

E-Tidings

Avon Congregational Church
avon-church.org



January 15, 2025



Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, January 19th

Trustee – Sue Crowther, Reader – Peruse Khachoyan, Usher – Kent May, Videographer – Betsy Van Loon, Prayer Partner – Sue Crowther, Hospitality – Beth Ferrari

Important Financial Planning Meeting & Vote - Sunday, February 2, 2025 - To Members of the Avon Congregational Church, Grace and Peace from God our Creator. The Annual Financial Ministry Planning Meeting of this Church is called for Sunday, February 2, 2025, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

The agenda for the meeting will be to:

1. Approve the minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting.
2. Approve the 2025 Financial Ministry Plan

Note: Copies of the Financial Ministry Plan and Annual Meeting minutes will be available via email by the church office (secretary@avon-church.org) after Monday, January 20. Proxy sheet is available below.

Submitted by,
Jerry Humble, Clerk



Special Guest at Avon Congregational Church on Sunday Jan. 19th

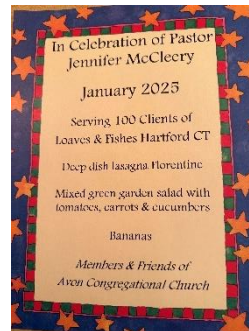
- Tim Goodwin, founder and principal of Community First School in Hartford will be speaking to our congregation in honor of the Martin Luther King Holiday. Tim has been invited by the Social and Environmental Justice team as a recipient of the 2024 Connecticut Outdoor & Environmental Education Association educator of the year award. Please be part of this important time in our Worship Service calendar!

Thank you to all for your generous gifts to My Sister's Place, the recipient of this year's Christmas offering. This wonderful organization, located in Hartford, cares for children and families needing assistance with meals and housing and encouragement in their efforts at independence. We are happy to report that we as a congregation have sent them \$2,270 to support their ministries.



In commemoration of Rev. Jennifer McCleery's faithful ministry here at Avon Congregational Church - A collection of funds was taken in Rev. Jennifer's honor. The results will allow food ministries at both Hands on Hartford and Loaves and Fishes to feed many socio-economically deprived people life-giving nutritious meals. Our monthly "Stone Soup" meal prepared in our ACC Kitchen and served at Loaves and Fishes will be in honor of Pastor Jennifer every month for the months of January thru April. Pastor Jennifer's blessings continue to abound in our lives and the lives of many!!

From Stone Soup - Thank you to those who donated to Pastor Jennifer's gift. We're happy to report that on Monday, January 13th our chefs prepared a delicious lasagna, salad and also added 100 bananas for the clients of Loaves & Fishes, thanks to your generosity.



Coffee with the Pastor 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!

Christian Service & Outreach Opportunities - Interested in trying something new? It's a new year and calendars are being planned for our Outreach ministries. Our Hands On Hartford Food Backpack program still has an opening on Wednesday mornings from 9:39-11:30 am on January 22. Our Loaves & Fishes food - serving on the 4th Monday of each month from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM is being scheduled now. We have a rotating group of volunteers, so it's a perfect time to try it out. Our Gaffney Elementary School 3rd grade reading program has room for more tutors. This is every Tuesday from 11:00-12:30 during the school year. To learn more about these programs, please contact Beth Ferrari, Kathy Hine or Marcia Cox.





A Shared Potluck at Farmington Valley Muslim Center, January 25th at 6 PM - Avon Congregational Church members are invited to an event at the Farmington Valley American Muslim Center (35 Harris Rd., Avon). **“A Witness in Palestine”** will be an inspiring evening of stories and fellowship. Dr. Deborah Weidner will share personal stories about her recent journey with other community members from Avon, to the Middle East. Bring a dish to share and join in coming together in fellowship to learn, reflect and support one another in understanding these vital global issues. Here is the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0544AAAC28A2FE3-54117253-community#/>

Classic Movie Night, January 31 at 6:00 PM - Join us at the church for a showing of “Dark Passage”, starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free. Questions? Contact Ray Ramezzana.



First Friday Dinner at Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St., on February 7th at 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Join us for Swedish meatballs, egg noodles and carrots and special Swedish limpa bread, and our popular “Dessert Buffet”, which includes coffee and tea to complete your dining experience. **Cost is \$20 per person.** Take-out is available. For more information, call the church office at 860-678-0488 or email us at secretary@avon-church.org. No reservations necessary.



For The Love of Song and Chocolate!, Sunday, February 16th at 3:00 PM - Join us at the Historic Meetinghouse at Avon Congregational Church for a delightful afternoon including a concert of love songs and sing-alongs from the Great American Songbook and Broadway, followed by a bountiful Chocolate Buffet!!

Love to make or bake decadent chocolate desserts? There is a sign-up sheet on the main hall bulletin board for those who'd love to make a chocolate dessert for our Love of Song and Chocolate event on February 16. We are also looking for helpers at the event. Contact Karen Levan at 860-678-0488, ext. 13 or music@avon-church.org for more information.



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Note: The Church Bylaws permit voting by proxy providing the member signing the proxy is absent (i) due to performing church duties away from such church meeting; (ii) out of the State, or (iii) is unable to be present because of other circumstances. Proxies are available below, or via email by the church Office Manager, or you may pick up a copy during office hours. All proxies must be returned to the church by email or mail to Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main Street, Avon, CT 06001 prior to the meeting.

PROXY

I hereby appoint Jerry Humble, Clerk, to exercise this proxy as marked.

	Approve	Reject
Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting	()	()
2025 Financial Ministry Plan	()	()

Date _____

Print Name _____

Signature _____

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Sunday, February 16 3:00 PM

Cost: \$15/Adult \$7/Children





AVON NURSERY SCHOOL IS COLLECTING GARBAGE - For Our Annual Art Show

RECYCLABLE ART SHOW

We are looking for CLEAN recyclable garbage to use in our projects for our Art Show. We ask that you keep and bring in the following items for our classroom:

Glass Jars	Pouch Tops	Soda Bottles	Magazines
Wire Hangers	Misc. Toys	Plastic Tops	Egg Cartons
Gallon Milk Jugs	Newspaper	Fabric	Plastic Cups
Water bottles	Tissue Boxes	Cereal Boxes	Cans
toilet paper tubes	paper towel tubes	Coffee Cans	Ribbon
Baby food jars	Wood Scraps	Brown paper bags	yarn
buttons	used crayons	used markers	twigs
pinecones	Old Games	plastic jars	rope
Squeeze bottles	Beads	Clear bakery/fruit containers	
fruit cups	Shoe Boxes	Cardboard juice containers	
Laundry detergent containers			

** The list can go on & on, anything you think is reusable will be greatly appreciated.

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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Tom Keough, Kenny Keough, Sextons

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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 Kathy Hine; Support – Beth Ferrari and
Betsy Van Loon; Members – at - Large – Sally Albrecht and Don DelCegno