



Avon Congregational Church's Electronic Weekly Newsletter

July 29, 2026

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Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, August 2 :

Communion - Bob DiRusso, Reader - Angela Scott, Trustee - Kent May,
Usher - Sally Albrecht, Videographer - Betsy Van Loon
Summertime Coffee Hour Helpers – Lauri McBride and Sally Albrecht



**WORK IN
PROGRESS**

Church Building & Office Closed for Work in Progress Aug 10-12

Our church will be closed for a few days to all groups and members due to the floors being stripped and rewaxed and carpets being deep cleaned. Regular office summer hours and scheduled events will return to normal on Thursday, August 13 to bright and shiny floors!! Thank you for your understanding.

August 18, Watercolor Art Fiesta Lunch Party for Everyone!

Join Pastor Chris on Wednesday, August 18th at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall for an All-Age Watercolor Art Party. No experience necessary! You select already drawn images from a selection of subjects (Farm, Birds, Flowers, Autumn Scenes) and using a suggested color palette, you'll 'watercolor' your creation into a fabulous work of art with provided top notch watercolor pencils. Fun, Easy, Creative and then we'll move our party to Puerto Vallarta Mexican Restaurant for a 'dutch treat' Fiesta Lunch!! Sign up on Main Hall bulletin board or email office@avon-church.org





A wet delivery with love

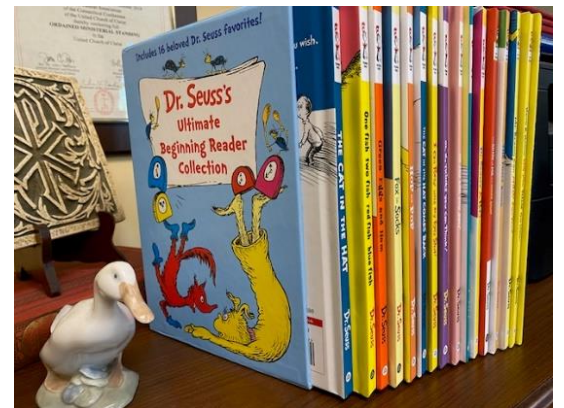
Members of outreach met in the driving rains to deliver backpacks to Avon Social Services for children entering grades K through four. The backpacks were filled by members and friend of the congregation with all sorts of wonderful school supplies for the coming year. Many thanks to all!



Dr. Seuss' Ultimate Beginning Reader Collection added to our Nursery Library

Remember "The Cat in the Hat," "One fish two fish red fish blue fish" and "Green Eggs and Ham?" These are but a few of the brand new books added to our Nursery Library.

Now, parents/guardians and grandparents alike can enjoy together these literary gems as you read them to our church's youngest amongst us. Oh...the places we'll go!!!!



Seeking Worship Helpers - As we look to assemble the Worship Helper Calendar for autumn through next summer, you are asked to discern if you would like to be added. Whether interested in occasionally reading a Call to Worship and Scripture text or greeting people

with a bulletin as an usher or helping to set up Communion or be responsible to open up the church and get the lights on, we would LOVE to have as many helpers as possible. Easy details are sent to all helpers along with a long list of

other helpers should you need to switch out any assigned date during the year. Interested? Want more info? Please contact the office at 860-678-0488 or reach out to Worship Co-Leaders, Alex Harris or Kent May.

Two Wisemen, a Shepherd, a Donkey and a Cow....

Sounds like the start of a good joke, but in this case, it is a list of some of our older crèche figurines we are retiring because they have been replaced. If you would like to consider adopting one or all, please see Pastor Chris in the next couple of weeks. We can't say where they'll go if you don't contact Pastor Chris...for that is another story.... Mwah ha ha ha ha.



Summertime Coffee Hour

We are using a "community" coffee hour format this summer. Those who really want coffee and tea will take turns to set it up. Those who want treats will bring and share them. Cold drinks and half & half will always be available in the refrigerator. Instructions for making coffee are always posted in the

kitchen behind the hallway door. Thank you for sharing this labor of love!

Janet Carville and Barbara Ruppert of Avon Congregational Church - Readers on July 8th of the Declaration of Independence

On July 8, descendants of signers of the Declaration of Independence read the Declaration to an enthusiastic audience at the Avon Senior Center. The program was sponsored by the Avon Historical Society, the Avon Senior Center, and the Avon Free Public Library. It was a centerpiece of the year's offerings of special events by Avon's America 250.



Seated (l-r) Janet Carville, David Lewis, Barbara Ruppert, and Scott Lewis - two pairs of sisters and brothers. Janet and Barbara represented George Read of Delaware; the Lewis brothers represented Josiah Bartlet from New Hampshire. Town Historian Nora Howard spoke briefly. The signs depict Connecticut's four signers of the Declaration, part of a game the audience played. Photos by Adriana Davis

Help a Student of Ethel Walker Help Others. Halloween Costume Drive to ensure every child in our community can enjoy Halloween this year! We are collecting gently used or new Halloween costumes. If you have any costumes to donate, please drop them in the collection bin here at the church from now until August 31st. Thank you for your generosity!

Halloween Costume Drive

Do you have gently used Halloween costumes gathering dust in your closets?

Let's pass the magic on!

We are collecting clean, gently used youth costumes to give to Covenant to Care for Children, ensuring every child gets to dress up this year.

Dates: Now through August 30th
Contact: Amelia (860) 836-6141

Thank you for bringing smiles to kids in need this season!



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

Do you want to display your quilt to the show?

Please register your quilt by completing the registration form using the link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2BezBTq9Qwt0-QeAhY3kUOFuSm6OQAKUIU6_7KTJLXwEUg/viewform?usp=header

Please contact Susan Elliott at shsellott@sbcglobal.net or 860-748-1775 with any questions. 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 questions, please contact Beth Ferrari or Donna Young.



