

## SUMMER WORSHIP 10 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS THROUGH 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

Every Sunday: adult-supervised care in Noah's Nursery. The Family Lounge is also open for families with young children.

- **July 5:** On this first Sunday of the month, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Rob Grandy is providing music. The scripture is Mark 6:1-13.
- **July 12:** Senior High Mission Trip Service. Don't miss this opportunity to hear stories and see pictures from this summer's trip to New Orleans. The Anchored in Faith worship band will lead us in music.
- **July 19:** Dr. Brill's sermon, "A Dwelling Place for God," is based on Ephesians 2:19-22. Erin Anderson will be baptized, and we will commission the Junior High Mission Trip participants.
- **July 26:** Ephesians 3:14-21 is the scriptural basis for Dr. Brill's sermon, "Rooted and Grounded in Love." Don Bower and Ruth Williams will play a piano duet.

**July, 2015**

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## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM AT ALUCC

*Summer Bible Study*, Sunday mornings, 9 am – 9:50 am, through August 30. Each discussion session will draw from a series called "Weekly Seeds," a United Church of Christ resource based on the readings of the Revised Common Lectionary. Discussion will be led by various ALUCC members. No previous Bible study experience or long-term commitment is expected or required. Drop in when you can and enjoy fellowship with other members and guests. Schedule for July and August:

- ❖ July 5, No Class
- ❖ July 12, Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19. Discussion Leader: Julie Marlin
- ❖ July 19, Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a. Discussion Leader: Scott Patterson
- ❖ July 26, Scripture: John 6:1-21. Discussion Leader: Richard Turner
- ❖ Aug 2, Scripture: John 6:24-35. Discussion Leader: Cynthia Kotora
- ❖ Aug 9, Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-5:2. Discussion Leader: Scott Patterson
- ❖ Aug 16, Scripture: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14. Discussion Leader: Bill Schubmehl
- ❖ Aug 23, Scripture: James 1:17-27. Discussion Leader: Judy Reich
- ❖ Aug 30, Scripture: Mark 7:24-37. Discussion Leader: Phil Wadsworth

## BIKE AND BUILD POTLUCK JULY 1 6:00 PM

1. Come meet the riders and share a **potluck at 6 pm on Wednesday night, July 1<sup>st</sup>**, followed by a Bike and Build presentation. Please bring a food item that will feed 12-16. (The Bike and Builders have huge appetites!)
2. Provide drinks (water and Gatorade) and snacks for their arrival on Wednesday afternoon.

If you would like to help in any way, please call the church office (933-3241) or Patty Greene (933-6637) or Mike Fowle (933-7017).

## A WORD FROM KELLY

I am writing this a couple of days before the UCC General Synod begins in Cleveland. I am looking forward to participating, for the first time, as a voting delegate. Judy Reich is also a voting delegate. I am so grateful to dozens of ALUCC members who are serving as volunteers, several of them in leadership capacities. Thanks too to all who made cookies, a General Synod tradition!

A reminder about UCC polity. When you see a statement in the press that starts by saying, "The United Church of Christ votes to...." Or "The United Church of Christ believes...", remember that the voting delegates at General Synod are not speaking for the entire denomination and all its members. We value freedom of opinion and expression. The General Synod speaks TO the church, not FOR the church. Undoubtedly there will be decisions made at General Synod that I will agree with and some I will disagree with. The same will be true for each of you. If you hear about issues and/or decisions that you'd like to discuss, please let me know. I'm happy to meet with you, and if there is enough interest, we can set up a time for a forum. ~Kelly

## WELCOME, JILL AND KARYN!

Jill Eston and Karyn Jacobson have begun work in the church office, as of July 1. Jill is the Business Manager and Karyn is the Office Manager. They each work 30 hours per week. Exact office hours are still being arranged, and will be somewhat flexible during the summer months. Generally the church office will be open 9 AM to 3 PM Mondays through Thursdays and 9 AM until noon on Friday.

Remember that you can always call to see if the church is open, and voice mail boxes are set up for all church staff members.

Karyn's email is [office@avonlakeucc.org](mailto:office@avonlakeucc.org). Jill's email is [business@avonlakeucc.org](mailto:business@avonlakeucc.org)

