



Saints Alive!

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Sunday, April 6

Congregational Meeting at 11:00 am

Sunday, April 13

Emerson Wilson Preaching Lunch in Hart Hall

The International Mission Team invites you to a light lunch and question and answer session Sunday April 13 at 12:00 in Hart Hall with our special guests Emerson and Martina Wilson from Shalom Presbyterian Church in Estelí, Nicaragua. We look forward to seeing you at this informal gathering.

Thursday, April 17

Cornerstone Book Fair

Cornerstone Preschool, located in our building during the school year, will be hosting a Book Fair on Thursday, April 17, from 3:00—8:00 pm in Hart Hall. Borders Books will be supplying quality books and materials at great prices for children of all ages. In addition, two children's authors will be in attendance to sign their books and read to the children. All are welcome to attend! Questions, call Nancy Bruder, Director of Cornerstone Preschool (933-7646).

Famine Lock-in, April 18 –19

Youth Net—7:00 pm, April 19 through 8:00 am April 19. Don't miss it! Contact Nicholas Yoda (440-258-0691)

April 26

PW Line Dancing

Heartland Sundancers will teach all ages line dancing in Hart Hall

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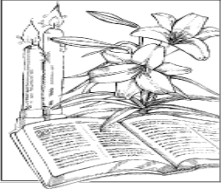
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**Have a great idea
for worship?
Come Share it at
our Praise Sharing
meeting in the
Sanctuary
Tuesday, April 15
7:00 pm**



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**Please join us April 27 at the 11:00 am worship service for the Ordination
and Installation of our new church officers.**



Message from Pastor Tom

With Easter Sunday well behind us (at least compared to most years), we have the whole month of April to reflect on ways that resurrection breaks into our lives.

A clean bill of health for someone who has been sick as long as anyone can remember? Sounds like resurrection to me.

A marriage that was on the rocks but now through a lot of prayer and work the love that seemed to flicker is burning bright again - resurrection? Definitely.

A church that had been floundering finds a new reason for being as it ministers not only to its members but to the community around it. Could that be resurrection? Why not?

There are all kinds of ways to see, hear, feel, touch, taste resurrection. Sometimes it comes directly to us. Sometimes it comes so close that we feel the impact. Sometimes it happens to another person far away, but the energy behind it inspires us.

Hope springs eternal, the saying goes, but resurrection is something different. Resurrection is life where there was death, hope where there was despair, faith where there was disbelief.

But resurrection – real, true, authentic resurrection – also has that spiritual dimension to it. It is not new life given for the sake of new life. It is new life given to bring us closer to the Source of Life.

It is new life given in such a way that we find ourselves breathless by the intimate touch of God breaking into our worlds and our lives. That's why spring is a great season to talk about resurrection. We see it all over the place. Some plants that looked utterly dead a few weeks ago burst forth into life. Trees that were devoid of any color are now in a display of hues that almost hurt our eyes.

But we may know that this is the way the natural world works. We see its beauty and its wonder, but we have seen it before, in other springs. Resurrection, when it is true resurrection, is not the same old thing, the same old way. Resurrection – when it is true resurrection – is the unmistakable new thing that God is doing in our lives, around our beings, within our souls.

Throughout the season of Easter I will be preaching on “Identification with Jesus.” The season of Easter is a great time to check out our lives and to see where our identification with Jesus, our connecting links with Jesus, are helping us to see and experience resurrection.

May you not only see resurrection, but may it embrace you in its life-giving and life-renewing wonder.

Grace and peace,
Tom

Stewardship Corner

“People learn from one another, just as iron sharpens iron.”

Throughout the recently completed “50 Day Adventure,” author Dan Lupton presented much to think about in becoming “People of Promise.” One of the key themes that struck a chord with me was that throughout the “Adventure,” the value of establishing and growing Christian relationships in family, church, and community was highlighted as being so important to our faith journeys.

