

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: Hebrews 10:19-25

Message: "Church Matters (I): Why Gather?"



NEXT WEEK

Guest pastor: Mark Gordon Fee (First Loved Ministries)

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Greeting Elder
Toby Lewis

North Door Elder
Barry Priest

Offertory Deacon
Kevin Crawford

Greeters: Bill and Brandon Nelson

Ushers: Cal and Anne Hulstein

Coffee Servers: This week: Barry Priest and Gloria Ranney

Next Week: Paula Raymond and Denise Riopelle



Children's Worship: Michelle Hoyt and Judith Collar

*** * * 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.

9/17/17
9:15 AM
Sunday School
Page Volunteer

9/17/17
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Damaris Torres
Kelli Poolman
(Eric Rentz on call infants)

9/24/17
9:15 AM
Sunday School
Page Volunteer

9/24/17
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Worship Service
Daniela Gore
Emily Gore
(Dave Hiskes 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

SPECIAL OFFERING: Mark Gordon Fee of First Loved Ministries will bring us the message next Sunday. If you would like to donate to First Loved Ministries, please note *Mark Gordon Fee* or *First Loved Ministries* on the check (made out to the church) or on the envelope if you use cash. Your support is very much appreciated.



COFFEE BREAK: All women are invited to attend the evening Coffee Break Bible study. It starts on Monday evening, September 18, with an introduction by Pastor Dave to the book of Isaiah. We meet in the fellowship hall at 7:00 PM. You can pick up your study guide that evening. Contact Marg Christians with any questions.

BOOK CLUB: Book Club will meet Friday, September 29, at 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Dave Hiskes will lead the discussion on the book For the Glory: Eric Liddell's Journey from Olympic Champion to Modern Martyr by Duncan Hamilton. Have you seen the movie, *Chariots of Fire*, about Eric Liddell? Refreshments will be provided by Mike and Jean Ohliger. Everyone is invited. Contact Anne Hulstein for more information.

SENIORS AGE 55 AND OVER: Our first fall luncheon will be at Olive Garden Restaurant, The Plaza at Buckland Hills, Manchester on Thursday, October 5th, 12:30 pm. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can provide the manager with an accurate count. Also please provide suggestions for Nov. & Dec. luncheons. Thank you!

Jim Childs, Email - jimchilds@hotmail.com

ps - We no longer have a land line.

FIRST LOVED TO LOVE WEEKEND AT THE CHURCH

Sept 22nd - 24th

Mark Gordon Fee

As disciples of Christ, are we truly known by love? Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (Jn. 13:35). To what degree is this true of you? Is there a way to become more loving? YES! We generally love to the degree we have been loved. We can't give away what we don't have or know very well. Come and experience Jesus loving you so that you are filled up to overflowing and can't hold back from loving others with the love you have experienced. "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

Friday 9/22 (7:00-10:00pm)

Saturday 9/23 (8:30am-5:30pm)

Mark will preach on Sunday 9/24.

For more information visit www.firstlovedministries.org

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please sign up as soon as possible as the number of attendees will be limited.

Please see Toby Lewis if you have any interest or 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.



September 17, 2017
 Session 2
 Challenges of Grief

More eye-opening reasons why your pain is so overwhelming
 Some of the overlooked, yet common, effects of grief has on your mind
 How to get things done when you don't feel like you have any energy

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Sunday 9/17/17	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	(7:30) PM	(N/A) (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 PM	GEMS (Room A)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
	7:00-10:00 PM	Mark Gordon Fee (Church)
Saturday	8:30 AM-5:30 PM	Mark Gordon Fee (Church) <i>First Loved to Love</i>

Next Week's Calendar

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	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	(7:30) PM	(NA)(FH)
Monday	7:00 PM	Coffee Break
Tuesday	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	10:00 AM	Wednesdays for Women (FH)
Thursday	7:00 PM	Choir
	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
Friday	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
	7:30 PM	Book Club (FH)

NEWS FROM OUR DENOMINATION:

From RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: Build Relationships and Churches in the Dominican Republic - This winter or spring, come as a church or other group, or join an existing team of 7-12 people. Serve alongside members of the Dominican church in this cross-cultural service opportunity to build churches or other ministry buildings and see how God is at work! Contact Bill Thornburg (bthornburg@crcna.org) if you are interested.

From WORLD RENEW: VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS - Are you looking for ways to help end poverty, restore creation, and reconcile relationships? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program has individual placements overseas in teaching English, health, agriculture, engineering, and more. If you are identifying God's calling in your life or looking for an opportunity to use your gifts and skills, let's further God's kingdom together. To find out more, contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Administrative Council

Elders: Cal Hulstein, President
Doug Christians, Clerk

Deacon: Kevin Crawford

Shepherding Elders and Deacons

District 1 (A-F)

Elder: Ed VanderLeest

Deacon: Sue Brownell

District 2 (G-L)

Elder: Gloria Ranney

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 Doug Christians, Chair

Chris Kloter, Adult Ministries Team Leader

Jean Ohliger, Children/Youth Team Leader

Dave Hiskes, Support Ministries Team Leader

John Drohan, Worship Ministries Team Leader

Mike Ohliger, 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

Rides Coordinator: Lucy Berghuis

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Jim & Josephine Zylstra, Tanzania

Rev. Timothy & Wilma Palmer, Nigeria

Jermayne & Meredith Chapman, Indianapolis, Indiana

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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