

Avon Congregational Church

Friday, January 29, 2012

17 Ways to Be The Change in 2012



With the start of a new year, most of us make resolutions, or promises to ourselves to do better this year. Wouldn't it be nice if one of everyone's resolutions would be to make the world a better place?

<http://www.ucc.org/feed-your-spirit/your-life-better/be-the-change-in-2012/>

New Program Starting in February!

Rev. Martha and Jennifer deSimas will be leading a new study group, *Living the Questions*, a DVD-based program, features sermon clips and conversations with leading theologians and sociologists; concrete spiritual practices (e.g., *lectio divina*, body prayer and journaling); and follow-up discussion time.

Based on the idea that faith is a journey *Questions* encourages participants to in today's world and provides a safe hope that you will join us for this exciting



and not a destination, *Living the Questions* explore what meaningful faith looks like in a safe environment for open discussion. We hope you will join us for this exciting new program!

We have decided to offer this program on both Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (starting 2/6) AND on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. (starting 2/7)

Sign-up sheets for both times are on the hall bulletin board next to the Crib Room.

The group will meet every week (with some exceptions) for seven weeks. A schedule will be available at the first meeting. Please see Rev. Martha or Jennifer with questions.

Come Skate With Us! On Sunday, January 29th,

ANS invites all of our friends and families to join us at Simsbury Farms for family skating from 2:15-4:15. Spend some time with the family and be sure to stop by the ANS table for some warm-up drinks and snacks.

Simsbury Farms has offered to let ANS run a concession table and keep 100% of the profits. So come skate, and then enjoy some hot chocolate, pizza, popcorn or delicious baked treats.

Get in the Game The Souper Bowl of Caring!

Next Sunday, February 5th, ACC youth group will be selling homemade Super Bowl snacks during the Hospitality Hour as part of a national youth initiative known as the Souper Bowl of Caring.

This organization helps motivate youth to fight hunger in their communities and beyond. Please help support their efforts!

First Friday Help Needed

The 1st Friday dinner crew is looking for volunteers to help out with the Feb 3rd dinner. Cooking & decorating is done on Wednesdays and table setting, cutting up desserts and making beverages all happens before the dinner even starts.

Dinner duties are varied, so come early or late -- *we always need extra help!* Homemade desserts are always needed too. Please see the sign up sheets in fellowship hall.

**TEACHER
APPRECIATION
SUNDAY**

This Sunday is Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Please join the Board of Christian Education in thanking all of our Church School Teachers and Assistants for volunteering their time and talents to the youngest Christians in our midst.

In recognition of their ministry, the BOCE has made a donation to Heifer International that will provide a Gift Basket of

Hope, containing rabbits and chickens, to a needy family

Our current teachers and assistants, along with the number of years they have



worked in the Church School:

**Pre-School – Second
Grade
Sixth – Eighth Grades**

Becky Baierwick, 2 years
Lee Morgan, 10 years
Abby Morgan, 3 years
Joan Miller, 12 years

Joanne Stepien, 8 years

Third – Fifth Grades

Alexa Gentile,* 2 years
Mark Testerman, 1 year
Zack Coleman,* 3 years

*classroom assistant

This Sunday

10:00 Worship Service – Meeting House
Teacher Appreciation Sunday

11:15 Worship Series Team – Library

2:15 Nursery School Skate Day @ Simsbury Farms

4:15 Youth Mission Trip Meeting – Fellowship Hall

5:00 All-Youth Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Monday

7:30 Celebration Ringers – Music Room

Tuesday

10:00 Tuesday Crafters – FH

7:00 Council – Library

Wednesday

5:30 Avon Nursery School Bd. Meeting

7:00 Gallery Singers – Music Room

Thursday

6:00 Kid's Singing & Ringing – Music Room

Friday

5:30 **First Friday Dinner**

Next Sunday

10:00 Worship Service – Meeting House

Birthdays

Gitte Boswell
Dick Lytle

Whitney Hauswirth
Bill Day

James Kohnke
Benjamin Lillis

Prayer list

JAMIE BOTTEON
BILL BROOKS
JACOB COLEMAN
LINDA EDWARDS
JACKLYN ESSEX
LISA FARRAR
MARLEA FAULKNER
LINDA GOUZOUNIS
NATALIA HANKS
PATRICIA LESLIE
TANYA MANCHESTER;
WARREN MAHEU
PAT PARKER;
JULIE POLL
DAVID RANDOLPH
KAREN ROWNTREE
NATE TESTERMAN
ALL MILITARY
PERSONNEL AND
VETERANS



Rev. Martha's Schedule

Rev. Martha's schedule varies from week to week depending on outside commitments. Please call her if you wish to make an appointment.
Her day off is Friday.

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