



Peacemaking Offering

Sunday, October 4, 2009

Come to church on World Communion Sunday, October 4 and

October 8 through October 15, Kathy Leopold and Dave Littell will be traveling to Estelí, Nicaragua for the Mission Trip with some members of John Knox Presbyterian Church. You were given the opportunity to buy a book for Shalom Presbyterian in Estelí, Nicaragua on September 20. Kathy Leopold and David Littell will hand deliver the books when they travel to Estelí. The books, all in Spanish of course, were \$20 each. We raised over \$1,000— enough to also have another bookcase made for their library!



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We are looking for members who are skilled in website design and maintenance to volunteer their expertise to be on a website committee at ALPC. Previous experience as a webmaster as well as knowledge of web design software, such as Dreamweaver or GoLive, as well as FTP, HTTP and Flash is preferred. Involvement in this committee would require an ongoing commitment from its members. Our website is the window to our church. Please contact Cindi in the church office



(933-6240 or

alpresby@centurytel.net)

Church office hours:

Mon—Fri

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**We need
volunteers to
help on
Rummage Sale
Day**

**Thursday,
October 8**

9-4

Call Jackie Day

Worship With Us

Sunday, October 4, The Rev. Malcolm Peel will be preaching at our communion services at 9:30 and 11:00 am. Children will want to come and hear Calvin the church mouse in the Children's sermon. This is World Communion Sunday and we will be receiving your Peacemaking offering. The Meaning of Membership Classes start at 10:35 am in the Session Room. There will be a Parent/Youth meeting at noon in Linda Duffy's office (our new Youth Director). You can start bringing your items for our Presbyterian Women Rummage Sale after the 11:00 worship service.



Sunday, October 11, The Rev. Patricia Dykers Koenig will be preaching at 9:30 and 11:00 am on this HIV/AIDS Awareness Sunday. Dave Brunner will be giving the Children's sermon. Confirmation Class will begin at 10:00 am in the Youth Director's office. The Meaning of Membership Class will meet at 10:35 am in the Session Room.

Sunday, October 18, The Rev. Toby Gillespie-Mobley will be preaching at 9:30 and 11:00 am. Confirmation Class will meet at 10:00 am in the Youth Director's office. The Meaning of Membership's last class will meet at 10:35 am in the Session Room.

Sunday, October 25, The Rev. Jim Gilbert will be preaching at 9:30 and 11:00 am on this Reformation Sunday. We will be receiving our 2¢-A-Meal offering during the second hymn at both services. Confirmation Class will meet at 10:00 am in the Youth Director's office.

Sunday, November 1, The Rev. Patricia Dykers Koenig





Grade XIII

We are looking for addresses and birthdays for all the college students to update our database. Please get the information to Cindi in the church office before October 18th. We are planning on sending out two mailings (fall and spring) to the college students to let them know their church family is thinking of them and supporting them. If anyone is interested in donating cards or small goodies (gum, candy, popcorn, etc.) that can be mailed, please bring them to church between October 4th and October 18. There will be a box in the foyer marked GRADE XIII.

Sue Galloway, Lori Magyar, Deb Reichlin

How to Join Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

If you are interested in joining the church, an opportunity to learn more about the church and what it means to be Presbyterian is just around the corner!

Meaning of Membership sessions will be held on the Sundays of October 4, 11 and 18 from 10:35 am to noon in the Session Room.

For more information, or to register for

New Youth Director

The Christian Education committee is happy to welcome Linda Duffy to the position of Youth Director. Linda started in this position on September 14th. Linda comes to us from John Knox Presbyterian, where she has been active in their youth and children's ministry for ten years as a VBS teacher, LOGOS leader and youth advisor. In addition to her fundraisers and seven mission trips with the youth, she has been to Nicaragua four times with adults.

Last May, Linda received her Masters' degree in School Counseling from the University of Akron. She is a graduate of Ohio Northern University and Reynoldsburg High School in Columbus, Ohio, where she grew up.

