

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Scripture: Luke 13:1-5
Message: Hard Sayings of Jesus (I): When Bad Things Happen

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Praying Elder
Steve Zielinski

North Door Elder
Bill Nelson

Offertory Deacon
Eric Rentz



Coffee Servers: **This Week:** John and Lois Hibma
Next Week: Dave and Rose Hiskes

Children's Worship: Anna and Neal Hulstein

*** * * NURSERY * * ***

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

1/19/20
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Sandy VanKoevering
Riziki O'Neill
Amy Marcos
(Damaris Torres 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



OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: We offer our Christian sympathy to John and Carol Drohan and their family in the death of John's father, Richard H. Drohan, Sr. on January 5 in Grafton Mass., *"We pray that our God will put His arms of love and grace around you as you mourn the passing of your father. May He lighten your sorrow with the knowledge that he is now rejoicing in the presence of Jesus, his Lord and Savior."*

NEW BIBLE STUDY: Our newest Bible study will begin meeting tomorrow, 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – GIVE IT A TRY! The spring semester of Adult Sunday School began January 5. Jon O'Neill's class continues to study the book of Romans, meeting in the main upstairs room in the Admin Building. Joe Christians is teaching a video-based class in the Fellowship Hall. We began 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!

COFFEE BREAK: UNSHAKABLE HOPE! is the theme for the next 12 week session of Women's Evening Coffee Break Bible Study. Each week we'll watch a short video by Max Lucado followed by small group discussion and Bible study based on the topic of the week. There is no homework. We start on Monday evening, January 27 at 7:00 PM-- 8:30 PM. All women are invited to join us for this time of connecting with each other, studying God's work and praying together – a great way to start the New Year!! Any questions, contact Marg Christians.

BOOK CLUB: Book Club will be meeting on Friday, January 24 at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Cal Hulstein will be leading the discussion on the book, *"The Pioneers"* by David McCullough. *The Pioneers* tells the story of the 17th- and 18th - century settlers who set out to start lives in the Northwest Territory. It begins with the story of a man named Manasseh Cutler, a New England pastor who played a key role in the passage of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 which created the Northwest Territory (the region of the country that is now Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and much of the Upper Midwest) and prohibited slavery anywhere within it. All are welcomed to join us as we explore this fascinating part of our country's history." Food to be provided by Anne Hulstein.

JANUARY SERIES

The January Series continues this week with the following five lectures:

Monday, January 13 Jonathan Haidt, "The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas are Setting up a Generation for Failure" Haidt, a social psychologist, author, and TED talk contributor examines the intuitive foundations of morality and how it varies across cultures.

Tuesday, January 14 Cathy O'Neil, "Weapons of Math Destruction: How Big Data Increases Inequality and Threatens Democracy" O'Neill, a Harvard Ph.D and math professor at Barnard College, helps organizations audit their algorithms for accuracy and fairness.

Wednesday, January 15 Deborah & James Fallows, "Our Towns: A 100,000 Mile Journey into the Heart of America" The Fallows spent five years visiting small towns and wrote the book *Our Towns* which portrays an optimistic reminder of the strength of America's vital center.

Thursday, January 16, The 5 Browns in Concert - The *New York Post* proclaimed the Brown family of the five siblings, "...five pianos, and 50 fingers add up to the biggest classical music sensation in years."

Friday, January 17 Bob Fu, "When Caesar Demands to be God: Religious Freedom in China" China-born Fu, Tiananmen Square survivor and professor of religion, brings attention to China's gross human rights violations while promoting religious freedom in China.

All lectures begin at 12:30 PM and end by 1:30 PM. Refreshments are provided daily and lunch will be served on Friday by Mike Ohliger.

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.

CHILI FEST: Just a reminder for everyone that our annual Chili Fest contest/dinner will be held on Saturday, February 8. We will be looking for 10-15 entries so begin thinking about your favorite chili recipe. A sign-up sheet will be available next Sunday not only for those planning on entering the contest but for all others who wish to attend this event as well. Additional details will be provided as we get nearer to February 8. Hope to see you there as we strive to match the success of the previous two years.

<u>This Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 1/12/20	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Monday	(6:00 PM)	(N/A)(Room A)
	(7:30 PM)	(N/A)(FH)
Tuesday	11:30-12:30	Bible Study (Room A)
	12:30-1:30 PM	January Series (FH)
Wednesday	12:30-1:30 PM	January Series (FH)
	7:00 PM	Admin (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPH)
Thursday	8:00 AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	12:30-1:30 PM	January Series (FH)
	7:00 PM	Choir
Friday	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	12:30-1:30 PM	January Series (FH)
	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
Saturday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
	12:30-1:30 PM	January Series (FH)

<u>Next Week's Calendar</u>		
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Sunday	9:30-11:30 AM	GriefShare Loss of Spouse (FH)