

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Joined 2/26: Lois Bayley, Jennifer Buck, Emily Kirsch, John Lorince, Les & Gayle Luczyk, Bill Reeder, Susan Donovan, Ray & Gail Salco, Carla Sattler, Kurt Zbin

Joined 5/14: Drew & Kaitlin Campbell, Jeff Chase, Alix Dansizen, Beau & Amy Dansizen, Cindi Dansizen, Ryan & Maggie Donahue, Mimi Dorhauer, Rob & Kristie Flannery, Christine Hansen, Manoj & Kendra Kumar, Megan Nelson, Elaine Newlin, Jared & Jill Ridenour, Susan Ruffing, Joe & Amy Shough

MEET OUR NEW CUSTODIANS!

The Personnel Committee announced the hiring of two custodians: Megan Reinking and Dave Uthe. They began work, alongside Mary Pease's company, on March 1, for a two-week transition period. (Mary's company ended its work with the church on March 15).



Our 9th Annual Cabin Fever Cornhole Tournament was Saturday, March 18. This event is one of the largest tournaments in the MidWest. It is also our largest fundraiser for our Senior High Mission Trip. We had 168 teams registered & raised approximately \$12,000! This money was put to good use as our Senior High group traveled to Richwood, WV June 11-17.

They assisted our friends from Hosanna Industries with rehabilitating homes damaged by flooding.

SPRING FOOD DRIVE

The 2017 Spring Food Drive kicked off Sunday, March 19 and ran until April 2. Food was purchased with your donations at wholesale food prices per the needs and requests from local agencies: Haven Center in Lorain which is the only 24/7 homeless shelter for families in Lorain County; St. Paul's UCC which is our sister church in Ohio City, Cleveland; Avon Lake CRS that serves our residents who are suddenly in need of emergency assistance; Mercy Resource Mothers in Lorain who support new, single expecting mothers through their pregnancy and their baby's first year. **\$5,030 was collected** and food was delivered to the agencies. Special thanks to all!



Welcome, Beau!

On April 2, Beau Dansizen, our candidate for Associate Minister for Children & Families was introduced and preached. A brief congregational meeting to confirm Beau's call was held following each service. Report from the congregational meeting: "By an overwhelmingly positive vote, the Search Committee's choice for Associate Minister was approved." Beau Dansizen began his ministry at Avon Lake UCC on May 15. Welcome to Beau, his wife, Amy and children Bowen and Parker.



On Palm Sunday, April 9, children pre-K through 3rd grade decorated bags and enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School. At the beginning of the 9 AM service, children were given palms and participated in a Palm Sunday Parade throughout the Sanctuary at the beginning of the service.

The Chapel was beautifully decorated and open on Maundy Thursday, April 13, for prayer and communion.

Church was full for both services on Easter Sunday. The sanctuary was adorned with colorful Easter flowers donated by our members and worshipers enjoyed Rev. Dr. Brill's message, "So Much Good News".

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Palm Sunday marked Nate Taylor's (Director, of Youth Ministry) 10 year anniversary. Nate was celebrated for his incredible work with our youth and was surprised by family members who were in attendance. He was also presented with a generous love offering given on behalf of the congregation. Thank you, Nate!





NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

Eight members were commissioned as Stephen Ministers on Sunday, April 30. Congratulations to: Roger Welling, Sandy Dibbell, Jim Browning, Deb Suarez, Lynn Miller, Pam Perez-Strohmeyer, Sara Follmer, and Lee Girman.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

May 13, volunteers from ALUCC participated with three dozen other volunteers raising the walls on a habitat house in Elyria as part of the Women's Build. Rev. Kelly Brill led in prayer and presented a \$10,000 check to Kelly LaRosa, Exec. Dir. of Lorain County Habitat.



This was made possible from our congregation's Easter Offering.

This year's Women's Build was sponsored nationwide by Lowe's. Local radio channel, 95.5 The Fish, was present and covered the event.

Baptisms

2/26 Daniel Christopher Rose
3/5 Miles Scot Morrison
3/12 Ava Elise Guilianelli
4/2 Charles Joseph Cammock

Deaths

1/26 John Parsons
2/3 Virginia Kendall
2/5 Eleanor Mental
3/4 Fae Niemeyer
3/9 May Palmer
4/23 Laretta Fuller



SAVE THE DATE:

July 2	Bike & Build
July 9-15	IHN Week
July 15	Dog Wash & 5k
July 16-21	JH Mission Trip
August 20-26	IHN Week
August 12-13	Weekend of Service
September 10	Confirmation
October 1	Fall Festival
October 21-22	Men's Retreat

Please let us know if we missed an event in your family & we will add it to the next newsletter.

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