



E-Tidings

Avon Congregational Church

avon-church.org

September 11, 2024

Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, September 15 - Trustee – Dave Crowther, Reader – RJ Jarrett, Usher – Sue Crowther, Videographer – Tom Transue , Prayer Partner – Sue Crowther, Host & Hospitality – Laurie McBride & Anne Woodling



Mark your calendars! Our weekly *Coffee with the Pastor* begins today, **Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 10 am at the Coffee Trade (21 West Main St.) Come by for conversation and fellowship. Pop in or stay for the hour. See you there!**

Sunday School Registration continues – Do you have children ages 3 – 12 and would like to enroll them in Sunday School at Avon Congregational Church? Pick up a registration form, located on the Faith Formation bulletin board in the main hall, or email Kathy in the office at secretary@avon-church.org and ask for a copy. Sunday School takes place the 2nd – 4th (or 5th) Sundays a month. Children begin in church at the 10am worship service, and then go to their classrooms upstairs around 10:15am.



CHOIR NEWS

Music Rehearsals Begin – Calling all singers and ringers! Choir rehearsals are beginning soon! Our Gallery Singers begin rehearsals tonight, September 11 at 7:30 PM, following the Choir and Handbell Potluck at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall. Celebration Ringers begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 18 at 5:30 PM. Interested in joining? Contact Karen Levan, our Music Director, at music@avon-church.org.

Make a Joyful Noise: Music Retreat for ALL, Sunday, September 22 at 11:30 AM – Are you curious about what musical notes, rhythm and symbols mean? Join our Director of Music, Karen Levan, and Pastor Chris for a short, special retreat and have fun getting to know the basics of music through simple games. Sign up on the main hall bulletin board or RSVP to music@avon-church.org.



Safe Church Training on Sunday, September 15th, 11:15 AM in the library – This is required training for all volunteers who will be teaching Sunday School and/or covering the Church Nursery this year. Contact Pastor Chris at pastor@avon-church.org to sign up.

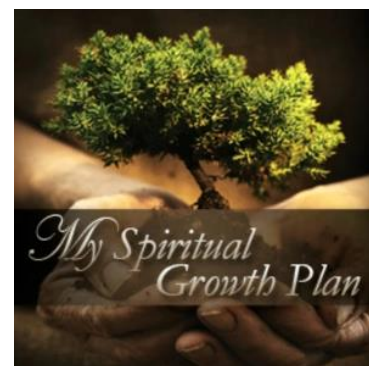
September Stone Soup, Monday, September 16 at 2:00 PM - Please join us in the church kitchen to make our monthly Stone Soup meal for the clients of Loaves & Fishes soup kitchen in Hartford. We are cooking BBQ chicken and yellow rice and we will include a green salad and brownies. Any questions about Stone Soup, please contact Beth Ferrari or Kathy Hine.



First Friday Dinner Meeting, Monday, September 16th at 6:00 PM - If you have helped out in the past or are interested in helping out there will be a dinner meeting at church in Fellowship Hall. Pizza and dessert will be provided. If anyone would like to provide a salad or beverages it would be much appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office or you can contact me. Don Del Cegno, 860-986-7441 (cell) or email me at donald_delcegno@yahoo.com.

Your Spiritual Journey Now! September 19, 26 and October 3.
10:30 am Church Library: *Life Lessons, When Bad Things Happen, The Power of Now*

Using the abstracts (or summary notes) from three well-known spirituality writers, Pastor Chris invites us to delve into deeper meaning to be made in the power of this moment to transform your life. Sign up on the main hall bulletin board or contact Pastor Chris at pastor@avon-church.org if interested in attending.



Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, a renowned psychiatrist and author, presents *Life Lessons*, practical and spiritual lessons that urge us not to wait until the end of our lives, to learn lessons that we can learn now. She shares ideas to help us find greater peace and understanding.

Tragedy and loss are certainties. As we try to make sense of what's happened, we usually have a torrent of questions and emotions. Rabbi Harold S. Kushner presents *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. Here we find a pragmatic approach to dealing with feelings and questions around grief and loss as well as a new understanding of how can God allow such suffering.

