

Saints Alive!



Avon Lake
Presbyterian Church
Volume 8, Issue 6
Summer 2009

Summer Worship Schedule— 10:00 am every Sunday May 24 through September 6

June 14 and August 9 we will worship on the front lawn
July 12 and September 6—The Chapel in The Woods

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Sunday, June 7—Choir Celebration

June 7—July 12—Amazing Talent Adventure

Sunday, June 21—VBS children participate

June 21—28 Family Promise at ALPC
September 6—13 Family Promise at ALPC

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Vacation Bible School—June 15-19, 2009

For All Children Entering Kindergarten Through 5th grade

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Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mark June 17th, 2009 from 6-8 pm on your schedule. This is the date and time of the annual Ice Cream Social. If you like ice cream, you won't want to miss this one. If you don't like ice cream or are allergic to it, you can still enjoy a nice evening on the front lawn of our church. In other words, there is no reason to miss this one. The Deacons will provide all that is needed for an after dinner treat. See you there!

You can call Jim Janis with any questions, 933-5621.



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Church office hours:
June 22 - Sept. 11

Mon, Tue, Thurs
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Fridays
9:00 am - noon

Closed on Wed

Phone: 440-933-6240

Message from Pastor Tom

I write a lot about transitions in this piece. January is a transition, with one year following the next; September is a transition with a new school year starting; and now June marks another transition, as the vacation season begins.

Transitions are marked by peril and by opportunity. They are times of change, and times of change are stressful. I still remember when I graduated from college, with no job in hand. Seeing all my friends leave after graduation with their life's work calling them and knowing I wouldn't see them again in the fall, was a feeling of loneliness that I can still feel almost forty years later.

For those of us in the church we have some of those feelings, as folks move out of the area, as our young people get jobs in other places and start their lives over. But for most of us, this is a time for vacation, a time to say, "see you again in late August."

We know how this works. It's always been that way in the church – people leave for weeks or months on end. It's a tradition that the leaders in the church mark as well. It is the season when our worship attendance and financial giving takes a serious dip, and we struggle to keep our financial heads above water until the crowds come back.

We know it's coming, but that doesn't ease the sense of anxiety. We still carry on with worship here; in fact some of us look forward to the summer time as a season to do different things (like Intinction during

Communion, with the option of wine as well as grape juice), or a time to engage in some planning for the future, an activity which our normally busy times preclude.

But we also have concerns for the decrease in financial support that goes with this time of year. Bills still have to be paid, staff still needs to be compensated for, mission outreach still needs support. The general work of the church stills needs to keep moving. The ministry of Jesus Christ does not take a vacation.

So we need your presence in worship, and your participation in the financial support of the church, especially in the summer.

But like I said, this is not just a season of peril. This is also a season of opportunity. The opportunity begins in early June with our Vacation Bible School, being coordinated by our Christian Education Director, Carolyn Dzuro. This will be a special time for children and adults alike to hear the stories of Scripture, and to enter those stories with energy, intelligence, imagination and love.

The opportunity also exists for us to read that book that we have been too busy to enjoy. If that is your 'thing,' let me just suggest some picks of mine—anything by Annie LaMotte (though you should be warned that she can be a bit spicy around her theology); *Blue Like Jazz* by Donald Miller, which has some of LaMotte's flavor; *Christianity for the Rest of Us* by Diana Butler Bass about churches that have experienced new life; *Everything Must Change* by Brian McLaren, part of his ongoing look at how the church needs to

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adjust; *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert, some wonderful reflections about faith ‘on the way’; and *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson, a mountain climber who built schools in poor mountain communities based on the culture’s theory that when you have three cups of tea with someone, they become like family.

Just some suggestions – in addition to all of the good novels that are out there.

Have a wonderful summer!

