

**NOVEMBER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS**

**WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9 AND 11 AM**

**9 AM:** Spirited Traditional Worship features hymns, choir anthems, and organ and piano music.

**11 AM:** New Horizons Worship features the use of projected images and music led by the Anchored in Faith worship band.

**At both hours:** Sunday School for children 3 years through 7<sup>th</sup> grade, adult supervision in Noah's Nursery.

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**NOVEMBER 1 - 22: OUR WORSHIP THEME IS "GRATEFUL"**

**SENIOR MINISTER KELLY BRILL WILL BE PREACHING AT ALL SERVICES THIS MONTH.**

**November 1:** "Grateful for Saints and Mentors"; the scripture is 2 Timothy 1:3-7, 2:1-2. On this first Sunday of the month, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. (BE SURE TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 31)

**November 8:** "Grateful for Hard Lessons"; the scripture is Romans 5:1-5.

**November 15:** "Grateful to Be of Service"; the scripture is Matthew 25:31-40.

**November 22:** "Grateful for Mystery"; on this Thanksgiving Sunday, the scripture is Psalm 96.

**THE SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 29**

**November 29:** We light the first Advent candle, the candle of hope. The communion meditation is entitled, "Light One Candle"; the scripture is Isaiah 65:17-25.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:**

Jim & Joyce Browning

Joe Glazer

Eric & Heather Tuck-Macalla

Steven & Julie Dawe

Greg Leininger

Ryleigh Tuck-Macalla

Michael & Brittany Dodson

Julie Reynolds

Sally Purks

Clarence & Sara Follmer

Jared & Heather Rudduck

David & Ashley Vance

We would also like to welcome back, Janet Grissinger!

**A WORD FROM KELLY**

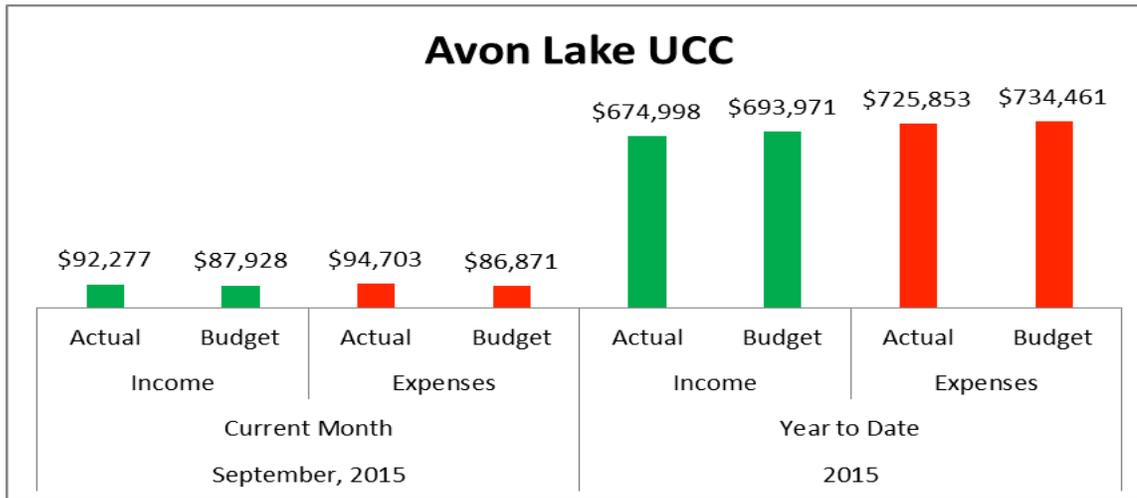
I'm delighted to share some good news: the Christian Hospital in Mungeli, India - one of our mission partners - has received a USAID (United States Agency for International Development) grant for \$720,000, which will help build a new wing at the hospital. The new wing will consist of one neo-natal intensive care unit, one maternal ward, two labor rooms that can hold up to six women each, three intensive care units, one education classroom for post-delivery education for mothers, and six operating rooms.

The town of Mungeli is in the Indian state of Chhattisgarh, which is one of the poorest states in all of India. This new building will allow the hospital to expand the vital medical care it provides to some of the most desperately poor people in India.

This award marks the second time the Christian Hospital in Mungeli has been selected for an award. Last year, USAID awarded the hospital \$600,000 for essential healthcare equipment, especially for its maternity ward and NICU, as well as funds to design and purchase a mobile clinic to provide pre and post-natal care to rural Indian women.

