



E-Tidings

Avon Congregational Church
avon-church.org

November 27, 2024



“Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts.”

– Henri Frederic Amiel

What are your blessings? Friends, Family, Health, Passions and Hobbies that add meaning, this church...??

What are your concerns? Relationships, Health issues, the many complicated issues confronting our community, nation and world??

The upcoming Advent Season here at Avon Congregational Church will provide numerous opportunities for you to engage your heart, mind and body for the deepest meaning of Christmas. We will travel together, with our blessings and our concerns, toward the One who is a light for all. For unto us a child is born. A hope is born into our world and the Word is made flesh.

Happy Thanksgiving!

With heartfelt Gratitude for our Shared Ministry,
Pastor Chris





Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, December

1st: Communion Elements – Gail Alvord, Trustee – Sue Crowther, Reader – Kent May, Usher – Bob Linderman, Videographer – Donna Lynn Young, Prayer Partner – Jim Reed, Host & Hospitality – Sally Albrecht & Laurie McBride

Thanksgiving Thank You - Thank you to everyone who donated to the annual Thanksgiving baskets that helped provide a hearty meal to three households supported by Avon Social Services.



No rehearsal for our Celebration Ringers and Gallery Singers on Wednesday, Nov. 27th. Happy Thanksgiving to all!



The Season of Gratitude and Giving – There's a special Christmas Tree in Fellowship Hall with tags on it – come and see! We are all invited to take a tag home and purchase the item on it for Gifts of Love in Avon, for their annual Holiday Shop. Please return your UNWRAPPED gift to the church, along with its tag, **by December 4th**. Gifts will be transported to Gifts of Love on your behalf.

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!



Greening of the Church and Pizza, Monday, December 2, 6:00 PM

- Love to decorate for the season? Join us in "Greening the Church". We'll gather in the kitchen for pizza (free-will offering to cover expenses), then make merry as we put up wreaths, trees, swags and more!

Christmas Market - Be sure to browse and shop Avon Congregational Church's Christmas Market, which will be open by December 6th. A selection of Christmas and Holiday décor, decorations, dishware and linens will be complimented by a smattering of unique and beautiful gift ideas for all you love! Located in our Route 10 Foyer, the market will be open during our Christmas Banquet, office hours of the church and following worship services on each Sunday in Advent. Cash or



checks payable to Avon Congregational Church.



All – Church Pageant Rehearsal following worship on Sunday, Dec. 8 Have you ever thought about being a shepherd or an angel? How about a Magi? Or the ornery innkeeper? This is your time to shine as we usher in Christ's light to our Advent Season. A one-time All-Church Pageant rehearsal will follow worship on December 8th. Lines will be assigned, costumes too! Come, let us adore him and be a part of this beloved tradition at ACC.

Christmas Pageant Sunday, Dec. 15th - Our Annual Christmas Pageant takes place during the service. We welcome all church members and friends, young and old, to take part in our production! See pageant rehearsal announcement above.

Come caroling on Sunday, December 15th at 1:30 PM - No matter what your singing ability, all are invited to join us in spreading good cheer! Meet at the church at 1:15 PM in Fellowship Hall to carpool. Following caroling, all are invited to **the Church Open House & Potluck from 3:00 – 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall** – Please note the change of venue, due to our growing congregation!



Following caroling, all are invited to our Fellowship Hall for potluck and fun! To sign up to bring a pot-luck dish, contact the church office at secretary@avon-church.org or sign up on the main hall bulletin board.



Caroling at River Ridge, Wednesday, December 18, 10:30 AM - Carolers wanted! We've been invited to sing for residents of River Ridge, 101 Bickford Extension, Avon. Sign up on main bulletin board by the Church Office, or email Karen Levan at music@avon-church.org. We'll meet at the church **at 10:15 AM** and carpool!



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CHORUS ANGELICUS & GAUDEAMUS PRESENT

CHRISTMAS ANGELICUS

A NEW ENGLAND TRADITION



12.14 - TORRINGTON - 4:00 PM

12.20 - AVON - 7:00 PM

12.21 - SALISBURY - 4:00 PM

12.22 - WEST HARTFORD - 4:00 PM

ANDREW THOMSON, PERCUSSIONIST

JOHN DANKOSKY, NARRATOR

EZEQUIEL MENÉNDEZ, ORGANIST

GABRIEL LÖFVALL, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



CHORUS ANGELICUS

BUY TICKETS AT WWW.CHORUSANGELICUS.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/UC9C9s7fZ28HKpSllaogGZfQ>

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