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AVON LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Pentecost/Spring Work Day/Senior Recognition

May 23, 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER – Announcements, Joys & Concerns

PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Descent Upon My Heart

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INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I will pour out my spirit on everyone, says the Lord.

P: Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy

L: Those who are old shall dream dreams

P: Those who are young shall see visions

All: Let us worship this God who pours out the Spirit upon us all.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“God of the Sparrow “

No. 272

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*SILENT PRAYER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, you give the Spirit that enables us to live free in your love. Yet, we have continued to live like slaves; called to work with you, we have preferred to bury our talent in the ground; blessed with the vision of your glory, we have remained satisfied with an earthbound faith; offered the truth of your Gospel, we have clung to the half truths that comfort us; invited into your light, we have stayed in the shadows. Yet you are our God still and in never-ending love, you forgive us. If only we would turn to you and seek you! Grant us your grace to do so! We praise and thank you, Almighty God, for your compassion and forgiveness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison)

**Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers;
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love, And that shall kindle ours.**

ANTHEM

Invocation
(Chancel Choir; Doug Day, piano)

Courtney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 167) Numbers 11:24-30 (*The Message* paraphrase)

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERVICE OF STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Come, Holy Spirit

Armsdorf

*DOXOLOGY

No. 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (sung in unison)

**Come Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Matt Wendling

(Children may go out into the foyer during the sermon)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Random Acts of Kindness ceremony

*HYMN

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

No. 316

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 1298)

John 20:19-23

L: ..the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

...With Every Breath We Take

Dr. Bill Lindeman

CELEBRATION OF OUR GRADUATES

(see following page)

LITANY OF CELEBRATION FOR GRADUATES

Leader: Today we recognize the accomplishments of the young people before us who have successfully graduated high school, college and university. They are all beginning a new stage in their lives. We thank God for their participation and contributions to this church, and we recognize that their talents may be used in far reaching places as they move into adulthood. We receive you as young adults, ready to represent Christ and his Church, to bear witness to him, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world and to take your place in the life, worship and governance of the wider Church.

Leader: Will you continue to participate in worship and service to God as a part of your faith and commitment wherever life takes you?

Graduates: We will, with God's help.

Leader: To the congregation of the Avon Lake Presbyterian Church. Will you continue to support and uphold your sons and daughters as they grow in God's love and learn to serve in new ways?

Congregation: We will, with God's help.

Leader and Congregation: May God bless you and keep you every step of your journey as you continue to grow in God's love and serve in God's church. May the Holy Spirit guide you and strengthen you; that you may do God's will in the service of his kingdom all the days of your lives. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon these young people who have been an example to us in work and action, in love and patience and in holiness of life. Give them courage, patience, and vision; strengthen them to witness to the world and to be of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Declaration of Faith

The Spirit enables people to become believers. The Spirit enabled people of all races, classes, and nations to accept the good news of what God had done in Christ, repent of their sins, and enter the community of faith. We testify that today this same Holy Spirit makes us able to respond in faith to the gospel and leads us into the Christian community. The Spirit brings us out of death into life, out of separation into fellowship. The Spirit makes us aware of our sinfulness and need, moves us to abandon our old way of life, persuades us to trust in Christ and adopt his way. In all these things we are responsible for our decisions. But after we have trusted and repented we recognize that the Spirit enables us to hear and act. It is not our faith but God's grace in Jesus Christ that justifies us and reconciles us to God. Yet it is only by faith that we accept God's grace and live by it.

***HYMN**

"Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow"

No. 131

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Penfield

*All who are able may stand

The flowers on the communion table today are given to the Glory of God
in celebration of Pentecost, the birthday of the church.

In awe, we Receive God's Grace and Gospel.
In gratitude, we Respond with Worship and Servanthood.
In love, we Represent Jesus Christ as we minister
to transform lives in family, community and the world.

An FM system is available for those who would appreciate sound amplification. Large print bulletins are also available. Ask an usher.

Welcome to Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

As you join us for worship at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, we hope that you will sense God's presence, be caught up in joyful praise, be challenged by God's Word and leave strengthened to live for Christ in the world. To any who might be worshipping with us for the first time, we extend a special greeting. You are cordially invited to take part in all our church activities.

