

OCTOBER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9 AND 11 AM OCTOBER IS ALL ABOUT "MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

October, 2015

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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 7th grade, adult supervision in Noah's Nursery.

October 4: World Communion Sunday – we join with Christians throughout the world around the table on this day. Dr. Brill's communion meditation is entitled, "More Leaves for the Table: Making a Difference through Hospitality." The scripture is Luke 14:16-24.

October 11: "Making a Difference through Loving Justice" is Dr. Brill's sermon title, based upon Jeremiah 22:3-9, 13-17. Jacob Ralston will be baptized at 11 AM.

October 18: The scripture passage for today is Luke 19:1-10; Dr. Brill's sermon is entitled, "Making a Difference One by One." New members will be welcomed at both services.

October 25: "Making a Difference Through Letting Go" is the title for Dr. Brill's message; the scripture is Philippians 2:3-13.

"THE STARFISH THROWERS": a film about making a difference.

In conjunction with our month-long emphasis on how one person can make a difference, ALUCC is showing a shortened (53-minute) version of the prize-winning documentary, "The Starfish Throwers." Here is a description of the film:

"Worlds apart, a five-star chef, a twelve year-old girl, and a retired schoolteacher discover how their individual efforts to feed the poor ignite a movement in the fight against hunger. This documentary tells of these remarkable individuals and the unexpected challenges they face. Despite being constantly reminded that hunger is far too big for one person to solve, they persevere and see their impact ripple further than their individual actions."

We have scheduled three showings, each followed by discussion led by Kelly Brill: in the sanctuary on October 18, at 12:45 PM and Monday, October 19, at 6:30 PM. It will also be shown Wednesday, November 4, at 7 PM in the Buoy.

If you would like to attend but need babysitting, please contact Kelly (pastor@avonlakeucc.org/440-933-3241) five days before the showing you wish to attend.

A WORD FROM KELLY

The word is “thanks.” I’m so grateful to each one of you for the wonderful surprise celebration of my 20 years at ALUCC on August 30. I have been reading and re-reading your cards and appreciate each one. I know that some of you worked very hard to make the event a surprise and a success, and to you I offer my gratitude. Special thanks to my husband Doug for knowing, once again, that people like to have opportunities to celebrate. He helped to coordinate the elements of the event that he knew would have particular meaning for me: the musicians, the participation of clergy including my father, the participation of my family, the video messages from friends. The stoles are beautiful, and every time I wear them, I will think of the joy of that day.

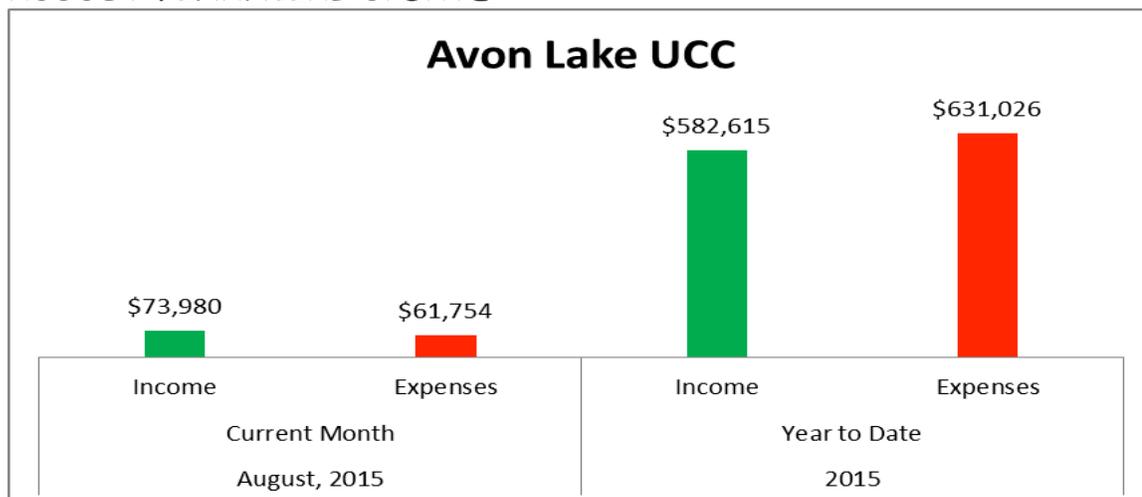
As I said then, I feel privileged to serve this phenomenal congregation. I do believe that God has called us together, and that God’s spirit is alive and working among us. I look forward to what will continue to unfold in the future...

