

E-Tidings

Avon Congregational Church
avon-church.org

October 30, 2024

**FRIENDLY REMINDER - SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR BEFORE
GOING TO SLEEP ON NOV. 2nd
(so you don't arrive at church at 9 AM on Nov. 3rd)**

Stewardship News – Thanksgiving season is right around the corner; 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:



October 28- Stewardship letter mailed to the congregation

November 3 - Stewardship Sunday messages

November 24 - Pledge Sunday (pledges received and blessed)

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**

Bible Study Opportunity on Thursdays, Oct. 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. 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!



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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.



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 Communion Sunday, November 3rd:

Communion Elements – Sandy Lytle, Trustee – Bob Linderman, Reader – RJ Jarrett, Usher – Dick Lytle, Videographer – Donna Lynn Young, Prayer Partner – Jim Reed, Host & Hospitality – Laurie McBride and Peruse Khachoyan

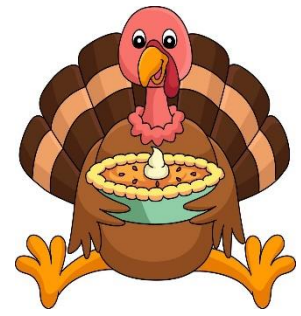


Coffee with the Pastor, Wednesdays at 10:00 AM at the Coffee Trade (21 West Main St.) Come by for conversation and fellowship. Pop in or stay for the hour. If you haven't tried it, check it out – we have lots of fun! See you there!

Social and Environmental Justice Ministry News – There will be a Zoom meeting on **Monday, November 4th at 7:00 PM.** Please contact Angela Scott at ASH500@aol.com or Bob Linderman at rlindermanjr@aol.com to get the Zoom link.



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!



Snow?!?! Are you all looking forward to handling the winter weather? Church members and friends are reminded to check WFSB (Channel 3) for snow closures, as well as our Facebook page.

Opportunities 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>.

Holiday shopping with friends – Have fun at the 29th Annual Snowflake Fair at the Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC, Nov. 9th -9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Looking for Unique Holiday gifts? A Fun Activity for the Kids? A Delicious Fall Lunch? Featuring a variety of Crafters & Vendors, Baked Goods, a Silent Auction, Children's Mini-Games, Door Prizes and more, the Snowflake Fair has just what you need for the Holidays & Beyond! FREE Selfies with Santa from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Make & Take ornaments for a \$2 donation to the Save Our Steeple Fund, and a Historical Display chronicling 174 years in our current building. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., a luncheon will be available for purchase. Free Admission! For more information, please call 860/747-1901, email churchoffice@uccplainville.org, or visit our website at uccplainville.org.



A Service of Gratitude and Thanksgiving

with local faith leaders of many traditions

Tuesday, November 26nd

St Ann Catholic Church 289 Arch Road Avon, CT.



6 PM – Delicious Soups & Breads

*7 PM – Interfaith Service with
Area Congregations*

Sign-up to bring your favorite soup & bread!

Contact the office at kris.martino@stannavon.com



FVAMC

Farmington Valley
American Muslim Center

WOULD LIKE YOU TO
JOIN US THROUGH THE

JOURNEY OF FAITH HAJJ AND UMRAH

Discover the beauty and importance of Hajj and Umrah, two major Islamic pilgrimages.

Hear personal stories from those who have made the journey, and learn about these meaningful spiritual practices.

REGISTER BELOW

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE



SATURDAY

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NOVEMBER 2024

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



FVAMC

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**35 HARRIS ROAD
AVON CT 06001**

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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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