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“A Glimpse”

The groups and activities described in this booklet are examples of our congregation’s efforts to live our church’s mission statement. We hope that all our members find an avenue to share their talents and interests to further God’s Kingdom here on Earth.

Mission Statement

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.

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SESSION COMMITTEES

Christian Education Ministry

The growth, life and future of the Church belong to our children. The Christian Education Committee is responsible for developing programs and curriculum so our congregation may learn more about Jesus and our faith.

Communications Taskforce

The objective of the Communications Taskforce is to find new ways to communicate God's word and our church activities to the members of ALPC and the community at large. Since its inception, the taskforce has coordinated the Church Member survey, worked to redesign the church website, www.AvonLakePC.org, and is continually working to use various media outlets to inform and to invite people into our family of faith.

The Endowment Committee

This committee is responsible for building and developing the fund in order to create new opportunities for ALPC; opportunities that can lead to new mission, building and grounds and/or programs for our church and community.

Finance Committee

The Church is a non-profit organization; however, a church requires adequate funds to support projects, programs and the overall mission of the Church and community. With this comes budgets, expenses, bank accounts, insurance and financial operations of an active and growing organization.

Human Resources Committee

The HR Committee is responsible for developing compensation and benefit programs for the ALPC staff, Associate Pastor and Pastor, as well as conducting evaluative reviews to assist staff members to achieve their potential.

Membership / Leadership Development Team

The Membership Leadership Development Team (MLDT) welcomes new members into ALPC by developing and leading Meaning of Membership (M.O.M.) classes for those interested in joining our church family. In addition, the MLDT offers resources for the training and development of leadership in the church.

Mission Matters Committee

The Mission Committee leads the mission projects for the Church. The Mission Committee is directly responsible for the development of new service programs and the support of our many activities and mission projects connecting our congregation with the outside world.

SESSION COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of recommending members for election to the Session and Board of Deacons, matching individual interests and skills to needs and vacancies.

Property Committee

The ALPC is very fortunate to have 16,000 square feet of classrooms, offices, two kitchens, a fellowship hall, sanctuary, furniture and office equipment and 8.2 acres of beautiful property. The Property Committee is responsible for all facilities, including upkeep, maintenance, repairs, code compliance and renovation.

Stewardship Ministry

The Stewardship Ministry spearheads the annual pledge process for ALPC. The Stewardship Ministry combines tithing directly to the Church with our responsibility as Christians to give of our gifts and talents to serve the Lord.

Worship & Spiritual Life Committee

The Worship & Spiritual Life Committee has the challenging and exciting task of enhancing the ALPC worship experience by enhancing existing traditions and developing innovative programs to stimulate spiritual growth.

Session Committee Group Contacts

Clerk of Session: Shirley Hook
 Christian Education: Michele Cold
 Communications: Craig Young
 Endowment & Finance: Bob Ralston
 Human Resources: Dina Doughtry
 Membership/Leadership: Mark Bennett
 Mission: Bill Hamilton
 Nominating: Terry Linick
 Property: Dick Francis
 Stewardship: Lee Lohr/Arlene Strauch
 Worship & Spiritual Life: Craig Young

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Grade XIII

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church's youth are a very special group and are nurtured by the congregation through their formative years. But after high school, new careers, military service or college separate these young adults from us. Grade XIII is a small group committed to maintaining a link between the church and ALPC's high school graduates.

Grade XIII Committee Contacts

Sue Galloway, Charlyne Jungermann, Lori Magyar, Deb Reichlin and Laura Simmons

DEACON COMMITTEES

Fellowship Committee

This committee is responsible for planning and hosting events that involve the entire congregation during the year. No sporting event, social activity, celebration, or recreational activity is out of the question.

Visitation & Outreach Committee

The Visitation and Outreach Committee is directly responsible to touch base with first-time visitors to ALPC, specifically, to welcome visitors and help them feel at home. Other important activities include visiting members who have been absent for an extended time and calling on members that are ill or unable to attend worship for any reason.

SPECIAL GROUPS

LOFT / Alternative Holiday Market

The LOFT group (Living Our Faith Together) has a specific goal of supporting various missions in an extraordinary way, and is dedicated at finding new ways to help people and support programs to share our blessings. During the Christmas holiday season, the Alternative Holiday Market provides an opportunity for you to give the gift of Mission, instead of that loud tie or distinctive perfume. Volunteers run the market and “shoppers” are warmly welcomed.

SPECIAL GROUPS

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir provides special music several times a year, greatly enhancing the worship service. In addition, the Bell Choir is also invited to perform with other churches and organizations periodically throughout the year.

Chancel Choir

Music inspires the soul and heightens the worship experience. The Chancel Choir makes a wonderful contribution to ALPC every Sunday of the month. They sing inspirational anthems and lead the congregation in the hymns. Chancel Choir renditions range from traditional to contemporary, a-cappella to full accompaniment.

Cord of Three Strands (Couples Group)

A chance for adult fellowship and some calm hours to share and discuss some of the common joys, challenges, issues and aggravations we have as adults. This group enjoys socializing and good fellowship.

