

**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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**ADVENT WORSHIP**



**THIS SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Scripture: Isaiah 6; Isaiah 7:14  
Message: "All I Want for Christmas (III): Wonder"

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**MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY**

Greeting Elder  
Toby Lewis

North Door Elder  
Toby Lewis

Offertory Deacon  
Sandra Dominquez

**Greeters:** Lori Johnson  
**Ushers:** Sandra Dominguez and Barry Priest

**Coffee Servers:** **This week:** Jim & Donna Belair  
**Next Week:** Mike & Willa Berghuis

**Children's Worship:** Heather Brindisi 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.

12/10/17 & 12/17/17  
**9:15 AM**  
Sunday School  
Page Volunteer

12/10/17  
**10:30 AM**  
Worship Service  
Elisabeth Winkel  
Brandon Nelson  
(Ariana Lewis on call infants)

12/17/17  
**10:30 AM**  
Worship Service  
Melanie Smedley  
Judy Straayer  
(Michelle Hoyt 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

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** There will be a short congregational meeting immediately following today's morning worship service to elect Shepherding Elders and Deacons. 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 stay for the meeting.

**CHRISMON TREE DECORATING:** This Evening at 6:00 PM everyone is invited to join us for Chrismon tree decorating in the sanctuary.

**THANK YOU** to the congregation at Avery Street for your gifts for the people of Puerto Rico. There is such need there since hurricane Maria swept over the island on September 20. Thank you for helping. World Renew will be sending volunteers to a work site there in January to work alongside the Seventh Day Adventists. They will be working in the agricultural side of the island by the city of Mayaguez.

Rachel Hiskes and family, Steve and Damaris Torres and family, Liz Rodriquez and family

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** The deacons will be collecting a second offering next 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.

**COFFEE BREAK CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:** 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](mailto:christiansdm@comcast.net).

**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.

**WEDNESDAYS FOR WOMEN** will not be meeting for the months of December and January due to people's busy schedules related to the wonderful holidays and to the inspiring January Series. We wish everyone a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

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**MISSIONS TEAM UPDATE:** Currently we have raised \$11,352.00 in pledges for our faith promise missions program at Avery Street. Thank you to all who submitted a pledge. If you did not yet return yours but would like to, please put it in the offering plate at any time. Our goal is to raise \$14,000 this year.

**Greeting our missionaries during Christmas:** There are greeting cards for each of our missionaries on the back table in the fellowship hall. Please take a moment and send a quick hello to our missionaries.

Thanks. The Missions Team

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**From the Administrative Committee** - Financial results as of month-end November 2017 are displayed below:

Total General Fund Receipts ( <b>July through November 2017</b> )	<b>\$115,423</b>
Total General Fund Expenses ( <b>July through November 2017</b> )	<b><u>\$123,332</u></b>
Year To Date Deficit	<b>(\$ 7,909)</b>

### This Week's Calendar

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

### Next Week's Calendar

<b>Sunday 12/17/17</b>	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	(5:00-9:00 PM)	(NA Christmas Party)(FH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM	MMT (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
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## Advent/Christmas Schedule

- Dec 10      10:30 AM Second Sunday of Advent service  
"All I Want for Christmas (II): Love"  
(communion)
- 6:00 PM Christmas tree decorating
- Dec 17      10:30 AM Third Sunday of Advent service  
"All I Want for Christmas (III): Wonder"
- Dec 24      10:30 AM Fourth Sunday of Advent service  
"All I Want for Christmas (IV): Peace"  
Sunday School Program during the service
- 5:00 PM Christmas Eve service

**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 8

**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

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**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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