

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: Philippians 3:4-14; John 15:5
Message: "The Four Essentials of Renewal (I): Abiding"



NEXT SUNDAY

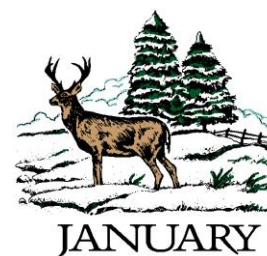
Scripture: Genesis 12:1, 18:18-19; Matthew 28:19-20
Message: "The Four Essentials of Renewal (II): Vision"

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Praying Elder
Cal Hulstein

North Door Elder
Tony Liebl

Offertory Deacon
Annie Rentz



Greeters: Bill and Brandon Nelson
Ushers: Sandra Dominguez and Barry Priest

Coffee Servers: This week: Jim & Maureen Childs
Next Week: Doug & Marg Christians

Children's Worship: Dave Hiskes 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.

* * * **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

ELDER INSTALLATION: This morning we install newly-elected Elder **Tony Liebl**. Pray that God will continue to bless all of our church leaders and give them wise and compassionate hearts as they carry out their responsibilities.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS: Last week Sunday, our church council was thrilled to hear the testimonies of faith of **Jim and Nancy Melough**. Next week Sunday, January 21, we plan to take time to officially welcome Jim and Nancy as full members of Avery Street Church!

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Andrew, Heather, and Drayton Brindisi, and Grandparents Jean & Mike Ohliger, in the birth of Calix Lucian Brindisi, who was born January 5 in Hartford. Calix weighed 8 lbs, 9 oz, and was 19.5 inches long. We praise God with them, and pray that Calix will grow healthy and strong and become a man of God as he grows older.

THANK YOU: Damien and I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and support at the passing of Carmen. To God be the glory! Monique

VALET SERVICE AT AVERY STREET! During the winter months we are offering valet service to help people with parking and entry into the church through the snow and ice. There will be someone at the front door to help usher people in. If needed we can park your car also, just let the attendant know. There will be a schedule next week of attendants. Stay warm and let us help you. If you would like to be an attendant let me know, Ed VanderLeest, (ruurdvanderleest@gmail.com).

RENEWAL LAB DAILY BIBLE READINGS: One of the ways we can all participate in the Church Renewal Lab on an ongoing basis is through reading one chapter of the Bible each day, five days out of seven, and pondering a question intended to help us think through what we've just read and how it applies both to our life together and our life as part of our broader neighborhoods and community. Imagine what God might do through us as we ponder and pray together! With that in mind, here are the readings and questions for this week:

Day 1 Acts 6	Q: How could our congregation identify opportunities, train leaders, and release persons for mission?
Day 2 Acts 7	Q: How can we maintain the sweet spirit of Stephen (vv 59-60) when we're being mistreated?
Day 3 Acts 8	Q: How does Philip's experience with the Ethiopian offer guidelines for our outreach to those seeking Jesus?
Day 4 Acts 9	Q: What does Jesus' call to Saul (see 7:58) suggest about who Jesus can use for His purposes?
Day 5 Acts 10	Q: Who is our church potentially overlooking that the Spirit may have in mind for us to love and serve?

WINTER PRAYER CHALLENGE: Avery Street ordinarily has a Sunday afternoon prayer meeting on the first Sunday of each month. However, this month our prayer challenge is for all of us to take time to pray specifically for the families on our street or in our neighborhood at least three times each week through the end of the month. Pray for marriages and families, for known and unknown needs, for children and those who are older, for opportunities to meet or help those you don't know, and for "divine appointments" to share your faith or invite those without a church home to come with you to Avery Street. This is also a key part of our focus as we work through the Church Renewal Lab, because it is necessary for us to know the needs of people around us in order to serve them in Christ's name. Thank you in advance for your willingness to pray for God to bless and touch the lives of those who live near you!

COFFEE BREAK: Mark your calendar for the starting date for the next Evening Coffee Break Bible study. We'll begin on Monday, January 22, at 7:00 PM in the church fellowship hall. We'll be using the study guide, "Prayer – an Adventure with God". We will actually be doing the first study that night. If you need a study guide please contact Marg Christians or email Christiansdm@comcast.net and we'll make arrangements to get one to you. The cost is \$5.00. This is a 12 week study on twelve different Bible characters and how prayer impacted their lives. Please join us for a time of Bible study, learning together and prayer. Feel free to invite a friend!

CHILI BAKEOFF RETURNING TO AVERY STREET CHURCH! After an absence of several years, the chili bakeoff is returning to ASC by popular demand. Break out your favorite chili recipe and enter it into the chili bakeoff which will take place on Saturday, February 17th. If chili dishes are not your forte, please consider bringing an appetizer or dessert for the evening festivities. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex next Sunday. Additional details will be provided as we get closer to the event.



BOOK CLUB: Book Club will meet Friday, January 26, 2018, at 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis by Timothy Egan will be discussed. Edward Curtis was a charismatic, passionate mountaineer and a famous portrait photographer. In 1900 at the age of thirty-two, he went out to capture on film the continent's inhabitants before the old ways disappeared. Curtis documented the stories and rituals of more than eighty North American tribes. He put together more than 40,000 photographs and 10,000 audio recordings. With only a grade school education, Curtis created the most definitive archive of the American Indian. Cal Hulstein will lead the discussion. Refreshments will be provided by Deb Poolman. All are invited to come for an interesting evening. If you have questions, phone Anne.

SENIORS AGE 55 AND OVER: Our first 2018 luncheon will be at Maggie McFly's Restaurant, Buckland Hills Mall, on Thursday February 1st at 12:30 PM. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can provide the restaurant with an accurate count. Thank you!

