



JUNE WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS SUMMER WORSHIP AT 10 AM

Sunday School for children 3 years of age through those who have completed the 3rd grade

Noah's Nursery is staffed all summer with an adult and youth

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SUNDAY, JUNE 5

On this first Sunday of the month, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The scripture for the day is Luke 7:11-17. The choir will sing.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12 is Music Sunday

The choir is presenting several anthems, the Anchored in Faith worship band will play two songs, and the Celebration Bell Choir will share in worship. We thank our musicians for the gifts they share throughout the program year.

Our Senior High mission trip participants will be commissioned, and will leave shortly after worship for Pittsburgh.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Dr. Brill's sermon, "Learning from Adversity," is based on Romans 5:1-5. Our musical guest will be Anne E. DeChant (and Anne E. is also sharing the Children's Time!) Camilla Gowell will be baptized.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

The morning scripture is Matthew 5:1-12; Dr. Brill's sermon is entitled, "Our Search for Happiness." Norah Carlson will be baptized.

A WORD FROM KELLY

We are entering our third month without a Director of Christian Education, and I am so grateful to those members who have stepped up to help in so many ways! Our ministry of faith formation for children and adults is continuing to thrive. I'm looking forward to working with our summer interns, with Kim Banks in the fall, and with our search committee as we begin the process of looking for an Associate Minister for Children and Family.

For some time, I have been interested in working on some study and writing projects which have to do with ministry. Earlier this year I received encouragement from the Personnel Committee to carve out some time for this work. I will be taking Wednesdays as a study and writing day this summer, and also will be gone a week at the beginning of August to attend a writing workshop. I'm grateful, as always, to the congregation for supporting my continuing education. I truly believe that time spent reading and reflecting enables me to serve the church with more energy and enthusiasm.

~ Kelly

SEARCH COMMITTEE FORMED: An Associate Minister Search Committee has been formed, comprised of members of the Personnel Committee, parents with children in our educational programs, and persons who have been active in various aspects of Christian Education. Gary Loar is the chair of the committee. The other members are: Kim Banks, Jen Braun, Jamie Clemons, Tom Hamilton, Stephanie Harley, Breck Matteson, Pam Omslaer, Katie Schulz, and Lou Suarez. The members of the Committee will be introduced to the Congregation on June 26, and a special congregational meeting will be convened to approve them.

Senior Minister Kelly Brill serves ex-officio. The first task of the committee is to complete a church profile and a job description.

PERSONNEL NEWS

The Personnel Committee thanks Scott Patterson for his work with us for the past 18 months. He wishes to share these words with the congregation:

“Members and Friends of Avon Lake United Church of Christ,

I am writing to announce my resignation as Minister of Visitation of Avon Lake UCC as of June 1. I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve the church in this way and I will sincerely miss the people I visited on a regular basis that are homebound, in assisted living and in nursing residences. The faith of the people I visited is inspiring. I always received more than I gave.

I should like to add that it is a joy to work with Rev. Brill and the other folks on staff serving the church.

Each one has an exceptional quality of character, faith and gifts for ministry.

I intend to still be an involved member of Avon Lake UCC and will assist voluntarily as needed to support the ministry of the church.

Shalom, Rev. J. Scott Patterson”

The pastoral care needs of the church will be fulfilled by Senior Minister Kelly Brill, Parish Nurse Cheryl Updegraff, our Stephen Ministers, and other lay visitors. Any members who have interest in becoming a visitor to one of our homebound members is asked to please contact Kelly or Cheryl.

The Personnel Committee is delighted to announce that Kim Banks has been hired to serve as Interim Director of Christian Education, beginning in late August. She will serve in a volunteer capacity over the summer. Kim is a member of our Children’s Ministry team, a Sunday school teacher, a parent of two 7th graders, and has an Education degree.

Welcome to our summer interns: Nicole Thomas, working with Nate in the area of youth ministry; Laura Brand, working with Children’s Ministry, and Katherine Katora, teaching the preschool Sunday School class.