Grace and peace,
Tom

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Welcome New Elders:

Ordained:

John Kneiss, class of 2012
Karen Francy, class of 2012

Installed:

Dick Francis, class of 2012
Ruth Weeks, class of 2012
Dave Brunner, class of 2012

Welcome New Trustee:

Mike Richardson, class of 2012



We were delighted to welcome into our church family on May 17, the following members of the 2008/2009 Confirmation Class:

- Laine Bennett
- Christian Bennett - baptized 5/17/09
- Michael Butrey
- Megan Eisaman
- Curtis Fratianne - baptized 5/17/09
- Waverly Hebert
- Sammy Rose
- Jocelyn Spitz
- Hunter Stephens
- Julie Vasu

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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.

Choir Recognition

Thank you choirs for all the time and energy you put into bringing beautiful music to worship God week after week. You bring many talents to the mix and have so much joy doing it. Thank you for your commitment, your creativity and yes, your humor. It is a privilege to work with you.

BELL CHOIR MEMBERS

Dave Brunner
Grace Brunner
Ed Carter
Gail Carter
Barbara Graves
Vickie Joyce
Rae Matthews

Kathy Navarro
Carol Nussle
Sharon Pervo
Jean Shane
Julie Smith
Linda Swartz

Substitutes:
Doug Day

CHANCEL CHOIR MEMBERS

SOPRANO

Joan Beck
Marian Conn
Jackie Day
Tammy Dusek
Pam Hoffmann
Susan Richardson
Carolyn Rudd
Dee Ann Seipel
Jean Shane
Marcy Uhl
Sarah Waggoner

ALTO

Mary Esther Barnes
Gail Carter
Deb Gantz
Barbara Graves
Carol Hay
Sharon Pervo
Alice Shoemaker
Elizabeth Shoemaker
Hannah Shoemaker
Linda Swartz

TENOR

Dave Brunner
Clay Dusek
Jeff Hansen
Charlie Rudd

BASS

Doug Day
Ed Carter
Ed Homer

Every year, the list of people who help with directing or accompanying grows: Mary Esther Barnes, Doug Day, Barbara Graves, Susan Richardson, Carolyn Rudd, Linda Swartz and Sarah Waggoner. Thank you to all who step in when help is needed. Thanks to Jackie Day for keeping track of our music and filing it. Thanks to all who provided special music during the year.

Muriel Homer, Director of Music

Financial Report

April receipts were again over budget. This makes three of the first four months where we have exceeded our budget on the income side. Thank you all very much for your generosity. Had it not been for our yearly insurance premium of over \$5,200 that is due in April we would have almost completely erased our deficit. Unfortunately, with that payment, we slid a little further into the red.

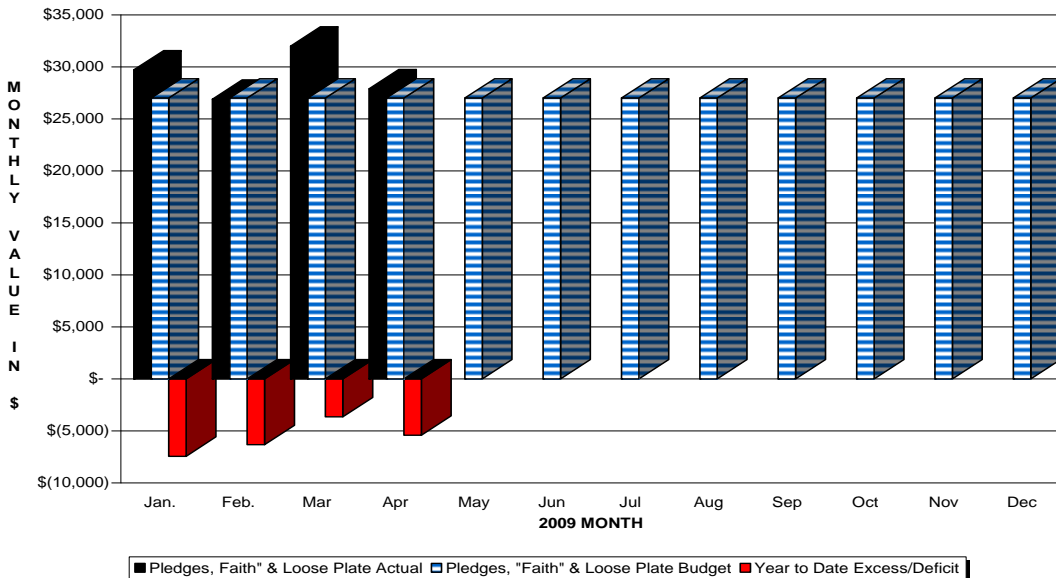
Our challenges continue as we had to replace the boiler in the old section of the building at a cost of over \$8,000. “Keep the Flame Burning” is our special campaign in starting to solicit donations to pay for the boiler. We think this is a clever way of raising money for this needed expense and celebrating the “Flame” of the Holy Spirit as He works through all of us in this season of Pentecost. We welcome your donations. Just put them in a pew envelope and mark it “flame.” We’ll keep you advised of our progress.

