



Avon Congregational Church's Electronic Weekly Newsletter

September 23, 2026

www.avon-church.org

Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, September 27

Reader - Wally Eells, Trustee - Bob Linderman, Usher - Lisa Eells,

Videographer - Betsy Van Loon

Coffee Hour Host - Jane Keeney & Beth Ferrari, Food Provider - Kristin Garrison

The season has officially changed to autumn, which means our Nursery School is well underway and the sounds in our building have changed with the season. The office staff and I were just mentioning the delight we experience from hearing the giggles and joyful noise of children learning down the hallway. The teachers and students are engaged each day in exploring our world and how these young minds might navigate it while enjoying the fullness of all life has to offer. To that end, our Avon Nursery School Board has given we the members and friends of the church the challenge to join the student's families in raising funds to enhance our playground - making it yet another classroom environment for children to use all their senses to actively explore God's great outdoor creation!!

Won't you help? The E Tiding's article below has a QR code you can access through the camera on your phone or you can type in the link and peruse the offerings of Pampered Chef to augment your own kitchen environment! Or, if you'd rather, please send a donation payable to "Avon Nursery School" with PLAYGROUND CHALLENGE placed on your memo line. Together, we will continue to move with the educational adaptations that will most benefit educating children today! I'm sure you'll agree encouraging healthy outdoor interaction with nature and physical exercise should be paramount to our educational offerings. Questions about Pampered Chef? Contact ANS Board Member, Gail Alvord at 860-748-8695. Questions about our ANS Ministry? Contact Pastor Chris!

With Gratitude for Sharing in our Children's Ministries,

Pastor Chris

Support Avon Nursery School! Make mealtime easier while supporting our



playground fundraiser! Avon Nursery School is partnering with Pampered Chef as a fundraiser to enhance their playground. Please see the enclosed flyer. Scan the QR code to get more information and to place your order. Also consider joining Pampered Chef's live cooking event **Tuesday evenings at 8 PM** for only 30 minutes for simple recipes, cooking tips, and product ideas. Watch live or anytime—no registration needed! Use this link to view the live cooking demonstrations: <https://www.pamperedchef.com/pws/angelamaria/live-events> or go back and view the pre-recorded videos anytime!

The Tithe Recipient Organization for our 1st Friday Dinners

Thank you to those who attended the "Pathways/Senderos Center" program after Fellowship on Sunday Sept. 20. Executive Director Heather Mills presented the organization's story, and the life-changing work it has done for decades. The program enrolls 60 students from New Britain's middle and high schools. It provides after-school support in remarkable ways, with most of the students staying with the program for seven years, and 100% of them graduating from high school. The Avon Congregational Church First Friday dinner donations have been designated for this program for 2026.



Blessing of the Prayer Shawls this Sunday, September 27 during worship Calling all knitters and crochet-ers: You're all invited to bring your shawls to worship on the 27th, where they will be displayed around the pulpit. Our annual blessing of prayer shawls celebrates the creation of these handcrafted items intended to bring comfort, peace, and a tangible sign of love to recipients - often those undergoing illness, grief, or other struggles.





Sunday School has officially started!

If you have a child between 3 - 12 years old, we would LOVE to have you join us! Pastor Chris is pleased to announce we continue with Lauren Lett (Coordinator), and Jane Keeney. We will continue with a one-room schoolhouse model with adaptive educational opportunities to meet the needs of all our students.

Questions? Email Pastor@Avon-Church.org



Coffee with the Pastor will take place the 2nd through 4th (or 5th) Wednesdays, 10 am at the Coffee Trade (21 West Main St.) each month. Please note: there is no longer CWTP on the 1st Wednesday of each month, often when we are cooking for 1st Friday Dinners. **Come by for conversation and fellowship.** Pop in or stay for the hour. See you there!

An Autumn Bible Study: Women In The Bible, October 1 & 8, 10:30 AM -12:30 PM in the library. Offered by Leslie DesMangles, church member and professor in Religious Studies. Many of the women in the Bible are intriguing figures who defied male authority in a patriarchal society. They resisted the men by devising clever schemes, and even sexual seductions, to guarantee the needs of their people. What is remarkable is that these women were not punished and were often rewarded for their boldness and their unconventional behaviors. In this study, we examine the lives of these timeless heroines and give attention to their struggles to love, to parent and to succeed in their relationships with others. A sign up is in the main hallway.



Friday Dinner at Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St., on October 2nd at 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Join us for a family favorite, 4-Cheese Rigatoni Casserole with homemade Meatballs on the side. This month's entrée is served with Ciabatta Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad, and our popular "Dessert Buffet", which includes coffee and tea to complete your dining experience. **\$20 per person.** Take-out is available. For more information, call the church office at 860-678-0488, or email office@avon-church.org. No reservations necessary.