It’s not easy to live a Christian life. Imperfect as we are, we often stumble along the way. We know that God is there if we will let him help us, but God doesn’t always respond directly when we ask His support. Just as God provides us with different spiritual gifts to further His work, He uses us to support each other throughout our Christian journeys. Paul told the Galatians in his letter to them that they should help each other understand, and stay on the spiritual path and help each other in times of need. In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote “When you meet for worship, one person has a hymn, another a teaching, another a revelation from God, another a message in strange tongues, and still another the explanation of what is said.”

It’s not the building, the programs, or even the pastors and staff that define Avon Lake Presbyterian Church and its ministry. It is the Church family; each of us working together and responding with the same love that Christ has for us, within the building, within the programs, and in support of the pastors and staff. The different gifts God provides each of us are intended to be used to complete the tapestry that is His Kingdom. In order for sports teams to be successful, all players on the team must perform their roles within the whole team, and they fill these roles based upon the skills and talents they have. When players are missing, the team very often struggles to be successful. So it is with our journeys of faith.

I love my church family. I love that you help me with my faith journey in ways you may never know, but by your presence and participation in my life through our Christian faith and our church, you do help. I miss you when you are not present; I miss you when I am not present.

In Revelation, God, through His angel, tells John to tell the church at Ephesus, “.....you don’t love me or each other as you did at the first.” With our increasingly busy lives, with tugs in so many directions, let’s not forget to nurture our Christian relationships by participating in the life of the Church so that we all may strengthen our relationships with God.

Gary Matthews *for the* Stewardship Committee

Meaning Of Membership

The Winter 2008 “Meaning of Membership” (MOM) workshop series is scheduled to take place on three Sundays, April 20, 27 and May 4. The workshops are held from 10:35 am – noon. The MOM workshops are a way for people who are new to our church community to get to know us and each other. Participation in the workshops does not mean you have to join, but we are always open to new members bringing their own perspectives and gifts to our church family. If YOU are interested in church membership or just want to know more about it, you are invited to call the church office at 933-6240 to reserve a seat at the Winter MOM workshops. New members will be received into our church family on Sunday, May 18, 2008, at the 9:30 am worship service.

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.

Session Highlights

At their March meeting, the Session was lead in devotions by Dina Doughtry.

Heard:

- ◆ that 196 persons received Sunday communion in March
- ◆ the February financial report
- ◆ the officer retreat will be May 10 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm
- ◆ that the Dorcas Ministry of care and compassion will be dedicated on Easter Sunday
- ◆ that new member classes will be held in April
- ◆ the reports of the committees

Voted

- ◆ to approve the February minutes
- ◆ for Tom Robinson to baptize Bowen and Parker Dansizen, children of Beau and Amy Dansizen on April 27, Elder Dina Doughtry will represent the Session
- ◆ to hold a Congregational Meeting on April 6 for the purpose of electing an Elder and Deacon
- ◆ to elect Marcy Uhl, Treasurer and Virginia Lockmeyer, Clerk for 2008-2009

Virginia Lockmeyer
Clerk of Session



SonWorld Adventure Park – VBS 2008

June 9-13 9am – noon

**“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.”
Joshua 24:15**

In a world presented with many opportunities, can our children make choices based on the Christian faith? Are they taught to make the choice that Jesus would make? Do our children know how to choose Jesus in their daily lives? This year's VBS will help children make the choice that brings real everlasting joy and true happiness – choosing Jesus Christ as their Savior. Children (ages 4 – 6th grade) will have a great time singing, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. But most importantly, they'll discover more about who Jesus is and about some important choices everyone has to make. There will be a Closing Program on Friday, June 13th at 11:00 followed by a family picnic.

