



Avon Congregational Church's Electronic Weekly Newsletter

June 24, 2026

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Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, June 28:

Reader - Nora Howard, Trustee - Sue Crowther,
Usher - Dave Crowther, Videographer - Donna Lynn Young,
Coffee Hour Setup & Ice Cream Social – Beth Ferrari and Charlie Zaorski,



Hymn Sing THIS Sunday, June 28, at 10:00 am Do you have a favorite hymn? Some are ancient, some modern. Lent, Easter and Christmas offer so many wonderful choices too. This Sunday we will sing hymns that church friends and members chose that will touch your soul and inspire you to lift your voices!

Opera Carmen THIS Sunday, June 28th after Coffee Hour.

Carmen is a tragic tale of obsession and jealousy set in 19th century Seville, Spain. Don Jose, a naïve soldier abandons his childhood sweetheart and deserts the Spanish army as he becomes obsessed by Carmen, an attractive, free-spirited and independent Gypsy woman who has been unapologetic about frequently replacing her lovers. Don Jose's raging jealousy mounts and fosters a tension in his relationship with Carmen because she tells him that she has left him for Escamillo, a glamorous and widely acclaimed bullfighter. **Please join us June 28 at 11:30 am.** A light lunch will be provided in Fellowship Hall by Trudy and Leslie before the presentation of *Carmen* in the library.





JULY 4 Church Bell Ringing, Museum's 250th Podcast Recording

On 2 p.m. on July 4, the church's bell will ring to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the 2nd Continental Congress. Our ringing coincides with bells around the USA ringing at the same time.

Feel free to come to (or near) ACC and listen to the bells (from outside) for this once-in-a-lifetime event!

Chris Moore and Tom Transue will be pulling each bell rope in the ACC balcony 13 times (for the 13 colonies). The first rope rings a single note; the second rope rings two notes.

The Avon Museum (6 East Main Street) will be open from 1-4 p.m. At the museum, all are invited to speak for 250 seconds (about 4 minutes) on their thoughts about the 250th. Selections may be included in an Avon Historical Society Avon's America 250 podcast.

Coffee with the Pastor Through June - Join us each Wednesday (except those Wednesdays just before a 1st Friday dinner when volunteers are cooking) at 10 AM at the Coffee Trade located at 21 West Main St. Come for conversation and fellowship... as well as a great cup of coffee! Pop in or stay for the hour. See you there!



Avon Congregational Church Featured in SNEUCC Article

Remember our Heritage Potluck meal? Check out the following link to read a wonderful article that features Joe Held and his personal amazing story - just one example of how the fellowship events at our church make meaning and purpose in each other's lives!!

<https://www.sneucc.org/postdetail/spotlight-avon-church-members-break-bread-and-share-heritage-stories-19736713>



Quilt Show and Craft Fair at Avon Congregational Church, October 17 & 18

Do you want to display your quilt to the show? Please contact Susan Elliott at shsellott@sbcglobal.net or 860-748-1775 with any questions about your submission or the show. Quilt entries are due by September 15th.

Calling all artists, crafters and bakers! There will be a special ACC vendor booth dedicated to our members to donate handmade items to sell at the fall quilt show. If you are interested, there's a form near the office with more details. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Ferrari or Donna Young.



A Note from Hunt Alvord

“I’m reaching out with Hope!!”

This past year has changed my life in ways I never expected. What matters most to me now is time, time with my family and time to be present for the moments that matter most.

One of my biggest wishes is simple, but it means everything to me: I want to be there to walk my daughter down the aisle.


Right now, my life revolves around a strict routine that makes it hard to do the things I once enjoyed. I miss

being able to travel, be spontaneous, and stay active. Things like swimming, skiing, and playing paddle tennis—activities that brought me so much joy—aren’t part of my life the way they used to be.

My family has seen the power of organ donation firsthand. After we lost my son, he was able to donate both of his kidneys and save two lives. Even in our hardest moment, there was hope—and that has stayed with us.

If I’m fortunate enough to receive a transplant, I look forward to getting back to the things I miss most; traveling, staying active, and spending more time with my family without limitations.


Even if you’re just learning more or sharing my story, it truly means more than you know. Want more information? Please go this link: <https://nkr.org/RWJ373>



Hartford HealthCare

Curtis H. Alvord III

I am looking for a living donor for a life-saving kidney transplant. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in learning more please call 860-696-2021 or register online.

Learn about living donation!
hhchealth.donorscreen.org
Or scan code: 

Thank you for considering giving the gift of life!

JUST A FEW REMAINING !!

Sign up for a table today! Seeking Vendors for our Quilt and Craft Show October 17 & 18 - Avon Congregational Church Quilt Show and Craft Fair showcasing the art and beauty of quilting featuring antique, traditional, and modern quilts. Table Rental is \$45 for one table and two chairs. We hope to get lots of varied interesting vendors. If interested, contact Craft Table Coordinator, Kathy Hine at kathyhine@me.com



WANTED/NEEDED: Volunteers for our Hidden Treasures Shop.

Looking to fill 4-hour shifts (from 10 AM til 2 PM) or 2-hour shifts, Thursdays and Saturdays during June and July. Most Saturdays are wide open for volunteers. Without you we will be closed! No prior experience needed. The shop is in our budget to raise \$4k. Bring a book to read, rearrange the merchandise, do some 'house cleaning', in good weather sit outside (bring a chair) or just listen to music. Call Sandy Lytle to sign up 860-810-9048 and volunteer for one or more days.

