


**November 11, 2026** **www.avon-church.org**

**Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, November 15**
Reader - Gail Alvord, Usher - Lee Egan, Trustee - Beth Ferrari,
Videographer - Kate Allen, Coffee Hour Hosts - Sally Albrecht,
Food Providers - Anne Woodling and Connie Osden

**Meetinghouse Moment: Avon's American Revolutionary Soldiers**

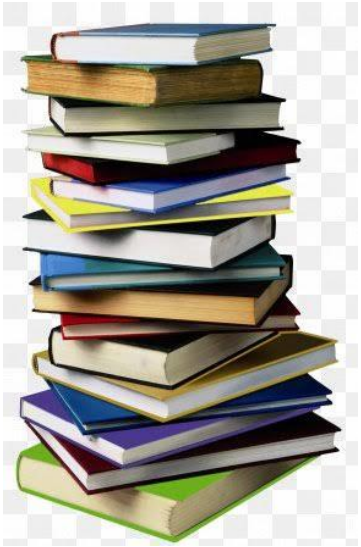
Avon (then called Northington) lost eight soldiers in the American Revolution. The stories of over 80 soldiers who served from Northington are in *Northington Soldiers Who Served in the American Revolution, 1775-1783.* The Avon Historical Society produced the booklet for Avon's America 250, with a grant from M&T Foundation. It is online at the Avon Historical society website. https://share.google/gL1Cfa4dVI7FfQ3rq

The plaque honoring all the soldiers is on the Avon Library's History Room wall.
Joseph Bishop, 33, died at Ft. Ann in New York.
Nathaniel Bunnell died of scarlet fever in the Northern Army, leaving behind a 3 month old baby.
Asaph Fuller, 16, died in the army in NY.
David Fuller, 16, died in the army in NY.
Imri Judd, 16, died of scarlet fever in the Northern Army.
Joseph Hart III, 17, was shot in King's Bridge, NY, and died in Stamford.
Noah Hart died at Fort Ann.
Zebulon Woodruff, Jr. died "a prisoner among the enemy" in NY.

WELCOME
New Members

**New Member Sunday, November 15th, during worship -** On this special day new members are introduced to the congregation, who recognize their choice to join our journey of faith. A meaningful ceremony is held as part of the service. This is a joyful time that strengthens the bonds of the church community - we look forward to welcoming our newest members and walking together on the path of faith.

**ACC/Social and Environmental Justice Committee Educational Events!!**



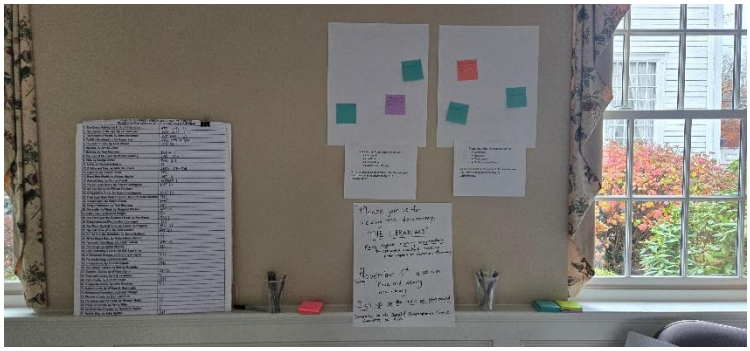
**Censorship and Book Banning--Can it Happen Here?**

Showing "The Librarians" Emmy Award winning documentary. Tells the story of heroic librarians facing the rising threat of book challenges/banning in schools and public libraries. (92 minutes)

**Sunday, November 15th** Lunch (pizza and salad) in upstairs classroom followed by film in library

Want more information about book challenges and bans? Visit: https://pen.org/report/book-bans-spotlight-2026/





Photos of the November 1 and 8 Book Display in Fellowship Hall




**November Stone Soup** Please join us on **Monday, Nov. 16th at 3:30 pm** (note time change this month) in the church kitchen to make "Marry Me Chicken with Orzo". We are making this meal for the clients of Loaves & Fishes in Hartford who serve approximately 100 people a daily hot lunch Mon-Fri. All ingredients are provided; we only need volunteers. Please see Beth Ferrari or Kathy Hine if you have questions

**An Autumn Bible Study: Women In The Bible at Avon Congregational Church**
**November 17 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the church 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. **All are welcome**




**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!



**Looking for a meaningful way to dispose of your Halloween decorations?**

**Sub Edge Farm**, located at **199 Town Farm Road in Farmington**, is accepting pumpkins and gourds for recycling through **November 30**.

To be accepted, pumpkins and gourds must be:

- Unpainted
- Free of any non-organic materials, such as candles, wax, or other decorative items

Donations can be dropped off in the trailer located next to the farm shop.

Recycling your pumpkins and gourds is a simple, environmentally friendly alternative to throwing them in the trash. It helps reduce landfill waste while providing food and nutrients for animals and the surrounding environment.

The **Social and Environmental Justice Ministry** will continue to share periodic tips and opportunities to help care for our environment. If you know of other environmentally friendly initiatives that should be highlighted, please let us know.

**Thank you for helping make a positive difference in our community and for our planet.**




**Thanksgiving Baskets** The Christian Service & Outreach committee will be sponsoring four Thanksgiving food baskets to benefits the clients of Avon Social Services. Sign-up sheets for individual food items are posted in the main hallway near the office. Items may be dropped off starting Sunday, Nov 18th and no later than Sunday, Nov 22nd. Please store and label perishables in the refrigerator or freezer. Non-perishable items may be put in the marked collectio n boxes in Fellowship Hall. Your generosity is appreciated. If there are any questions, please contact Lynn Del Cegno or Beth Ferrari.



