

AUGUST WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS
SUMMER WORSHIP AT 10 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS THOROUGH 3RD GRADE

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

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August 7: On this first Sunday of the month, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our Junior High Mission Trip Team (led by Dan Walther) will be sharing pictures and stories from their Cincinnati experience. The Rev. Rob Patton is presiding at the communion table. Donna Case will be playing the flute.

August 14: Backpack Blessing Sunday, and prayers for teacher and students as they prepare to return to school. Kelly Brill's sermon, "Keep the Faith" is based on Hebrews 11:29-12:2. William Chester Wrona will be baptized. The Anchored in Faith worship band will lead us in music.

August 21 is Picnic Sunday! Dr. Brill's sermon is based on one of the healing miracles; the scripture is Luke 13:10-17 and the sermon title is "Set Free." The Anchored in Faith worship band will be playing.

August 28: Special worship for the Weekend of Service. Five ALUCC members will talk about the role of service in their lives: The Rev. B.J. Myers-Bradley, V.A. Hospital chaplain, on service to the community of veterans, Carolyn Coy on teaching in an urban school system, T.J. Frie on service as a church volunteer, Dr. Jennifer Snyder on service through medicine, and Bay Village Chief of Police Mark Spaetzel about service from the point of view of a police officer. The ensemble "Solid Brass" will play several numbers.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FALL ~ PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES IN MIND

Sunday, September 11, we return to our 9 AM and 11 AM worship schedule. We welcome back our choir and our Anchored in Faith Worship Band. We welcome our India mission partners, Anil, Teresa, and Nancy Lott Henry, as we celebrate and learn more about their work through pictures and stories. We will be giving them a check for their work at the Christian Hospital in Mungeli, India. You may contribute by making a donation to ALUCC designated for India.

Sunday, September 18, 11 AM - The Sacred Rite of Confirmation

Sunday, October 2 - Fall Festival

Saturday, October 8 - Monday, October 10. Visit with renowned Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann. You may register for the event online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/weekend-with-walter-brueggemann-tickets-25384600022> or pay in person the day of the event.

Saturday, October 22 - Sunday, October 23 - Men's Retreat

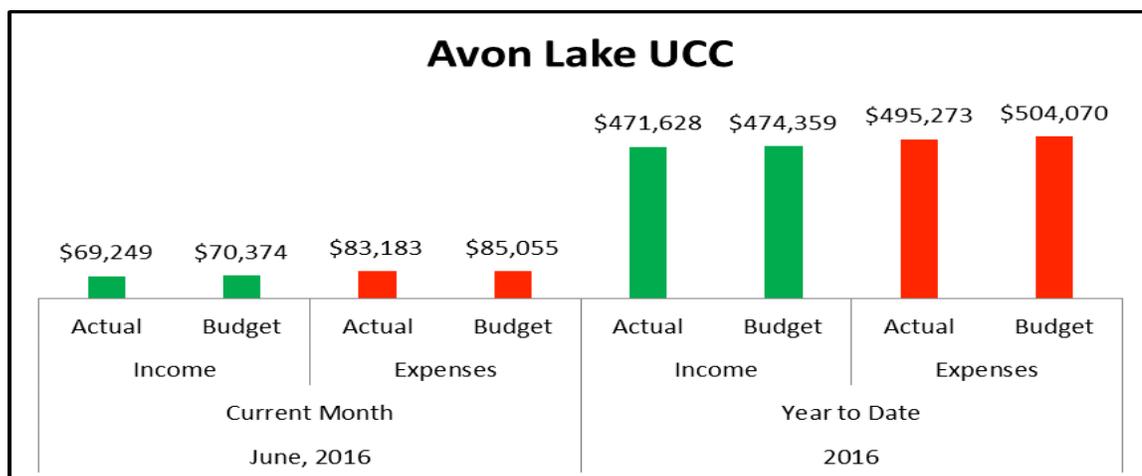
ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE - UPDATE: The Associate Pastor Search committee has completed our ALUCC church profile as well as a job description for the position. These have been sent to the Eastern Ohio Association/Western Reserve Association of the UCC. These were posted along with a brief summarizing description on the UCC website. We have begun to receive resumes and will accumulate several before we begin taking action on them. Our next step is to undergo some training for interview techniques, both for effectiveness and legality, before we begin the actual interview process. Once again we thank the congregation for their prayers and support during this important process.
~Gary Loar, Chairperson