Blessings, Kelly

## SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL UPDATE:



**REMINDER FROM THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM:** Please return your pledge card for 2016 to the church office by November 5. Your generous gifts will help us continue to support our ministry and mission in this community and beyond.

**ALUCC MISSION TEAM BI-ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE:** On Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> through Thanksgiving week the ALUCC Fall Holiday Food Drive will be in high gear. Our generous giving supports the Haven Center a 24/7 men's, women's and children's Emergency Shelter in Lorain, the Avon and Avon Lake Community Resource Center (CRS) and our inner-city Sister Church, St. Paul's UCC which serves its neighborhood as a daily food pantry. This year we are adding the Mothers Resource Group of Lorain Mercy Hospital as a local agency in need of family food and sanitary supplies. The Mission Team will be taking cash or credit card gifts at the Welcome Center after each service starting on Sunday November 1st through the 15<sup>th</sup>. With the proceeds, we will purchase and deliver needed food and paper items to each of these agencies on behalf of ALUCC prior to Thanksgiving.

**IHN TRAINING:** Training for new IHN/Family Promise volunteers will be held on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the adult ed./conference room. Mary Cordray, volunteer coordinator with Family Promise, will facilitate. The training will take about an hour; six have signed up so far. Contact Judy Reich (930-5370, [bjreich@wowway.com](mailto:bjreich@wowway.com)) to register. Our next hosting is the week of Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**, led by Pastor Brill. Wednesdays, 10:30 am - 11:30 am.

**SERMON ROUNDTABLE**, Sundays, 10:30 am - 11:15 am. Join us for an open discussion of the scripture and sermon. October Schedule:

11/1 Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:3-7, 2:1-2; Discussion leader: Bev Stives

11/8 Scripture: Romans 5:1-5; Discussion leader: Bob Miller

11/15 Scripture: Matthew 25:31-40; Discussion Leader: Phill Wadsworth

11/22 Scripture: Psalm 96; Discussion Leader: Bill Schubmehl

**APPLESAUCE SALE:** What is fall without homemade applesauce? Hannah Circle is doing the cooking and selling their applesauce during Coffee Hour on November 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be sold in pint containers, so plan to pick some up!

**FREE BENEFIT CONCERT:** On Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, Avon Lake UCC is hosting a concert called "Wondrous Love: Early American Hymns & Spiritual Songs." The Choral Spectrum and the ALUCC Choir will perform, accompanied by Cecilia Ilg McKay, harp, Michael Komperda, clarinet, the ALUCC handbell choir, & Ruth Williams, organ & piano. Dr. Ted Williams directs the Choral Spectrum; the ALUCC choir is led by Mary Fancher. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit HealthCare Nepal. This is a USA-based all-volunteer group working to promote free medical care & surgery to villages &, by supporting schools, helps children grow into healthy adults. In the immediate aftermath of last spring's earthquakes, HCN provided emergency relief to many communities. For more information: [www.healthcarenepal.org](http://www.healthcarenepal.org).

**ALUCC BOOK CLUB, NOVEMBER MEETING:** Join us on November 17 at 7 pm for a discussion of *One Summer: America, 1927* by Bill Bryson. According to goodreads.com, "In *One Summer* Bill Bryson, one of our greatest and most beloved nonfiction writers, transports readers on a journey back to one amazing season in American life.... Bryson captures its outsized personalities, exciting events, and occasional just plain weirdness with his trademark vividness, eye for telling detail, and delicious humor. In that year America stepped out onto the world stage as the main event, and *One Summer* transforms it all into narrative nonfiction of the highest order."

**COME JOIN THE FUN:** This is your chance to get to know other members of the church family in a relaxed atmosphere. We are a group of both couples and singles that meet the third Thursday of each month to dine out together and enjoy each other's company. This is how it works. Each month one member or couple in the group picks a restaurant, sends out an informational e-mail to the whole group, finds out how many can come, and makes the reservation at the restaurant. So far we have dined at Bistro 83, Sangria, and La Campagna. Besides delicious food, we enjoy good conversation and laughter. If you would like to be added to our e-mail list, call Nancy Turner at 933-7145. It is not a monthly commitment; you just come when you are able!