Blessings, Kelly

WELCOME TO THE MEMBERS OF THE 2015 CONFIRMATION CLASS:

Catherine Elizabeth Arebaugh	Logan Christopher Kimbler	William Westfall Paflas
Madison Audrey Clemons	Samantha Ze-Ling Loar	Nathan Thomas Peachman
Sarah Mackenzie Gee	Ryan Boyd McCrum	Anna Kimberly Peepers
Kaitlyn Michelle Hards	Natalie Ann Miller	Charles Ian Purks
Isabella Faith Harris	Jacob Christian Bracy Nasr	Megan Corrin Roach
Andrew Collin Jacobson	Lindsay Erin Novotny	Brandon Gregory Schaefer
Meghan Grace Kaufman	Danielle Monique Odle	Madeline Marie Stiles

AUGUST FINANCIAL UPDATE:



SUPPORT FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION: Please donate by check or online (avonlakeucc.org) or contact the church office about Electronic Funds Transfer. Together we can make miracles happen!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED: On October 4th UCC congregations will receive the Neighbors in Need special offering as part of their World Wide Communion Sunday observance. This offering supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. The 2015 theme for NiN is “Unexpected Places” and highlights the work of the UCC Council for American Indians Ministries (CAIM) and our denominational advocacy to address centuries of injustice stemming from the Doctrine of Discovery. Information is available at the Welcome Center and at ucc.org/dod.

PRIMETIMERS will meet for lunch on Wednesday, October 14, at noon in the Gathering Space. Cost is \$5, payable at the door. A reservation is needed by noon on Monday, October 12, and can be made on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center or by calling the church office. Primetimers are mostly retired members but everyone of any age and friends are always welcome. Come and join us!

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 today's scripture and sermon. October Schedule:

10/4 Scripture: Luke 14:16-24; Discussion leader: Bonnie Fraser

10/11 Scripture: Jeremiah 22:3-9, 13-17; Discussion leader: Bill Schubmehl

10/18 Scripture: Luke 19:1-10; Discussion leader: Maryann Ruben

10/25 Scripture: Philippians 2:3-13; Discussion leader: Lou Suarez

MAGAZINE AND BOOK DRIVE FOR OUR TROOPS: Please consider donating your used magazines and books to our deployed troops, wounded and recovering veterans to bring a smile to the faces of those who served! Please bring your donations to church in the coming weeks and drop in collection container. They will be forwarded to men and women who serve overseas, as well as local VA facilities across the nation. For more information, visit MilitaryMamaNetwork.org. Military Mama Network is a web-based charity dedicated to sending love to our troops and their families. Your donations will make a difference for our troops and postage will be paid for by MilitaryMamaNetwork. Thank you for your assistance!

JACK-N-JILL FUNDRAISER: Do you like gourmet treats, like pumpkin rolls, apple dumplings or soft pretzels? You can purchase any of these items plus many more! Jack-n-Jill is having a fundraiser to raise money to purchase supplies for our preschool. You can order delicious treats at our welcome center on October 4th or 11th. Stop by the Welcome Center and place your name, phone number, and order on the order sheet. You can pay for the items when they arrive. The goodies will arrive before Thanksgiving. In the past, your support of our fundraiser has allowed us to purchase many items, such as the beautiful area rugs in our classrooms. Thank you for your continual support of our preschool.

LET'S GET CONNECTED: ALUCC's Knit, Crochet, Sew, and Needlework Group is meeting every other Thursday with our next meeting October 8th (7:15pm to 8:30pm) in the church conference room. Our goals are 1) to spend social time together while we each work on our own projects that we bring for the evening, 2) to look into charity craft projects we could do either in our time together, or on our own, and 3) to offer some instruction on crochet, knitting, ... whatever areas we have an interest in! We hope that if you're interested you'll join us for this relaxing and fun get together. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Teri Ann Jasany at 440-864-2597 or buddyonthelake@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

MOMS GROUPS: Any moms with children elementary-age and younger are invited to attend Moms Groups. Facilitated by Kelly Brill, these groups help mothers with young children connect with each other. The groups are just forming and don't have a clear structure yet. If you need babysitting, please contact Kelly five days before the group session you're attending (pastor@avonlakeucc.org). A daytime group will meet Tuesday, October 27 at 1 PM; an evening group will meet Monday, November 9, at 7 PM. All are welcome!