A WORD FROM KELLY

A reminder that, even though this is the last published monthly newsletter, we are offering numerous ways for people to stay informed about church activities. We encourage everyone who has access to email to subscribe to our mailing lists. If you are not currently receiving the church emails, please send your email address to Tim Schulz: membership@avonlakeucc.org.

Members who do not have access to email: we will continue to print announcements of upcoming activities in the weekly worship bulletins. Those who are not physically able to attend worship, please contact the church office and we will send you the bulletin and sermon by mail. We are still working out details, but this will most likely be a monthly mailing.

We will be reviewing our communications policies and coming up with a format and schedule for our quarterly magazine. We will keep you informed!
~ Kelly



THANK YOU! Your gifts make all the difference! Ministry and mission are flourishing this summer, thanks to generous donations of time, talent and treasure. Over 100 people participated in the Senior High Mission Trip, we concluded our biggest Vacation Bible School week ever, children's ministry interns are nurturing our youngest students on Sunday morning with a brand-new curriculum. We have hosted Bike and Build, are finishing two Habitat for Humanity houses, and are preparing to clothe students for back-to-school time. And that's just a sampling of our activities!

GIVING STATEMENTS: In mid-July, giving statements were sent out electronically to those with an email address on file with the church office and paper statements were mailed to those without an email address. If you did not receive a statement, please contact the office and let us know so we can update our records.

WEEKEND OF SERVICE: This August will be our second annual Weekend Of Service, so mark your calendars for Saturday August 27th and Sunday August 28th. Remember how Kelly talked about spreading "The Word" during her sermon last Sunday? We will have multiple opportunities for you to do just that in whichever way speaks to you. Below is the schedule of our service projects:

Saturday August 27th:

1. ReStore volunteers in Amherst, Ohio.
 - a. We will also be taking appliance donations from our congregation if you have been wanting to donate any unused items that Habitat needs.
2. Blood Drive with the American Red Cross. Held at ALUCC from 11-4pm.
3. Hot Italian Dinner served to the residents at BeachPark Towers in Avon Lake. Dinner is from 4:30-6:30pm.
4. The Lorain APL would like several volunteers as well to help with needed tasks at their shelter.

Sunday August 28th:

1. St. Paul's Church would like for some of our members to attend their service on this Sunday at 10:30am.
2. Avon Lake Love-a-Stray (our most popular project from last year) will need our services again as well.
3. Our own ALUCC Thrift Store will be receiving a deep clean.

If you have any questions about our projects or want to sign up right away - Please contact Kim Rose at Outreach@avonlakeucc.org or by calling her at 937-408-7647.

JACK-N-JILL REGISTRATION: Jack-n-Jill Preschool is a place where kids develop their physical, social, emotional, and cognitive capabilities to their fullest potential. We are registering for classes beginning in August 30, 2016. Currently, we have openings in our three-year-old class that attends 3 days per week in the morning and our four-year-old class that attends 4 days per week in the afternoon. We provide an optional Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for our morning and afternoon students. Our preschool offers a safe, happy, and creative atmosphere where kids enjoy learning experiences and play. Getting off to the right start makes all the difference... Jack-n-Jill is the perfect place to begin a child's educational journey. For registration or for a tour of our preschool, please contact Melody Rice at 933-7946 for further information.

ONLINE COURSE ON OLD TESTAMENT: 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. If you are interested in joining the class or in receiving more information, email Lou Suarez at lou.suarez@gmail.com.