*We ask that all worshippers sign the Friendship Register
and pass the pad on to the person next to them.*

Parents please note: In the event you need to take a restless infant or child out of the Sanctuary, speaker systems are in both the foyer and the crib room so that you may listen to the worship service.

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Today is Pentecost—Of course one way we celebrate is to share our blessings with others. The Presbytery would like us to remember the youth on this special Christian holiday. Mission Matters, our Session Committee on missions, has designated Glenville New Life Youth program as the recipient of our special offering. They have an ongoing youth ministry involving a variety of activities including dance, choir and summer camp. If you would like to learn more about this church and their youth programs, their website is <http://www.glenvillenewlife.com/>. It is a fun website to visit. (Remember Rev. Toby Gillespie and Got Spirit?) Your check may be made payable to ALPC with Pentecost in the notation.

Today is Spring Work Day—Please **stay after worship to help us beautify the church**. There will be jobs both inside and out. The Deacons will be providing hot dogs for lunch so come and work up an appetite!

Today is the deadline to submit articles for the **summer edition of the newsletter** to Cindi in the church office via e-mail at alpresby@centurytel.net.

The Mission Committee **will be passing out empty grocery bags today**, to collect paper products for the Lorain County Cooperative Ministries. This organization assists homeless and low income people in Lorain County with food, furniture, and other needed supplies. The paper products are not covered by food stamps. Please do not include extra large sizes. The filled bags should be returned to the church by Sunday, June 6th. Questions can be directed to Carol Madson 934-2643.

Child Activity Opportunity: The Christian Education Committee is looking for people who are interested in spending time with the children of our church this summer. We have two great opportunities to choose from that would really benefit our children and also help out our church family. We need volunteers to take the children to the foyer during the sermon and we need volunteers to provide children's sermons during the summer. **There is a sign-up sheet in the table on the foyer.** Please consider volunteering for this important service in the church. For questions, please call Karen Francy at 933-4230.

Thinking of getting your yard ready for spring? Use the Presbyterian Women Coupon (on the table in the foyer) to purchase mulch at the Rock Pile in Avon. Use a gift certificate at Pinehaven Garden Center to purchase plants and supplies. A flat of flowers is \$9.95. Presbyterian Women are selling gift certificates for Pinehaven Garden Center, 39424 Detroit Road, Avon. They are being sold in denominations of \$15 and up. They can be purchased before or after church in the foyer, or contact Penny Helbig at 933-2384.

Food needed: Please don't forget that food donations are always needed to keep the pantry shelves filled at Community Resource Services (CRS). As spring approaches, think of quick and easy meals. Things like tacos, pasta, tuna and even peanut butter and jelly. Don't forget cereal or breakfast bars are appreciated by most families. There is a box in the church foyer for your donations.

Vacation Bible School: This summer ALPC is teaming up with Lakeshore United Methodist Church to present **Galactic Blast!** Our exciting week of adventure and Bible exploration will be held June 21-25 from 9-12 noon at Lake Shore United Methodist Church. LSUMC is located at 33119 Electric Blvd. ALPC and LSUMC are joining together this year and offering classes for preschool through 4th grade. We are greatly in need of youth helpers as well as adult volunteers. Registration forms are located in the foyer. The cost is \$5.00/child. Please register your children ASAP! If you have any questions or are able to volunteer your time, please contact Leslie Knox 930-7287 or kittyrn69@hotmail.com. Please consider helping out during the week. Your presence is priceless as we gather and share the Lord's amazing works with our children.

To help make Galactic Blast (VBS) a great success, we are in need of the following items:

100 paper towel tubes, 200— 8" paper plates, 8 rolls Scotch tape, construction paper (all colors) 600 Styrofoam cups, space stickers, 5 bottles of Elmer's glue, Sequins, and any outer space items you may have

(We can put your name on it and return it after the week is over).

Please Remember in Prayer

Serving in our Armed Forces

Bradley Biddle (Ruth Murphy's grandson), Derek Fabry, Jennifer Homer, Matt Homer, Josh St. Clair, Jamie Waddell, Derek Weeden, Wes Wiblin, Aaron Angel (Scott Hay's niece's husband), Joshua Asire (Fran and Allan Asire's grandson), Tony Carosella (Carolyn Dzuro's nephew), Ben Donberg (a nephew of the Monjots), Michael Foor (Joyce Shramo's grandson), Robert Glover (Carol Eгна's brother), Patrick Harris (Betty Harris' grandson), Richard Hebert (father of Waverly, Grace and Mallory), Ian Houston (a friend of Scott Simmons), Todd and Brett Kirwan (friends of the Wiblin's), Michael Marron (Dina Doughtry's son-in-law), Ben Donberg and Jaina Donberg (Mark Monjot's nephew and wife), Kevin Poyer (friend of the Lawson family), Joshua Reichlin (Ken Reichlin's nephew), Ryan and Kevin Tinsley (Nancy McBride's grandsons) and Adam Usher (Kay Usher's grandson).

