

# E-Tidings

**Avon Congregational Church**  
**[www.avon-church.org](http://www.avon-church.org)**



**February 4, 2026**

## **Annual Meeting - All Congregation Financial Planning Meeting THIS Sunday, Feb 8**

Please plan to attend worship this Sunday and then stay for a brief Financial Meeting following the service. We will approve the minutes for the June 2025 Annual Meeting and discuss and call for Approving the 2026 Financial Ministry Plan (The 2026 Budget). Each ministry has submitted its needs regarding finances and the Finance Team has assessed this information along with what the members of the church have pledged for 2026 and submitted a draft budget, which the Steering Circle has affirmed. Now it is time for you to see the numbers and hear about the budget before casting a vote to approve the budget. Thank you for sharing in this important piece of being the church! Proxy attached, if needed.



**Coffee with the Pastor - Our next meet-up is Wednesday, February 11 at 10 AM at the Coffee Trade** (21 West Main St.). Join us for conversation and fellowship. Pop in or stay for the hour. See you there!

**The 2026 Flower Sign Up Chart is up!** We are looking for donations of flower bouquets for Sunday Worship Services. Sign up on the bulletin board in the main hall. Questions? Contact Trudy Desmangles at 860-306-8377 or [Trudy.desmangles@gmail.com](mailto:Trudy.desmangles@gmail.com).



**Volunteers Needed for Sunday Coffee Hour - Sign up today!** Our weekly coffee hour is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and connection. We are currently seeking volunteers to provide simple snacks - see which dates are still available on the main hall bulletin board.

**Worship and Hospitality Volunteers for Communion Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>:** Reader – Rosemarie “RJ” Jarrett, Usher – Lisa Eells , Trustee – Kent May, Videographer – Nora Howard, Hospitality –



**First Friday Dinner at Avon Congregational Church, Dine In AND Take Out!! 6 West Main St., on February 6 at 5:30 – 7:00 PM.**

We know life is busy, but to live well, we must eat well! Come meet new friends from all over the Farmington Valley for a family favorite, Shepherd's Pie with traditional meat or vegan version with assorted vegetables. This month's hearty entrée is served with a tossed salad with house made vinaigrette, garlic bread and our wonderful dessert buffet! Includes coffee and tea as well, to complete your dining experience. **\$20 each.** No reservations necessary. Too busy to eat in or looking for a great option to feed your friends and family at home?? Take-out is available. No fuss! For more information, call the church office at 860-678-0488 or email us at [secretary@avon-church.org](mailto:secretary@avon-church.org).



**Dinner Volunteer Sign-Ups** are on the main hall bulletin board by the office. We are looking for helpers who can assist with take-out, cook, serve the meal, clean up during and afterwards, and make a dessert. We are very thankful for all of our volunteers and look forward to another year of delicious dinners!

**Collection for Day of Caring** - For day of caring on Sunday February 15. We are collecting new hats, gloves, mittens and scarfs for the Marshall House, a shelter for women and children.



**Day of Caring, Feb 15** - All Church 'day of caring,' when we meet in the Sanctuary at 10:00 AM for a brief worship to ready us in mind and spirit for rolling up our sleeves together to BE the church in action using the hands and talents of body. Various activities will be spread out in Fellowship Hall that will need participation. These 'ministries in action' will benefit people in need in our surrounding communities. Make a difference and come DO something with us!

**Community News** - Stay warm this winter. A reminder that the State of Connecticut offers the CT Energy Assistance Program to help households cover the cost of primary heating bills, including oil, propane, electric, and gas. Please visit the website at [www.avonct.org/energyassistance](http://www.avonct.org/energyassistance), or call (860) 409-4346. Deadline is May 29, 2026.

**Wanted Your 14k gold and sterling silver** - Precious metals are being collected at Hidden Treasures for the church. broken chains, single earrings, dented silver - WE WANT IT! Thank you in advance for your donations.

# Important Financial Planning Meeting & Vote - Sunday, February 8, 2026

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 8, 2026 following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

The agenda for the meeting will be to:

1. Approve the minutes of the 2025 June Annual Meeting.
2. Approve the 2026 Financial Ministry Plan

Note: Copies of the Financial Ministry Plan and Annual Meeting minutes will be available via email by the church office after Sunday, January 25.

Submitted by,  
Candace Doersch, Clerk

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.

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## PROXY

I hereby appoint Candace Doersch, Clerk, to exercise this proxy as marked.

	Approve	Reject
Minutes of 2025 June Annual Meeting	( )	( )
2026 Financial Ministry Plan	( )	( )

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://www.avon-church.org)

**Most events and lots of pictures are often posted to our ACC Facebook Page**

## **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 2025 – 2026**

Moderator – Jerry Humble; Treasurer – Bob Linderman; Clerk – Candace Doersch;  
Worship – Alex Harris and Kent May; Nurturing – Lee Egan and Joan Miller;  
Outreach – Marcia Cox and Leslie Desmangles; Support – Beth Ferrari and Betsy  
Van Loon; Members – at - Large – Kate Allen and Kate Rickson - McNally

