



E-Tidings

Avon Congregational Church

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September 18, 2024

Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, September 22nd - Trustee – Bob Linderman, Reader – Gail Alvord, Usher – Angela Scott, Videographer – Patti Nevin, Prayer Partner - Gail Alvord, Host & Hospitality – Beth Ferrari & Joan Miller



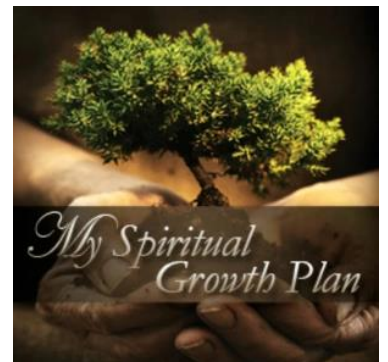
Coffee with the Pastor, Wednesdays at 10:00 AM at the Coffee Trade (21 West Main St.) Come by for conversation and fellowship. Pop in or stay for the hour. See you there!

Scenes from today's "Coffee with the Pastor" below:



Your Spiritual Journey Now! September 19, 26 and October 3. 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall: *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.

CHOIR NEWS

Make a Joyful Noise: Music Retreat for ALL, Sunday, September 22 at 11:45 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.

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 4th 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.

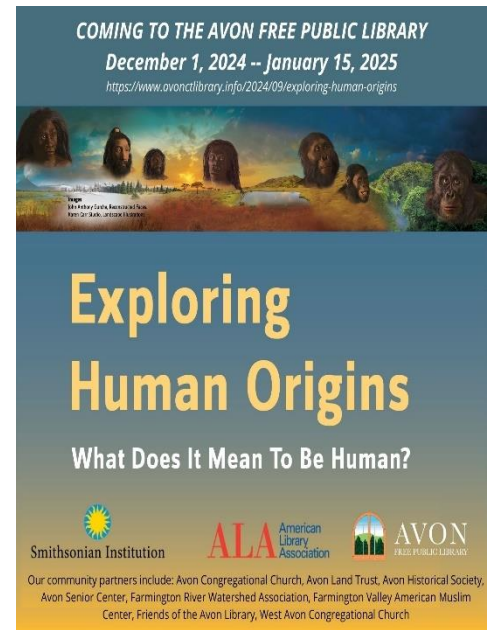
Sign up on the main hall bulletin board if you'd like to help cook, set-up, serve or clean-up at the First Friday Dinner on October 4th, or make a delicious dessert for our famous "Dessert Buffet".

Around Town - The Avon Library will be hosting an ALA Traveling Exhibit in the community room on the first floor, from December 1, 2024-Jan. 15, 2025, on the origins of humanity. There will be programming on science, history, and faith, exploring all of the themes of the exhibit. The Smithsonian is visiting the first week with their experts for a series of three programs.

Our partners for this project include: Avon Congregational Church, Avon Land Trust, Avon Historical Society, Avon Senior Center, Farmington River Watershed Association, Farmington Valley American Muslim Center, Friends of the Avon Library, West Avon Congregational Church.

The Avon Library's Art Gallery will feature a companion exhibit from December 1, 2024-January 31, 2025.

<https://www.avonctlibrary.info/2024/09/exploring-human-origins/>



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.

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and Lee Egan; Outreach – Marcia Cox and Patti Nevin; Support – Beth Ferrari and
Betsy Van Loon; Members – at - Large – Sally Albrecht and Don DelCegno