Joys

Rebecca Barnes-Davies, Mary Esther Barnes' granddaughter, won the Angell Award from the Presbyterian Writers' Guild for the best book published by a first time author (**50 Ways to Help Save the Earth**). Our own Presbyterian Women's group is scheduling a time to have her come and talk to all that are interested here at ALPC.

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Interim Minister	Bill Lindeman
Pastor Emeritus	Alfred A. Hart
Director of Music	Muriel Homer
Youth Director	Linda Duffy
Office Administrator	Cindi Dansizen
Treasurer	Marcy Uhl
Coffee Servers	Nancy and Skip Albrecht
Greeters	Cami and Brian Winter
Head Usher	Gary Matthews
Ushers	Rae Matthews, Mircea and Susan Vasu
	Jackie and Paul Butrey
Sound Room	Larry Madson
Worship Assistant	Beth Shoemaker

Random Acts of Kindness

Today is the day we celebrate Pentecost – the day God gave us the gift of His Holy Spirit. Today is also the day we conclude our “Random Acts of Kindness” experiment. After today, we won’t be putting glass gems in the fish bowl anymore and we won’t be recording our acts of kindness on a form to be placed in the offering plate. Today, we take the physical experiment and lift it up to God, thanking Him for the opportunity to form new habits and asking Him to help us maintain those habits and grow greater habits. Today, we ask God to help us continue to be receptive to the new thing His Holy Spirit is always doing in our lives. Today, and every day we pray:

When we think to send a card, etc., may the Spirit help us fit it in to our already crazy schedule.

When we have that split second chance to reach out and help, may the Spirit give us extra courage to act.

When we are aware of a special need, may the Spirit give us the creativity to be a blessing.

When we have offended someone, may the Spirit help us be aware so that we can ask forgiveness.

When we are offended, may the Spirit help us forgive.

When we are quick to judge, may the Spirit fill us with compassion instead.

When we are seeing what is wrong with a situation, may the Spirit point out to us how God works for good in all things.

When we wake up in the morning, may the Spirit remind us to spend the day with God.

Youth Mission Trips Fundraiser

\$3 a Mile Sponsorship

Jr. Highs (Grades 6-8): “The Great Escape” in Cleveland, TN

June 20—26, 2010

with John Knox Presbyterian Church

Sr. Highs: Calais, Maine (Coastal Maine)

July 24—31, 2010

with Dover Congregational UCC

This fundraiser works much like sponsoring a marathon runner, in that you simply donate a set amount of money per mile that we will travel on the trips. According to our calculations, we will be traveling a total of about two thousand miles, there and back. If we get all two thousand miles sponsored, we will be able to travel to our mission trip destinations, participate, work, learn more about God and ourselves, and come back home safely.

How can you sponsor our youth and support their drive to grow and help others?

You can sponsor any number of miles by cash or check that is made out to Avon Lake Presbyterian Church. Make sure that in the memo section on your check you write how many miles you are sponsoring and that it is for the Youth Mission Trips. For example, if I wanted to sponsor 15 miles, I would make the check out for \$45.00, and in the memo line, write, “15 miles, Youth Mission Trips.”

Check out the map in the foyer each week as we make our way to our destinations and back by donations.

A High School Youth or two will be in the foyer after the worship service to answer any questions you may have about this fundraiser. They are also there to accept your wonderful donation!

This Week at the Church

Sunday Morning

The Wired Word Adult Study— *“God, the Bible and Oil Spills in the Gulf”* will be in Room 3 (Session Room) after worship.

Healing Ministry Adult Study will be in the library after worship.

Spring Work Day begins with lunch in Hart Hall after worship.

Monday, May 24

The Walking Group will meet at 9:00 am in the church office.

Presbytery Meeting will be at 5:00 pm in Willoughby.