Thank you again for your generosity in these difficult times. This is truly a congregation that sees the glass as being half full and approaches challenges as gifts from God to learn and grow.

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

Bob Ralston, Finance Committee

2009 ALPC FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE





~ **Collection of items for the Lorain County Paper Products— We will be passing out empty bags on May 31st. The filled bags are to be returned to the church by June 7th. Please place them in the Church Foyer. Thank you for your continued support.**~

Family Promise

You may have heard that Sherry Spenzer will not be supervising the food portion of our Family Promise committee. Please offer a word of thanks if you see her for the great job she did!



Family Promise®
of Lorain County, Inc.

Kathy Hamilton and I have agreed to oversee the food portion of our Family Promise Mission for the next year. With a lot of great advice from Sherry, we feel we can make our way through the process with the continued help of our great volunteers. For those of you that have signed up to provide a dinner in June, we will be in touch with menu choices. For those of you still debating whether to make and bring a meal, please remember that no one expects a home cooked or gourmet meal, we are feeding families much like our own. They may very well enjoy “Stouffers” pasta or some KFC.

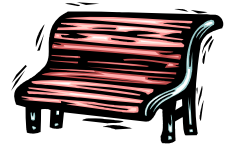
If you have any questions, please call Kathy Hamilton 933-2511 or Beth Janis 933-5621.

Transformative Leadership Coalition Report

As this summer issue of Saints Alive went to press, the TLC was in the process of completing its work and had not yet reported to Session. That final report is scheduled to be delivered to Session on June 15.

The full report will be made available to members of the congregation after Session’s acceptance and approval.

The Deacons Bench



Jay Knox, Moderator

I would like to thank our outgoing class of Deacons:

Deanna Bridgett, Susan Richardson and Hannah Shoemaker for jobs well done.

Let's also welcome our new Deacons: Megan Eisaman, Mary Lou Klier, David Littell, Dave Taylor, Cris Till and Ruth Valtierrez who will be joining our continuing Deacons: Beau and Cindi Dansizen, Carol Fratianne, Jim Janis, Jay Knox, Rae Matthews, Brett Smith, Leslie Stephens, Gary and Marcy Uhl. Feel free to drop a note in the Deacon's box or contact any one of us with suggestions or comments about our service or events.

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Easter breakfast was a huge success! Thanks to the many volunteers who made it possible along with our great Deacons! Gary Uhl, Fellowship Chair

Events!

Wednesday, June 17

Ice Cream Social. Please join us from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for an old fashioned ice cream social out on the front lawn. This is a great time to invite a neighbor or friend to our church.



July or August?

Corn Roast. Watch for news about this fun event in the Sunday bulletins.

