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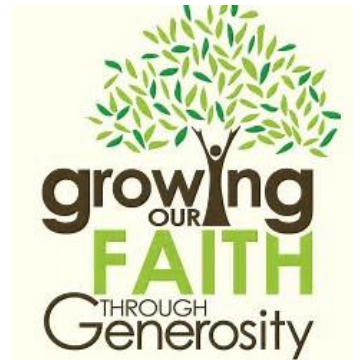
December 4, 2024



Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, December 8th

Trustee – Laurie Petrin, Reader – Lisa Eells, Usher – Wally Eells, Videographer – Donna Lynn Young, Prayer Partner – Betsy Van Loon, Host & Hospitality – Beth Ferrari and Joan Miller

Happy Holidays from your church's Stewardship Ministry! Thank you to the many Avon Congregational Church members and friends who have submitted their 2025 pledges! **If you have not filled out and returned your pledge form, please do so by Monday, December 9th.** The Finance Team is responsible for delivering a budget proposal in the next few weeks. It's critical to have as much financial information as possible to develop a budget that ensures our staff is properly compensated, our ministries are funded, and our buildings and grounds are well maintained. Thank you for your support of our church.



Thank you to everyone who signed up to ring bells for the Salvation Army at Walmart on Saturday, December 14. Lynn DelCegno will be in touch with you soon about a reminder of your time slot. Many hands make light work and we so appreciate your support for this wonderful mission that keeps 90% of the proceeds in our local area. For questions: Lynn DelCegno: (860) 690-9675."

Worship Volunteers Wanted – Your Worship Ministry is looking for readers and ushers to assist with Sunday services. Interested? Please e-mail: Sue Crowther @ sdcrowther@aol.com or Laurie Petrin @ ljkra@gmail.com.





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!

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.



Sunday, December 8 10:00 AM - Advent Sunday Worship: Peace: All – Church Pageant Rehearsal following worship

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.

Sunday, December 15, 10:00 AM - Advent Sunday Worship: Joy: Christmas Pageant Sunday - 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

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! 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.

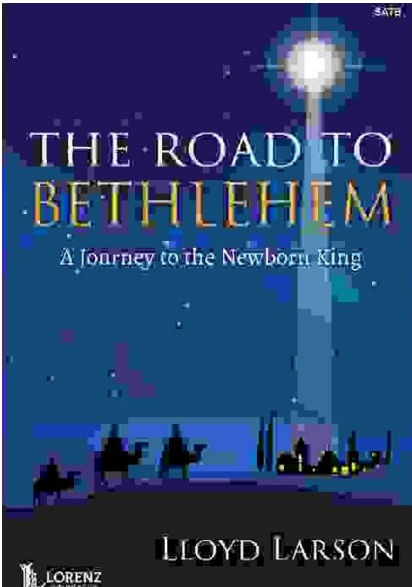




Caroling at River Ridge, Wednesday, December 18, 10:30 AM - Carolers wanted! We've been invited to sing for residents of River Ridge, 101 Bickford Extension, Avon. Sign up on main bulletin board by the Church Office, or email Karen Levan at music@avon-church.org. We'll meet at the church **at 10:15 AM**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

Thursday, December 19, 7:00 PM: Darkest Night Service of Healing

- Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with job loss, health challenges or simply feeling overwhelmed by the stress and pressures of the season, grief comes in many forms and might lay an emotional pall over the holidays. That's why we're holding a service of reflection and healing on the longest night.

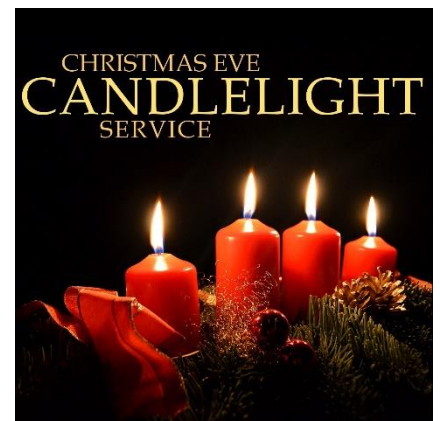


**Sunday, December 22, 10:00 AM:
Advent Sunday Worship: Love**

Christmas Cantata - We near the birth of Jesus with an Advent focus of Love being born into our lives. Please join us for a very special worship, including an expanded choir, who will together with our ministers, present "The Road to Bethlehem." Bethlehem seems an unlikely remote village for the love of God to be born. Yet, Mary and Joseph took a road that led there. So did the shepherds and the Magi. And so can we! Experience this fresh and powerful music by Lloyd Larson interspersed with familiar Christmas melodies and narration by Pastors Chris and Jennifer. Embrace this musical message of joy and love and enrich your Advent journey to Christmas!

Tuesday, December 24, 7:30 PM: Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

- Join us for a joy-filled family Christmas Eve service. The choir and musicians will enhance the Christmas Story with traditional music. The service will close with the congregation lighting their candles while singing Silent Night.





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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



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