



Avon Congregational Church's Electronic Weekly Newsletter

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Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, October 4

Communion Elements: Sandy Lytle, Reader - Karen Zaorski, Usher - Charlie Zaorski, Trustee - Dick Lytle, Videographer - Donna Lynn Young
Coffee Hour Fieldtrip to Church Parsonage

"They point me toward God's love! Who else never judges me? Who rejoices when I come to them and wants to be with me always?"

At first blush, it sounds like this blogger is talking about some amazing friends - maybe from college days or even childhood friends? But, in reality, even our best besties cannot usually be described with these superlatives. So, who is this blogger talking about???



She continues on, "Our pets are our friends. Our family. Our companions, confidants and counselors."

Ahh, pets. Yes! That is true. THEY are the best definition of best besties..or is that beasties!? If you have a pet or ever had a pet, you can certainly recount the many blessings your pets have offered you. When it comes to being a healthy loving Christian, it's important from time to time to give thanks for the creatures who give us so much joy and pleasure in life - our pets!

So, perhaps this weekend, after enjoying a hearty First Friday Meal at 5:30 pm on Friday and attending worship this Sunday at 10 am, you may consider coming back to our Fellowship Hall at 3 pm on Sunday for the brief, yet meaningful service of blessing - to bless the animals in our lives today and to remember the animals that have made a difference in our lives. See you there!



First Friday Dinner at Avon Congregational Church 6 West Main St., 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. No reservations necessary. A portion of our dinner income benefits a local not for profit in the nearby area. Thank you for helping us to help others!!

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.



Coffee Hour Fieldtrip to Church Parsonage, this Sunday October 4 Following worship, everyone is invited to stop by the Parsonage Lawn for cider and autumn donuts in order to view the freshly painted, reroofed, newly guttered, shuttered and gardened exterior. Pop by for a quick peek or bring a lawn chair and visit for a while on the lawn. If raining, a new date will be chosen.

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

small, along with their owners, are welcome to

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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.

Gaffney School Tutoring

If you would like to help 3rd grade students strengthen their reading skills, please join our small team of volunteers who go on a weekly basis to Gaffney Elementary School in New Britain. We offer one on one time with an assigned student in each third grade class on **Tuesdays from 9:30 am-11:00 am**. If interested in learning more, please contact Beth Ferrari or Jane Keeney.



Sunday School has officially started!

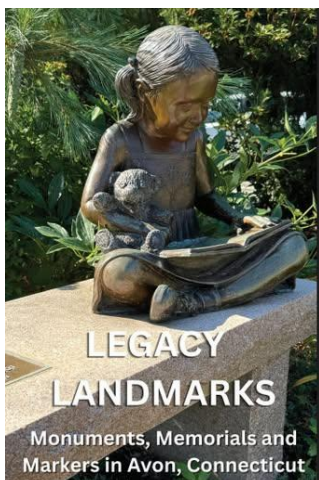
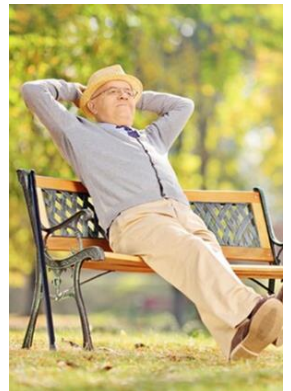
If you have a child between 3 - 12 years old, we would LOVE to have you join us! Pastor Chris is pleased to announce we continue with Lauren Lett (Coordinator), and Jane Keeney. We will continue with a one-room schoolhouse model with adaptive educational opportunities to meet the needs of all our students.

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!

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.



Legacy Landmark Booklet and Avon Congregational Church

The Avon Congregational Church appears in this Avon's America 250 booklet: *Legacy Landmarks: Monuments, Memorials and Markers in Avon.*

Some church members and friends are also honored throughout the booklet, such as Bob and Gladys August. The Avon Historical Society printed 250 copies, with many going to Avon Middle School students. Very few copies remain, but it is available for download at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/.../q1ykfm3.../Legacy-Booklet.pdf>





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.



Yoga To Rebuild for Bones and Gut Health

On Saturdays -Regular Yoga practice benefit-

•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
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

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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

Jolene Tefoe, Director of Avon Nursery School, sent this poster saying it is from one of her first students at Avon Nursery School who loves participating in these types of community events. If you have any used up or broken crayons, the bucket is located at the playground entrance. Please help out the local children's hospitals such as Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Thank you!

Support Crayon Recycling

Farmington Valley Girl Scout Troop 66037 would like to set up a collection bin at your location for broken and unwanted crayons. We are collecting old crayons for a wonderful non-profit organization called The Crayon Initiative. They melt down the old wax and remanufacture it into brand-new crayons, which they donate to children's hospitals, including Connecticut Children's Medical Center right here in Hartford, CT.

Your Participation...

Supports hospitalized children

One pound of broken crayons creates 5 boxes of new crayons for children facing tough health battles. Art offers them creative outlets for self-expression.

Protects the environment

Crayon recycling keeps tons of non-biodegradable wax waste out of local landfills and promotes eco-friendly habits.

Inspires

This project teaches others about recycling, sustainability, and community kindness.

Project Details

Our collection drive will run from Fall 2026 through Spring 2027.

Our troop will provide you with a Crayon Recycling Bin and empty it periodically throughout the year.

Contact Info



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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