Sunday, September 13

Rally Day. This is the date we will start having two worship services on Sundays; 9:30 am and 11:00 am. Celebrate the beginning of this Sunday school season with the Deacons and the Christian Education Department. The Deacons will serve "grilled" hot dogs, chips, pop and ice cream; while the Christian Education Department will host games out on the front lawn. Call the church office with questions (933-6240).

A special thank you to the dedicated people who come every week to fold the bulletins and copy the large print bulletins:

Lois Bayley
 Juanita Brookshire
 Theda McGrew
 Betty Lou Wallace

and to those who come every month to fold and sort the *Saints Alive!* newsletters:

Lois Bayley

Juanita Brookshire
 Marian Conn
 Ed Homer
 Kate McClellan
 Ruth Meyer
 Hilary and Dennis



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and to those who come every week to clean up the pews, check the friendship registers, put special envelopes in the pews and sharpen pencils:

Hilary and Dennis Runyon

and also to my dedicated volunteers who come to answer the phones and do light office duties during the year:

Lois Bayley
 Marian Conn
 Ruth Meyer

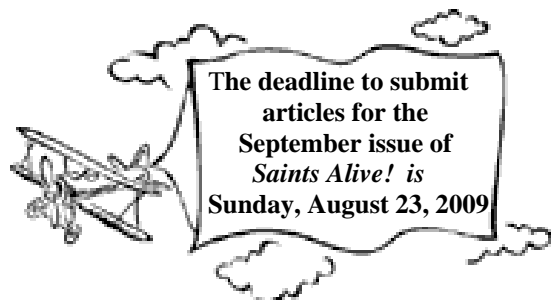
Without you all, this job wouldn't be as fun (or done) !!

Cindi Dansizen, Office Administrator

Wanted

The Human Resources Committee is accepting applications for the position of Director of Youth Ministries. This is a part time position, 15-20 hours per week. The Director will provide Leadership for the Youth Ministry for junior and senior high school youth groups in cooperation with adult volunteer leaders. He or she will be responsible for planning age-appropriate activities for youth that engage them in worship, fun, fellowship and faith development. Applicants must graciously demonstrate a commitment to youth ministry; possess a warm, caring and nurturing spirit, a strong Christian faith, and a comprehensive knowledge of the Bible and Reformed theology. Experience in youth leadership and team development is desired. An undergraduate degree is preferred with a combination of education and/or experience indicating a strong ability to communicate, relate, and lead youth in Christian discipleship. Salary is negotiable and will be based on qualifications and experience.

Resumes may be submitted to susan.vasu@oh.rr.com.





Session Meetings of April 20, 2009; May 4, 2009; and May 10, 2009 Meeting of the Congregation of May 3, 2009

Learned that:

- 195 persons received Communion on May 3.
- The Boiler in the West end of our building has been replaced.
- An Evening Walkers Group began. Come join Gary Uhl and the other walkers!
- The Officer/Staff Retreat and Rev. Robinson's presentations on The Missional Church and Leading in Organizational Life Stages were received with enthusiasm and generated lots of good, sharing, discussion.
- DCE, Carolyn Dzuro needs a Director of Music for Vacation Bible School.
- Several of our members will be meeting on July 27, to pray for our ALPC Staff and Ministry Groups. Anyone is welcome to join them for this once-a-month prayer gathering.
- The Stewardship Committee will NOT be keeping track of who contributes what for The Amazing Talent Adventure, since the Adventure is not a competition.
- All of the Lenten Services were well attended except for the post-Lent Elders of Jazz Service which had lower attendance than in past years.
- 5 Boxes of Food and our \$1800 Easter Offering went to Avon Lake's Community Resource Services (CRS).

Heard :

- The Faith Statements of 10 Confirmation Class Members, examined them, and then approved them for membership in ALPC.