**Toddler Adult & Child Classes--Twoodles**
Avon Nursery School is very excited to start their very own Toddler program, Twoodles. This class is for children ages two and up and will be a time for them with an adult to attend an hour-long program instructed by the Director Jolene Tefoe in our meeting room twice per month. We will sing, dance, and learn through developmentally appropriate activities.

Children are invited to play on the playground after class. This is open to the community, so feel free to invite neighbors and friends. The cost of the class will be $10.00 per child.

The members of our Toddler classes will also be invited to our family programs, such as Table 'or Treat and Harvest Feast.

Future dates for Twoodles class will be:
Thursday, November 19th 10:00-11:00 am
Thursday, December 3rd 10:00-11:00 am
Thursday, December 17th 10:00-11:00 am

*Please sign up by contacting Jolene Tefoe, Director of Avon Nursery School, at 860-845-3704 or ans@avon-church.org.




**Stewardship News** – The Thanksgiving season is upon us; it's a time to reflect and be grateful for our blessings. November is Stewardship Month at Avon Congregational Church, a very important month celebrating our church blessings and planning and budgeting for our year ahead. The following are important dates during the Stewardship season:

November 22nd - Pledge Sunday (pledges received and blessed)

**Service of Thanksgiving: A Meal of Gratitude - Tuesday, November 24 at 6 pm**
Members of various Jewish, Muslim and Christian faith communities fro m the Greater Farmington Valley are coming together at Memorial United Methodist Church for a wonderful soup & bread supper followed by an interfaith Service of Thanksgiving. Each faith community is invited to bring soups and breads of their tradition, which will be shared at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. At 7 pm, a Service of Thanksgiving, filled with song, prayer and spoken word from each tradition will center and ground us to add special meaning to Thanksgiving. Memorial United Methodist Church, 867 West Avon Road, Avon, CT 06001



**Salvation Army Bell-Ringing -** Jingle-jingle! Come ring the bells for Salvation Army on **Saturday, December 5th at Walmart!** Greeting shoppers with a cheery "Merry Christmas" is a fun and easy way to help those in need and 90% of the proceeds are used to support local residents! This is only a 1-hour commitment & no experience is necessary. You can bring a partner or we will find one for you, if you don't want to ring alone. Sign up in the hallway and Lynn Del Cegno will contact you with further details. Questions? Call Lynn Del Cegno: 860-690-9675.

**Poinsettias in Honor and Memory of Loved Ones for Christmas.**



Christmas Poinsettias add sacred beauty and help make our Advent and Christmastide celebration more meaningful. Would you like to provide one (or more) to grace our sanctuary? It is a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one. Please fill out an order form and return with your money no later than Sunday, December 6th. Each plant costs $12.00. Include check or cash for the full amount with the order form. Forms are available in E-Tidings and the office. Make checks payable to Avon Congregational Church and return to the church office.

**Gathering Ideas for 2027 Fundraising for Avon Congregational Church** Church leadership wants to hear your ideas on effective fund raisers. Please complete the poll (attached at the end of E Tidings and located at church). The Avon Congregational Church depends on a combination of member pledging, fundraisers and income from 12 West Main Rentals, 1st Friday Dinners, our Hidden Treasures store and other nominal rentals to achieve our income goals. While in recent years we have reduced the need for how much fundraising we do, it is still a vital need for our congregation's solvency. Moreover, it gives other intangible benefits through building community, offering outreach and providing wonderful memory-making. Have an idea for something new? Let us know your thoughts!



**Many thanks to Sew Thankful Quilters: Quilts of Valor artisans for a wonderful presentation on November 8 and many thanks to our veterans that served.**

















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# A Service of Gratitude and Thanksgiving

*with local faith leaders of many traditions*

## Tuesday, November 24th at

## Memorial United Methodist Church

*867 West Avon Rd., Avon, CT.*



*6 PM – Delicious Soups & Breads*
*7 PM – Interfaith Service with Area Congregations*

*Please bring a favorite soup of your own tradition and culture & bread to be shared by all at the meal.*



## Christmas Poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved ones.

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Color and number of plants: Red_____ White _____

The flowers you are ordering on this form may be taken home by donors following the Christmas Eve service.

Amount enclosed: $_____

Flowers are given by (your name(s)):

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In HONOR or MEMORY (circle one) of _____

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Looking forward, church leadership wants to hear your ideas on effective fund raisers. The list below includes tried and true fundraisers and some newly posed ideas. **Please check off two or three events you would support with your time and talents. In addition, we'd love for you to share any ideas you have for any new approaches.**

**Tried and True Fundraisers over Recent Years:**

____ Rummage sale ____ Cemetery Tour with live actors

____ Quilt Show ____ The Joys of Christmas Dinner Show

____ Live Auction ____ A Ladies Tea Party with Guest Speaker

____ The Wytch Trial

____ No Work Fundraiser (people pledged money in lieu of having an event.)

**Newly Proposed Ideas:**

____ Theatrical performance (using fellowship hall for set building and rehearsal space)

____ Musical Dinner Theater

**Your ideas:**

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**Print your name**_____

Please print your name here. Anonymous data is not helpful. And while we may ask for clarification on your ideas, we don't suggest that you need be the fundraising event chairperson!

**Please complete and return your survey by Sunday November, 22nd. You are welcome to:**

- Email your responses to the church office at office@avon-church.org
- Mail responses to the church at 6 West Main Street, Avon, CT 06001
- If you are attending worship in person, there will be paper surveys available in church & the Hall
- Paper surveys can be placed in the collection plate or in the provided basket in fellowship hall.

## 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*

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| 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

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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