Registration begins April 6th—the cost is \$5 per child

Sign up forms are on the VBS table in the church foyer or in the church office

Put completed form and fee in VBS box

Registration must be in by June 1st

To make this event happen, we need volunteers to be a part of SonWorld Adventure Park in many areas including decorating, missions, Bible teaching, crafts, recreation games, skits, snacks and nursery/toddler care. It won't take too much of your time and the reward of watching children become followers of Jesus is priceless! This will be one of the greatest opportunities you will have to make a difference in the lives of children as you serve the Lord by sharing His Good News. There is something for everyone. If you are interested in learning more about how you can be a part of this exciting experience contact Carolyn Dzuro at 933-6240 (church), 216-268-9488 (cell), or cjdzuro@peoplepc.com.

Financial Report

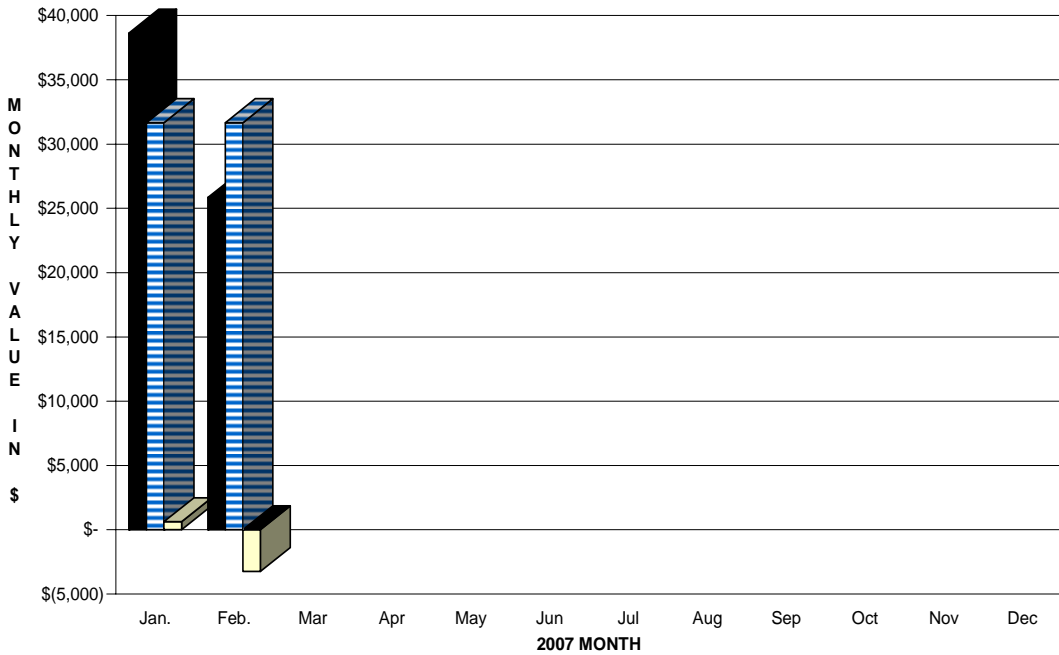
We have fallen into the red in February. We have a \$3,253 deficit as of the end of the month. There are no areas that stand out from the expenditure side other than the utilities and this is not unexpected as this is the highest cost period for these expenses as we heat the buildings in the winter months. Please keep up the good level of giving and we should be okay as we move into the warmer months.

We have collected \$5,539 for Per Capita through February versus our projection of \$5,500 in the budget. Thanks to all of you who have given, and there is still time for others to give to help us further exceed our goal.

As always if you have any questions or suggestions please see me at church or give me a call.

Bob Ralston, Finance Committee

2008 ALPC FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



■ Pledges & Loose Plate Actual ■ Pledges & Loose Plate Budget □ Year to Date Excess/Deficit

ARE YOU USING AUTOMATIC BANK WITHDRAWAL TO FULFILL YOUR PLEDGE?

If so, you will no longer be receiving envelope packets. Therefore, for Per Capita and the special Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Offerings you will need to use a pew envelope and mark your check and the envelope with those designations.