Elected and Welcomed:

- Dave Brunner's Installation as a Session Elder.
- The New Nominating Committee members: Jay Knox, Gary Matthews, Carol Nussle, Dennis Runyon and Janet St. George.
- The following youth into the fellowship of the church:

Christian Bennett	Waverly Hebert
Michael Butrey	Sam Rose
Laine Bennett	Jocelyn Spitz
Megan Eisaman	Hunter Stephens
Curtis Fratianne	Julie Vasu

Shirley Hook, Clerk of Session

BECAUSE YOU'VE ASKED.....

Many members of our congregation have asked about the vote in our Presbytery of The Western Reserve (PWR) on the amendment to the Book of Order which would have changed the current language regarding the requirements for ordination/installation as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament, an Elder, or a Deacon. Many have also asked about the final PCUSA church-wide vote results.

The Question:

Shall the current text of G-6.0106b be stricken and new text be inserted to read as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown in bold print; text to be added or inserted is shown in italics.]

“G-6.0106b. Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.”

“08-B Those who are called to ordained service in the church, by their assent to the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003), pledge themselves to live lives obedient to Jesus Christ the Head of the Church, striving to follow where he leads and through the witness of the Scriptures, and to understand the Scriptures through the instruction of the Confessions. In so doing, they declare their fidelity to the standards of the Church. Each governing body charged with examination for ordination and/or installation (G-14.0240 and G-14.0450) establishes the candidate’s sincere efforts to adhere to these standards.”

The paper ballot vote on Amendment 08-B in our Presbytery (March 23, 2009 at ALPC) was:
107 in favor, 42 opposed, 3 abstentions, 3 no vote cast

The PCUSA church-wide vote, just completed last week, was:
78 Presbyteries in favor, 91 opposed, 3 ties (recorded as opposed), 1 no vote cast

The result of the vote is that G-6.0106b in The Book of Order remains unchanged.

Shirley Hook, Clerk of Session



SonRock Kids Camp – VBS 2009
June 15-19 9am – noon Ages 4 through 6th Grade
Where kids build their lives on the rock –Jesus!
Mark your calendars now!

VBS is almost here! As the children participate in Son Rock Kids Camp, they will learn how each one of them is loved by Jesus. We will have a great time singing songs, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. And don't forget about the snacks! There will be a Closing Program on Friday, June 19th at 11:00 followed by a family picnic.

**Please sign up your children at the VBS table in the church foyer
no later than June 8th- the cost is \$8 per child.**

Any adults or youth who would like to volunteer, I can still use you - contact Carolyn Dzuro at (933-6240 – church), (216-268-9488 – cell), or cjdzuro@peoplepc.com

VBS Wish List

If you are able to donate any of the following items, please put them in the VBS box in the church foyer: Paper towel tubes (greatly needed!!), twine (200 feet), yarn, white paper plates, fishing line, wax paper, blue colored masking tape, and foam sheets. Also, if anyone has a small pup tent that can be used during VBS week (June 15-19) please talk with Carolyn.



**There is a great need for someone to lead
MUSIC for VBS.**

Also, adult and youth (7th -12th Grade) helpers
are needed

If you are interested call Carolyn at 933-6240.

Presbyterian Women Plant Sale

ALPW would like to thank you for the PINEHAVEN Greenhouse coupon sale during the month of May. Your support will fund our many missions. Coupons can still be purchased until June 29th. *Please remember to use your Pinehaven coupons by June 30th.*

The mulch/topsoil program with the ROCKPILE *will run until June 30th.*

Forms are available in the office at church. You do not need a form to order, just notify the Rockpile employee that you are an ALPC member when you call. Call early to order for your July 4th weekend! Sandi Ciarrone for questions- 933.7054 sandiciarrone@oh.rr.com



Presbyterian Women High Tea

Thank you to all the women of the church who attended High Tea. We had a great time! Thank you to the Circles for donating an item to be raffled off. The winners were so pleased with your choices. And a special thanks to all the "young women" of the church who helped pull the winning tickets. We could not have done it without you. Muriel and Susan and the Presbyterones--WOW! You were great! And to the Duke of Earl---your Duchess is waiting, I am sure.

