



**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](http://www.ascrc.org)

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**THIS SUNDAY**

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30  
Message: "Use It or Lose It"



**NEXT SUNDAY**

Pastor Mike Sullivan will be our guest preacher.

Scriptures: Psalm 6:2-4  
Jeremiah 3:21-22a  
Exodus 15:26b  
Matthew 4:23  
1 Peter 2:24

Message: "God Is Healer"

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**MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY**

Praying Elder  
Gloria Ranney

North Door Elder  
Ed VanderLeest

Offertory Deacon  
Sue Brownell

**Greeters:** Doug & Marg Christians  
**Ushers:** Janet Ferwerda and Shirley Mannheim

**Coffee Servers:** **This week:** Steve & Ella Scott  
**Next Week:** The Smedley Family



**\* \* \* 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.

8/19/18  
**9:30 AM**  
Worship Service  
Chris Kloter  
Brooke Nelson  
(Jean Ohliger on call infants)

8/26/18  
**9:30 AM**  
Worship Service  
Daniela Gore  
Emily Gore  
(Judy Straayer 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**

Pastor Dave and his family will be traveling to Michigan this coming week; they expect to return on August 28. If you need pastoral care during that time, please contact your district Elder or Deacon:

- 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

Next week Sunday, August 26, **Pastor Mike Sullivan** of Emmaus City Church in Worcester, MA, will be leading us in our study of God's Word during the morning worship service.

**Worship time change:** Beginning on Sunday, September 9, our Sunday worship services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Please be sure to mark this time change on your calendars!

**Renewal Lab Daily Bible Readings:** There is an insert in today's bulletin with the readings for this coming week; readings are also posted on the church website ([www.ascrc.org](http://www.ascrc.org)) and emailed to those on the Prayer Chain.

### **TABLE CENTERPIECES FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT:**

We need to collect small items to create Centerpieces for the Sara's Sojourn Retreat that will be held October 12-14. I am looking to borrow some decorative items that allude to travel. Here are some ideas:

(for 8-9 Tables)

- Small Globes
- Postcards
- Small Decorative Cases/Boxes (dated looking best)
- Cameras (not digital)
- Maps
- Travel Books
- Small Floral Arrangements
- Binoculars
- Compasses
- Small Model Planes/Cars/Boats
- Atlases

I will try to collect these items 2 weeks prior to the retreat, and will have some small stickers for you to put your name on them so we can return them to you after the retreat. Thank you!

Michelle Hoyt ([mmhoyt@cox.net](mailto:mmhoyt@cox.net))

**ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER:** The Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Encourage one another and build each other up." As we minister and worship and experience God's presence together, we have wonderful opportunities to do that. The yellow encouragement cards in the pew racks are an easy way to recognize someone when you are touched by their words or work or life. Fill out a card and place it in the offering plate and it will be given to the person identified. This helps to make our church community richer and stronger.

**If you need prayer for yourself or someone you love, please come to the front of the church after the service. There will be Elders or others gifted in prayer to pray with you.**

**This Week's Calendar**

<b>Sunday 8/19/18</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service Church Picnic Nevers Park
	(7:30 PM)	(NA)(FH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
<b>Thursday</b>	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
<b>Friday</b>	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30 AM-1:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal

**Next Week's Calendar**

<b>Sunday 8/26/18</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service Children & Youth Meeting
	(6:00 PM)	(NA)(Room A)
	(7:30 PM)	(NA)(FH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 PM	Council (Admin)
	7:00 PM	Elders & Deacons (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
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Dear Avery Street CRC Family,

I/We are so overwhelmed by the grace of God you so generously displayed to us during our "Christmas" in July! We can't thank you enough for all the thoughtfulness and kindness given through the precious cards, notes, gifts, toys, gift cards, treats, donations, and other many blessings you all so freely gave to bring joyful smiles to our faces, especially mine (Julie's). From the beautifully scented pampering items to the hand-made prayer shawl (which made me cry – I will use this regularly!), I felt the love and presence of Christ in the love you poured out for me and our family during this challenging health season! I/We would love to give a big hug to each and every one of you who sacrificed time and finances to bless us, but for now, we pray and hope this little note will suffice.

Most of all, we can't thank you enough for your love and prayers for our family. Our Father is so good to give us His love in Jesus, and to showcase His tangible care in the here and now through His Church. By God's grace and power, I will experience healing in different facets in answer to all of our prayers, but until then, we are reveling in the Spirit-fueled encouragement you all have given me/us today.

We love you all and you are always welcome in Worcester. Until the time God crosses our paths, may the LORD bless you and protect you, may He smile on you and be gracious to you; may He show you His favor and give you His peace. He is so good!

Love,  
Julie Sullivan  
Mike Sullivan  
Zoey  
Chase  
Xavier  
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**CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Administrative Council**

**Elders:** Cal Hulstein, President  
Steve Zielinski, Clerk

**Deacon:** Kevin Crawford

**Shepherding Elders and Deacons**

**District 1 (A-F)**

Elder: Ed VanderLeest

Deacon: Sue Brownel

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Elder: Tony Liebl

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**MINISTRY MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Elder Steve Zielinski, Chair

Carol Drohan, 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:** Doug Christians

**Sonshine Ministry:** Carol Hulstein

**Rides Coordinator:** Lucy Berghuis

**FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES**

Jermayne & Meredith Chapman, Orlando, Florida

Bruce & Pam Johnson, Japan

Jim & Josephine Zylstra, Tanzania

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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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