<u>This Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 1/14/18	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	(7:30 PM)	(NA)(FH)
Monday	12:30-1:30 PM	January Series (FH)
Tuesday	12:30-1:30 PM	January Series (FH)
	7:00 PM	MMT (Admin)
Wednesday	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
	8:30 AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	12:30-1:30 PM	January Series (FH)
Thursday	7:00 PM	Choir
	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	12:30-1:30 PM	January Series (FH)
Friday	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
	7:00 PM	Worship Team (Admin)
	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
Saturday	12:30-1:30 PM	January Series (FH)
	12:00-5:00 PM	(N/A) (FH)

<u>Next Week's Calendar</u>		
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BANNER: Writers: freelance opportunity, apply now. - Hey, have you seen the new Banner? The monthly publication of the Christian Reformed Church and its website (thebanner.org) have just had a makeover. We're looking for new writers to contribute to our news section with stories of our congregations, ministries, and members. Coaching is available. Inquire about joining our correspondent team at news@thebanner.org and our news editor will get back to you.

JANUARY SERIES – The January Series continues this week at 12:30 PM each day. Refreshments provided each day and a full lunch on Friday from Mike Ohliger.

Monday **Beverly Daniel Tatum in celebration of MLK day**
January 15 **“Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?
And Other Conversations on Race”**

Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum is a psychologist, administrator, and educator who has conducted research and written books on the topic of race, focusing specifically on race in education, racial identity development in teenagers, and assimilation of black families and youth in white neighborhoods. Tatum served from 2002 to 2015 as the ninth president of Spelman College, the oldest historically black women’s college in the United States. Tatum’s important book *Why Do All the Black Kids Sit Together in the Cafeteria* is being re-released for its 20th anniversary this fall.

Tuesday **Katherine Boo**
January 16 **“Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity”**

A staff writer for *The New Yorker*, Katherine Boo has spent the last twenty years reporting from within poor communities, considering how societies distribute opportunity and how individuals get out of poverty. Her reporting has been honored by a MacArthur Foundation “genius” grant, a National Magazine Award for Feature Writing, and the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service. Boo learned to report at the *Washington City Paper*. She was also an editor of *The Washington Monthly* and, for nearly a decade, a reporter and editor at *The Washington Post*. Boo continues her quest to give voice to those without one in her New York Times bestselling book *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*, which was a finalist for the 2013 Pulitzer Prize and adapted for the stage by the National Theatre.

Wednesday **Kevin Olusola in Concert & Conversation**
January 17

When it comes to breaking boundaries in the world of music, Kevin “K.O.” Olusola is no stranger. He has re-imagined the cello, mashing together cello and the urban art of beatboxing into a new musical genre called cello-boxing. It’s the sound of the concert hall meeting the street. Kevin is best known as the beat boxing member of the Grammy-winning vocal quintet Pentatonix and together they’ve released 5 albums, each landing in the top 15 of Billboard’s Top 200 Album Chart. Kevin grew up in the small town of Owensboro, Kentucky, the son of a Nigerian psychiatrist and a Grenadian nurse. At an early age, Kevin began learning piano, cello and saxophone. He performed at Carnegie Hall twice as soloist on the cello and saxophone and has appeared on NPR’s From the Top. After finishing high school at Phillips Academy Andover, Kevin attended and graduated from Yale University where he majored in pre-med and East Asian Studies. He spent 18 months in Beijing becoming fluent in Chinese as a part of his Yale fellowship. Kevin has toured with David Crowder, Gungor, and Quincy Jones and in 2015 he released his first solo album, *The Renegade EP*.

Thursday **Jeremy McCarter**
January 18 **“Hamilton, Hope and Change”**
Underwritten by Samaritas

Jeremy McCarter is a writer, director, and producer. He is the co-author of *Hamilton: the Revolution* with Lin-Manuel Miranda and will share the story of the Broadway show *Hamilton*’s journey from concept to cultural phenomenon as witnessed by someone who has been in all of the rooms where it happened – even the White House. McCarter spent five years on the artistic staff of the Public Theater in New York, where he created and ran the Public Forum series of performances and conversations. It brought together America’s leading actors, activists, writers, scholars, musicians, and community leaders to explore the intersection of arts and society. Before joining the Public, he was a cultural critic for New York magazine and Newsweek, and an editor at *The New Republic*. He taught theater history and criticism at Brooklyn College, and served on the jury of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. He studied at Harvard and lives in Chicago.

Friday **R. David Edelman**
January 19 **“Cybersecurity & Geopolitics”**

An expert on some of the most pressing challenges facing the world today— from cybersecurity and privacy threats to artificial intelligence (A.I.) and automation — his insights have helped shape national and international policy at the highest levels. In 2017, Edelman joined MIT’s Internet policy team as Director of the new Project on Technology, the Economy, & National Security, an interdisciplinary team of researchers, students, and policymakers to address the challenges created by technological disruption – from the international concern of cyberattacks to the economic and regulatory consequences of A.I. and autonomous vehicles. Edelman previously served as the technology advisor to the president during the Obama Administration. He spent a decade as one of the government’s foremost voices on how technology is changing our economy, national security, and daily lives. Prior to his time at the White House, Edelman served at the State Department’s Office of Cyber Affairs, where he developed the U.S. government’s early diplomatic strategy and legal doctrine on cyber issues, and later served as the United States’ lead negotiator on Internet issues at the United Nations. He has been named one of *Forbes*’ “30 Under 30” leaders in Law & Policy and chosen as a “30 Under 30 All-Star Alumni” — one of only three in the magazine’s history — for his ongoing contributions to national policy.

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Elder: Tony Liebl
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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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