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

ACOLYTE DEDICATION: Are you an Acolyte? Don't forget Acolyte Dedication is Sunday, Oct. 4.

ALUCC FALL FESTIVAL: Come celebrate fall at the Annual ALUCC Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 11 from 4-6pm. Enjoy a hayride, meet some miniature goats, paint pumpkins, eat hot dogs, play games, make some crafts and more! And don't forget the PIE EATING CONTEST!! Who will win the coveted Golden Oven Mitt? You do not want to miss this year's Fall Festival – it's going to be a blast!

MIDHIGH MAYHEM: Kids in 4th and 5th grade are invited to Midhigh Mayhem Oct. 20 from 7-8 pm. Questions? Interested in lending a hand? Contact Julie Reimer at christianed@avonlakeucc.org.

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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 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)! Thank you.

GOD'S BLESSINGS, LOVE AND COMFORT FOR: Isy Beal, Roger Buffett (former Associate Pastor), Patty Byron (friend of Spaetzels and Fries), Harry Daniels Sr., Dave and Lois Davis, Eric Fancher, Nick Hampe (Geoff's nephew), Jacob Heberling (family friend of Judy Reich), Kitty Kress, Joshua MacDonald, Rhoda Montgomery, Mary Pease, Irish Peepers, Dennis Runyon, DeeDee Stech (Dan's mother), Linda Taylor (friend of Jennifer Gould), David Turner, Karen Weaver (Dave's daughter), Marilyn Wilcox, 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:

- Ruth Wilson on the death of her sister, Alma Hager, August 25.
- Steve Furrer on the death of his mother, Rosemary, on September 16.
- The Stepak Family on the death of their mother, Kim, to cancer.
- Sid Stech on the death of her mother, Marion Walsh, on September 21.
- Marshall Wilson on the death of his brother, Phil.

NOVEMBER DRUMMER DEADLINE is Monday, October 26. If you would like any information included in the next monthly newsletter, please send it to the church office by email (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.)

PARISH NURSE NOTES:

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

Email: cherylupdegraff@oh.rr.com; home telephone: 440-933-3833

- Flu shots will be given at the church on Sunday, October 11, 10am - 12; Walgreens will submit to insurances.

EMPTY BOWLS BY THE LAKE: The fourth annual Empty Bowls by the Lake fundraiser, an artistic means to fight hunger here in our communities, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bleser Park in Avon Lake. Potters, educators, students & volunteers create handcrafted bowls. Local restaurants donate soup. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread &, in exchange for a cash donation, are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the 'empty bowls' in the world. A \$20 donation will include one pottery bowl & unlimited soup & bread. Children who accompany a \$20 donor may participate in the event for a reduced donation of \$5 for ages 6-12 & free for 5 & under. The event will include live entertainment (featuring the Avon High Electric Orchestra) & a silent auction/raffle. All proceeds benefit Second Harvest Food Bank of NC Ohio and CRS. In case of rain, the event will be held in Fellowship Hall. Learn more at www.emptybowlsbythelake.org or contact us on Facebook/Empty Bowls by the Lake or EmptyBowlsByTheLake@gmail.com.

ALUCC BOOK CLUB, OCTOBER MEETING: Join us for a discussion of *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks, Thursday, October 27 at 7 pm. According to amazon.com, the novel “traces the harrowing journey of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, a beautifully illuminated Hebrew manuscript created in fifteenth-century Spain. When it falls to Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert, to conserve this priceless work, the series of tiny artifacts she discovers in its ancient binding ... only begin to unlock its deep mysteries and unexpectedly plunges Hanna into the intrigues of fine art forgers and ultra-nationalist fanatics.”