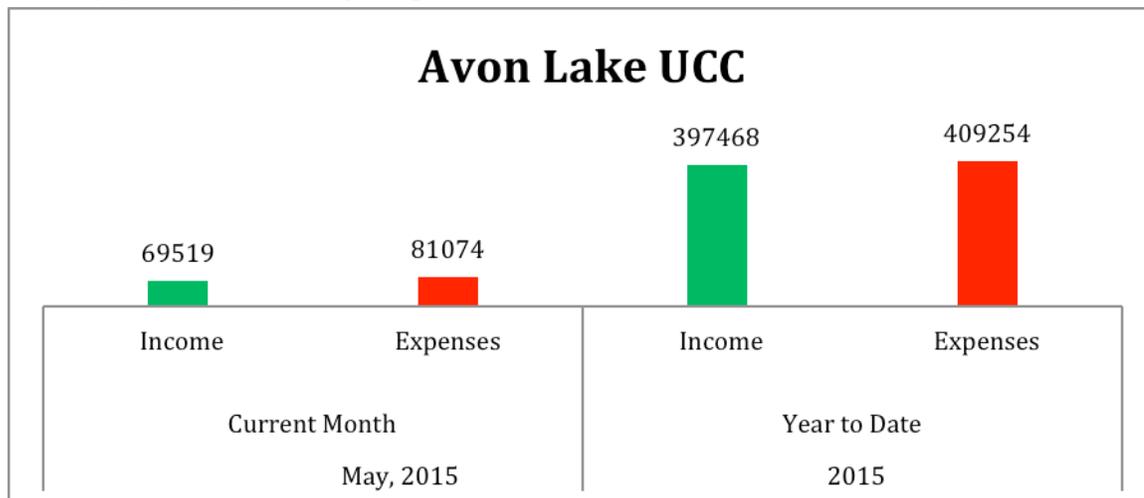
## SAVE THESE DATES FOR AUGUST!

- **August 16, 10 AM:** Backpack Sunday and Dedication of Teachers and Students
- **August 16, 5 PM:** Parents' Summit (for all parents of youth, 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades)
- **August 23, 11 AM:** All Church Picnic (with different food and activities this year!)

Please mark August 23 on your calendar for the ALUCC Church picnic. The picnic will follow our 10:00 AM worship and is open to everyone. The Membership Team hopes you'll join us for NEW GAMES, NEW FOOD, and the ALUCC marketplace. Also, during the picnic we will be kicking off family photography sessions for our newest portrait directory! Stay tuned for more details and announcements in August.

- **August 30, 11 AM:** Day of Service. After worship, people of all ages are invited to participate in a service project. We will have options available for people of various interests and abilities.

## MAY FINANCIAL UPDATE:



Halfway through the year, it's good to see that our financial situation is healthy. A cautious reminder, though, that we usually see a "summer slump" as people are vacationing. Thank you in advance for keeping your pledges up to date. Remember you can switch to paying your pledge automatically at any time. Forms are available at the Welcome Center, in the Resource Room, or contact the church office.

## CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS STILL NEEDED:** There are still many Sundays without Sunday School leaders during the months of July and August. If you can help, please contact Julie Reimer at [christianed@avonlakeucc.org](mailto:christianed@avonlakeucc.org) or 933-3241 or sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4ea5a82ea64-summer3> . Thanks for volunteering!

**SUMMER NURSERY VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED:** ALUCC has been experiencing a wonderful baby boom! Would like to have a chance to meet some of these adorable “new” members? There are still a few spots open to help out in the nursery this summer. Both youth and adult helpers are still needed. Sign up today at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4ea5a82ea64-20151> or contact Julie Reimer at [christianed@avonlakeucc.org](mailto:christianed@avonlakeucc.org).

**MID-HIGH MAYHEM!** all graduating 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to the next Mid-high Mayhem on July 21 at 7pm. Join your friends for an hour of fun and games! Bring a friend – the more the merrier!!

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM:** The ALUCC Adult Christian Education (ACE) Team will meet on Wednesday, July 22 at 7 pm to review the church’s spring and summer ACE programming and to develop a calendar of offerings for fall. The Team is responsible for providing an array of learning opportunities for our members and friends in the general areas of theology and biblical studies (what we believe and why we believe it), ethics (how we should live), and relationships and personal growth (where we stand in our faith journey and how our faith informs our lives). If you are interested in supporting the work of the team or just offering your feedback on adult Christian education at ALUCC, please contact one of the team members: Pastor Brill, Jim Edwards, Cynthia Kotora, Julie Marlin, Scott Patterson, Julie Reimer, Maryann Ruben, or Lou Suarez.

**G-FORCE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE:** Last week, ALUCC hosted a wonderful week of VBS at the ALUCC G-Force Adventure Zone. Over 90 children had an awesome time making crafts, learning Bible stories, playing games, doing science experiments, singing and eating delicious snacks. Throughout the week, the children donated school supplies and book bags for the junior high kids to take with them on the mission trip to Washington UCC next month. The week ended with a program and picnic on the back lawn for all of our “navigators” and their families.