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ADULT STUDY Sundays at 11am

The WiredWORD

At 11:00 am on Sundays, a group of adults meet in room 3 to discuss "The Wired Word" curriculum. Every Thursday or Friday this curriculum emails a Bible study based on a headline story from that week's newspaper to every student listed with the subscription. The person who will be leading the study then has a couple of days to prepare the lesson and everyone else in the class has a chance to think about the lesson. And if you're not signed up – no problem – just come and enjoy the discussion. If you enjoy the program and decide to join in, your email address can be added to the subscription at no extra cost. Every week there will be a new headline with a new subject to discuss.

Feel free to check it out at
www.thewiredword.com.

READY! SET! DANCE!



The Heartland Sundancers will be teaching us ALL line dancing on Saturday April 26. Presbyterian Women invites everyone to join us for a night of fun, food and fellowship. Tickets are \$5 each and will be sold on Sunday April 6, 13, and 20. Everyone is invited!



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CHURCH OFFICER RETREAT MAY 10, 2008 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM AT ROCKY RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**ALL OFFICERS AND STAFF
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**



Avon Lake Presbyterian Women '08 Plant Sale

It's that time of year again...

and spring is almost here!

Once again ALPW will be holding their annual plant sale. All proceeds from this sale will go to fund our many missions. Our own Mark & Kelly

Eisaman of PINE KNOLL GARDENS will be our supplier. The plant sale will be handled differently this year. You simply place your order with us and the plants will be ordered and delivered straight to the church. You will come to church and pick up your entire order in one place, on one day! How easy is that? No more running around trying to find all your favorite plants and colors! You will be supporting ALPW and PINE KNOLL GARDENS owner and church members, Mark and Kelly Eisaman. Look for the easy to use order form enclosed inside this newsletter. Fill it out and bring it to church on April 13th, 20th or 27th.

PW will have a table set up to assist you on these Sunday's in-between services from 10:30 - 10:55.

Last day to turn in your order form will be April 29th by 3 pm.

Sandi Ciarrone 933-7054 PINE KNOLL GARDENS 930-7463

ALPWPLANTSALE@OH.RR.COM

Order forms can be sent via e-mail! Send your request to the address above.



Moving?

If you are planning on moving, please let the church office know so we as a congregation can have an opportunity to say good-bye during a church service before you leave.

Any questions, call 440-933-6240.

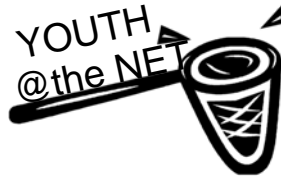
Presbyterian Women

Circles continue to meet monthly. Their schedule is listed below. If you are someone who might be interested in joining a Circle, please call Lee Lohr (934-6757) or the church office (933-6240).

- Tuesday, April 8, at 12:30 pm at Athena’s..... Care & Share
- Tuesday, April 8, at 7:00 pmCircle of SMILES
- Wednesday, April 9, at 7:00 pm at JoAnn Wainscott’s.....Sarah Circle
- Thursday, April 17, E-mail meeting Presbyterian Women Board**
- Tuesday, April 15, at 6:30 pm at Carol Nussle’sRuth Circle
- Wednesday, April 16, at 9:30 am in the church libraryCircle of Hope
- Tuesday, April 22, at 7:30 pm in the church library Circle of Friends
- Tuesday, April 22, at 7:30 pm in the church officeSerendipity Circle
- Thursday, April 24, at 7:30 pm, at Anna Allen Ruoff’s Circle of Love



We are looking for donations of interior semi-gloss paint (rainbow colors) for Vacation Bible School to paint murals. If you are able to make a donation, please contact Carolyn at church (933-6240).