Sign up on the main hall bulletin board if you'd like to help cook, set-up, serve or clean-up at the First Friday Dinner on October 2nd, or make a delicious dessert for our famous "Dessert Buffet".

Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 4th at 3 PM - All creatures great and

Bring your creatures, great and small, to the



small, along with their owners, are welcome to gather in Fellowship Hall to receive a special blessing. Remembering our furry and feathered saints, who are no longer with us, bring a photo or keepsake along with a story of fond remembrance, which we'll weave into our service.

Retired Men's Discussion Group Meeting the 2nd Monday of each month in the Library, 10:30 am -12:00 pm. Calling all retired (or 'rewired') men! Would you like a low-stress, no obligation opportunity to share similar experiences and build lasting friendships? Do you sometimes feel 'invisible' in a world geared toward the working young? This monthly discussion group offers topic starters, like 'Name your favorite TV show as a kid?' all the way to 'Do you ever feel more invisible as you age?' Engaging, fun, meaningful. Questions? Call the Church Office or contact church members, Jerry Humble or Leslie DesMangles.



Help Fill Backpacks at Hands On Hartford - We will be returning to Hands On Hartford to help fill food bags for Hartford students in need. If you are interested in joining us, we have a rotating schedule of volunteers for a Wednesday morning time slot. We are flexible and slots are monthly or twice monthly. We carpool in to Hartford and sometimes stay for lunch at the Gather55 cafe. If interested, please contact Beth Ferrari at bethferrari@comcast.net or Kathy Hine at kathyhine@me.com



Quilt Show and Craft Fair at Avon Congregational Church

October 17 & 18 Volunteers are needed on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Joan Miller is recruiting volunteers so please help make this a successful fund raiser. There are sitting jobs so everyone can participate.

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.



PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FUNDRAISER

For: Avon Nursery School

PAMPERED CHEF FUNDRAISER

When: Sept 1st
through 30th



Goal: To raise \$500 to purchase the
Excellerations® STEM Water Table

Help Support Avon Nursery School! ❤️

We are excited to be hosting a Pampered Chef fundraiser to kick off purchasing playground equipment for the nursery school! 🐼 The goal is \$3000 in sales which will equal \$450 donated by Pampered Chef to Avon Nursery School to purchase the Excellerations® STEM Water Table.

It's easy to participate. Just scan the QR code below where you can shop, interact, discover new recipes and view products and tutorial videos.

Up to 15% of your purchase will be donated back to Avon Nursery School.



ANS Fundraiser Shop Here

Scan the QR code from your phone. You will be asked enter your name and to enter your phone number and email address. Once you've entered the Pampered Chef site, you will be able shop to support the purchase of new playground equipment for Avon Nursery School.

Questions: Call/Text Angela at (860) 980-0559,
Independent Pampered Chef Consultant

URL to Shop:
<https://table.pamperedchef.com/party/3762357vro>

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, relieves constipation and acidity, core strength

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

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10-E12-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10-E12-vSP7xDm0hS78lrX4nQKS2czzkJV247x6WpXrg/edit?usp=drivesdk)

[vSP7xDm0hS78lrX4nQKS2czzkJV247x6WpXrg/edit?usp=drivesdk](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10-E12-vSP7xDm0hS78lrX4nQKS2czzkJV247x6WpXrg/edit?usp=drivesdk)



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,
Avon, CT 06001

Benefits

- Mobility
- stiffness reduction
- Improves digestion
- mood regulation



shwaasyoga.ayurved@gmail.com

shwaasyoga.com

First Friday Dinner

at Avon Congregational Church
6 West Main St., Avon, CT

Friday, October 2, 2026

5:30 – 7:00 PM

featuring

**4 - Cheese Rigatoni Casserole
with Meatballs on the Side**

*along with Ciabatta Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad
& our famous Dessert Buffet!*



\$20/meal No Reservations Necessary

Serving 5:30 – 6:30 PM Dining till 7:00 PM

Take-Out Available Walk-Ins Welcome

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

Rev. Chris Solimene, Pastor

pastor@avon-church.org

Karen Levan, Dir. of Music Ministries/Organist

music@avon-church.org

Jolene Tefoe, Dir. of Avon Nursery School

ans@avon-church.org

Charry Salmon, Office Manager

office@avon-church.org

John Carlson, Finance Administrator

administrator@avon-church.org

Lenny Lebatique, Sexton



Church Address: 6 West Main Street, Avon, CT 06001

Church Phone Number 860-678-0488

Church Website www.avon-church.org

Church Wi-Fi: avonchurch

Scan to Donate

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