We couldn’t have put together such an amazing week without all our terrific helpers! Thanks to the following 26 adult and 21 youth helpers: Kim Rose, Lindsay Peterson, Jessica Elbert, Melody Rice, Mary Kate Buchanan, Julie Marlin, Russ Reimer, Kary Kandra, Pam Omslaer, Miko Grendow, Jim Kotora, Renee White, Jen Jento, Ann Banks, Carrie Muzychak, Emily Lotz, Samantha Wilson, Kari Samuels, Tracie Wolfe, Beth Henry, Sharon Parsons, Sandy Drickhammer, Kimm Hill, Mandy Lavriha, Kerri Hampe, Erin Ford, Ashley Wolfe, Andrew Peachman, Andrew Crooks, Ava Rodrigues, Bella Harris, Brianna Hill, Caitlin Hill, Colin Reynolds, Elizabeth Kotora, Isaac Rice, Jacob Johnson, Maddie Stiles, Meghan Kaufman, Melanie Carr, Noelle Lane, Olivia Lane, Raven Witzigreuter, Sidney Coleman, Stephanie Carr, Victoria Kattler, and Zack Johnson. Whew! What a list! You guys were the greatest! In addition, I’d like to give a shout out to Tim Schulz (a/v), Valerie Tanzilli (misc), Russ Reimer (decorating) and Laura Brand (decorating) for all the extra help! Thanks also to everyone who donated snack items. Next year’s theme is “Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love”. Sounds totally radical, dude!

**TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND JANUARY 2016:** Visiting the holy sites in Israel is one of those “once-in-a-lifetime” experiences. Being able to visit them with members of your church family is even more special. Please pick up a brochure by the Welcome Center, and contact Kelly if you have questions.

Our trip is being planned by Magi Travel – they have been bringing groups to the Holy Land for over 30 years and are very highly recommended. John Brady, the president of Magi Travel, will be here Monday, August 24, at 7 PM to answer questions about the trip.

ALUCC members who have signed up thus far: Kelly Brill, Bengt & Margenta Gerborg, Peg Kneiss, Chuck and Debbie Pettys, and Julie Reimer.

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**HEAVENLY HELPERS:** Mike and Christina Carr have stepped up to coordinate - yay! If you are in need of transportation to church, a doctor's appointment, etc., contact them at [goirishcarrs@gmail.com](mailto:goirishcarrs@gmail.com) or 930-2894. You may also contact the church office or the parish nurse.

**PRAYER LIST:** Prayers help connect us to God and to one another. Please keep these members and friends in your prayers this month. Many members want to know how the folks on the prayer list are doing. So if you submit the name of a friend or relative, be sure to send an update by each Drummer deadline. We keep names on the prayer list one month at a time, so that the list will stay current and updated. To keep your loved one's name on the list, kindly send us an update (call or email the church office: 440-933-3241; [office@avonlakeucc.org](mailto:office@avonlakeucc.org))! Thank you.

**GOD'S BLESSINGS, LOVE AND COMFORT FOR:** Mary Ann Agler, Fran Baird, Dave and Lois Davis, Peg Ebner, Eric Fancher, Nick Hampe (Geoff's nephew), Jerry Kerwin, Joshua MacDonald, Rhoda Montgomery, Dennis Runyon, DeeDee Stech (Dan's mother), Kim Trask (friend of Updegraffs), Marion Walsh (Sid Stech's mother), and all who are homebound or in residential facilities.

Please remember our members who are homebound and in rehab or nursing home care.

**SYMPATHY TO:**

- Patty Greene on the death of her father
- Chris Spaetzel on the death of her father, Don Petitt
- Janet, Nicole & Taylor Thomas on the death of husband and father, Tim, June 8
- Katie Schulz on the death of her great-aunt, Sister Mary Elizabeth Niesen
- Anita Harris on the death of her stepfather, Dr. Donald Lehocz, who passed away on May 29th
- Adrienne Boesger and Jim Boesger & his family on the death of husband and father, June 14

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- Cathy Harvey, winner of the 2015 Shining Star Award from True North Cultural Arts!
- Former members Bob and Janet Ireland on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They were married in our church by the Rev. Paul Folino; their four children were all confirmed here. They now reside at 16012 W. Copper Crest Lane, in Surprise AZ 85374.
- Former members Del and Pat Peterkin on their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They now reside at 9026 Newman Rd, Georgetown, Ohio 45121

**AUGUST DRUMMER DEADLINE** is Monday July 27. If you would like any information included in the next monthly newsletter, please send it to the church office by email ([office@avonlakeucc.org](mailto:office@avonlakeucc.org)) or be sure to bring your items in by this date. News items/reminders may also be submitted for weekly email updates. (If you are not receiving the weekly email updates, please send your email address to [membership@avonlakeucc.org](mailto:membership@avonlakeucc.org).)

