

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 SUNDAY

Scripture: Psalm 90; Acts 1:1-11
Message: "A Touch of Nostalgia"



NEXT SUNDAY

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6; Numbers 9:15-23
Message: "A Hobo's Heart"

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Greeting Elder
Cal Hulstein

North Door Elder
Ed VanderLeest

Offertory Deacon
Kevin Crawford

Coffee Servers: **This week:** Jim & Sue Brownell
Next Week: Sal & Cathy Cerrigione



Children's Worship: Greg Fopma and Sharon Satalino

* * * **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.

12/31/17
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Judith Collar
Drew Smedley
Annie Rentz (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

THANK YOU: We would like to thank all of you for the cards, gifts, and other expressions of love and encouragement we received from you during the Christmas season. It is our pleasure to serve Jesus Christ by serving all of you, and we wish each of you the best of God's blessings in the new year! *Pastor Dave, Deb, and family*

ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS: At the December 10 congregational meeting, Tony Liebl and David VanDeusen were selected as Elders, replacing Toby Lewis and Barry Priest. John Hibma was also selected as a Deacon, replacing Chuck Hulstein. We are planning to install these new Council members during the worship service next week Sunday, January 7. As a reminder, here are the new Elder/Deacon teams:

- District #1 (A-F): Elder Ed VanderLeest and Deacon Sue Brownell
- District #2 (G-L): Elder Gloria Ranney and Deacon John Hibma
- District #3 (M-Ra): Elder David VanDeusen and Deacon Sandra Dominguez
- District #4 (Re-Z): Elder Tony Liebl and Deacon Annie Rentz

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Just a reminder to sign up for Avery Street Church's annual Yankee Swap Christmas Party which will be held at the church on Saturday, January 6th. We are asking people/families to sign up to bring either an appetizer **AND** dessert or a main course. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the left wall as you enter the church. If you happen to forget to sign up, please notify either Teresa VanderLeest (ruurdvanderleest@gmail.com), Sandy James (sassymartin@yahoo.com) or Mike Ohliger (mohliger@hotmail.com) that you will be attending and what you will bring. The evening begins at 5:00 with appetizers in the Narthex. See you there. Don't forget your gift for the Yankee Swap! One gift per person wishing to participate in the swap.

<u>This Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 12/31/17	9:15 AM 10:30 AM (7:30 PM)	NO Sunday School Worship Service (NA)(FH)
Monday	New Year's Day	
Tuesday	7:00 PM (5:00-10:00 PM)	Council (Admin) (MRPF)(Church)
Wednesday	8:30 AM 12:30-1:30 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Life (Emeralds) January Series (FH) Choir
Thursday	6:45 AM 12:30-1:30 PM	Man-to-Man (FH) January Series (FH)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM 12:30-1:30 PM	Men's Bible Study (Admin) January Series (FH)
Saturday	5:00 PM	Christmas Party (Church)

<u>Next Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 1/7/18	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 7:30 PM	Sunday School Worship Service (NA)(FH)
Monday	12:30-1:30 PM	January Series (FH)
Tuesday	12:30-1:30 PM 7:00 PM (5:00-10:00 PM)	January Series (FH) Shepherding Elders & Deacons (Admin) (MRPF)(Church)
Wednesday	8:30AM 12:30-1:30 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Life (Emeralds) January Series (FH) Choir
Thursday	6:45 AM 9:30 AM 12:30-1:30 PM 4:30 PM	Man-to-Man (FH) Coffee Break January Series (FH) GEMS (Room A)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM 12:30-1:30 PM	Men's Bible Study (Admin) January Series (FH)

JANUARY SERIES - The January Series begins this week with three lectures beginning 12:30 PM each day. Refreshments will be served each day and on Friday, a wonderful lunch will be provided by Mike Ohliger, so come early especially on Friday. Lectures this week are as follows:

Mary Hulst

Wednesday, January 3

“Why Millennials Are the Hope of the Church”

Rev. Dr. Mary S. Hulst has served as College Chaplain since 2009. She spent eight years serving as the senior pastor at Eastern Avenue Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, before leaving to pursue a PhD in communication ethics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. After earning her degree, Dr. Hulst taught for one year in the Communications Arts and Sciences Department at Calvin College and then for two years at Calvin Theological Seminary. Now, she preaches weekly on Sunday evenings at the Calvin College LOFT service for students. Known as “Pastor Mary” on campus, she loves to meet with any student to talk about life, faith, or anything else. Her book *A Little Handbook for Preachers* was released in 2016.

David R. Williams

Thursday, January 4

“Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making us Sick?”

Dr. Williams is the Norman Professor of Public Health at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health and professor of African and African American Studies at Harvard University. The author of more than 400 scientific papers, his research has enhanced our understanding of the complex ways in which race, racism, socioeconomic status, stress, health behaviors and religious involvement can affect physical and mental health. He has been ranked as the Most Cited Black Scholar in the Social Sciences in the world, and, in 2014, Thomson Reuters ranked him as one of the World’s Most Influential Scientific Minds. He holds master’s degrees in public health and divinity and received his PhD in sociology from the University of Michigan.

Randy Lewis

Friday, January 5

**“No Greatness without Goodness:
How a Father’s Love Changed a Company and Sparked a Movement”**

Randy Lewis bet his career that he could create an inclusive workplace at one of America’s biggest corporations where people with disabilities could not just succeed, but thrive. *No Greatness without Goodness* is the story of a corporate executive who, after watching the world through the eyes of his own child with autism, realized that we all have a greater responsibility to make the world a better place for everyone, including those with disabilities. As the Senior Vice President of Walgreens, Randy created thousands of full-time jobs for people with disabilities and has created a model to follow for other employers in the United States and around the world.

Our Greatest Need

If our greatest need had been information,
God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology,
God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money,
God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure,
God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness and acceptance,
so God sent us a Savior.

—Author unknown

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

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Deacon: Sandra Dominguez

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Elder: Tony Liebl

Deacon: Annie Rent

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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