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL:** When: Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 2015 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Sponsored by: Avon Lake Ministerial Association: A.L. Presbyterian, A.L. United Church of Christ, Christ Lutheran, Lake Shore United Methodist Church, Holy Spirit & St. Joseph Catholic Parish with the support of Community Resource Services. Where: St. Joseph Parish Hall - 32929 Lake Road, Avon Lake, OH 44012. For whom: ANYONE and EVERYONE. Those who find themselves alone on Thanksgiving, or cannot prepare a meal for themselves. Those who want to start a new Thanksgiving tradition. Cost: Free - donations will be accepted at the door. Reservations suggested but not necessary. Reservation forms will be available at the above mentioned churches and at the next community meal. Want to donate a food items? Watch for giving cards at the local churches or call John Shook 440-258-5685. Want to volunteer? After November 1, visit [www.StJosephAvonLake.org](http://www.StJosephAvonLake.org) website and press the button on the homepage or pick up a flyer at one of the churches. For More Information Contact John Shook 440-258-5685 or [jshook@buschcares.com](mailto:jshook@buschcares.com).

**OGLEBAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS:** Want to join in the fun and go on a guided tour of the Oglebay Park lights in Oglebay Park, West Virginia? Please join us if you can. The day trip is scheduled for Saturday, November 28. Departure is from Elyria at 10 am with a return estimated time of 11:30 pm. The guided tour is through the park to see the lights, shopping at the Christmas Shoppe and Oglebay Mansion. The tour will also include lunch. The cost is \$98/person. Reservations and payment information can be made by calling the Great Day Tours Company (440) 526-5350 or (800) 362-4905. A sign up sheet will also be placed at the Welcome Center to help those who wish to find out more info and/or car pool together to the pick up spot. PLEASE NOTE, payment will need to be made through the Great Day Tours Company at the number indicated. Payment is the way to secure a seat! Hurry before it fills up! Hope you can join us.

## CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DECEMBER 13 @ 11:00:** The Christmas Pageant this year will be during the 11:00 service on Dec. 13. Each Sunday School class will be performing a song during the program. Sunday School children will be rehearsing their songs during the 4 weeks leading up to the pageant beginning Nov. 15. The class performances have been designed so that the children can participate in the performance whether or not they have been to all the practices. (However, the more practices they make, the better!) All children participating in the Pageant will need to arrive at 10:45 on Dec. 13 and sit with their Sunday School class in the sanctuary. They will sit with their teachers during the service. The children will not be wearing costumes, so they should come dressed in their Holiday attire. (Some classes will have a headpiece that will be provided for the performance.) 6 & 7 Graders: if you would like a speaking part in the skit, please contact Julie Reimer at [christianed@avonlakeucc.org](mailto:christianed@avonlakeucc.org) for more information. Skit participants will have 2 additional rehearsals and several lines to memorize.

**MIDHIGH MAYHEM:** The next Midhigh Mayhem will be Nov. 17 from 7-8 in the Buoy. All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited! Also, mark your calendar for the Half-Overnighter on Jan. 8. Nate will be joining us - it's going to be awesome!

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**HEAVENLY HELPERS:** If you are in need of transportation to church, a doctor's appointment, etc., contact Mike or Christine Carr at [heavenly.helpers.alucc@gmail.com](mailto:heavenly.helpers.alucc@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:** Barbara Austinson, Isy Beal, Patty Byron (friend of Spaetzels and Fries), Dave Davis, Nick Hampe (Geoff's nephew), Jacob Heberling (family friend of Judy Reich), Tom Hoover (Nate Taylor's Uncle), Kitty Kress, Dennis Runyon, DeeDee Stech (Dan's mother), Linda Taylor (friend of Jennifer Gould), David Turner, Karen Weaver (Dave's daughter), Calvin Yeager (friend of Layla Ruben) 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:**

- The family and friends of Don Purdy who died on September 28.
- Joyce Parsons on the death of her brother, Charles Irish, on October 11.
- Harry Daniels on the death of his father.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for your prayers for my surgery this summer. - Carrie Kress

**WELCOME CENTER HELP NEEDED:** The ALUCC prides itself on welcoming visitors and members at its Welcome Center each Sunday morning. The Welcome Center is the place where a warm smile greets you both before and after each service. It is the place where you can find information on everything that is happening in the life of the church. It has been said that the Welcome Center experience can help a visitor decide to come back and/or even become a Member! Your Membership Team is looking for people who would like to volunteer to help us greet people before and after each church service. Minimal training required. If you are interested or know someone who is, please stop by at the Welcome Center and inquire. We'd love to have you be a part of the experience!