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the wonderful celebration on Sunday, May 31. Words just can't express what is in my heart. It started when I walked in the front door and saw the Welcome Center filled with cupcakes and other goodies for the reception after the service. Thank you to the celebration committee for the organization of the event. Thank you to Kelly for the kind words during the service. Thank you for the hymns (some of my favorites), special bell choir song, the power-point presentations of pictures, the tree that will be planted in the front, and the wonderful reception. Thank you for all of the cards and notes, which Beth Hackett put into two scrapbooks, and for the love gift. The scrapbooks are beautiful and I will treasure them always. They will be a wonderful reminder of this very special day. Again thank you for a day that I will long remember.

Valerie Tanzilli

**SUMMER SNACK BAGS NEEDED AT COMMUNITY RESOURCE SERVICES.** The Mission Committee is excited to support the "Summer Snack Bag Program" at CRS (Community Resource Services). This program is designed to provide snacks for the children of the clients that come in for groceries. Since the children are on summer break, the parents need more snack items for them at home during the summer months. ALUCC has committed to providing 100 snack bags to be delivered in late July. This means that we need 1200 individual snack items! We are looking for your help with filling up the bags. There will be a donation box located near the Welcome Center beginning on Sunday June 28 and concluding on Sunday July 19. Please send single sized individually wrapped items. We are not able to use homemade items. Suggested items include: Juice boxes, pudding cups, fruit cups, jello cups, mac and cheese cups, pasta cups, fruit bars, fruit snacks, pop tarts, microwave popcorn, cookie bags, crackers, chip bags, raisins, etc. The Mission committee will take all the donated items and combine them into bags that will be sent home with the families. Thank you for your support! Please email Amy Papp [amypapp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:amypapp@sbcglobal.net) or Kary Kandra [kasulones\\_k@yahoo.com](mailto:kasulones_k@yahoo.com) with questions.

### **PARISH NURSE NOTES:**

- Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. I attended two meetings last week. The first was a Parish Nurse meeting done by the Office on Aging; I learned many things and will have that information available as it is needed by church family. I also attended a program at Arden Courts on 'Dementia and Tricky Issues'. I am so impressed with the care provided at this facility. Again, I have information to share as needed.
- There is support & guidance for those coping with memory issues & their loved ones. We are fortunate to have a Center for Brain Health at Lakewood Hospital (formerly Senior Care Assessment), an Alzheimer's Association office in Avon, support groups, & many facilities that specialize in memory care.
- I am aware of three monthly Care Giver's Support Groups:
  1. There is a monthly talk given at the Community Health Center at 1450 Belle Avenue in Lakewood that is educational/ supportive (it is given in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association). These talks are the first Tuesday of the month 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The next one is Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>. More information by calling 216-227-2273.
  2. The Alzheimer Agency in Avon has a Caregiver Support Group that meets July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (monthly on first Wednesday of the month).
  3. SJWS also has a Caregiver's Club for those individuals who are overseeing a parent or spouse through their senior years. Focus: on expert advice and the sharing of ideas. This group meets the third Tuesday from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. at St. John's Community Outreach. It is done with Brighton Gardens and Caring Tree and facilitated by Margie Kaufman. More information by calling the hospital's community outreach department.
- **Parish Nurse Hours:** Wednesdays 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.; Sundays between services. Evenings by Appointment. Contact information: [cherylupdegraff@oh.rr.com](mailto:cherylupdegraff@oh.rr.com) or call the church office.

**INTERESTED IN FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP?** Join us for a Dessert Potluck on Sunday, July 12 at 7 pm in the Chapel. Bring a dessert to share and your ideas. This is an organizational event for anyone who wants to join a small group revolving around cooking and/or dining. Would you like to get together with other church members and dine out at different restaurants? How about a small dinner group that rotates dining in each other's homes? Maybe you'd like to gather with others and enjoy cooking together. Our hope is that by the end of the evening everyone who attends will be part of a group that shares their interest and that each group will begin planning for future get-togethers. If you cannot attend but want to get involved, contact Nancy Turner at 933-7145 or [nancyturner76@gamil.com](mailto:nancyturner76@gamil.com).

**GETTING CONNECTED ROAD TRIP.** Catawba Island organized by Westlake Senior Center. Thursday, August 27, Catawba Island Club, Catawba, OH. Catawba Island Club for lunch. Tom Todd will entertain us J. Buffett style, Bergman's Orchards Farm Market, and Tofts Ice Cream. Depart: 10:00am and Return approx: 4:30pm. Cost: \$52, payable by 8/14, pay with credit card, check or cash. YOU MUST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS: 440.899.3544 and to ARRANGE PAYMENT. SIGN UP at the Welcome Center

**DID YOU KNOW**...that you can contribute to the church through an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)? Many people like to pay their bills automatically. It's convenient for you, and the church appreciates the steady income throughout the seasons. Contact Valerie Tanzilli in the church office for more information.