

E-Tidings

Avon Congregational Church
avon-church.org

October 23, 2024

Interested in becoming a member of Avon Congregational Church?

Call 860-678-0488 or email Pastor Chris at pastor@avon-church.org by Oct. 27



WELCOME
New Members

New Member Orientation, Sunday, Nov. 3rd, following worship - Does God call you to share your gifts in ways that will provide you with deep meaning? Do you seek lifelong friendships here with us? A New Member Orientation Lunch will be held on Sunday, November 3rd, following the worship service. If you haven't already spoken to Pastor Chris or Pastor Jennifer, and you have discerned that God is calling you to be a new member here, please call 860-678-0488, ext. 11.

New Member Sunday, November 10th during worship - **This is the day when the congregation recognizes your choice** to join our journey of faith. Please reach out to Pastor Chris or Pastor Jennifer if you would like a conversation or have questions regarding your interest in becoming a new member of Avon Congregational Church. Indeed, God has a plan for you!



Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, October 27 - Trustee – Kent May, Reader – Bruce Elliott, Usher – Ray Ramezzana, Videographer – Betsy Van Loon, Prayer Partner – Kate Allen, Host & Hospitality – Beth Ferrari, Gail and Katy Alvord



News from the Building & Grounds Ministry - There are new motion detectors on the **2nd floor** that is like having “touchless lighting”. You will no longer need to turn on or off the hallway switches. They come on when entering either of the stairwells or from the elevator. If there is no motion detected in the hallway after 10 minutes, the lights will turn off, but once you step back into the hallway, they will come back on.

Note from the Treasurer: Thank you very much for all the gifts you lovingly provide to ACC, which are benefiting our church and the community in so many ways. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the end of the year are not too far away – please assist the Finance Ministry by submitting the balance of your 2024 pledges before the end of the year. Thank you! Bob Linderman, Treasurer

THANK YOU



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. If you haven't tried it, check it out – we have lots of fun! See you there!

Collecting for Thanksgiving Baskets, items due Sunday, November 24th- All are invited to donate a food item for a Thanksgiving meal for three Avon families. **Sign up during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall on November 10th and 17th to bring specific food items for the baskets.** Items need to be returned on Sunday, Nov. 24th. On that day we will gather the food and fill three Thanksgiving baskets. Those who sign up to bring a non-perishable item should bring it to Fellowship Hall. Perishable items should be placed in the refrigerator or freezer. Please clearly label each item "For Thanksgiving Baskets". Thank you for your support!



Avon Nursery School is looking for donations of candy and small toys for their "Trunk or Treat" event for their children on October 30th. Please drop donations off in the church office **by October 28th**. Thank you!

Bible Study Opportunity on Thursdays, Oct. 24, 31, and Nov. 7 & 14, 10:30 AM – Noon, in the church library. Join Pastor Jennifer on Thursday mornings for a fascinating study on the Gospel of John. The fourth of the gospels, John's is the only one not to be considered a Synoptic Gospel. With its own distinct style and theological aims, John does not merely narrate the events of Jesus, but shapes those events to offer a distinct theological interpretation. Because of its special theological character, the Gospel of John has been considered since ancient times to be the "Spiritual Gospel." Come to any or all of these studies to learn more about this book, and see how the story of Jesus told in symbolic ways can lend richness and meaning to our spiritual journeys. All welcome!





Classic Movie Night, October 25 at 6:00 PM - Join us in Fellowship Hall for a showing of *Nightmare Alley*, with Tyrone Power. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free. Questions? Contact Ray Ramezzana at curlyqlink115@aol.com.

First Friday Dinner at Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St., on November 1st at 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Join us for a family favorite, **Chicken Pot Pie**. A Vegetarian Pot Pie with mushrooms will also be available. This month's entrée is served with biscuits and salad, and includes our fabulous dessert buffet, and coffee or tea. **The dinners are \$17.** No reservations necessary. Take-out is available. For more information, call the church office at 860-678-0488 or email us at secretary@avon-church.org.



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 November 1st, or make a delicious dessert for our famous "Dessert Buffet". Many hands make light work!

Opportunity for Fellowship

LEGALLY BLONDE *The Musical.*

Legally Blonde is being performed by the Theatre Guild of Simsbury on Sun., Nov. 10 @ 2 pm. Contact Sue Crowther if you're interested in going on Sun., Nov. 10 @ 2 pm. Also, let Sue know if you'd like to gather with a bag lunch in Fellowship Hall beforehand, or just meet at the show, which takes place in Simsbury High School's auditorium. Tickets are available on the website: <https://www.theatreguildsimsbury.org/tickets>.

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

The art of storytelling, blossoming across the country in cafés, galleries, and conference rooms, and popularized by such radio programs as The Moth Radio Hour, is coming to Avon!



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It's Only a Job!

Join us for a night of true, intriguing, and hilarious stories from our exclusive group of storytellers—from a wardrobe malfunction at an important meeting, to a job interview that sparked a heated plan, from an exciting public relations idea that almost fell off the rails, to the colorful office characters who were just too much to handle.

When: Monday, October 28, 2024, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main, Avon.

Admission: Register to attend at AvonPlayhouse44@gmail.com

Seating is limited, so please register early for this free event.



Donations are accepted, which will assist Playhouse 44 with future productions. They can be made online at <https://playhouse44.org/> or during the event.

Extending a helping hand: We're collecting toiletries and nonperishable food on the night of the event to deliver to local Avon organizations that help individuals and families in need.



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SATURDAY

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NOVEMBER 2024

**5:30PM TO
7:30PM**



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**35 HARRIS ROAD
AVON CT 06001**

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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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 Ferrari and
Betsy Van Loon; Members – at - Large – Sally Albrecht and Don DelCegno