Join us Every Wednesday Night

Middle School 6:00—7:00 pm

Dinner for all youth—7:00—7:30 pm

High School 7:30—8:30 pm

April Youth Net:

April 2 — Bible study

April 9— Dinner and Movie Night at the Ciarrone's, 125 Avon Point
Dinner at 6:00 pm, Movie—6:30—8:30 pm

April 16— Bible study

April 18 & 19—Famine Lock-in 7:00 pm— 8:00 am

April 23— Game Night at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church with
Avon Lake United Church of Christ
Time change: 6:00—8:00 pm

April 30— Bible study

Youth Net Leadership Team Meeting:

April 20 after the 11:00 am service



SPRING RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

April 10th 2008

9 am – 4 pm



We welcome an extra hour of daylight and the smell of spring is in the air. That winter chill and those *memorable snow storms* have left us anxious for warm sunny days. This welcome change puts us in the mood to tackle our spring clean- up. You can bring all those gathered items you don't use anymore to the Presbyterian Women's Annual Spring Rummage/Bake Sale. This special event is PW's biggest fundraiser, so we need your many donations to make it a success. All the proceeds from the sale help so many people in need locally, nationally and internationally.

You can bring your Rummage Sale items (gently used & in good repair) to Hart Hall starting Sunday, April 6th after 12:00 noon. You can continue to bring your donations through Tuesday, April 8th by 8:30 pm. Bake sale items should be brought to the church kitchen anytime Wednesday, April 9th or early Thursday morning before the sale.

You can help make the task of organizing the items for the sale by:

- Labeling & grouping clothing by size and gender
- Marking bedding size -- King, queen, full or twin
- Screening items for those that are not in useable condition
(Is it soiled or would you buy it)
- Putting items out that you bring, if you have the available time

It is best to refrain from bringing old computers and old suitcases; from past experience they just don't sell.

Helpers are always needed. Workers are needed to sort and price items the four days prior to the sale. Volunteers are **“especially”** needed to work the day of the sale. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Morway (934-0148).

Help to make the Rummage Sale a huge success!!!
The Rummage Sale Team appreciates all your support.

Grade XIII Seniors Spread Their Wings



It has been said that the best things parents can give their children are roots and wings. We give our children roots by providing them with a loving home life and nourishing food, by caring for their health, keeping them safe, and by sharing our faith. We surround them with family, pets, friends, books and music. We give our children wings by introducing them to the marvels and the miracles of the world, at the same time offering them direction and coping mechanisms to prepare them for flight. Actually letting them use those wings... allowing them to choose their own route, watching them struggle for a bit and then fly off... is often more challenging. But I am assured by those older and wiser that both parents and children survive these experiences. These two young members of Grade XIII are excellent examples:

Mallory Monjot, daughter of Mike and Cheryl Monjot, is a senior at the Ohio State University where her major is Speech and Hearing Science. Mallory enjoys living in her Chi Omega sorority house. She observes, "It is wonderful to be able to be so close with 100 very different and unique girls. Chi Omega has brought a lot to my life and really helped me to grow and mature." As well as her studies this year, Mallory is employed as an undergraduate research assistant on campus, working on a study entitled Early Development of Children with Hearing Loss. "We research the language development of normal hearing children, children with hearing aids, and children with cochlear implants," Mallory explains, "The findings are extremely interesting and the research has really helped to develop my education in Speech and Hearing Science. What an opportunity!" Mallory is getting ready to take flight. She wants to continue her academic work and has applied to five graduate schools: "I plan to complete my doctorate in Audiology in four years. I hope to work as a clinician and hopefully get my Ph.D. in Audiology one day." Right now, Mallory sees her biggest challenge to be getting through the completion of her graduate school applications and working on her Senior Honors Thesis. Fortunately, she has strong roots. Mallory notes, "Whenever I am having a rough time and need some encouragement I have a variety of support systems. My family is always there for me through thick and thin."