While earning these degrees, she has worked various jobs in corporate settings, including Charter One Bank and The Cleveland Clinic.

Her family includes her parents, Tom and Reverend Carol Duffy and her two brothers who

Trust God's Promises



God explains in the book of Genesis that in the original plan, His children were living in a Garden where there was nothing to fear. Unfortunately, they

chose independence which led to the present world- a world full of fear. The GOOD NEWS – God sent His son to show us the way to a new Garden and as we invite the Holy Spirit to guide and direct our lives, we experience the difference.

If we look at the current state of Avon Lake Presbyterian Church through independent eyes, there is much to fear. Our attendance is down, our budget exceeds our giving and we are without a Pastor. However, if we trust in God's promises and depend on Jesus to lead, our hearts are filled with joy and we are eager for each new day.

This fall, as Session looks forward to preparing the budget for 2010 and each individual member prayerfully reflects on the unique part God is asking them to play, the Stewardship Committee thought it might be helpful to highlight some of these promises. Beginning October 4th and extending through commitment Sunday which falls on

every Sunday. Included in the bulletin for that Sunday will be an insert with scriptures to support these promises. We have listed them below so that if you have a supporting scripture that you think would be helpful, you can share it with Penny Helbig, Carolyn Rudd or Arlene Strauch.

In addition to Sunday morning's activities, the Stewardship Committee will be sending you a letter in mid October. These letters will contain financial information, a rough draft for the 2010 budget, and a pledge card for commitment Sunday. We also welcome any questions or suggestions that might help you in the discernment process of making your commitment. The Stewardship Committee is excited to be entering a new decade and looks forward to all that God has planned for our future!

Promise 1 – God's promise that our salvation has already been won by the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, not by works.

Promise 2 – God's promise that if we put our trust in Him and seek His guidance, He will answer our prayers and take care of us.

Trust God's Promises (continued)

Promise 3 – *God's promise that it is more blessed to give than receive.*

Promise 4 – *God's promise that nothing can separate us from his love that bears all things, endures all things and never ends.*

Promise 5 – *God's promise that we can know the truth if we study His Word, especially His Word made flesh, Jesus Christ.*

Promise 6 – *God's promise to send us the Holy Spirit to counsel us, guide us, comfort us and heal our wounds.*

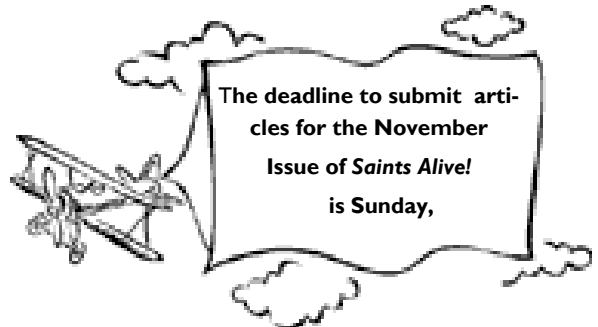
Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

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



Food Drive for CRS

The Avon Lake Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts Food Drive is scheduled for

Saturday, October 24th.

The food collected goes directly to the food pantry at Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services. If any of the church youth are interested in volunteering on that day at CRS in Avon Lake to help sort and shelve food, please contact Linda Duffy at the church or Lori





THE
HUNGER
PROJECT

**The Hunger
Project
Children's
Mission Project
during Sunday
School**

**The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40**

This year, the children will be bringing in their own offering to their Sunday school classes to raise funds for The Hunger Project.

The Hunger Project is a global, non-profit, strategic organization committed to the sustainable end of world hunger. In Africa, Asia and Latin America, The Hunger Project seeks to end hunger and poverty by empowering people to lead lives of self-reliance, meet their own basic needs and build better futures for their children. The Hunger Project carries out its mission through three essential activities: mobilizing village clusters at the grassroots level to build self-reliance, empowering women as key change agents, and forging effective partnerships with local government.

The children will be learning more about this project each week in Sunday school.

Adult Sunday School

11:00 A.M.

