

WELCOME 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

THIS WEEK - EASTER SUNDAY

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8
Message: "Life: Unburied and Unending"



NEXT WEEK

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; 9:1-13; Romans 15:26-27
Message: "Reasons for Giving"

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Greeting Elder
Doug Christians

North Door Elder
Toby Lewis

Offertory Deacon
Kevin Crawford

Greeters: Doug & Marg Christians
Ushers: Janet Ferwerda and Shirley Mannheim

Coffee Servers: This week: Daniela Gore and family
Next Week: John & Lois Hibma



Children's Worship: Dave Hiskes and Shaelyn Nelson

* * * **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.

4/16/17
9:15 AM
Sunday School
Volunteer on Call

4/16/17
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Melanie Fopma
Brooke Nelson
Jean Ohliger (on call infants)

4/23/17
9:15 AM
Sunday School
Volunteer on Call

4/23/17
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Judith Collar
Drew Smedley
Elisabeth Winkel (on call infants)

* * * **AUDIO EQUIPMENT** * * *

A voice copy of the sermon is available on the church website at ascrc.org. CD copies are available as well. See David Van Deusen or email him at 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



EASTER SUNDAY WELCOME: If you are our guest today as we celebrate Easter, we're so glad that you're here! May God bless you with His love, grace, and peace as you worship with us. We invite you to come again to worship with us and discover more about the love of our amazing God who loves us with a deep, deep love.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY AT THE CHURCH: **Saturday, April 22**, beginning at 8:00 am. Volunteers needed, bring your work gloves and garden tools.

PRAYER ROOM OPENS: The "Wednesdays for Women" group has created a prayer room for the entire church's use. It is located just past the mailboxes on the same side of the hall. Go in and check it out. There is a sign on the door. It is a softly-lit quiet place to seek God, post a prayer need or a praise for an answered prayer. Check out the white board to see if you can fulfill a request from a church member. Or come in with a friend to pray together privately. The door is always open, and God is always available.

BOOK CLUB: Book Club will hold their dinner party on Friday, April 28, at **6:30** PM in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish of food to share. Dinner rolls and dessert will be provided. Bring along the books you would like to read and discuss in the new season of Book Club. We will be voting for five different books to read. Do you have questions about Book Club? Contact Anne Hulstein at 860-644-8512, and be sure to make your reservation for the dinner party.

GEMS SUNDAY: We will recognize our church's participation in the GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) ministry on April 30. During the service the girls who participate in our club will share some of what they have learned this year. We will also collect a second offering during the service, of which a portion of the collection will be sent to support the GEMS ministry service center in Grand Rapids and a portion will be used to support our local club. We hope you'll be able to join us on this Sunday!

SENIORS AGE 55 AND OVER: Our next luncheon is Thursday May 4th, 12:30 pm at The Yarde Tavern, 1658 King St., Rte 5, Enfield, CT. The restaurant is located off Rte 5 just beyond Sofia's Plaza on the left. Check them out online at <http://www.yardetavern.com/>. They appear to have a nice selection of \$7.95 luncheon specials.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can provide the manager an accurate count. Also let me know if you would like transportation to the restaurant. Thank you!

Jim Childs, Email - jimchilds@hotmail.com

ps Fifteen of us enjoyed a very nice luncheon at Maggie McFly's Restaurant earlier this month.

NEW ADDRESS: Peter & Joy Ferwerda
207 Stafford Road
Somers CT 06071

Joy's new e-mail:
pjferwerda14@gmail.com

ELDER TRANSFER: In our March meeting, council voted to approve a request from Doug Christians that he transfer from shepherding elder to administrative elder. This transfer will be effective on July 1. The open shepherding elder position will be filled with a new candidate to be selected at the June congregational meeting (along with an additional administrative elder selection).

ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER: The Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Encourage one another and build each other up." As we minister and worship and experience God's presence together, we have wonderful opportunities to do that. The yellow encouragement cards in the pew racks are an easy way to recognize someone when you are touched by their words or work or life. Fill out a card and place it in the offering plate and it will be given to the person identified. This helps to make our church community richer and stronger.

NEWS FROM OUR DENOMINATION:

From CRC Communications

Available Free in the Digital Library - "The Best Day Ever: The Story of Easter" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library (crcna.org/Library). This newly revised storybook tells the story of Easter (found in John 20:11-18) in simple words a young child can understand, a prayer, and suggestions for learning-through-play activities. This Bible storybook is one of 52 colorful storybooks designed for children ages 2-3.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday 4/16/17	9:15 AM	Easter Brunch
Easter Sunday	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	(7:30) PM	(NA)(FH)
Monday	7:00 PM	Coffee Break
Tuesday	7:00 PM	MMT (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
Wednesday	8:30AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	4:30-6:00 PM	GEMS (Room A)
	7:00 PM	LifeGroup Sylvester
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
	7:00 PM	LifeGroup Christians, Paquet
Saturday		Spring Clean-up Day at the church

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday 4/23/17	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00-6:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	6:00 PM	Avery St Players Auditions (Sanctuary)
	(7:30) PM	(NA)(FH)
Monday	7:00 PM	Coffee Break
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Children & Youth (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	10:00 AM	Wednesdays for Women (FH)
	7:00 PM	Choir
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	7:30 PM	Book Club (FH)

“Jesus, Stand Among Us”

Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power;
Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps we pursue our way,
watching for the dawning of eternal day.

—William Pennefather



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: Sue Brownell

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

Jermayne & Meredith Chapman, Indianapolis, Indiana

Jim & Josephine Zylstra, Tanzania

Rev. Timothy & Wilma Palmer, Nigeria

Bruce & Pam Johnson, Japan

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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