

WELCOMES 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 SUNDAY



Scripture: Luke 11:5-10
Message: "Can We Really Trust God?"

THANKSGIVING

Scripture: Psalm 103
Message: "Remember Your Goosebumps"

NEXT SUNDAY

Scripture: Luke 7:36-50
Message: "How Do You Size Up God?"

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Greeting Elder
Cal Hulstein

North Door Elder
Gloria Ranney

Offertory Deacon
Chuck Hulstein

Greeters: David & Barbara Van Deusen
Ushers: Sandra Dominguez and Barry Priest

Coffee Servers: This week: David & Barbara Van Deusen
Next Week: The Wiggins Family



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.

11/19/17 & 11/26/17
9:15 AM
Sunday School
Page Volunteer

11/19/17
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Daniela Gore
Emily Gore
(Jean Ohliger on call
infants)

11/23/17
10:00 AM
Thanksgiving Service
Eric Rentz
Michelle Hoyt

11/26/17
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Dave Hiskes
Shaelyn Nelson
(Lois Hibma 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



THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE: 10:00AM: Our Thanksgiving Day Service is at 10:00AM. Let's gather together and thank and praise our God for all of His gifts and blessings to us.

READERS NEEDED: Pastor Dave is still looking for **two readers** to participate in the Thanksgiving Day service on November 23. If you would be willing to help with that, please let Pastor Dave know today (ddpoolman@msn.com)!

CHURCH RENEWAL LAB: As we begin our participation in the Church Renewal Lab, the following church members have agreed to be part of our Avery Street Church Renewal Lab team: **Brad Sylvester** (former Elder), **Sandy James** (former Deacon), **Joy Ferwerda** (Prayer), **Eileen Crawford** (Worship), **Damaris Torres** (Outreach), **Barbara VanDeusen** (Assimilation), **Barry Priest** (Adult Ministries), **Anna VanderLeest** (Student Ministries), and **Teresa VanderLeest** (Children's Ministries). These folks will be working with small groups of people and our existing ministry teams to consider and dream about what it takes in each area to be "an intentional, missional, neighbor-focused congregation that makes more and better disciples who transform lives and communities for Christ."

We received word this past Wednesday afternoon that our application for a \$3,000 Health and Renewal Grant from the Christian Reformed Church has been approved! We applied for this grant to cover expenses for the first year of our participation in the Church Renewal Lab. We thank God for this wonderful news!

FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Financial results as of month end October 2017 are displayed below.

Total General Fund Receipts (July through October 2017)	\$ 92,986
Total General Fund Expenses (July through October 2017)	\$ 101,158
Year To Date Deficit	(\$ 8,027)

FROM THE DEACONS: The offering collected on 11/5/17 for hurricane victims in Puerto Rico was \$1511.78. The offering will be split between <https://www.puertoricorecoveryfund.com> for short term needs, and World Renew Puerto Rico for their long term needs.

PAUL BALOCHE CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Avery Street Church will be hosting Lighthouse Events production of Paul Baloché's Christmas Worship Tour on December 6th, 2017. Paul will be joined by Dave Pettigrew and Stephanie Joy. The Avery Street Church Choir will be accompanying on select songs.

Tickets to the event can be purchased at TheLighthouseEvents.com. General Admission is \$22 per person or \$17 for groups of 10 or more. Tickets will \$27 at the door.

Lighthouse Events will be looking for volunteers in a number of areas such as: *Equipment Load-in, Holt International Charitable Org., Merchandise Sales, Security, Ticket Takers, Ushers, and Equipment Load Out.* Volunteers can sign up online. The link to the sign up will be put on the Avery Street Website. <http://signup.com/go/RtRpDux>

SENIORS AGE 55 AND OVER: By popular request we are having our 4th annual "Out to Lunch Bunch" Christmas Luncheon at Elmo's Dockside Restaurant, 48 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT Thursday Dec. 7th at 12:30 pm. The owner has again agreed to a price fix menu of \$16.00 cash each including tax and gratuity. Please see Jim or Maureen Childs for a menu to this event. As always please let us know if you plan to attend as the owner requests an accurate count two days prior. Hope to see many of you there. Thank you!

WOMEN – SAVE THE DATE: The Monday Evening Coffee Break women invite you to the annual Christmas POTLUCK DINNER on **Monday evening, December 11** at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Everyone brings a dish to share; dessert and drinks are provided. In addition to eating together, we'll hear an Advent message from Pat Williams (who attends the evening study). You don't have to be a Coffee Break attendee to come – and please invite a friend. More details next week.




DIRECTORY: We will be publishing a new Church Directory soon. Please check the copy on the back table to make sure your information is up to date. If not, please write in the changes. If it is correct, please put a check beside your name. If you are not in the Directory and would like to be, please add your information to the sheet provided.

From Calvin Theological Seminary

Israel & Jordan Study Tour (May 17-29, 2018) - Follow in the footsteps of Jesus! Visit New Testament sites not only in Israel (Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, and Jerusalem), but also in Jordan, including the amazing city of Petra. Contact host Jeff Weima, professor of NT at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.

From World Renew

Prepare Your Heart: - Starting December 4, 2017, World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice will distribute a free email devotional to your inbox during Advent. Don't let Christmas presents overtake the Christmas Presence. Sign up to receive reflections on Christ's incarnation and daily presence in our lives with Immanuel, Incarnate, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through Christmas Day. Go to crcna.org/advent to sign up today!

	
<p>November 19, 2017 Session 11-Lessons of Grief Part 2</p>	<p>Who you are now that your loved one is gone Why no one grieves perfectly What grief can teach you about relationships</p>

<u>This Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 11/19/17	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	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)
Thursday	10:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day Service
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)

<u>Next Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 11/26/17	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
	(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)



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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