

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: Exodus 16:1-20,31
Message: Stale Grace



NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Dave is away. Pastor Mike Sullivan will bring us the message.

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-14
Message: Gifts for the Journey Ahead

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Praying Elder
Tony Liebl

North Door Elder
Bill Nelson

Offertory Deacon
Sandra Dominguez

Coffee Servers: **This Week:** The Gore Family
 Next Week: The Fopma Family



Children's Worship: No Children's Church Today

*** * * NURSERY * * ***

12/29/19
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Melanie Smedley
Lydia Smedley
(Jean Ohliger 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

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Today we have the blessing of hearing **Naomi Galarza** make a reaffirmation of her faith in Jesus Christ. We are thankful that God has led her to Avery Street Church, and pray that He will continue to deepen her faith as we serve Him together here.

PASTORAL CARE: Pastor Dave will be attending a discipleship conference in Florida from this coming Saturday, January 4, through Thursday, January 9. If you need pastoral care while he is gone, please contact your district Elder or Deacon:

District #1 (A-F): Elder Bill Nelson and Deacon Sue Brownell

District #2 (G-L): Elder Gloria Ranney and Deacon John Hibma

District #3 (M-Ra): Elder David Van Deusen and Deacon Sandra Dominguez

District #4 (Re-Z): Elder Tony Liebl and Deacon Henry Huizinga

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 by serving all of you, and we want to wish each of you the very best of God's blessings in the coming new year! *Pastor Dave and Deb, Matthew, Ashley, James and Kelli*

NEW BIBLE STUDY: Our newest Bible study will begin meeting on Monday, January 13. The study will be called "Prime Time" and will meet (weather permitting) in Room A on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The theme for spring and fall of 2020 is *Favorite Psalms* and will be led by Pastor Dave. Everyone is welcome to come, though this study is being provided especially for those who would prefer not to be out at night or who cannot attend one of our already-existing studies. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Dave.

FROM THE DEACONS: The Deacons would like to thank the Avery Street congregation for the generous donations of gift cards for this Christmas season. We received \$650, which has been divided between the MACC and South Windsor Food Banks. Deacons also gave a \$400 donation to the South Windsor Fuel Bank as well.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – GIVE IT A TRY! The spring semester of Adult Sunday School begins on Sunday, January 5. Jon O'Neill's class will continue to study the book of Romans, meeting in the main upstairs room in the Admin Building. Joe Christians will be teaching a video-based class in the Fellowship Hall. We'll begin with a Ray Vanderlaan video series on Biblical history, with each session including a time of discussion. We'd like to really encourage everyone to attend an Adult Sunday School class. This is a great opportunity to deeply study the Bible, and connect and learn from others in the congregation in the discussion time. Please contact Joe Christians if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions (joe.christians@att.net). Thanks, and hope to see you there!

YANKEE SWAP DINNER: The sign-up sheet for the **YANKEE SWAP** dinner on January 11 is in the narthex as well as a tentative schedule of events for the evening. We are looking for appetizers, main courses and desserts and are asking each family/couple/individual who signs up to bring two of those items. FYI – the Congregational Life Ministry will be providing spiral ham for the dinner. Last year's event was a great success, so come with a good appetite and an "interesting" gift for the swap.

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **FAITH PROMISE MISSIONS UPDATE:** The Missions Team has decided to support Mrs. Ari Clowney, Jim Zylstra's replacement working for World Renew in Tanzania as country consultant. As we get more information from World Renew we will be updating our slide show and bulletin board.
- **Summer Service Project:** All World Renew Disaster Relief sites are more than a day's drive away so we decided to look closer to home. We are looking at some possibilities in Hartford as well as projects for senior citizens in nearby towns.
- We will be saying goodbye and godspeed to Bruce and Pam Johnson on Sunday, January 5. We will hold a special time of prayer for them that Sunday.
- Check out the Missions bulletin board for updates from the Chapmans, the Wilsons, and a Christmas greeting from Ruth Lemmen.

<u>This Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 12/29/19	9:15 AM 10:30 AM (6:00 PM) (7:30 PM)	NO Sunday School Worship Service (N/A)(Room A) (N/A)(FH)
Tuesday	New Year's Eve	
Wednesday	New Year's Day	
Thursday	6:45 AM 4:30 PM 7:00 PM	Man-to-Man (FH) NO GEMS Worship Planning (Admin)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)

<u>Next Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 1/5/20	9:15 AM 10:30 AM (6:00 PM) (7:30 PM)	Sunday School Worship Service (N/A)(Room A) (N/A)(FH)
Tuesday	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPH)
Wednesday	8:00 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 4:30 PM	Man-to-Man (FH) January Series (FH) GEMS (Room A)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
Saturday	12:30-1:30 PM 5:30 PM	January Series (FH) Yankee Swap Dinner (FH)