

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

Scripture: Romans 8:28; Luke 8:40-48
Message: Who's in Charge Here? (IV): "The Hands of the Healer"

NEXT WEEK

Scripture: Psalm 10:1; John 16:33
Message: Who's in Charge Here? (V): "In Times of Trouble"

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Greeting Elder
Barry Priest

North Door Elder
Joe Christians

Offertory Deacon
Chuck Hulstein

Greeters: Jim & Maureen Childs
Ushers: Damien & Monique Paquet

Coffee Servers: **This week:** Chuck & Carol Hulstein
Next Week: Paul & Sandy James



Children's Worship: Greg Fopma 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.

5/21/17
9:15 AM
Sunday School
Volunteer on Call

5/21/17
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Melanie Fopma
Judy Straayer
Michelle Hoyt (on call infants)

5/28/17
9:15 AM
Sunday School
Volunteer on Call

5/28/17
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Melanie Smedley
Brandon Nelson
(Elisabeth Flynn (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 Rich O'Neill or email him at roneill28@cox.net. Please specify sermon or service. Copies are ready the following week but can also be expedited if necessary. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: We give our Christian sympathy to Louise Groves and her family as they mourn the loss of her husband Gene Groves on May 9. *"We pray that our Lord Jesus may carry you in His arms in this time of great loss and that He will already now begin to transform your sorrow with the sure knowledge that Gene is now rejoicing with Jesus in heaven. We promise you our continuing prayers and support."* A Memorial Service will be held at church on June 17. More Details will follow.

WEDNESDAYS FOR WOMEN will be swapping 'treasures' this Wednesday, May 24th. If you'd like, please bring in 3 - 5 (or any amount) gently used, unwanted items to swap. Any 'treasures' that are unclaimed will be donated to Goodwill. We hope you will join us! Also, look for us in the upcoming June Connections!

Seniors Age 55 and Over: Our final luncheon before summer is Thursday June 1st, 12:30 pm at Teddy's Pizza Restaurant, Rte 30, 289 Oakland Road, South Windsor, CT. We had lunch at Teddy's once and many expressed a desire to return. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can provide the owner with an accurate count. We will not be going out to lunch for the months of July or August. Thank you! Jim Child. Email - jimchilds@hotmail.com

MISSIONARY NEED: The Lapians, ministering in a Classical Home Missions church in Dover, New Hampshire, are in need of a good used vehicle. If you have a car you are considering donating, the Lapians would like to be considered. Please contact Rose Hiskes and she will put you in touch with them.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Volunteers are needed for the following ministries:

Children and Worship: In this ministry, children ages 4 through second grade leave the Sunday service after the Children's Message to have their own service in one of the classrooms. This ministry runs throughout the entire year. There is an immediate need for additional adult leaders and adult or teen helpers. **Please see Heather Brindisi for more information.**

Nursery: Nursery is available for young children to age four. Adult and teen helpers rotate throughout the year. Additional adult and teen volunteers are needed. **Please see Melanie Fopma for more information.**

GEMS: GEMS ("Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior") is a Christian girls' group which meets every week during the school year. Regular attendance this year has averaged seven girls. The group was structured into two groups—the younger group, for 3rd and 4th graders, averaged five girls in attendance, and the older group consisted of two 7th graders. Counselors were Damaris Torres and Kathryn Mund, with Melanie Fopma acting as Club Coordinator. As the participation in GEMS increases, there will be a need for an additional Counselor and also a helper when GEMS starts again in the fall. **Please see Melanie Fopma for further information.**

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for these special ministries to our children. Please contact Jean Ohliger if you have any questions.

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.

From Christian Reformed World Missions

Holy Land Learning Tour - The deadline for the Holy Land Learning Tour is approaching quickly, but there's still time to sign up for this time of learning from and experiencing life from the perspective of Christians living there. Find more information or apply for the tour, which takes place from August 8-18, at crwm.org/HolyLand.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday 5/21/17	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	(7:30) PM	(NA)(FH)
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Meeting (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
Thursday	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
	7:30 PM	Book Club (FH)

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday 5/28/17	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	(5:00) PM	(Taco Night) (NA)(FH)
Monday		
Memorial Day		
Tuesday	(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)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)

A Hymn's Long Journey

The beloved hymn "How Great Thou Art" came together across many years and miles. In 1885, when Swedish preacher Carl Boberg wrote a poem titled "O, Great God," he probably never dreamed he'd hear it performed years later to an old Swedish tune. Or that a Russian version would impact Stuart Hine, an English missionary to Poland, several decades later. Hine penned his own English version, resulting in the now-familiar lyrics.

From "the rolling thunder" echoing off the Carpathian Mountains, to the "woods and forest glades" of Romania, to powerful conversions to Christianity, Hine was inspired to craft each verse. Sometimes the Holy Spirit takes time to complete a work, and that journey is as important as the destination.

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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