

# E-Tidings

Avon Congregational Church

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April 8, 2026

**Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, April 12:** Reader – Judy McNally, Ushers – Kate Rickson - McNally, Trustee – Alex Harris, Videography - Nora Howard, Coffee Host: Sally Albrecht, Food Volunteers - Lynn and Don DelCegno



**All Creatures Great and Small, Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am -** Avon's Animal Control Officer, Angela Grano will speak about her role in our community as helper and protector of both domestic animals and the wildlife. Program will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Avon Congregational Church. Donations for the Avon Pet Food Pantry are welcome. Please note this is not a pet adoption event nor will animals be present

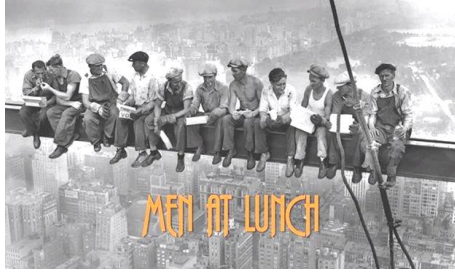
## Silver Lake Summer Camp for Youth Registering NOW

Did you know that the United Church of Christ has a beautiful summer camp with more than 60 acres of wooded land on lakeside shores in the western hills of Connecticut? Go to [www.SilverLakeCT.org](http://www.SilverLakeCT.org) to check out all the options for youth in grades 4-12 (a poster is on our bulletin boards too). Silver Lake is a place for everyone to experience nature, make new friends, and explore faith. Church members are offered scholarships for their children. See Pastor Chris for more details on this.



**Dinner Meeting about the Intergenerational Mission Trip opportunity (August 1- 6, 2026) on April 19 at 4:00 PM at Palmer Hall at First Church Simsbury, 689 Hopmeadow Street.** – The mission trip will be a meaningful multi-generational opportunity open to individuals and families (ages 13 and up). Last summer, 33 people from our Farmington Valley Association [went](http://www.farmingtonvalley.org) on the trip to Farmington, Maine to work with <https://missionattheeastward.org/> (MATE). They stayed at the Farmington Conference Center (Farmington Conference Center). The cost last year was approximately \$300. This year it will most likely be less AND our church has scholarships to help defray costs. We are

happy to announce that we are returning to the same location this coming summer. Spread the word for people who may be interested in joining us. **Questions? Contact Pastor Chris at [pastor@avon-church.org](mailto:pastor@avon-church.org).**



**Men's Lunch, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Amici's Grill, Avon, 11:30 am** - Calling all men! Members and friends of the church are offered an opportunity to meet in an informal setting and get to know one another better. Turnout has been great for the past few years and it's become sort of a fun tradition. Any questions can be directed to the organizer, Dave Robbins 203-521-7539.

**First Friday Dinner, May 1 at 5:30 – 7:00 PM** - Join us for 'Sunday Meatloaf,' made with beef and pork meatloaf mix with shallots, herbs and spices. Served with creamy Whipped Potatoes with butter, tender herbed Green Beans, Tossed Salad with homemade champagne vinaigrette, plus fresh-baked rolls & our Dessert Buffet which includes coffee and tea to complete your dining experience. Cost is \$20 per person. Take-out is available. For more information, call the church office at 860-678-0488 or email us at [office@avon-church.org](mailto:office@avon-church.org). No reservations necessary.



**New Member Orientation, Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, following worship** - Does God call you to share your gifts in ways that will provide you with deep meaning? Do you seek lifelong friendships here with us? A New Member Orientation Lunch will be held on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the worship service. If you haven't already spoken to Pastor Chris, and you have discerned that God is calling you to be a new member here, please call 860-678-0488, ext. 11.

**New Member Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> during worship** - This is the day when the congregation recognizes your choice to join our journey of faith. Please reach out to Pastor Chris if you would like a conversation or have questions regarding your interest in becoming a new member of Avon Congregational Church. Indeed, God has a plan for you!

**Church Member's Art & Crafts Show, May 17<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Hour** - Show your creative side. Are you a photographer, painter, illustrator, quilt maker or do you dabble in some other fine art? Amateur or Pro - share your art and let us behold. Bring items and some descriptive notes about your artwork that we'll set up on tables for our May 17<sup>th</sup> Coffee Hour. Any questions? Contact organizer Dave Robbins at [Davidrobbins62@comcast.net](mailto:Davidrobbins62@comcast.net).



## **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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## **Steering Circle 2025 – 2026**

Moderator – Jerry Humble; Treasurer – Bob Linderman; Clerk – Candace Doersch;  
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 Kate Rickson - McNally