

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 – First Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 40:3-8; Matthew 3:1-6
Message: Light for Our Wilderness



NEXT SUNDAY – Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture: John 1:1-9, 12:37-50
Message: Seeing the Light

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Praying Elder
Tony Liebl

North Door Elder
Steve Zielinski

Offertory Deacon
Sue Brownell

Coffee Servers: **This Week:** Kathy Dzen and Dawn Faber
 Next Week: Peter & Joy Ferwerda

Children’s Worship: Jean Ohliger and Joe Christians

* * * **NURSERY** * * *

12/1/19
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Damaris Torres
Larissa Wiggins
(Chris Kloter on call
infants)

12/8/19
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Michelle Hoyt
Brooke Nelson
(Ariana Lewis on call
infants)

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

ADVENT: Today is the first Sunday of the **Advent** season. Traditionally Advent has been a time for Christians to focus on preparation for Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' first coming as well as to remember and renew their desire for Jesus' second coming. This year's Advent sermons will focus on the theme of light, remembering that Jesus is the Light of the world and of our lives.

NEXT SUNDAY: Next week Sunday we will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** together as part of our worship. Please be sure to take time this week for prayer and spiritual preparation, so that you come ready to participate in the sacrament in a God-honoring way (1 Corinthians 11:23-29).

PARENTS TIME OUT: Need a break? Want time to begin your holiday shopping? Would you like to have a meal with that special someone without interruptions? Then you are ready for Parents Time Out! Drop off your children ages 4 years old to 5th Grade in a safe loving environment. There will be activities, games and pizza! Parents Time Out will be supervised by an adult staff with assistance by our 6th and 7th Grade Sunday School class as part of their Community Service.

When: Saturday, December 7 - 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Where: Avery Street Church
661 Avery Street
South Windsor, CT 06074

Questions: Contact Alicia Christians, Teresa VanderLeest or Regina Wiggins

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Congregational meeting will be held after the morning service on Sunday, December 8 to elect new elders and deacons and to approve the 2020 operating budget. Absentee ballots are available on the credenza in the narthex. You will find a copy of the proposed budget in your mailbox. Please see a member of the Administrative Council if you have any questions.

WOMEN – SAVE THE DATE: The Monday evening Coffee Break women invite you to the annual Christmas POTLUCK DINNER on Monday evening, December 9, at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Everyone brings a dish to share; dessert and drinks will be provided. In addition to eating together, there will be a Christmas message, "Sing We Now of Christmas", and singing of some carols. You don't have to be a coffee break attendee to come – and please invite a friend. The sign-up sheet is on the whiteboard in the church foyer. Questions? Contact Marg Christians.

VERY ADVANCE NOTICE: Vacation Bible School at Avery Street Church will be held August 3 to August 7 this coming summer. In addition, please note the Congregational picnic will be held August 2.

December 1, 2019
Session 13-What Do I Live
for Now?

Why moving forward is a necessity
Why it's a process
Why peace and pain will always coexist



This Week's Calendar

Sunday 12/1/19	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	(6:00 PM)	(N/A)(Room A)
	(6:00 PM)	(N/A)(FH)
Monday	7:00 PM	Coffee Break
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Council (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
Saturday	11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Parents' Time Out (Church)

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday 12/8/19	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	(6:00 PM)	(N/A)(Room A)
	(7:30 PM)	(N/A)(FH)
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	6:30-10:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Saturday		Sanctuary and Classrooms
		Rehearsal for Pageant

Advent starts today. Is your heart ready? Orient your Christmas season with Advent devotions from World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting Dec. 2. This year's devotional series, *How Long, Lord?*, explores how destruction and injustice can lead us to ask the question that God's people and prophets in the Bible asked: "How Long, Lord?" The series also explores how we can have hope that our pain will not be forever and that the God who made us.

Jesse Tree: God's Big Advent Story is now available FREE for CRC families! This downloadable package from Faith Formation Ministries includes 25 simple devotions for kids of all ages and printable ornaments that follow God's story from creation to the birth of Jesus. Each day's reading invites families to read and wonder about a Bible story together, pray together, and step away from the busyness of the season. Learn more and download these Advent devotions at dwellcurriculum.org/home.