Presbyterian Women

Thank you to everyone who has supported Presbyterian Women in the past year, especially with our circle pledges, rummage sales, Honey Baked Ham sales and plant sale. Because of your support, the coordinating team has been able to allocate money to the following:



Mission projects:

- **\$1,000** to Cornerstone Preschool
- **\$200** for supplies for the 2009 Nicaragua mission trip
- **\$200** for Genesis House
- **\$500** for Lorain County Food Co-Op
- **\$200** for the International Seaman's House
- **\$1,050** for PW Western Reserve
- **\$240** for gifts for graduating seniors
- **\$700** for Family Promise
- **\$318** for Grade XIII (gifts to members up to 4 years out of High School)

Local disbursements:

- **\$120** for our church coffee hour supplies
- **\$400** for compassion meals
- **\$500** for Presbytery Stated Meeting and Dinner

2009/2010 Coordinating Team

Moderator—Cindi Dansizen

Secretary—Beth Janis

Coordinator of Kitchen—Lee Lohr

Coordinators of Mission—Janet Maurer

Mission Money—Janet Parker

Compassion Meals —Arlene Strauch and Becky Betts

Hanging of the Greens—Bonnie Falish

Rummage Sale Team—Jackie Day, Susan Bernard, Donna Bradley

Spring High Tea—Janet St. George

Treasurer—Sybil Wendling

Plant Sale—Penny Helbig

Sunshine Cards—Sherry Spenzer

Emergency Meals—Susan Reighard

Ham Sales—Kathy Navarro

Membership Advocate and Nominating Chairs are still open. If you would like to join our fun team, please give Cindi a call at 933-6240 or e-mail her at alpresby@centurytel.net

RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU



Our spring rummage sale was successful once again, raising \$3,122 for our charities and missions. The committee is so grateful to all who donated their time to this worthwhile event. Some of you were there two and three days to help ready this task by Wednesday night when church members were permitted to shop. 50 shoppers showed up, so we hope to continue this option next fall.

Thursday's sale went smoothly due to our wonderful volunteers who spent the day helping as cashiers and baggers.

A special thanks to Ruth Weeks for handling the bake sale raising \$48.00. Thank you Sandi Ciarrone, for all your great indoor and outdoor signs, for pricing items and for providing lunch for all our workers.

Finally, we appreciate all who donated and shopped. We look forward to our Fall Rummage sale October 8, 2009. We feel blessed to have the opportunity to raise funds for needy organizations and thank all of you who helped make it a reality.

The Rummage Sale Committee:

Susan Bernard, Donna Bradley, Sandi Ciarrone and Jackie Day

Women's Conference – A Grand New Day July 17-18 @ Quicken Loans Arena cost is \$79 (includes 2 full days and box lunches on both days)

“The Lord's love never ends; his mercies never stop. They are new every morning . . .”

Lamentations 3:22-23 NCV

Make plans now to be part of Women of Faith's 2009 event, *A Grand New Day*. This exciting 2-day event is a mix of laughter, music, and stories that will touch your heart. Bring your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors—any woman you know who needs a new perspective . . . a new enthusiasm . . . *A Grand New Day*.

Join Steven Curtis Chapman, "American Idol" finalist, Mandisa, Nicole C. Mullen, Sandi Patty, Lisa Whelchel (from TV's "The Facts of Life"), Sheila Walsh, Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Luci Swindoll, and more! www.womenoffaith.com

Over the course of the two-day event you'll hear fabulous music, watch stirring drama, listen to hilarious and heart-tugging stories, and join thousands of women in worship. Please talk with Carolyn if you are interested – cjdzuro@peoplepc.com or 933-6240.

Thank You PW!!