**FIRST TUESDAY BOOK STUDY:** All are invited to discuss *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Phillip Yancey on Tuesday, December 1 at 7 pm. *The Jesus I Never Knew* offers Yancey's special perspective on Jesus' life and work, revealing a man who was brilliant, creative, challenging, fearless, compassionate, and unpredictable. "No one who meets Jesus ever stays the same," says Yancey. "Jesus has rocked my own preconceptions and has made me ask hard questions about why those of us who bear his name don't do a better job of following him." The group meets at the Sheffield Lake home of Lou and Deb Suarez. Please consider joining us. For more information, call 440-949-6611 or email [lms728@yahoo.com](mailto:lms728@yahoo.com).

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY RETURNS TO ALUCC:** Avon Lake UCC is offering a nine-week money management class beginning January 10. Financial Peace University teaches principles of debt reduction, and discusses issues such as insurance, mortgages, savings for college and retirement. The class will meet nine Sunday nights, from January 10 - March 20, taking a week off for the Super Bowl. Babysitting will be provided free of charge for those who register in advance, and let us know of the need. To register and purchase materials, go to the website: [daveramsey.com/fpu](http://daveramsey.com/fpu). Questions? Contact Rich General: [moderator@avonlakeucc.org](mailto:moderator@avonlakeucc.org); 440-463-1801.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT 2016:** Registration is open for the 2016 women's retreat. ALL women are invited - so think about a friend, coworker, relative or neighbor who might like to attend with you. Spend 24 hours at the beginning of the new year recharging your spiritual batteries. This year's event is led by a creative retreat leader and spiritual director, Sharon Garner, who has planned a retreat designed to help women get to know each other and themselves better. For details, pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center or register online at [avonlakeucc.org](http://avonlakeucc.org).

### **PARISH NURSE NOTES:**

Office Hours: Wednesdays 2:00 – 4:00; Sundays between services: additional times as needed.

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- November Diabetic Support Group - our November meeting will be attending the Lakewood Hospital/American Diabetes Association Symposium 'Preventing Diabetes Burnout' on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m., dinner included at LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility in Westlake. RSVP 216-529-5312.
- "Coping with Grief during the Holidays" Kelly will lead a session at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>. Whether or not this is the first holiday season after the death of a loved one, the holidays can be a difficult time. Kelly will share some thoughts and give all a chance to talk with others walking the grief journey. Feel free to bring a friend.
- Our beautiful Tree of Remembrance will be up the first Sunday in December. Although it seems early to provide this information our November Drummer will be close to the date for ornaments for our as Tree of Remembrance. There will more information in the bulletin as it is closer but we will again provide the opportunity to purchase ornaments for our tree. As in the past, engraved ornaments can be ordered in memory of members and lace angels for friends at a cost of \$10.00.
- The date of our Service of Remembrance is Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. This service of prayer, scripture, readings and a brief meditation is designed to help those who are grieving enter the Advent season with a sense of hope. As part of this service, you are invited to place an ornament on the memorial Christmas tree.

**RESOURCE MOTHERS PROGRAM:** What is this program? I recently attended a Mercy Hospital Parish Nurse meeting; I sat next to a Parish Nurse, who shared information on Mercy's 'Resource Mothers Program'. I learned a lot about the program that evening and, because Mercy Hospital provides support for our Parish Nurse Program, I was interested in how we could help in this ministry. Resource Mothers are trained to be mentors, teachers, advocates, and friends to pregnant and parenting women; the Community Health Workers, serving at Resource Mothers are certified by the State of Ohio Board of Nursing. They are carefully matched to achieve a relationship that will help pregnant and parenting women achieve healthier lifestyles and connect them to appropriate services. There are currently 125 babies in the program. The goals of the program are to provide health information and resources to parents before and for one year after the birth of their baby and to provide tools and resources to make good decisions for happy, healthy lives. How can we help? I spoke with the director of the program and learned that there are some needs we can help with. Our quilters are currently making quilts for this program; if you have pieces of fabric you would like to donate they will make them into beautiful crib size quilts. I had the privilege of sharing several last week. Many times these families are in need of paper products and food (resources do not always last the month). Help with this part of the Mission outreach is very much needed. Mission Board has added this group to our fall food drive so that they will have items on their shelves to share as needed.

**DECEMBER DRUMMER DEADLINE** is Monday, November 16. Please note the earlier date due to the holiday. 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).)