NEW MEMBERS: Please welcome these new members of Avon Lake UCC that joined the church on May 8. Julie and Zach Arnold (Anna, Charlie, Vincent); Tracy and Dan Vieland (Chase and Carter); Lina Paesani; Penelope White.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: Summer Sunday school begins June 5. Preschoolers will be in room 102 and kindergarten through third grades will be in room 103. Children will learn about Noah and his Ark for the first part of summer and then they will learn about the fruits of the Spirit. Can you name these fruits?

There is an app for tablets and smart phones that can be downloaded for free from your app store that enables children to do interactive activities during the week. The app is called Deep Blue Adventure App and enables children to have fun learning God’s truths and God’s word to share with friends. The app includes a parental dashboard feature, mini games with scripture jumble, trivia, Break Out and a glider game. In addition, children will find videos, customizable avatars, and fun weekly mini quests. The app coordinates its material with the summer quarter lessons children will experience in Sunday school. This app provides a wonderful way to play with your children and learn what they were taught in Sunday school. It offers yet another way to do faith formation in the home during the week.

SERMON ROUNDTABLE is not scheduled during the summer. Classes will resume when the two-service format begins again at the end of the summer. We hope you will stay after the 9:00 worship and join in the conversation.

FIRST TUESDAY BOOK STUDY IN JUNE: A SPECIAL EVENT: In October, ALUCC will host renowned Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann. In anticipation of Professor Brueggemann’s visit, the book selected for the First Tuesday Book Study in June is his 2014 publication titled Reality, Grief, Hope: Three Urgent Prophetic Tasks. It is our hope that many of you will want to read Professor Brueggemann’s book and join us on Tuesday, June 7 at 7 pm to explore its meaning and implications. Since we look forward to a larger turnout than normal, June’s meeting will take place at the church. To hear Brueggemann discuss the book, visit <http://www.eerdmans.com/Products/7072/reality-grief-hope.aspx>.

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN VISIT: In October, ALUCC, along with 3 other area UCC churches~Dover, Oberlin, and Pilgrim~ will host renowned Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann. Professor Bueggemann, the author of dozens of books on religion and theology, is widely considered to be one of the most influential Old Testament scholars of the last several decades. According to *Bible Today*, Professor Brueggemann "looks deeply into the biblical prophetic soul and finds there both the challenge and the sustenance for believers to live in the contemporary world in a prophetic way." In anticipation of his visit, Pastor Brill has created a Facebook page on which, throughout the summer, information about Professor Brueggemann and his visit will be posted and opportunities for online discussion and meditation will be offered. The link to the page is <https://www.facebook.com/events/873671236094188>. Please share the page with friends and family, and visit it every so often for new information and resources.

EATING TOGETHER BUILDS CONNECTIONS: We've all read those articles about the positive benefits that occur when families put down their devices and talk to each other over the dinner table. Well, what if we extend that concept to our church family? The more we get to know each other on a personal level, the stronger we will be as a congregation. One simple way you can connect with others in our church is to participate in the Dining Out Group. We meet the third Thursday of every month at a local restaurant to enjoy some good food and good company. There is always plenty of laughter around the table! If you can't attend every month, that's ok. Come when it fits into your schedule. Contact Nancy Turner at 933-7145 if you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list to receive the monthly reservation information.

FARMERS MARKET: The Avon Lake Farmers Market opens on June 7 and runs every Tuesday, from 3 to 6 pm, through August 30. The market will be held at Avon Lake United Church of Christ for the entire season. Market offerings include berries, produce, fresh-made pies, maple syrup, honey, locally produced soaps, and more! Be sure to check out the website at avonlakefarmersmarket.org for special events and weekly specials. Shop local. Be social.

APOLLO'S FIRE IN CONCERT JUNE 17: Apollo's Fire, an internationally known baroque orchestra, is performing at Avon Lake UCC for the first time this summer. Their first concert is Sunday, June 17, at 2 PM. For tickets, and more information, go to apollosfire.org.

BERRIES WITH A BEAT! Mark your calendars for Wednesday June 22nd from 6:30-8:30 pm. The Membership Team would like to cordially invite you to ALUCC's Strawberry Social this summer. Tickets will go on sale June 5. Watch for more information to come regarding this classic event. All families are welcome and encouraged to come socialize, listen to some music play some games.