Eckart Tolle, a renowned spiritual teacher and author, presents his central teaching in *The Power of Now*. We are wired to fret about the past or the future, and these negative feelings and often false beliefs pull us out of living in the present. Hence, we waste precious time, and squander potential moments of joy and wonder. This reading can help us reclaim a deep sense of peace and well-being.

Classic Movie Night here at Avon Congregational Church, Friday, September 27th at 6:00pm. All are welcome. No sign-ups. Admission is free. Join us for light refreshments and coffee, along with a showing of **"Kiss Me, Kate"**. In this 1953 movie, divorced Broadway stars Fred Graham (Howard Keel) and Lilli Vanessi (Kathryn Grayson) agree to star in a musical adaptation of William Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" alongside rising young actors Lois Lane (Ann Miller) and Bill Calhoun (Tommy Rall). Questions? Contact the Church Office at 860-678-0488.



First Friday Dinner at Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St., on October 6th at 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Join us for a family favorite, **Rigatoni Meatball and Sausage Casserole!** (Vegetarian option available) This month's entrée is served with Tossed Salad, Italian Bread and our popular "Dessert Buffet", which includes coffee and tea to complete your dining experience. Take-out is available. For more information, call the church office at 860-678-0488, or email secretary@avon-church.org. No reservations necessary.

Summer Vacation Fun - Pastor Jennifer and family were able to visit with Sam Howard (Nora and Roger's son) in Germany and to tour the beautiful Kloster Ettal Brewery in Bavaria where Sam is a Master Brewer!



Volunteers Needed - Lorraine Nahabedian is looking for volunteers who would be willing to pick up and deliver Community First School's lunch. She is presently in need of a person to cover Mondays and would like a few folks to be on standby to cover the Tuesday through Friday volunteers if they are away or are ill and can't do their scheduled day. Please email Lorraine at

Lorrainenahabedian53@gmail.com if you can possibly help us serve the school in this way. The food is picked up at House of Bread, 27 Chestnut Street, Hartford, CT. The delivery is at the school, which is located at 50 Love Lane, Hartford, CT.



News from Sue Crowther, coordinator of All-Church Events

Interested in going to lunch and then hearing some beautiful music? On Sunday, September 15th, at 2:00 – 3:00 PM a special choir will be singing at First Congregational Church, Canton Center. (For information, see below) If anyone would like to go to lunch this Sunday (location TBD), and then the concert, please contact Sue at SDCrowther@aol.com.

First Congregational Church, Canton Center
184 Cherry Brook Road, Canton, CT
is hosting

The Matsiko World Orphan Choir

A choir of International Children's Network



Performance Times:

Saturday, September 14th - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Sunday, September 15th - 2:00 - 3:00 PM

All are invited – Tell Your Family & Friends!

Energetic youth will perform dynamic cultural dances and singing in full vibrant costumes along with giving inspirational and moving testimonies about how they have overcome some of the most difficult of circumstances.

Doors will open a half hour before each performance for people to view and purchase items brought from Liberia, Africa.

A 'free will offering' will be taken at the end of the performance. Questions? Contact the Church Office at 860-693-4581 or Rev. Kurt Satherlie at 860-944-5158.

Penning and Reading More in 2024

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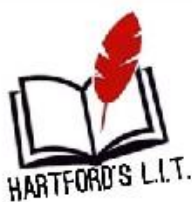


HARTFORD BOOK FESTIVAL

**Free Family Fun
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Unique vendors
Workshops
Literary Artists
Storytelling
Poetry**

September 21st 2024

**Hartford Public Library
500 Main Street
Hartford CT.**



Hartfordslit.com

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

Our 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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Steering Circle 2024 – 2025

Moderator – Susan Elliott; Treasurer – Bob Linderman; Clerk – Jerry Humble;
Worship – Sue Crowther and Laurie Petrin; Nurturing – Donna Lynn Young
and Lee Egan; Outreach – Marcia Cox and Patti Nevin; Support – Beth Ferreri and
Betsy Van Loon; Members – at - Large – Sally Albrecht and Don DelCegno