



August 5, 2025



Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, August 10, 2025:

Trustee – Alex Harris, Reader – Angela Scott,
Usher – Dave Robbins, Videographer – Betsy Van Loon,
Coffee Hour - Jennie Boswell, Carol Burnham



Picnic with the Pastor, Wednesdays at Noon on August 13 - Pastor Chris invites one and all to meet in Fellowship Hall for a midweek gathering. Bring a picnic lunch and join us for fellowship and fun with your friends at Avon Congregational Church!



Chair Yoga led by Betsy Van Loon, August 14, 21, & 28, 10:30

AM in the church library - Gentle stretching for neck, shoulders, arms, hips and legs. We will have a brief meditation on a scripture passage at the end of each class. Come and enjoy feeling better in body and spirit.

Matsiko World Orphanage Choir Concert, Tuesday August 19, 7 pm at ACC - Help us spread the word!

The Matsiko World Orphan Choir has brought together our world's orphaned and vulnerable children to share their story of turning the pain of loss, hunger and hopelessness into personal empowerment through music, dance and storytelling since 2008. The organization works to break the cycle of poverty from which these children come and to help them avoid becoming prey of child trafficking through education and awareness. The choir will be guests of Avon Congregational Church on August 19th. Please do what you can to bring every friend, family member and neighbor to hear and support these ambassadors of hope. The concert is free, but a Suggested Donation for the choir will be asked of guests.





August is Mug Month at ACC - Loaves and Fishes serves 100-125 meals every day. In addition to the food served, most everyone has coffee or tea. Currently, Loaves and Fishes are in need of mugs. We're asking our members and friends to check their kitchen cupboards and donate their extra ones. Collection baskets are located in Fellowship Hall, the narthex, and vestibule of the church. Thank you!



**Hear Ye...
Hear Ye!!**
Can YOU Help with a
Honey-Do Item on
our Summer List??

Pastor Chris is working with staff and our Building and Grounds Ministry team on assessing and freshening our church spaces, which get used heavily by many wonderful activities all year long. He will be taking a bit of time for his annual 'paint something at church' this summer and was hoping some other small projects could get some attention too.

Would you be willing and able to do any of the following HONEY-DO items? Please contact Pastor Chris at Pastor@Avon-Church.org if you are willing and able to help.



Calling All Scrubbers!!

- Our stainless-steel appliances need some shining. Can you help?
 - Are you a lover of shiny clean refrigerators? Ours needs some TLC - PLEASE!!
- Our two blond-wood carts in the kitchen need a good wipe down, along with everything on them!
- Are you willing to wipe down the woodwork ahead of Pastor Chris painting??



Staff Spotlight - Can you spot our Administrator, John Carlson? He and his grandson joined the Farmington Valley Association Mission Trip to Maine this week, where they're hard at work.

Quilts of Valor Presentation - On Wednesday, July 30, Susan Elliott presented the quilt pictured. It was pieced by Terri Corcoran and quilted by Susan, then given to Santi Camarotti from Windsor. Susan presented the quilt to Santi at the Veterans Center in Rocky Hill. His wife attended and they were very appreciative. Santi served in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1970, in Vietnam and Pearl Harbor. He entered the Navy directly from high school. After leaving the Navy, he earned an Engineering degree from Worcester Poly Tech, and worked for Combustion Engineering. Santi later worked for the Granby Schools. Thank you to everyone who work on these much - appreciated quilts.



The Outreach Ministry visited Prudence Crandall Center for a tour, as they discern a future giving mission opportunity for the church.

FROM THE COMMUNITY...

PLAYHOUSE 44'S
NEWEST
PRODUCTION!



An original review with
some familiar types.



Short plays....Famous scenes....Broadway songs....
All about love. 19 actors... Two acts... Lots of fun
Saturday, August 23, 2025, Avon High School,
2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Visit playhouse44.org for information and tickets.

Calling all theater-loving friends - Playhouse 44 is seeking a few more volunteers to work in the lobby during one of their two shows on Saturday, August 23. Tickets, concessions, guest questions, overall supervision... They could really use the help. It's a good opportunity to help Playhouse 44 have a successful show, and also to make new friends. If anyone's interested, please contact Joel at joelthewriter@comcast.net.

Enjoy dinner and jazz music at Gather55 in Hartford on Thursday, August 14th. There's no additional charge for the music. Dinners at Gather55 support the daytime program of feeding those in need in Hartford, approximately 1,000 meals each week. Dinner reservations can be made through Open Table. Questions? Contact Beth Ferrari.

Gather55
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MONTHLY JAZZ SERIES

JULIA WICKLESS, PIANO

KIKI MELICK, DRUMS

RORY ALLEN, VOCALS

CHLOE MADRAK, TENOR SAX

KRIS ALLEN, BASS



Featuring Kris Allen & Friends

Thursday, August 14th at
6:30pm

55 Bartholomew Avenue
Hartford, CT



Scan here for
reservations





MATSIKO

WORLD ORPHAN CHOIR



Hear the Joy | See the Hope | Feel the Love

Music, dance, and story that inspires educational sponsorships for our world's most vulnerable children

Tuesday August 19th

7:00 pm

Avon Congregational Church

6 West Main St Avon, CT

**Disney describes this children's choir as a "World Treasure"!!
Come experience a musical message from these ambassadors
of hope for the voiceless children. Suggested Donation.**

www.matsiko.org

QUESTIONS? PHONE: 860-678-0488

Chair Yoga

A silhouette of a person in a yoga pose, sitting on a chair and leaning forward with one arm raised. The background is a gradient of colors from purple at the top to blue at the bottom, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

led by Betsy Van Loon

Stretch out your summer!

Thursdays, August 7, 14, 21 and 28
10:30 AM in the church library

Gentle stretching for neck, shoulders, arms, hips and legs. We will have a brief meditation on a scripture passage at the end of each class. Come and enjoy feeling better in body and spirit.

Livestreaming Services and Accessing Church Social Media

Sunday services are accessible on the Avon Congregational Church Facebook page and our YouTube channel. The links for those are below:

<https://www.facebook.com/avoncongregational> or
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9C9s7fZ28HKpSllaoeGZfQ>

For information about Avon Congregational Church, click on the following link:

The Avon Congregational Church Website
www.avon-church.org

Most events and lots of pictures are often posted to our ACC Facebook Page

Statement of Inclusion

In keeping with the life and teaching of Christ Jesus, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender, sexual orientation, race, culture, ability or social or economic status into our community of faith. We affirm the humanity of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We also affirm the special gifts that each person has to offer. We invite all to participate in the full life of the church and covenant of our Christian community.

Staff Contact List – Online Church Information

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Tom Keough, Kenny Keough, Sextons	

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Church Website www.avon-church.org

Church Wi-Fi: avonchurch



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Steering Circle 2025 – 2026

Moderator – Jerry Humble; Treasurer – Bob Linderman; Clerk – Kate Rickson-McNally; Worship – Alex Harris and Kent May; Nurturing – Lee Egan and Joan Miller; Outreach – Marcia Cox and Leslie Desmangles; Support – Beth Ferrari and Betsy Van Loon; Members – at - Large – Kate Allen and Candace Doersch