

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



Toby Lewis will bring us the message today.

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

Message: "The World's Only Way Out – Repent"

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Praying Elder

David Van Deusen

North Door Elder

Cal Hulstein

Offertory Deacon

Kevin Crawford

Greeters: Jim & Maureen Childs

Ushers: Damien & Monique Paquet

Coffee Servers: This week: Joe & Alicia Christians

Next week: Judith Collar and Sandra Dominguez



Children's Worship: Elisabeth Winkel and Jean Ohliger

*** * * 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.

12/9/18 & 12/16/18

9:15 AM

Sunday School

Page Volunteer

12/9/18

10:30 AM

Worship Service

Teresa VanderLeest
Larissa Wiggins
(Jean Ohliger on call
infants)

12/16/18

10:30 AM

Worship Service

Elisabeth Winkel
Brandon Nelson
(Judy Straayer 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: Dear Avery St. Family, Many, many thanks for all the expressions of love and caring following my recent hip replacement – the cards, calls, meals, visits and especially for all the prayers offered on my behalf – all very much appreciated! I feel abundantly thankful, grateful and blessed! To God be the glory! Marg Christians

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a brief congregational meeting after the morning service next Sunday. At this meeting we will select one shepherding elder and one shepherding deacon. For elder, Cathy Cerrigione and Bill Nelson have agreed to stand in nomination and for deacon, Joy Ferwerda and Henry Huizinga have agreed to stand in nomination. If you are unable to stay for the meeting, absentee ballots are available. When filling out your ballot, vote for each of the candidates you believe are qualified to serve. Put your ballot in the envelope and sign the envelope. Selection of the elder and deacon will be by lot from those who have received a majority of the votes. We thank elder Ed VanderLeest and deacon Annie Rentz for their service. There will be a brief update on the before and after school program at this meeting as well.

YANKEE SWAP DINNER: Just a heads up to save the date, January 12th, for Avery Street Church's annual Yankee Swap Dinner. Planning has just begun so firm details will be forthcoming in the very near future. Last year's event was a great success so come with a good appetite, an "interesting" gift, and a "To Be Determined" food item to share. A sign-up sheet will be put up next week.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: The Daily Bible Readings will resume after the first of the year.

<u>Next Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 12/9/18	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	(6:00 PM)	(N/A)(Room A)
	(7:30 PM)	(NA)(FH)
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Elders & Deacons(Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
Wednesday	8:30AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
	7:00 PM	Adults CRL (Room A)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
	6:30 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Saturday		Sunday School Pageant Rehearsal

<u>This Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 12/16/18	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	(6:00 PM)	Congregational Meeting (NA)(Room A)
	(7:30 PM)	(NA)(FH)
Tuesday	7:00 PM	MMT (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
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Christmas Gifting Opportunities

For many years Avery Street Church has participated in gift giving programs such as the Shoebox and Angel Tree Ministries to provide Christmas gifts for under privileged children.

This Christmas season the ASC Deacons have decided to focus on helping clients who utilize our local Food Pantries—South Windsor and MACC—by giving gift cards that can then be given to clients for gift purchases at local department stores.

Participation in this program may be done in one of two ways:

(1) You may purchase gift cards to a store that is local to the South Windsor, Manchester, Vernon area such as WalMart, Target, Old Navy, TJ Maxx, etc. that have a selection of toys and clothing items. The cards may be dropped in the collection plate with a note specifying your choice to MACC or the South Windsor Food Bank.

(2) You may drop a check or cash in the offering plate specifying a store you would like to purchase the gift card from, and which food pantry you would like to give it to.

You may also contact Deacons directly. Most gift cards are in the \$10 to \$25 range. The Deacons would like to purchase these cards and deliver them to the food pantries no later than the second week of December so that they can be distributed to food pantry clients before Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact one of your Deacons.

We look forward to this exciting opportunity to share God's goodness and blessings with those in our local communities during this Christmas season.