



Avon Congregational Church's Electronic Weekly Newsletter

July 16, 2026

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Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, July 19:

Reader - Kent May, Trustee - Alex Harris, Usher - David Robbins,
Videographer - Donna Lynn Young

Summertime Coffee Hour Helpers – Members/Friends who want to help



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!

Backpack Collection The Outreach Ministry will be supplying backpacks and supplies to students in need at Pine Grove Elementary School in Avon. There will be 29 backpacks available on Sunday (7/12) in Fellowship Hall. Each backpack will have a grade level supply list attached. We are asking you to grab a backpack, fill it up and return it next Sunday (7/19). They will be delivered to Avon Social Services for distribution. Thank you for making a difference in a young child's life!



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.



July Stone Soup

Please join us on **Monday, July 20th at 2 pm** to prepare a hearty summer pasta salad for the clients of Loaves & Fishes soup kitchen in Hartford. All ingredients are provided, we just need volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Ferrari or Kathy Hine.

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!



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!



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/1FAIpQLSd2BezbtTq9Qwt0-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

A Book about Artworks of the Avon Congregational Church Meetinghouse

We have recently been sharing with you, in E-Tidings, many remarkable images of our Meetinghouse!

Pastor Chris and Nora Howard (ACC Historian) are on a quest to 'collect' these artworks - paintings and drawings, and illustrations in books. (No photographs, however.)

We are locating artworks and photographing them, and finding out about the artists for detailed captions. So far we have been astounded to find over 30 items - and the 'collection' is growing. The earliest is dated 1828; the latest is 2026.

We hope to present this in a booklet, a book, and/or digitally on the ACC website - perhaps in about a year.

Do you know of any artwork around town, in your home or at a friend's home, with the image of the meetinghouse? All we need for this exciting project is a digital photograph - and then, as needed, the permission of the artist or owner. Perhaps you would like to create a new painting or drawing of the meetinghouse for the project?



East Main Street looking towards the church steeple, with crowds of people walking to church.
By Robert Heath (undated), who exhibited at the Avon Arts & Crafts Show in Old Avon Village.
Collection of the Town of Avon; on view at the Avon Senior Center.

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



Yoga To Rebuild

Joint and Gut health

With Prabha

Date-26 Sept | 11:00 am
3 rd Oct | 11:00 am
Saturdays

@Avon congregational Church

6 W Main St,
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Benefits

- Mobility
- stiffness reduction
- Improves digestion
- mood regulation



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