I want to personally thank the 2008/2009 Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team for their faithful service and wonderful jobs they all did. Without the help of all of them, we would not have been able to accomplish so much this year:

Vice Moderator—Kathy Leopold
 Secretary—Beth Janis
 Treasurer—Sybil Wendling
 Coffee Hour—Kathy Hamilton
 Stated Presbytery Dinner Coordinators—

Kathy Hamilton, Beth Janis and me
 Coordinator of Kitchen—Barb Lehmkuhl
 Mission Coordinator—Carolyn Rose
 Mission Money—Janet Parker
 Compassion Meals—Arlene Strauch
 Emergency Meals—Susan Reighard
 Ham Sales—Kathy Navarro
 Hanging of the Greens—Karen Francy
 Membership Advocate—Lee Lohr
 Plant Sale—Sandi Ciarrone
 Sunshine Cards—Beth Janis
 Nominating—Janet St. George
 Rummage Sale Team—

Jackie Day, Susan Bernard, Donna Bradley
 Not only did we do all mentioned on page 13, but PW coordinated the Giving Tree, the Mitten Tree, the Halloween Candy giving to CRS, Stated Dinner and Meeting of the PWR, Women's Sunday, the High Tea, made and gave out bookmarks on Mother's Day, compassion meals after funerals here at church, emergency meals for members who are under the weather, get well and thank you cards to members ... *it's been fun for me!*

Cindi Dansizen, Moderator

From the Church Library ~

The Silver Chalice – Fun summer reading, an oldie but goodie. An exiting story set in Bible times of a young man who must make a case to hold the cup Jesus used at the Last Supper.

Learning to Walk with God – Learning to walk as a follower of Jesus Christ can be a great adventure. Here are twelve essential, and exciting, steps in Christian growth.

Covenant to Care – Most of us have few, truly close friends and would give our right arm for more. Instead, we could give of ourselves by committing to a covenant of care.

Embraced by the Light – The author shares the inspiring story of her journey through death and beyond.

Where Angels Walk – True stories that may make those who don't believe in angels begin to wonder; thrilling stories of when an angel guided a small plane to land in dense fog.

Transforming Church Boards – Church boards can become the focus point for a congregation's spiritual growth. Take steps to create a new culture within church boards.

..Beth Shoemaker

Youth Director's Page ... "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

I would like to congratulate all of the graduating High School Seniors at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church. It has been wonderful getting to know all of them and watching them grow in Christ and in the church. Listed below are the names of the graduating members of this church:

Paige Bennett will be going to New York City in July for a one week internship at an International Company in marketing/advertising. She will continue to work part-time at Playmatters until she leaves for the University of Cincinnati in September. She was accepted into the college of pre-nursing, but has not decided if that is a definite career choice at this time.

Jeffrey Bernard will be attending Ohio State University in the fall and will major in Business.

Hannah Chernock will be attending Columbus State Community College in the fall.

Leslie Cislo will be attending Ohio State in the Scholars Business Administration program.

Tommy Coy will be playing Junior Hockey in Smiths Falls, Ontario for a year in pursuit of a NCAA Hockey Scholarship.

Miles Crist will be attending the University of Colorado at Boulder. He has been accepted in the Navy ROTC scholarship program. He hopes to be a pilot after graduation.

Michele Dawe will be attending Kent State University in the fall and plans to major in psychology.

Hannah Shoemaker will be attending Baldwin-Wallace College and major in mathematics and minor in theatre and photography.

Remember, the end of High School can be daunting to the young Christian! Go forth and work in the name of Christ, remembering that our work never ceases.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!
Beau Dansizen, Youth Director, Int.

Stewardship Corner

Prayer is one of the greatest mysteries on this side of heaven. How does prayer work? What should we pray for? How much faith do you need? Is prayer just an excuse to do nothing?

We will never know all the answers, but we can know some of them. Jesus tells us to pray and even gave us a formula (Matthew 6:7-14). Jesus tells us that faith does make a difference (Matthew 17:20) and the first step towards faith is wanting to believe (Mark 9:24). Jesus tells us that whenever two or more are gathered to do his work, he is with us (Matthew 18:20) and he will grant us whatever we ask in his name (John 14:12-14). Jesus also says that if we do not know what to pray (we just know we need help), the Holy Spirit will pray for us. (John 14:15-21, Romans 8:26, 27).