Cord of Three Strands Contact: Gary & Rae Matthews

Co-ed - wide demographic in ages
Meets 1st Friday of month at 7:30 prompt
Meet at alternating member's homes
Xmas at a restaurant, summer picnic

SPECIAL GROUPS

Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network

This special mission project of the church hosts homeless families for supper, evening activities, beds at night and breakfast. During the day, the children attend school while their parents are helped at a center to find affordable housing, and jobs, if needed.

Junior & Senior High Youth Net

This group is truly a Christian fellowship opportunity for junior high and senior high youth. Fellowship, Bible study and mission work are all rolled into one active and energetic group. These can be difficult years, and Youth Net can provide support for our young members who face fresh opportunities and challenging decisions every day.

Prayer Tree

A group committed to seeking comfort and strength for many of the concerns of our congregation. Explore the power of prayer and develop a closer relationship by talking with Jesus. This group's specific purpose is to comfort our members in times of need by supporting them through prayer.

Men's Lunch Group

The Men's group is comprised of outgoing gentlemen who enjoy getting together regularly to discuss a wide variety of topics and issues. The purpose of the group is simply to provide an environment for fellowship and to develop meaningful relationships. Share with others and experience the spirit of the Lord.

YOUR OWN GROUP

Have an idea for a new group? Do you have a special talent or gift that you would like to share with others? Arts & crafts, electronics, home theater, videos, sports, design, or another hobby? Most of ALPC's groups and activities have started from a person just like you....someone interested in sharing talents or expanding knowledge or information about a topic or subject! We encourage you to explore interests and expand your hobbies with ALPC. To start a small group, just talk with Rev. Tom Robinson.



Presbyterian Women

All women of the Church are members of this organization and are welcome to participate in any or all of the numerous activities. PW has six Circles that meet as small groups for study, prayer, fellowship and mission. (Circle of; Friends, Hope, Love, Ruth, SMILES, Sarah and Serendipity Circle). Presbyterian Women hold fundraisers to support a number of mission efforts, both local and international.

Join a Small Group gathering for Christian Fellowship and Study!

Groups meeting for Christian Fellowship:

Cord of Three Strands
Care and Share Circle
Serendipity Circle

Groups meeting for Study and Christian Fellowship:

50 Day Spiritual Adventure
Circle of Smiles
Ruth Circle
Sarah Circle
Circle of Love
Circle of Hope
Together on Tuesdays
Circle of Friends

Group meeting with specific mission:

Transitional Leadership Coalition
(Art Hook)

Fifty Day Spiritual Adventure –

**two groups (Rudd/Cold)
(Francy/Kneiss/Taylor)**

Co-ed - wide demographic in ages
Started with an intense focus
in deepening faith

Format is socializing, sharing, study

Sarah Circle (Judy McCain)

Distinguishing feature -

Continuity and hegemony

All their kids are in high school /college -

group has been together for awhile

Meets 2nd Wednesday of month at 7 p.m.

(alternate homes/discussion leaders)

Book for 2008-2009 is a “Hop, Skip and
Jump Through the Bible”

Format is socializing, discussion, dessert

Mission: basket for Faith House

Ruth Circle (Carol Nussle)

Distinguishing feature:

all relative newcomers

Wide demographic in ages present

(30 years to 80 years)

Meet 3rd Tuesday of the month at

Carol Nussle’s house

Book for 2008-2009 “Hop, Skip and
Jump Through the Bible”

Mission: basket for Faith House

and desserts for the Food Co-op

Small Groups

Circle of Smiles (Karen Francy)

Wide demographic in ages – 30 year span
Meet 2nd Tuesday of the month with a
potluck in December
(alternate homes/discussion leaders)
Book for 2008-2009 is
Bad Girls of the Bible
Friendship and fellowship
Mission: basket for Faith house

Circle of Love (Kathy Navarro)

Ages range from 50's – 80's.
Carpooling available.
Meet the 4th Thursday of the month
at 7:30 p.m. (alternate houses)
Format is socializing, studying a
book/discuss with bibles
Book: read one chapter a month
Pick new book in January
Mission: Alternative Holiday Market,
donation to Ovarian Cancer,
also meals for member's surgeries

Circle of Hope (Arlene Strauch)

Wide demographic in ages –
have added a lot of new members recently
Distinguishing feature:
positive attitude and retired
One Wednesday a month from
9:30 am – 11 a.m. at the church
Book for 2008 – 2009 is
Max Lucero's 3:16 – John –
The Numbers of Hope
Format is fellowship with discussion
of Christianity
Mission: basket for Presbyterian
Women's mission

Care & Share Circle (Lois Bayley)

Ages 60 – 90
Lunch the 2nd Tuesday of the month
Fun, fellowship, and socializing

Serendipity Circle (Cindi Dansizen)

Strengths: member support and mission
Meets last Tuesday of the month
Redecorated the crib room, church office
and plans to improve
other rooms in the church

**Please check the church
Directory for names and phone
numbers of
Committee chairs and
Small Group Representatives.
The Directory is printed
every month and
copies are on the table
in the foyer of the church.**

Sunday Worship
9:30 & 11:00 am
(440) 933-6240

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Pastor	Tom Robinson
Pastor Emeritus	Alfred A. Hart
Dir. of Music	Muriel Homer
Dir. of CE	Carolyn Dzuro
Financial Secy	Sharon Pervo
Int. Youth Dir.	Beau Dansizen