Time is Running Out!! (see left) 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 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.



Don't Fall for It!!

Email scams, with the use of new technology and AI are worse than ever. Here are a few red flags to note as suspicious: 1. The email address isn't from an official church address. If you see an odd request, look at the email sender. All the staff use an email that ends with

"@avon-church-org" 2. The email comes from Pastor Chris (or another staff or even church member) but asks for data or money or for you to buy gift cards and share something in an email. It is not our practice to email you and ask for money or personal financial data. And Pastor Chris will NEVER ask anyone to buy gift cards. Pledging happens once a year. Certain asks like for a music match or for Stone Soup would be well advertised in E Tidings and in bulletins. Be suspect. Always call the office to check if it looks sketchy. 3. The request to click on a link to either 'verify' something or 'claim' something. Never click on unknown links or attachments. 4. A request for you to send an electronic copy of a church directory. If you happen to have a church directory, please NEVER share it. Members can access a paper copy (which is always the most up to date anyway) from our office. Let's please watch out for each other's data and electronic safety!

Yoga To Rebuild for Bones and Gut Health

On Saturdays -Regular Yoga practice benefits-

- Yoga for Bones (Arthritis) 26 Sept-11:00 am

For mobility, strength, relieves pain and stiffness

- Yoga for Gut health 3 Oct -11:00 am

Improves digestion, relive constipation and acidity, core strength

Please bring your yoga mat. Class is free. Sign up and Reserve a spot 🖱

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Yoga To Rebuild

Joint and Gut health

With Prabha

Date-26 Sept | 11:00 am

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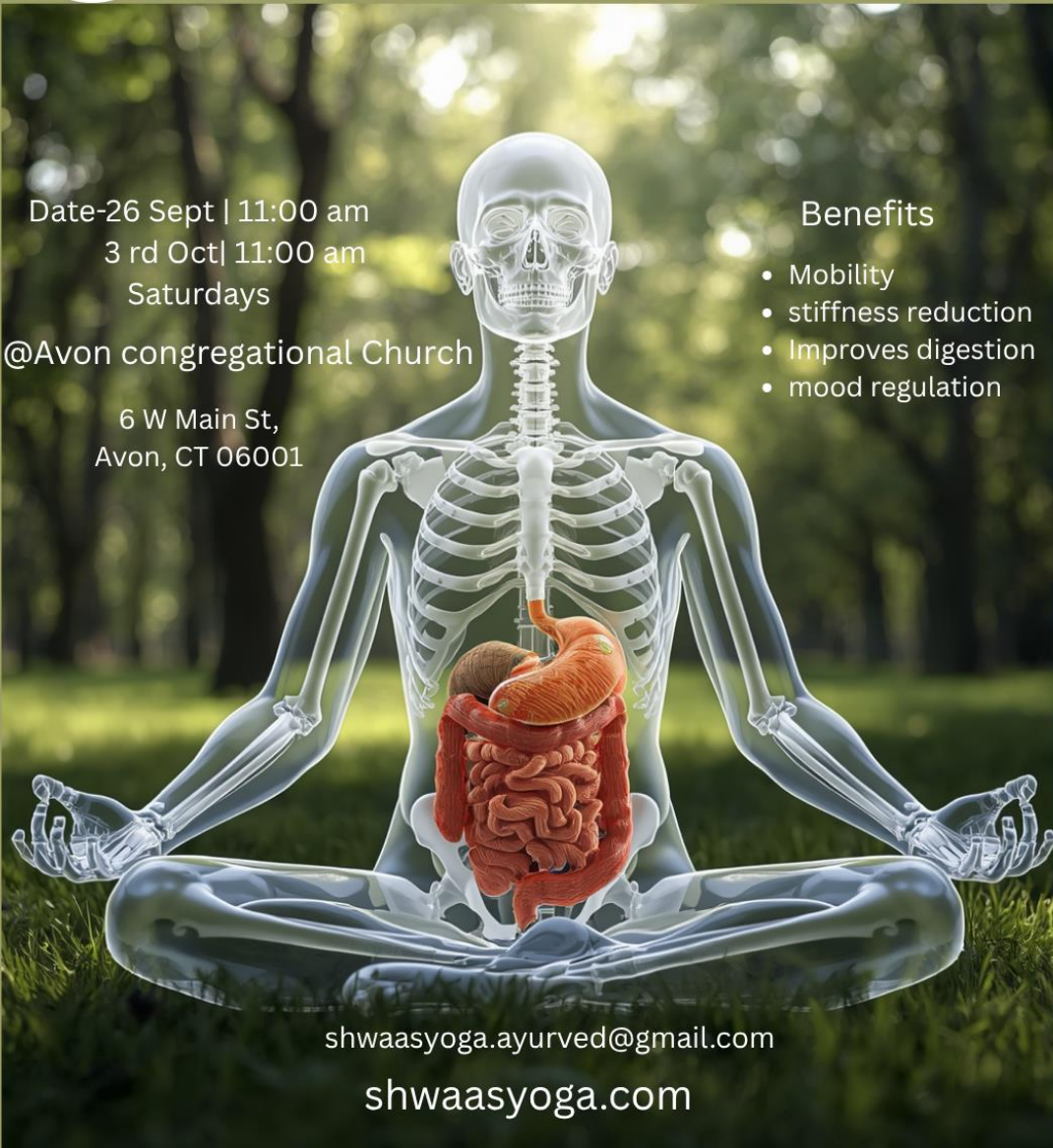
Saturdays

@Avon congregational Church

6 W Main St,
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Benefits

- Mobility
- stiffness reduction
- Improves digestion
- mood regulation



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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.

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Steering Circle 2026 – 2027

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