



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

ADVENT WORSHIP



THIS SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-4, 61:1-3
Message: "All I Want for Christmas (I): Hope"

NEXT SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7
Message: "All I Want for Christmas (II): Love"

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Greeting Elder
Ed VanderLeest

North Door Elder
Barry Priest

Offertory Deacon
Annie Rentz

Greeters: Judith Collar's Sunday School Class
Ushers: Sandra Dominguez and Barry Priest

Coffee Servers: **This week:** Elisabeth Winkel and Sharon Satalino
Next Week: Jim & Donna Belair

Children's Worship: Elisabeth Winkel and Marg Christians



*** * * 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.

*** * * 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: The deacons will be collecting a second offering on Sunday, December 17. The offering is for the Tri-town fuel bank and the South Windsor fuel bank. These agencies assist families with utility needs in the local community. Please make out your checks to ASCRC with a memo note "fuel banks" and the offering will be split evenly between these agencies.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Our annual congregational meeting to elect Shepherding Elders and Deacons will be held next Sunday, December 10, after the morning worship service. We will be electing one deacon and two elders. The deacon nominees are Henry Huizinga and John Hibma; elder nominees are Tony Liebl, Ron Straayer, and David Van Deusen. Absentee ballots are available in the lobby for those who will not be able to attend the meeting. We thank God for the faithful service of retiring deacon Chuck Hulstein and retiring elders Toby Lewis and Barry Priest and for the willingness of the nominees to serve in these important leadership roles.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: The Children's Christmas Pageant will take place during the Sunday morning Worship Service on December 24. This will be a very special time where the children will be presenting the Christmas story to the congregation. There will be a cookie and punch reception after the service, so please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the board in the narthex if you would be willing to bring 2-3 dozen cookies to share. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Drohan.

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 is provided. In addition to eating together, we'll hear an Advent message, "Look into Jesus' Eyes," given by Pat Williams. Pat is the director of Women's Ministries at New River Church in Manchester.

You don't have to be a Coffee Break attendee to come – **ALL** women are invited --feel free to bring a friend. Connect with other women and be inspired for the Christmas season. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby or email Marg Christians at christiansdm@comcast.net.



December 3, 2017
Session 13 - What Do I Live
for Now?

Why moving forward is a necessity
Why it's a process
Why peace and pain will always coexist



Dec 3	First Sunday of Advent service 6:00 PM Prayer meeting
Dec 6	7:00 PM Paul Baloche concert
Dec 10	Second Sunday of Advent service (communion)
6:00 PM	Christmas tree decorating
Dec 17	Third Sunday of Advent service
Dec 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent service Christmas pageant during the service 5:00 PM Christmas Eve service

This Week's Calendar

Sunday 12/3/17	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	(7:30) PM	(NA)(FH)
Monday	7:00 PM	Coffee Break
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Council (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	7:00 PM	Paul Baloche Concert (Church)
Thursday	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break Brunch
	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday 12/10/17	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
		Congregational Meeting
	4:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	6:00 PM	Tree Lighting
	(7:30) PM	(N/A) (FH)
Monday	6:30 PM	Coffee Break Christmas Celebration
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Shepherding Elders & Deacons
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
Wednesday	8:30AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	10:00 AM	Wednesdays for Women
	7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
	5:30-10:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal

NEWS FROM OUR DENOMINATION:

THANK YOU FROM WORLD RENEW: Your donations to World Renew's response to hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria will go toward the long-term recovery of the individuals, families, and communities that were affected most. Your generosity not only provides tangible assistance like home repairs but also provides long-term recovery and other expertise to community leaders. World Renew is not the first on the scene, but often the last to leave. Every service World Renew provides is carried out by volunteers (known as Green Shirts) who serve disaster survivors with the love and hope of Christ. Learn more at: www.worldrenew.net/UShurricanes

FROM WORLD RENEW: Advent starts today. Is your heart ready? - Celebrating Christmas isn't a day, it's a season. Welcome Immanuel, Incarnate in 2017 with Advent devotions from World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting tomorrow, Dec. 4. Join an exploration of the Incarnation of Christ and his presence in our lives as we prepare to celebrate his birth. To sign up, go to crcna.org/advent.



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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