

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

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:4-14
Message: Best-Laid Plans

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Praying Elder
Barry Priest

North Door Elder
Gloria Ranney

Offertory Deacon
Henry Huizinga



Coffee Servers: **This Week:** The Fopma Family
Next Week: John and Lois Hibma

*** * * NURSERY * * ***

1/5/20
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Daniela Gore
Emily Gore
Drayton Brindisi

1/12/20
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Chris Kloter
Kelli Poolman
Eleanor Mund
(Judy Straayer 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

THIS MORNING: This morning we welcome **Pastor Mike Sullivan** back to Avery Street, and thank him for coming to bring God's good news to us as we begin a new year together. **Pastor Dave** is participating in a Discipleship Training course in Florida this week, and anticipates returning home late Thursday afternoon. If you need pastoral care during that time, 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 VanDeusen and Deacon Sandra Dominguez

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

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONS: Today we say goodbye to Bruce and Pam Johnson. They will be returning to Japan this week to begin another term of service as church planters in Hiroshima. We will pray for them in a special way today for God to protect them and bless them as only He can.

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*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – GIVE IT A TRY! The spring semester of Adult Sunday School begins today, 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!

BIBLE READING PLAN: Copies of the **Two-Year Bible Reading Plan** that Pastor Dave mentioned in the message on December 29 can be found on the credenza in the narthex.

YANKEE SWAP DINNER: Today is the last day to sign up for the Yankee Swap Dinner taking place on January 11th. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex along with a finalized Timeline of Events for the evening as well as a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist with either set-up or clean-up activities. Don't forget your "interesting gift" for the swap and be mindful of the times needed for bringing your appetizers, main dishes and desserts to either the narthex or the fellowship hall. Also, please be reminded that Congregational Life will be providing 2 spiral hams for this event.

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 LIBRARY: A fifth new book by **Sharon G. Brown** is now available in the library! It is titled **Shades of Light** and written in the same beautiful, sensitive, encouraging, "can't put it down" way as her **Sensible Shoes** series. **ENJOY!!**

JANUARY SERIES

The January Series begins this week with the following speakers:

Wednesday, January 8, Amber Warners, “The Fierce Humility of Winning”

Warners, a volleyball coach, uses her sport psychology degree and technology to help players develop their game.

Thursday, January 9, Todd Charles Wood & Darrel R. Falk, “The Fool and the Heretic: How Two Scientists Moved Beyond Labels to a Christian Dialogue about Creation and Evolution”

Wood & Falk are Christian scientists who provide a model for how Christians can hold opposing views on divisive issues while deepening their relationship with each other and God.

Friday, January 10, Sandra Postel, “Replenish: The Virtuous Cycle of Water and Prosperity”

Postel, one of Scientific American’s 50, is working to transform the way we use, manage and value freshwater.

All lectures begin at 12:30 PM. Refreshments are provided. On Friday Mike Ohliger will be providing a wonderful lunch for all attenders, so come early and enjoy.

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	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	(6:00 PM)	(N/A)(Room A)
	(7:30 PM)	(N/A)(FH)
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	12:30-1:30 PM	January Series (FH)
	7:00 PM	Choir
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	12:30-1:30 PM	January Series (FH)
	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men’s Bible Study (Admin)
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Saturday	5:30 PM	Yankee Swap Dinner (FH)

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