

JULY 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.

July, 2016

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JULY 3: On this first Sunday of the month, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Dr. Brill's meditation, "Christians and Citizens" is based upon Deuteronomy 10:17-21. Jodi Holmes will be singing; Nora Raine Taylor will be baptized.

JULY 10: We celebrate "Green Sunday", remembering God's call for us to protect the environment. Weather permitting; you are invited to consider walking, biking, or car-pooling to church. Kelly Brill's sermon is based upon Psalm 8. Carol Liston will be singing, Don Bower will be playing the piano.

JULY 17: Senior High Mission Trip Sunday: pictures and stories from the June trip to Hosanna Industries near Pittsburgh. The Anchored in Faith worship band will be leading music; Anne Peters and Kyle White will also be singing. Marcus Lavriha will be baptized.

JULY 24: "The E Word" is the title for Dr. Brill's sermon, based on Matthew 10:27 and Matthew 28:16-20. Pete Cavano and Michele George are our guest musicians. Annika Kuncel will be baptized. We will commission our Junior High Mission Trip participants.

JULY 31: Nate Taylor, Director of Youth Ministries, is bringing the morning message. Anthony Bill will be playing the piano.

A WORD FROM KELLY

At the May meeting of Church Council, the decision was made to stop publication of the monthly Drummer newsletter. The August issue will be the last monthly Drummer to be printed. In its place, a quarterly magazine-type publication will be made available. The reasons for this decision are these:

1. A large majority of members have opted to receive the newsletter by email rather than regular mail. We do not have enough people receiving the printed copy to receive a bulk mail rate.
2. More members read the weekly email (with its much more current news) than the monthly Drummer.
3. Since the church news is now available in so many other formats, Council determined that it is no longer a good use of resources to continue printing a monthly newsletter.

However, we know that there are members who are not able to attend church regularly, some of whom are not able to access worship via television or internet, who rely upon the monthly newsletter as a way to stay in touch with their church family. The church office will send a monthly mailing to those in this category who request it. The monthly mailing can consist of sermons (if requested) and bulletins (which contain news items.)

The quarterly magazine will be primarily in a digital format; however, printed copies will be available to members who request it. The quarterly magazine will feature highlights of the past several months of mission and ministry, pictures, and statistics (births, deaths, baptisms, marriages, new members).

All members of Church Council and staff care deeply about keeping in touch with all of our members - including those who do not have internet access. Please contact me if you would like to receive monthly mailings from the church, or if there are other ways we can be of service to you. If no one is available when you call the church office (440-933-3241), you may leave a voice mail message for me.

~ Kelly

CHURCH RECEIVES DEFIBRILLATOR/TRAINING AVAILABLE

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has been installed in the church, thanks to the generosity of Dr. Tom Noeller. He is also making it possible for any ALUCC member to receive free training on how to use the machine; the training also includes CPR training.

Almost 70% of cardiac arrests occur at home and only 45% of cardiac arrest victims receive CPR from bystanders. Choose a class that best meets your needs:

FAMILY AND FRIENDS CPR

July 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

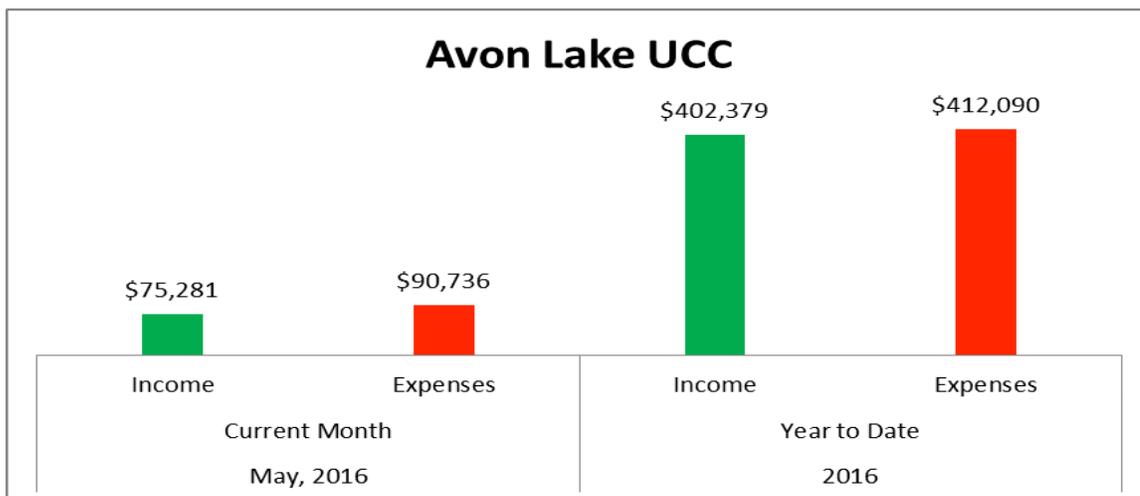
This video-based, classroom Family & Friends® CPR Course teaches adult Hands-Only™ CPR, adult AED use, child CPR and AED use, and infant CPR. It also teaches how to relieve choking in an adult, child or infant. The course offers training for those who want to learn CPR and do not require a course completion card.

