

**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: Psalm 73  
Message: "When Life Doesn't Seem Fair"



**NEXT WEEK**

Scripture: Psalm 2  
Message: "All Who Take Refuge in the Son Are Happy"

Guest Pastor: Mike Sullivan

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**MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY**

**Greeting Elder**  
Doug Christians

**North Door Elder**  
Barry Priest

**Offertory Deacon**  
Annie Rentz

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



**Coffee Servers: This week:** Mike & Jean Ohliger  
**Next Week:** Damien & Monique Paquet

**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.

**8/20/17**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Worship Service**  
April Piela  
Ariana Lewis  
(Jean Ohliger on call infants)

**8/27/17**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Worship Service**  
Teresa VanderLeest  
Deb Poolman  
(Elisabeth Winkel 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 Rich O'Neill or email him at [roneill28@cox.net](mailto:roneill28@cox.net). Please specify sermon or service. Copies are ready the following week but can also be expedited if necessary. Thank you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Avery Street Family,

Thank you so much for all your love shown to me and our family while I was in the hospital. The many cards, visits to pray and read Scripture, flowers, snacks, and help with the kids were all greatly appreciated. With over six weeks on the oncology floor I had opportunities to answer questions from staff about all the cards and visits. It allowed me to witness to what it is to be a part of a gathering of Christ's followers, a church. It is wonderful to now be home with the family. Our battle with cancer is still an uphill one medically. Please continue your prayer support.

In Jesus' Love,  
Scott Smedley

**PASTOR VACATION:** Pastor Dave and his family will on vacation beginning tomorrow, July 21, through Monday, July 28. If you need pastoral care during that time, please contact your district Elder or Deacon. Next week Sunday we plan to welcome back Mike Sullivan, Church Planter at Emmaus City Church in Worcester, MA.

**NOTE from the MINISTRY MANAGEMENT TEAM:** Chris Kloter has agreed to lead the Adult Ministries Team and Mike Ohliger has agreed to lead the Congregational Life Ministries Team. We are grateful for their commitment to the church and their willingness to serve in these important roles. We are also thankful for Marg Christians and Eric Rentz who are stepping down from leading these ministries. God has truly blessed us as Marg and Eric used their gifts and time faithfully in ministry.

**ALL WOMEN:** Our final summer gathering is on Monday, August 21. We'll meet at church at 7:00 PM for a time of catching up, connecting and praying together. Refreshments will be available -- feel free to bring something if you wish. (You do not have to be a coffee break attendee to come). Bring a friend. Contact Marg Christians with questions (860-872-8722).

**ROBIN MARK CONCERT:** You're invited to a community wide worship service with ROBIN MARK from Belfast, Ireland. Robin Mark is a Christian composer, singer and guitarist with roots in Ireland. Friday, August 25, 2017. **Free Admission.** Doors open at 6:00PM. Service starts at 7:00 PM. at the gorgeous Union Church Sanctuary which seats 600, at 3 Elm Street, Rockville, CT. Many are familiar with Robin Mark. If you are not, listen to him on You Tube. Don't miss this inspirational opportunity. See the flyer in the Narthex.

**NEW PHONE NUMBER:** Gloria Ranney no longer has a land line - her cell phone number is ---

### This Week's Calendar

|                       |                      |                               |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 8/20/17</b> | 9:30 AM<br>(7:30) PM | Worship Service<br>(N/A) (FH) |
| <b>Monday</b>         | 7:00 PM              | Coffee Break Gathering (FH)   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>        | (5:00-10:00 PM)      | (MRPF)(Church)                |
| <b>Wednesday</b>      | 8:30AM               | Men's Life (Emeralds)         |
| <b>Thursday</b>       | 6:45 AM              | Man-to-Man (FH)               |
| <b>Friday</b>         | 6:30-7:30 AM         | Men's Bible Study (Admin)     |

### Next Week's Calendar

|                       |                      |                             |
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**UPCOMING EVENT:** Mark your calendars for Sept 22nd - 24<sup>th</sup> for the Mark Gordon Fee event *First Loved to Love* weekend at the church:

Friday 9/22 (7:00-10:00pm)  
Saturday 9/23 (8:30am-5:30pm)  
Mark will preach on Sunday 9/24.

\$20.00 per person  
\$30.00 per couple

Scholarships are available.

Sign-up Sheet is on the bulletin board.

*First Loved Ministries*, founded by **Mark Gordon Fee**, seeks to train people to experience God's love more deeply and remove barriers to receiving and sharing His love.

Please see Toby Lewis if you have any interest or questions.

| <b>IMPORTANT DATES</b> |   |
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| September 10           | Return 10:30 service time<br>Children's Sunday School 9:15<br>Ministry Fair |
| September 17           | Adult Sunday School begins  |

### **From World Renew**

Fall Mission Trip Opportunity: - This fall, plan a mission trip to help repair flooded homes in Manning, South Carolina, with World Renew Disaster Response Services. Housing and meals are provided, and World Renew facilitators are on-site during this engaging, fulfilling experience. See Manning, South Carolina, at [worldrenew.net/volunteer](http://worldrenew.net/volunteer) to learn more.

**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.