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Grade XIII continued

Emma Lawson, daughter of Sue Scott and George Lawson, is studying at the University of Toledo in her final year of Industrial Engineering with a minor in Business Administration. Emma, active in campus chapters of the “Institute of Industrial Engineers” and “Engineers Without Borders,” finds her biggest challenge to be “balancing relationships with friends and family, attending classes, completing school work, undertaking job searches and participating in organizations.” In addition to her classroom studies and lab work, Emma has completed three co-operative education placements with manufacturing companies, and is looking forward to graduating in December 2008. Emma has dealt with many changes since her freshman year, including switching majors, finding employment in her chosen field, experiencing relationship break-ups and new beginnings, and even moving three times in the past twelve months. She is thankful for her roots, “My family has stood behind me through all these changes, and I have always had a very close group of friends in college with whom I can talk about anything. My employers, professors and mentors have been very helpful. Even with all of this support, I still looked for support within my own faith and myself. I believe I am a much stronger person today.” Asked where she imagines herself in ten years time, Emma responds, “I see myself with a supportive family, employed as an Industrial Engineer, and doing lots of volunteer work abroad with Engineers Without Borders.” Clearly Emma, too, is getting ready to fly.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mallory and to Emma! The members of Grade XIII and all of your church family hope that you will keep in touch as you spread your wings and take flight in pursuit of your hopes and dreams.

Sue Scott
for Grade XIII



**Beulah Beach
Church Family Retreat
October 11th and 12th
Don't forget
to mark your calendars!!**

Sound Room Technicians



April 6	9:30	Gary Alshouse
	11:00	Scott Seipel
April 13	9:30	Mike Richardson
	11:00	John Earley
April 20	9:30	Lee Lohr
	11:00	Tony George
April 27	9:00	Jerry Ruffner
	11:00	Gary Uhl

Gary Alshouse (933-5337)
schedules for the sound room.



Coffee Servers

April 6	The Bennett Family
April 13	The Eisaman Family
April 20	Arlene Strauch
April 27	Vasu Family

Kathy Hamilton schedules coffee servers. Call Kathy at 933-2511 and volunteer to serve!

April Greeters

April 6	9:30	Kathy & Bill Hamilton
	11:00	Joy Harris
April 13	9:00	Sally & Joe Bales
	11:00	The Cheriyan Family
April 20	9:30	Don & Deb Stueber
	11:00	The Reichlin Family
April 27	9:30	Barb Lehmkuhl
	11:00	Sarah Frick

Sally Bennett (933-9298) schedules greeters.

Avon Lake Historical Society

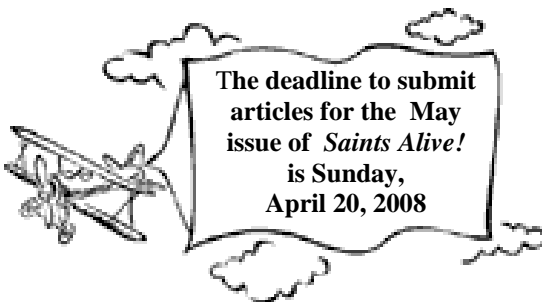
Photos Needed! The Avon Lake Historical Society is working with Avon Lake Public Library on a pictorial history book. We are looking for people who might have a special background with our city. Do you have photos from the past that centers on a certain event, celebration, person or place? We would like for you to consider having your pictures in this new book endeavor. You may drop your pictures off at the AL Library. For more details, please contact John Robertson, President at 933-5773.

Prayer Concerns

Serving in our Armed Forces:



Eric Hansen, Jennifer Homer, Matt Homer, Jeff Leopold, Jamie Waddell, Derek Fabry, Derek Weeden, Aaron Angel (Scott Hay's niece's husband), Brandon Abrams (son of a co-worker of Marian Conn), Bill Brown III (Sue Tompos' nephew), Ben Donberg (a nephew of the Monjots), Todd Funkhouser (Theda McGrew's grandson), Robert Glover (Carol Egna's brother), Andrew Hansen, Patrick Harris (Betty Harris' grandson), Ian Houston (a friend of Scott Simmons), Mike Medvic, (friend of Becky Betts), Mark and Cheryl Monjot's nephew, Brenda Reynolds (Sue Mabe's daughter), Kyle Reynolds (Lois Bayley's great nephew), Ryan and Kevin Tinsley (Nancy McBride's grandsons), Adam Usher (Kay Usher's grandson) and Stephen Yoda (Nick Yoda's brother).



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