Beginning July 27, Penny Helbig, Carolyn Rudd, Lee Lohr (when she is not at a Presbytery meeting) and Arlene Strauch will be gathering together in the sanctuary on the 4th Monday of the month from 7:00—7:30 to ask for God's help. We will be specifically praying for the staff, the Elders, the Deacons, the Presbyterian Women Board and all the ministries of the Church. We are excited about all the wonderful things God is doing with and through Avon Lake Presbyterian Church and look forward to the opportunity to ask Him to do even more. We know we can pray alone in our homes, but believe there is a reason Jesus told us to gather together.

We would love to fill the sanctuary with prayers so if you would like to join us, please DO!!

If you have any questions, feel free to call any one of us.

Arlene Strauch on behalf of the Stewardship Committee

ALSO

When you are making your plans for the fall,

DO NOT FORGET

Beulah Beach Church Retreat

September 26 and 27!

ALSO

The Amazing Talent Adventure starts on Pentecost Sunday, May 31! Wear RED!

Marriage Enrichment Workshop

Join us for our Marriage Enrichment Workshop on Saturday, June 13, 2009

9:00 am—12:00 noon

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

For couples or individuals

Registration and/or questions, e-mail astrauch@ashland.edu

No Cost—Free Will Offering

Sound Room Technicians



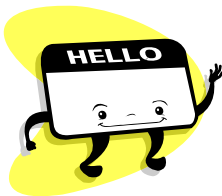
June 7	10:00	Gary Uhl
14	10:00	Outdoor Worship
21	10:00	Tony George
28	10:00	Todd Galloway

Coffee Servers

June 7	10:00	Jill Ralston
14	10:00	Outdoor Worship
21	10:00	Jackie Day
28	10:00	Marcy and Gary Uhl

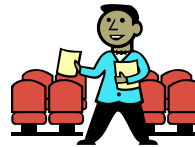
Greeters

June 7	10:00	Nancy McBride and Mary Lou Chapman
14	10:00	Outdoor Worship
21	10:00	Joan and Russ Beck
28	10:00	Jim and Jean Shane



Communion Servers

June 7	10:00	Lee Lohr Kathy Leopold Jay Knox Virginia Lockmeyer Janet Maurer Paul Selvage
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Ushers

June 7	10:00	Don and Debbie Stueber, Penny Helbig, Georgia Sanchez
14	10:00	Outdoor Worship: Joan and Tom Metzger, Shirley and Art Hook
21	10:00	Gary and Marcy Uhl, Charlie and Carolyn Rudd
28	10:00	Tim and Linda Kurak, Brett and Julie Smith

Ongoing/Long term prayer concerns:

George Lawson, Marcia Kalo, Helen Killius, Donna Bradley's father-in-law, Carol Fratianne's dad, Jim Waddell's father, James Bennett (Nanette Wiedl's co-worker's husband), Corinne Graycar (Nancy Spencer's daughter), John Robertson, Patricia Strong (Barbara Graves' sister-in-law), Trella (Joy Harris' sister), Alice Uveges (Joyce Nicola's mom), Leonora Vasu (Mircea's mother) and Juliaette Wheeler (Marian Conn's mom).

Prayer Concerns

Serving in our Armed Forces:

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), Bill Brown III (Sue Tompos' nephew), Tony Carosella (Carolyn Dzuro's nephew), Ben Donberg (a nephew of the Monjots), Robert Glover (Carol Egna'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), Mike Medvic (friend of Becky Betts), 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).



We would like to collect/update current military addresses for all our members and family members in the service. We are planning to publish these addresses in the bulletin before July 4th so people can write to them. E-mail Cindi at alpresby@centurytel.net or give her a call at church 933-6240 by June 23.

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