IHN SIGN-UP: Volunteers - please check the sign-up board at church and pick a spot for your name. This is our last hosting for 2016; our weeks in 2017 are in January, April, July and August. Anyone can help with set-up (11:30, Sun Aug 7), take-down (7:30, Sun Aug 13) and laundry.

STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING: Applications are still being accepted for Stephen Ministry training this fall. We have received 2 applications to date; several more of you have expressed interest. Submit your application to the pastor via church mailbox or online.

TIM THOMAS MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING: Come join us for the 2nd annual Tim Thomas Memorial Golf Outing on September 24th at Bob-O-Link golf course in Avon. Four person scramble, shot gun start at 9:30 am. \$100 per golfer, \$40 for dinner only. Includes 18 holes with a shared cart, breakfast, lunch, steak, clam and chicken dinner. Hole sponsorships available for \$100. For more information contact Bob-O-Link or Janet Thomas at 440-665-6505

EMPTY BOWLS ~ OCTOBER 15, SAVE THE DATE: Empty Bowls by the Lake fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 15 from 11-2 at the American Legion Post 211 on Walker Road. In addition to the meal, there will be a silent auction featuring works of art and products of local merchants. We are asking for help in this endeavor. We are looking for activities, services, experiences, dinners, tours, merchandise, apparel, sporting event tickets, works of art, and everything else that people would enjoy! If you know of any business/activity/artist that would donate to the auction, please ask for us or let a committee member know. (Some Empty Bowls committee members: Jeanne Grady, Beth Gee, Lynda Schmidt, Laura Kirchner)

There are other ways to help:

Volunteer your time. There are many jobs to be done before and during the Oct. 15 event.

Donate. Each dollar we give to Second Harvest can provide 5 meals for the hungry.

Attend the Empty Bowls event in October. Invite your friends.

Encourage your favorite restaurant to donate soup to the October 15 event.

Spread the word. Follow us on Facebook.

Please help us fight hunger...one bowl at a time!

PARISH NURSE NEWS: Hours: Wednesdays 2-4 pm.; Sundays. Evenings by Appointment. Contact information: cherylupdegraff@oh.rr.com or call the church office.

- **HOME HEALTH CARE:** If anyone does private home health care, please let me know. We frequently have members who are interested in utilizing a few hours per week of home health care

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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: Lois Bayley (Jim Bayley's sister), Bea Beard, Father Jim Beatty, Tom Hoover (Nate Taylor's Uncle), Lollie Kasulones (Kary Kandra's mother), Dale Kraus (friend of Jim & Diane Bayley), Deanna Pottinger (Dawn's mother), Linda Taylor (friend of Jennifer Gould), David Turner, Dave Volle (friend of Mark & Chris Spaetzel), and all who are homebound or in residential facilities.

SYMPATHY TO:

- Regan Pore on the death of her grandmother.
- Jeff Chase on the death of his wife, Tammy, on July 19.
- Maggie Stark on the death of her sister, Mary Dohn, on July 19.
- Former members, Jerry and Jayne Conroy and Jay Conroy on the death of son and brother Jeff on July 13. Condolences may be sent to:
 - Jayne Conroy, 6816 Casselbury Mills Ct., Lewis Center, OH 43035
 - Jerry Conroy, 5003 Gilbert Lane, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Jim and Joyce Stonebraker on the birth of their grandson, Ezekiel James Russell, born June 24.
- Kevin and Kristen Moore on the birth of their son, Brenden Robert, July 14.
- Allison Moore, daughter of Jeff and Shirley Moore, who graduated from Ohio University.

THANK YOU! The Spaetzel Family would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards and visits during Dorothy's stay in the hospital and Towne Center. She is happy to be home and doing great with physical therapy. Anthony Spaetzel will not be having another surgery at this time. He will be heading back to Ohio University in August to continue his studies in Education.

Thank you for the continued support during the last couple of months. It has been difficult at times but knowing we have such a wonderful church family has made all the difference!