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/UC9C9s7fZ28HKpSlla0eGZfQ>

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

ART WITH AVON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, PART II

This story follows on the E-Tidings article recently about the Avon Free Public Library's Art Show that included three artworks depicting the Avon Congregational Church. The Avon Arts Association Show on May 24 at Town Hall featured 16 artworks, and four depicted ACC, In addition, Town Hall has the 1976 Bicentennial Quilt with a square showing ACC, a 1995 blanket with ACC, and several paintings with ACC by Janice Loeffler (1980s; not pictured here; Town Hall ground floor). One thing is certain, our beautiful meetinghouse is a beloved landmark!



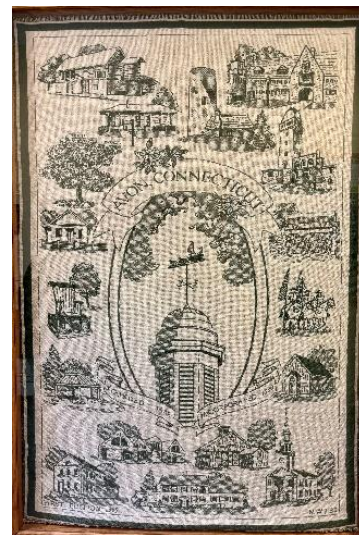
Pvt. Leverett Holden by Sarah Hathaway



Red, Blue & White, by Ishrat Abid



Avon, CT by Candace Jeffress



Blanket, 1995, in Town Hall Council Chambers

MORE IMAGES OF OUR CHURCH SHOWN AT THE LIBRARY

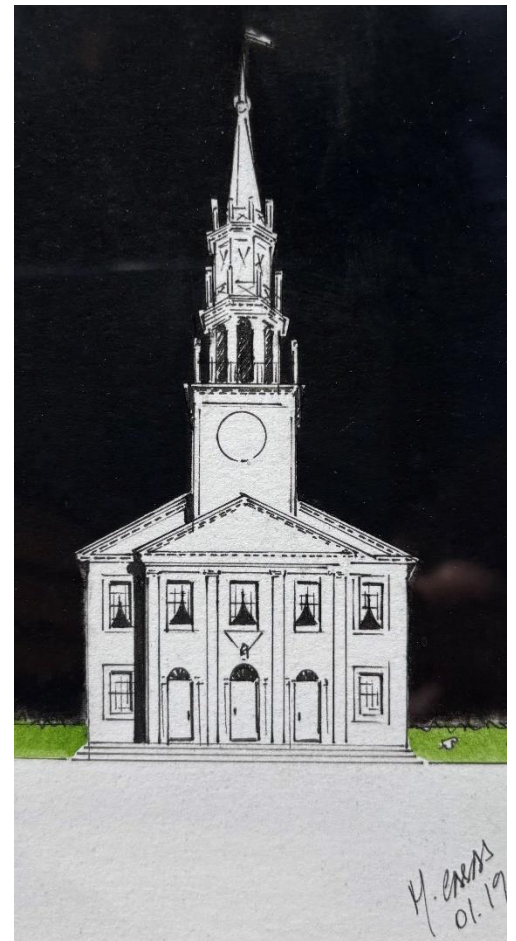


By Janice B. Loeffler, c. 1987. The artist, ACC member, painted 10 watercolors to illustrate Mary-Francis MacKie's Avon, Connecticut (1988). The original paintings were sold to raise funds to print the book. *West Avon Congregational Church Archives.*



(Above) By George Edward Candee (1837-1907). The Rev. Rufus Hawley homestead, 218 Old Farms Road. Looking towards Avon center, with the Avon Congregational Church steeple visible. The Farmington River is behind the children, towards the right of the painting. *Private Collection*

(Right) By Maurice Casas, Farmington Valley Arts Center, 2019. *Collection of Nora Howard*



**A COMMUNITY READING OF THE
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE:
MEET THE CONNECTICUT SIGNERS**

Bring the whole family for this special Avon's 250th event!

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 7:00 pm

*Doors open at 6:30pm. Event will be held at the Avon Senior Center,
635 West Avon Road, Avon, CT. Parking in rear.*

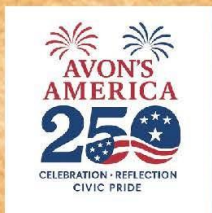
On July 8, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read in public for the first time. Now, 250 years later, Avon invites you to experience that historic moment together. Join us for an interactive community reading featuring Connecticut's four signers of the Declaration—Roger Sherman, William Williams, Oliver Wolcott, and Samuel Huntington.



Declaration of Independence by John Trumbull, 1818. Courtesy of Library of Congress

Learn surprising stories, test your knowledge, and reflect on the powerful words that helped launch a nation. Participation materials will be provided and all ages are welcome.

*Event script used with permission by the author Jennie May Rehnberg,
Honorary CT Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent*



Sponsored by Avon Historical Society,
Avon Free Public Library, and the Avon Senior Center

Registration is not required; just drop in.

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July 1 st 2026 , Wednesday
July 8 th 2026 , Wednesday



11:00 am to 11:45 am



Avon Congregational church
6 W Main St, Avon, CT 06001
fellowship hall (enter from school gate)

\$10 per class

Sign up here 

Message us

 8609757438

shwaasyoga.ayurved@gmail.com

SHWAASYOGA.COM

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Bring your own Yoga mat to set up Chair on it



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

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