The Stewardship Prayer Group will meet at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Tuesday, May 25

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 11:00 am in the Session Room.

Men’s Lunch Group will meet at noon in the church office.

Girl Scouts will meet at 6:30 pm in the back of Hart Hall.

The Circle of Friends will meet at 6:30 pm at Legacy.

Together on Tuesday will have a potluck at the Janis home at 6:30 pm.
(Call 933-5521 for where.)

Wednesday, May 26

The Walking Group will meet at 9:00 am in the church office.

The Bell Choir will meet at 6:45 pm in the church foyer.

The Chancel Choir will meet at 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Thursday, May 27

Circle of Love will meet at Debbie Stueber’s home for a salad and dessert potluck at 1:00 pm.

Friday, May 28

The Walking Group will meet at 9:00 am in the church office.

The Saints Alive Folding Group will meet at 10:00 am in Room 3.

The Job Seekers Group will meet at 3:30 pm in the Session Room.

The Scottish Dancers will meet at 6:45 pm in Hart Hall.

Saturday, May 29

The Avon Lake Baccalaureate will be held at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Saturday, May 30, at 6:30 pm.

Sunday, May 30

The Avon Lake High School Commencement will be at 2:00 pm.

What's Happening With Our High School Seniors

Grace Kimberly Brunner's proud parents are David Brunner and Karen Ihms. She has participated four years in the Marching Band, four years in the Symphonic Band, four years in the Avon Lake High School Choirs, two years in the Pep Band and is a Member of the Patriot Orchestra. Her special interests are music, reading, art and good friends. Grace will begin her college degree at LCCC and then she will go to Cincinnati University.

Kevin Brunner's proud parents are David and Diane Brunner. He was a four year varsity wrestler and a two time MVW at Avon Lake High School. He presently holds the career win record of 138 wins and the career pin record of 92 pins. Kevin will continue his wrestling at Lake Erie College where he will be pursuing a degree in education.

Katy Chase's proud parents are Jim and Chris Chase. Katy is a Honors Graduate earning many academic awards. During High School, she was a member of the Girls Jr. Varsity and Varsity Tennis Teams earning a Varsity Letter. She participated in Student Council, National Honors Society, Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Track & Field, Spanish Club, Drama Club and Ski Club. She performed Dance - Hip Hop, Jazz and Ballet from 2000 to 2007. Katy has earned a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. Katy was involved with CRS, Habitat for Humanity, Homeless Stand Down, Wigs for Kids and American Red Cross. Interests include: Tennis, Skiing, Crafts/Jewelry making, Reading and Travel. This summer she will be going on a school trip to France and Spain. Katy will attend Miami University majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Adam Ciarrone's proud parents are Mike and Sandi Ciarrone. During his school years, Adam played Soccer, Hockey, Basketball, Football and Track. Jr. Varsity and Varsity Letters in both Football and Track. He was a Honor Roll student throughout Jr. High and Sr. High. For the last three years Adam has worked as a certified Lifeguard. He participated in Habitat for Humanity in Cleveland, Church Mission projects and attended many of our church events with Youth Net during High School. He was very involved with Relay for Life as a Sr. Shoremen athlete. Adam's interests include skydiving, jet skiing, guitar, music and having fun with his family and friends. Adam will attend Kent State University studying Aviation. He will participate in Air Force ROTC with plans to become a pilot.

Logan Crist's proud parents are Terry and Michele Crist. Logan's hobbies are Snow Boarding, Boating, and Jet Skiing. Sports: Soccer, Football, Pole Vaulting and Diving. Diving : Southwest Conference Champions and State Competition 2009 and 2010. Work with Habitat for Humanity and the Race for the Cure. Logan will attend the University of Colorado at Boulder majoring in Physics.

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What's Happening With Our High School Seniors

Jessica Dawe's proud parents are Steve and Julie Dawe. She will be attending The Ohio State University. She is interested in predentistry.

Corey Galloway's proud parents are Todd and Sue Galloway. Corey is a ALHS Distinguished Scholar. Corey is a Four Year Varsity Letter Recipient and 2009 Team MVP Avon Lake Boys Soccer. He loves Poetry and Alternative Music. He will attend Columbia College-Chicago, majoring in Creative Writing.