SPEAKER COMING TO ALUCC: Wednesday, October 28, from 2:00 – 3:30 PM ALUCC is hosting author and speaker Jan Linn, who will be talking about his latest book, [A Different Jesus: A Christian Theology Big Enough For An Interfaith World](#). All are welcome.

FIRST TUESDAY BOOK STUDY: All are invited to join us on Tuesday, November 3 at 7 pm to discuss *Convictions: How I learned What Matters Most* by Marcus J. Borg. On the occasion of his 70th birthday, the renowned Marcus J. Borg shares his "convictions" about Christianity and America, contending that they are both at their best when they focus on hope and transformation, and shares his thoughts on how American Christians can return to what matters most. 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.

COMING SOON, AVON LAKE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BUSINESS DIRECTORY: We are putting together a Business Directory for those interested in sharing their information with our church family. This is a 'Free' resource offered to our members that will provide contact information for your service, product or company. If you are a consultant, skilled craftsman, petsitter/babysitter - whatever your area of expertise - we want to hear from you. If you are interested in participating in our directory, please fill out the forms provided at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please contact C.J. Jasany at buddyonthelake@yahoo.com or 440-864-2599.

An example of the form will ask for the following information:

Contact Person: Emma Example

Email: example@yahoo.com

Phone: 440-111-2222

Service Type: Writing Services

- Proofreading
- Copyediting/Line Editing
- Content Editing

Brief Summary of services provided

GOOD NEWS!!! 2015 HFH UPDATE: After an extensive environmental and title review, Habitat has been given the green light to build two houses this fall on donated lots on Warden Avenue in Elyria. We expect the foundations to be dug in mid October. An environmental consultant will be present to monitor any possible, yet unlikely, demolition debris from a former house. If the site is “all clear”, the build process will begin. ALUCC has agreed to be the lead church on the construction of one of the houses. The Habitat team welcomes veterans from last year’s build and any newcomers, both skilled and unskilled. Coordinators Doug and Sandy Rider have a data base of those who signed up last year. You will be notified directly as we know more. Newcomers will also be given a chance to sign up. As always when working on a volunteer project, FLEXIBILITY is the key word. We will keep you informed as the process unfolds. Thank you for your patience during this delay. Let the build begin!! Call Doug Rider at 400-933-2758 or email at drider520@oh.rr.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 classes will meet nine Sunday nights, 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. To register and purchase materials, go to the website: daveramsey.com/fpu. Questions? Contact Rich General: moderator@avonlakeucc.org or 440-463-1801.

STIVES MISSION TRIPS: Many have asked us about our mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Haiti. You can see several interesting videos on the website www.touchinglivesworldwide.org. Thanks for all your support and prayers. We are also available for group programs. Bev & Bill

THANK YOU!

Hilary and I would like to thank our church family for all the prayers we received in cards, phone calls, emails and visits. This has meant a lot to both of us. Again, thanks to all of you for your support. Hopefully, I'm on my way to a successful recovery. ~ Dennis Runyon

THANK YOU to Julie Marlin for dry mounting and hanging new maps in the Adult Ed Conference Room.

THANK YOU to all who participated in our first-ever Day of Service on August 30! Here are some highlights of the day:

- 17 people (of all ages) worked at the Avon Lake Love-A-Stray kennel, doing major top-to-bottom cleaning; some of them stayed eight hours!!
- 7 people (including two youth, one male) spent time in the ALUCC kitchen, making soup and meatballs that have been frozen for future Doorstep Dinner deliveries.
- 19 people (including youth) painted six rooms in Elyria at the new day center for Family Promise. Special thanks to Jennifer Arebaugh for obtaining the paint!
- Members of six different families (including some young children) decorated cookies and made cards which were then delivered to our local police and fire departments and nursing homes.

We look forward to our second annual Day of Service (or perhaps even a Weekend of Service) next year. Thanks to all who headed up these projects. The planning committee was: Nelle Doyle, Bob Fisher, Rich General, Jen Jento, Christine Masgras, Kim Rose, Chris and Mark Spaetzel,

THANK YOU to the generous donors of our new electronic sign, and to the Saturday Morning Work Crew for helping with the installation of the electrical wiring.

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 Jill Eston in the church office for more information.