HEARTSAVER CPR AED

July 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m

The Heartsaver CPR AED Course is a classroom, instructor-led course designed to prepare students to provide CPR and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) use in a safe, timely, and effective manner. Upon successful completion of the course, including a CPR and AED skills test, students receive a Heartsaver CPR AED course completion card, valid for two years.

To register, please sign up at the Welcome Center, call the church office (440-933-3241) or email cherylupdegraff@oh.rr.com. We encourage all church members to take advantage of this opportunity, and express our gratitude to Tom Noeller for his concern for the church's health and his gifts!



The Trustees and the Saturday Morning Work Crew have several summer projects to accomplish, including new carpeting for some rooms in the Education wing and office wing, and renovating an office for the new Associate Minister. Just a few examples of why expenses are high in the summer, even as giving is sometimes lower due to vacations. Thank you in advance for maintaining your giving! If you have not made a pledge, please know your regular offerings are deeply appreciated and needed!

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: Two sign-up boards are in the church lobby for our 3rd and 4th hosting weeks, which complete our 2016 service. We are working on the calendar for next year. Volunteer training will be in-house from now on; we hope that will make it easier for many more of you to become volunteers. Watch the worship bulletin for a date in July. Remember, you don't have to be trained to help with set-up, take-down and laundry. Times are on the sign-up boards. Many thanks to all who have so faithfully participated.

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 (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 50 hr. caregiver training will begin in Sept. 2016, 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.

WATER, WINE, AND WORD: Come, on Tuesday evenings, starting July 12 for five weeks through August 9 from 7 p.m. to around 8:15 and celebrate the biblical significance of water, wine and Word. Join with friends, poolside at the home of Paul & Maryann Ruben, and family, for a brief bible study and fellowship time in celebration of water - H₂O - agua - hydro - or just plain old splashy-stuff. Sign up sheet and more details are at the Welcome Center. Please note: The last session will include a painting project. Please bring \$10 for materials. If you have questions or want more information, talk to Maryann Ruben 440-554-7265. Or e-mail Julie Marlin, jk.marlin@wowway.com

APOLLO'S FIRE, an internationally known baroque orchestra, will be performing a second concert at Avon Lake UCC on **Sunday, July 17, at 3:00 PM**. For tickets and more information go to apollosfire.org

THE AVON LAKE FARMERS MARKET, held at the church, runs every Tuesday, from 3 to 6 pm, through August 30. Make it your weekly stop for items grown and produced here in North East Ohio. Market offerings include berries, produce, fresh-made pies, maple syrup, honey, locally produced soaps, music, and more! Be sure to check out the website at avonlakefarmersmarket.org for special events and weekly specials. Shop local. Be social.

SAVE THE DATE! OPPORTUNITY TO HELP: On Sunday, September 11, we will be joined in worship by Anil Henry, our mission partner in Mungeli, India, and his mother, Nancy Lott Henry, who has spent over 50 years in the mission field in India. Nancy Lott Henry grew up in this church. We will be honoring her that morning for her lifetime of service. We can think of nothing that would mean more to her than a financial gift from this church to the Christian Hospital in Mungeli, India. If you would like to contribute, you may do so during the months of July and August. Write a check to Avon Lake UCC, and mark "India" on the memo line. We look forward to presenting a check on September 11.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 17 - Sr. High Mission Trip Service
- August 7 - Jr. High Mission Trip Service
- August 14 - Backpack Sunday
- August 21 - Church Picnic
- August 27 and 28 - Weekend of Service

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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, 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, and all who are homebound or in residential facilities.

SYMPATHY TO:

- Marta Johns and Brad Ralston on the death of their grandmother, Janet Ralston, May 30
- The family of long time member, Doris Carlson, who died June 9
- Harry Flint on the death of his wife, Virginia, June 10
- Jack Gould on the death of his mother, June 18

NEW ADDITION CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Kirk and Becky Spielmaker on the birth of Cooper Kennedy, born June 2
- Wayne and Gloria Eastman on the birth of their grandson, Daniel Christopher Rose, June 5

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATES:

- Tom Parsons, The Ohio State University
- Jenna Eastman, Kent State University

(Please contact the church office if you have a family member to recognize in the August Drummer)

AUGUST DRUMMER DEADLINE is Monday, July 25. 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. News items/reminders may also be submitted for weekly email updates. If you are not receiving the weekly email update, or would like to submit news for inclusion, please email Tim Schulz at: membership@avonlakeucc.org