

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: Luke 14:25-35
Message: Hard Sayings of Jesus (V): Counting the Cost



NEXT SUNDAY

Scripture: Isaiah 64 (text: v 8)
Message: In the Potter's Hands

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Praying Elder
Joy Ferwerda

North Door Elder
Gloria Ranney

Offertory Deacon
Sue Brownell



Coffee Servers: **This Week:** Neal and Anna Hulstein
 Next Week: Paul and Sandy James

Children's Worship: Jean Ohliger and Drayton Brindisi

*** * * NURSERY * * ***

2/16/20
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Melanie and Kyra
Fopma
Brooke Nelson
(Teresa VanderLeest on
call infants)

2/23/20
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Jean Ohliger
Drayton Brindisi
Eleanor Mund
(Sandy Van Koevering 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 warmly welcome one of our Faith Promise missionaries, **Jermayne Chapman**. Jermayne and his wife Meredith work with CRU, an organization committed to sharing the gospel and building up believers on college campuses. Jermayne will be speaking in this morning's service and will also be available to talk during the coffee time that follows the service.

SPECIAL OFFERING: On March 1, there will be a special offering for the Wilson's who are missionaries doing work for The Navigators up at UCONN. They will be coming to speak at church during the service and then afterwards at the soup luncheon.

MOVING HELP NEEDED: The Deacons are helping Monica Rezman move from her apartment on Saturday, February 22, 2020, and we need some volunteer help. She is moving a short distance in Manchester and appreciates our help. If you can help please join us at Monica's at 9:00AM Saturday, February 22 in Manchester. Her address is: 23M Henry Street, Manchester, CT. 06042. She does have a cat, so those with allergies should take note. If you have additional questions, please call or text Henry Huizinga, 860-645-9270. Thank you for your help.



DIRECTORY: We will be publishing a new Church Directory soon. Please check the copy on the table in the narthex to make sure your information is up to date. If not, please write in the changes. If it is correct, please put a check beside your name. If you are not in the Directory and would like to be, please add your information to the sheet provided.

CHURCH SECURITY UPDATE: In the wake of some of the recent security-related issues in churches across the country, our Council has been thinking about security issues and what response Avery Street Church should take to balance our desire to be a welcoming congregation with the need for reasonable security precautions. The discussion is ongoing, but at their meeting this past Tuesday evening, the Council approved two initial proposals. First, beginning immediately, we will be locking all exterior doors except for the main doors at 10:20 on Sunday mornings (9:20 in the summer), and then locking the main doors at 10:45 (9:45 in the summer). This will allow a reasonable amount of time for late arrivals, but also provide some level of security during the worship service. Second, we also want to develop and use a hall monitor system, where one member of the congregation will be in the narthex and hallways until 11:00 (10:00 in the summer) to check all exterior doors and windows, do a sweep of the basement and parking lot, and watch for late arrivals. We hope to train at least eight hall monitors to serve in rotation as hall monitors. If you have questions, or have interest in possibly serving as a hall monitor, please contact Pastor Dave or Steve Zielinski for more information.

LENTEN SOUP DATES: To help you plan, this year's Lenten Soups will be held on March 1, 15 and 29. A sign-up sheet for March 1 is now available in the narthex. We are looking for at least 12 soups each Sunday but, obviously, we will accept more.

JANUARY SERIES: The webcast of the 2020 January Series was recently completed here at Avery Street Church making this the eleventh year we have done this. This year we had a total of 391 attend these 15 lectures for an average of 26/lecture. This is one of the events at our church offered to our community and approximately half of the audience each day were not from our church family. DVD's of eight of the lectures will be available in our church library soon. Thanks to all of the folks who made this event possible: Rich O'Neill who handled all of the technical details, Mike Ohliger who provided lunches for all the attenders on the three Fridays of the series, Anne Hulstein who coordinated all of the refreshments for the series and many others who brought refreshments to share.

LIBRARY NEWS: Calling all ladies ... both young, and young at heart! Please find a **large, new selection of "Ladies" fiction** (many thanks to the Vander Leest gals), located at the right, rear of the library. I moved the Primary section over and placed these fun, new selections under the Marriage & Family section. ENJOY!

BOOK CLUB: Book Club will meet on Friday, February 28th in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30PM. Mike Ohliger will be facilitating the discussion of the book, "Seven Days in May" by Fletcher Knebel and Charles W. Bailey. The time is the Cold War. The President and Congress have entered into a nuclear disarmament treaty with the Soviet Union. The charismatic chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff believes that the Soviets will not abide by the treaty and he begins to plan a coup, setting the stage for a suspenseful story. All are welcome to attend. Heather Brindisi will be providing refreshments.



February 16, 2020

Session 3 -The Journey of Grief
Part 1

Helpful goals to set on your journey of grief
How to deal with those who try to rush you through your grief
How long the journey of grief typically lasts

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	(6:00 PM)	(N/A)(Room A)
	(7:30 PM)	(N/A)(FH)
Monday	7:00 PM	NO Coffee Break
Tuesday	7:00 PM	MMT (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPH)
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)
	7:00 PM	Adult Discipleship (Room A)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
Saturday		GEMS Mother/Daughter Tea (FH)

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