Katelyn Mackie's proud parents are Jon and Vicki Mackie. Katie is a member of the National Honor Society and holds the office of secretary. She is the Vice President of the Future Business Leaders of America and the Treasurer of the Pep Club. During her four years at the Avon Lake High School, she was a cheerleader. During her senior year, she became the Varsity Captain. She also was on the ALHS Competition Cheerleading squad for four years winning two SWC titles and two National titles. She has also participated in other activities and clubs such as the Varsity Club, Key Club, and Spanish Club. She is an active member of the Avon Lake Chorale. In the community, Katie has participated in many service projects. Some of those include "Smiles for Sophie" (a fundraiser for pediatric brain cancer), Relay for Life and organizing a garage sale to benefit "Love A Stray." In church, Katie enjoyed volunteering in the toddler room for many years. After graduation, Katie will attend Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio, where she plans to pursue a degree in Business and Marketing.

Michael Magyar's proud parents are Gary and Lori Magyar. Michael is a member of the National Honor Society, Varsity Club, and Model UN member. He participated in Varsity Basketball, Varsity Track. He has volunteered at Avon Lake Community Resource Services. His interests are Computers, Music, Movies and Sports. Mike will be attending Miami University to study International Affairs and Russian.

Adam Mills' proud parents are John and Margre Lind Mills. Adam received Academic letters, distinguished Scholar, Varsity letters ALHS soccer and is a member of Cleveland United U16 State Cup Championship soccer team. He loves playing and watching soccer, especially FC Barcelona and Columbus Crew, customizing x-box game controller (Custom360pro.com). Adam will be attending the University of Dayton, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Greg Stephens' proud parents are Mike and Leslie Stephens. Greg has played both Basketball and Baseball throughout all his school years. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Varsity Club. He is a Red Cross Certified Lifeguard working for the city of Avon Lake. Greg will attend Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA, studying Intelligence Analysis.

High School Seniors (continued)

Trent Thompson's proud parents are Todd and Peggy Thompson. He graduates Summa Cum Laude. In Football – Quarterback & Free Safety, 1st team All-County, 1st team all-SWC, 2nd team All-District awards, Basketball – Point Guard, Honorable Mention All-County and Honorable Mention SWC, Baseball – Pitcher & 3rd Base Honorable Mention All-SWC, Member of National Honor Society, Varsity Club and Chorale. He was involved with the Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity in Cleveland and was Co-Captain of Relay for Life team. Trent enjoys, music, playing guitar and hanging out with friends. He will be attending Ohio State University, majoring in Business Administration.

Congratulations Grade XIII

Matt Dickey will be graduating from the University of Virginia on Sunday May 23, 2010 at 10:00 am on The Lawn. He is a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the Distinguished Major of Political and Social Thought as well as a degree in Economics. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Raven Society, the oldest honor society at University of Virginia which recognizes superior academic and extra-curricular achievement. After graduation, Matt plans to backpack through Europe.

Jenni Janis is graduating from Ohio State University with a bachelors in Human Development and Family Science with a minor in Education. Jen has been an RA (residence advisor) since her sophomore year! She begins Grad School at OSU two days after graduation to earn her Masters in Education. She would like to teach elementary school, hoping for Kindergarten.

Sam Janis graduated in December 2009 from University of Toledo. He received his Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently employed at C.D.I. in Avon.

Laura Jungermann graduated from Bowling Green State University with an Early Childhood Education Degree. She is going to stay with her sister Susan for a few days when Susan has her new baby. Then she's going on to help her grandmother in Cape Cod when she has cataract surgery. After helping the family, she will be going to Italy for 10 days! Her mom, Charlyne, wants to bring to everyone's attention that she needs a job as a teacher in Early Childhood Education!

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Grade XIII... (continued)

Matt Magyar is graduating with Honors in June from the Ohio State University with a Bachelors of Science in Biomedical Science as well as minors in English and Spanish. He has recently defended his Honors Thesis which focused on his research with cardiac protein. After graduation, Matt looks forward to pursuing a career in medicine.

Jacob Micsak graduated from Cornell University in December, 2009. He graduated with a degree in Hotel Administration. While attending Cornell, Jacob became a Resident Advisor for two years and he joined the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. Currently, he is employed by Citi Bank in Downtown Cleveland.

Please note the summer hours for the church office will begin June 7:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 8:00 am until 4:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am until noon

Friday: Closed