Room 3 – Session Room

The goal of this year's Adult Sunday School class will be to take the revealed Word of God and use it to bring insight on contemporary issues allowing those involved to make Godly applications in their lives and share what is learned with others. This will be accomplished by utilizing the following; "The Wired Word," topics and /or articles suggested by the Christian Education Ministry, reviewing current trends and past Confessions of the Presbyterian Church, and suggested topics by those attending the class on a regular basis.

"The Wired Word" 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, you may still come and enjoy the discussion. If you enjoy the program and



Mission Matters

10-4-08 Peacemaking Offering

On world communion Sunday, Christians throughout the world are celebrating communion remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Presbyterian Church (USA) determined that this is a perfect time to remind us of our call to peacemaking as Christians. Beyond communion and prayer, we may respond to the call to peace by contributing to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering. 25% will go to Genesis House, a domestic violence shelter for women and children in Lorain County. 75% will go to the efforts of various groups designated by the PCUSA. Checks may be payable to Avon Lake Presbyterian Church with a notation in the memo portion of Peacemaking Offering.

10-11 -08 HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

10-18-08 Domestic Violence Awareness

10-25-08 2 cents a meal collection. This is a perfect opportunity for families to help children appreciate our blessings by having them donate just 2 cents for each meal they eat. Not only is this a symbolic action but it may help them understand that collectively our pennies can provide food for people in need locally and globally. Of course checks and “folding money” are happily accepted as well.

Mission Matters Committee, Beth Janis 933-5621



Sunday Flowers

Thanks to all of you who have sponsored the weekly flowers for the communion table. We so enjoy the colorful fresh flowers and special remembrances. It is a great way to honor those we love and give glory to God. If you'd like to sign up for future Sundays, please do so on the Flower Calendar in the lobby by the literature table. Write your name on the calendar week and complete a “Sunday Flowers” form, located in the envelope beneath the calendar: note the occasion (to be included in the bulletin), dollar amount (\$35.00 minimum) and if you have

Deacon News



The Deacons will be hosting the first "Tailgating For Jesus" event on Saturday, October 24, 2009. The idea behind the event is to show that as Christians, we can share the love of Jesus in different ways. This event is not associated with a football game but rather a way to share our common passion for Jesus. If we can support our sports teams in this manner then why can't we do the same for Jesus? Maybe you can wear a shirt, or bring a picture or flag for Jesus.

This event will be at our church in the back parking lot from 5:00-7:30 pm. There will be games and contests for children including a pass and punt competition (for fun) and a scavenger hunt. We will enjoy marshmallows around patio fire pits (of course) and a few other surprises.

The Deacons will be grilling hamburgers and brats and ask that you bring a dish to share. There will be a sign up sheet at church in the weeks prior to 10/24/09. On the sheet will be a choice for a dish to share which could be a salad, side dish or a desert. We should then have an idea of the number of people attending and be able to prepare the food accordingly. Don't worry, though, if your plans change and you can join us at the last minute, just come on over. If the weather

doesn't cooperate, we should at least be able to have a great indoor meal. We'll be positive though, that we will be able to enjoy a beautiful Fall evening.



Mark your calendars!

The Ninth Annual Alternative Holiday Market

will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2009

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

in Hart Hall

FALL RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

Thursday, October 8th, 2009

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The smell of autumn is in the air, the leaves have started to change colors, the mornings are brisk and the evenings cool and it is getting darker much too soon. All these signs mean “fall” is here and it is time for the Presbyterian Women’s Fall Rummage/Bake Sale **this week.**

You will be able to bring your Rummage Sale items to Hart Hall starting Sunday, October 4th after second service. All bake sale items should be brought to the church kitchen on Wednesday, October 7th or early Thursday morning before the sale. Please note change in drop off days: All day Sunday and Monday and until noon on Tuesday.

To help make the task of sorting and organizing more manageable:

*Label & group clothing by size & gender

*Mark bedding sizes (King, queen, full, twin)

*Electronic items/small appliances “please” test before donating – they must work!

