annual Day of Prayer. Gather with your church family or pray individually, asking God's blessing upon the world, our nations, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

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## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

### **Full Council/Administrative Council**

**Elders:** Joe Christians, President  
Bruce Laube, Clerk

**Deacon:** Kevin Crawford

### **Shepherding Council**

#### **Shepherding Elders and Deacons**

#### **District 1 (A-F)**

Elder: Ed VanderLeest

Deacon: Joy Ferwerda

#### **District 2 (G-L)**

Elder: Doug Christians

Deacon: Chuck Hulstein

#### **District 3 (M-Ra)**

Elder: Barry Priest

(Secretary Shepherding Elders)

Deacon: Sandra Dominguez

#### **District 4 (Re-Z)**

Elder: Toby Lewis

(V.P. Shepherding Elders)

Deacon: Annie Rentz

## **MINISTRY MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Elder Joe Christians, President

Marg Christians, Adult Ministries Team Leader

Jean Ohliger, Children/Youth Team Leader

Dave Hiskes, Support Ministries Team Leader

John Drohan, Worship Ministries Team Leader

Eric Rentz, Congregational Life Team Leader

## **CHURCH STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Dave Poolman (644-2731)

**Church Secretary:** Bev Kaldy (644-2731)

**Custodian:** Randy Wiggins

Michael May

**Treasurer:** Shirley Mannheim

**Sonshine Ministry:** Melanie Smedley

**Transportation Coordinator:** Lucy Berghuis

## **FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES**

Jermaine & Meredith Chapman, Indianapolis, Indiana

Jim & Josephine Zylstra, Tanzania

Rev. Timothy & Wilma Palmer, Nigeria

Bruce & Pam Johnson, Japan

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Avery Street Christian Reformed Church seeks to be a church of obedient Disciples of Jesus making obedient Disciples of Jesus.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

Avery Street Christian Reformed Church is committed to fulfilling Jesus' command as expressed in the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

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