BIKE & BUILD AT ALUCC ON JULY 2ND: We will be hosting about 30 Bike and Build riders as they cycle from the Atlantic to the Pacific to benefit affordable housing in this country. These young adults spend their summer biking across the northern Unites States. They stop at various towns along the way to work on local builds. This will be the 14th year we have hosted the bikers. Please mark your calendar now for this event! How can you be involved?

1. Sign up to host riders. This involves picking the riders up after the potluck dinner and the program on July 2nd, providing laundry facilities and beds for them overnight and returning them to the church bright and early for breakfast Sunday morning.

2. Meet the riders and share a potluck dinner at 6 pm on Saturday, July 2, followed by a Bike and Build presentation. Please bring a food item that will feed 12-16. These riders have huge appetites!

If you are interested in knowing more or helping in any way, please call Patty Greene (933-6637), Mike Fowle (933-7017) or the church office (933-3241). Sign up sheets will be available at the Welcome Center.

OLD TESTAMENT CLASS: Beginning in August, ALUCC will offer a 12-week online class on the Old Testament. Each week, the participants will listen to or view two 30-minute lectures by Jewish scholar Amy-Jill Levine, read two short sections from the guidebook that accompanies the lecture series, and participate in two online "discussions" with the other participants. The participants will also meet 3-4 times for in-person conversation and fellowship. Cost and registration information will be available in July. In the meantime, if you have questions email lou.suarez@gmail.com.

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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 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. 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)! Thank you.

GOD'S BLESSINGS, LOVE AND COMFORT FOR: Bea Beard, Martha Cullen (Jean Grady's sister), Nick Hampe (Geoff's nephew), Lois Hartsel, Tom Hoover (Nate Taylor's Uncle), Lollie Kasulones (Kary Kandra's mother), Dale Kraus (friend of Jim & Diane Bayley), Deanna Pottinger (Dawn's mother), Don Severo (friend of Jim & Diane Bayley), Linda Taylor (friend of Jennifer Gould), David Turner, and all who are homebound or in residential facilities.

SYMPATHY TO:

- Margerita Gerborg on the death of her mother, in Sweden, April 24
- The family and friends of Roger Buffett, former ALUCC minister, who died May 8

THANK YOU: Thank you to Melissa Guilianelli of the Children's Ministry for spending an evening thoroughly cleaning Noah's Nursery and all of the toys!

Thank you to Lou Suarez for providing outstanding leadership to the Adult Christian Education team; during his tenure many new programs were added and more members than ever are participating. And thank you to Cynthia Kotora, the new chair of the group!

Dear Church Family, Thank you for your thoughts and prayers, for the card and yummy soup. It is so good to know you care. With Love, Patricia Armitage

STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING: The Avon Lake UCC is one of 12,000 Christian congregations enrolled in the Stephen Series; 600,000 caregivers have been trained, along with 65,000 (figures from 2014). ALUCC has our pastor, 4 active leaders (1 in training) and 10 active caregivers. We need to add to this list as long time volunteers retire and/or leave the area. A 50hr. caregiver training will begin in Sept 2016, probably on Mondays. Please prayerfully and practically consider this challenge and opportunity. Applications are at the Welcome Center or online on the church website. The pastor and leaders are available for questions anytime; their info is on the single-sheet brochure at the Welcome Center.

PARISH NURSE NEWS: Diabetic Support Group Annual Dinner **CHANGE OF DATE:** It has been necessary to change the date (and month) of our annual dinner to Wednesday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space. Dinner will be provided. Please mark your calendars for this important gathering as we plan for next year. All interested are welcome.

Free Lab Screenings: Mercy Hospital will provide free screenings for: CMP/Lipids/HgA1c/TSH/PSA (men > 40). Blood Drawn at church Sunday, June 5, 8:30 - 10:30 am. This is a great opportunity if you have a high deduct policy or no insurance. If interested, sign up at the Welcome Center or send a note to cherylupdegraff@oh.rr.com. Available for church family and friends. A minimum of 20 people is needed to sign up to conduct the screening.

JULY DRUMMER DEADLINE is Monday, June 27. If you would like information included in the next monthly newsletter, please send it to the church office by email (office@avonlakeucc.org) or bring your items in by this date.