Mark with masking tape “WORKS”

*Screen all your items -- Soiled clothing & household items that aren’t in useable condition.

*NO COMPUTERS/MONITORS – too heavy for workers to move; take up needed space, and they just do not sell.

*Putting the items out that you bring if you have the available time.

Again this year, the Rummage Sale will be open to our church members on Wednesday evening 6 pm to 8 pm. This presale is open to our church members only. We hope everyone will take advantage of this early shopping opportunity.

If you want to help with the Rummage sale or have any questions, please contact Jackie Day



Presbyterian Women

PW Coordinating Team Meetings



November 5, 2009 — 7:00 pm in the church Session Room

February 4, 2010 — 7:00 pm in the church Session Room

March 4, 2010—7:00 pm in the church Session Room

May 6, 2010 — 7:00 pm in the church Session Room

Calendar of Events for 2009/2010

<i>October 8</i>	Fall Rummage Sale 9:00 – 4:00 pm
<i>October 24</i>	Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering Forest Hill Church “Food: HARVESTING YOUR Physical and Spiritual Needs
<i>November</i>	Mitten Tree
<i>November 1—8</i>	Gobbling Goblins
<i>November 18</i>	Hanging of the Greens in Hart Hall with the Youth
<i>November 22</i>	Sub Sandwiches & Hanging of the Greens – Noon
<i>Nov.—Dec.</i>	Giving Tree
<i>Nov. 29, Dec. 6 & 13</i>	Ham Sale (pick-up Dec. 23 – 5:00 – 6:30 pm)
<i>March 7, 14 & 21</i>	Ham Sale (pick-up March 31 – 5:00 – 6:30 pm)
<i>April 22</i>	Spring Rummage Sale 9:00 – 4:00 pm
<i>April</i>	Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering
<i>May 1</i>	High Tea

Sunday School Volunteers

I would like to recognize those who have decided to serve the Lord in Sunday School Ministry. Let me remind those of you listed below of how grateful I am for your time, energy, and dedication in teaching our children on Sunday morning. Your presence is a reminder that we should never take for granted our greatest resource – our teachers and caregivers. I am truly blessed to have you all as volunteers this year.

With a thankful heart, Carolyn

Crib & Toddler Rooms

Glenda Allen

Susan Alshouse

Anne Bailey

Sally and Laine Bennett

Sharon Blair

Alayna Bridgett

Chris and Katy Chase

Michele Cold and Lani Assaf

Jenni Collins

Julie and Emilee Smith

Jocey and Kendall Spitz

Carol Unger

Katie Waddell

JoAnn Wainscott

4's & 5's Class

Diane Brunner

Karen Francy

Leslie Knox

Leslie Stephens

Janet St.George

Nanette Wiedl

1st & 2nd Grade Worship Center

Jackie Butrey

Beth Janis

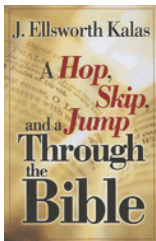
Margre Lind-Mills



Sunday School Volunteers, Continued

Sr. High

George Dzuro



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Together on Tuesday started up again on Tuesday, September 15, from 7:00—9:00 pm. They would love to have you join them. They will be skipping through the book, *A Hop, Skip, and a Jump Through the Bible*. Call the Janis' (933-5621) or the Strauch's (933-5521) and they'll let you know where the group is meeting that week.

Reminder:

If you or a loved one are in the hospital and wish prayers or visits from the Deacons, Elders or a pastor, please call the church

On the Table in the Foyer

Please know that all booklets and pamphlets available on the table in the foyer are yours for the taking.

Presbyterians Today is a monthly publication which includes a variety of articles of national interest in our denomination.

These Days is a quarterly daily devotional guide that is an excellent resource for thought and inspiration.

Extra copies of the monthly newsletter, ***Saints Alive!*** are on the table.



Session Highlights

September Meeting

Learned that:

- 78 persons received Communion on September 6, at our Chapel in the Woods worship service.
- The Deacons will be having a “Tailgating for Jesus” fellowship event on October 24.
- Beth Janis, Pam Novak, and Marian Conn will be painting Carolyn Dzuro’s office walls.
- Our new Youth Director, Linda Duffy, will begin Confirmation Class on October 11.
- PW has given a One-Semester-Scholarship to Cornerstone Pre-school.
- Blue Jeans Sunday (Fall Work Day) will be on November 8.
- Names of congregation members needing a Pastor/Elder/Deacon visit should be given to Cindi Dansizen for follow-up.

Approved:

- The property committee buying the Adobe Dreamweaver software program to be installed in the office, so that our website can be continually updated.
- Inviting those in our congregation who are skilled computer technology persons to volunteer their expertise and service as Website Committee members.
(See front page of this *Saints Alive!*)

Heard that:

- Our yearly Stewardship Campaign will begin on Sunday, October 4, and its theme will be “Trust God’s Promises.”
- The Interim Pastor Search Committee (IPSC) is conducting the initial telephone interviews of candidates who have sent us their Personal Information Forms (PIFs).



Faith House Mitten Tree Collection October 18 – November 15

**Shiver me timbers!! There'll be cold winds a blowin' afore ye' know it!
We best be doin' somethin' 'bout keepin' the wee ones wARRRRRm this winter!**

It's time again to turn our thoughts to the cold weather of Northeast Ohio! We all know how important it is for children to have hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to protect them against the elements. Yet, for many families in need, even these items can be a luxury.



For the past few years, Presbyterian Women have collected mittens for the families that reside at Faith House in Lorain. We'd like to continue our tradition of generosity to these families. Therefore, the Mitten Tree will be placed in the church foyer from Sunday, October 18 through Sunday, November 15.

As you prepare yourselves or your own family for winter, we invite you to pick up an extra pair of mittens or gloves to donate to Faith House. All you need to do is purchase a pair of mittens, bring them in on any day of the week or on Sundays during our collection period, and hang them on the tree. Any items that you can donate would be GREATLY appreciated by the families at Faith House.

Thank you so much for your generosity over the past few years. Last year, you provided over 120 donated items to the families at Faith House! Let's see if we can surpass that number this year with a whole treasure trove of wARRRRm items!! Hats and gloves would also be appreciated...and don't forget the scARRRRves!

The Mission Committee of Presbyterian Women

The Christian Education Committee Presents a
Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, November 7th and 8th, 2009

Registration 9:30 a.m. on the 7th – 12:00 noon on the 8th

Hampton Inn Westlake
29690 Detroit Rd.
Westlake, OH

Cost of room for overnight stay - \$72.00 plus tax.

Cost of workshop - \$30.00 per couple

You do not have to stay overnight to attend the workshop

Saturday, November 7th:

9:30 – 10:00	Registration	
10:00 – 12:00	Session 1	Family systems; life cycle of the family; and psychological tasks of the marriage
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch break	(Check out any one of the numerous eateries in Crocker Park)
1:30 – 3:30	Session 2	Gender issues; personality types; and love languages
3:30 – 6:30	Free time	(Take a nap, go shopping, have an early dinner, catch a matinee)
6:30 – 8:30	Session 3	Conflict resolution; debunking common myths of marriage; and keeping your sense of humor

Sunday, November 8th:



Presbyterian Women Circles

It's that time of year again when we need to print the Presbyterian Women's booklet. Please send your circle meeting dates, times, places and leader information to Cindi at

alpresby@centurytel.net
by Sunday, October 4!

Tuesday, October 13, at 7:00 pm
.....**Circle of SMILES**

Wednesday, October 14, at 7:00 pm
.....**Sarah Circle**

Tuesday, October 20, at 1:00 pm in the church library**Ruth Circle**

Wednesday, October 21, at 9:30 am in the church library.....**Circle of Hope**

Tuesday, October 27, at 7:30 pm in the church library.**Circle of Friends**

Thursday, October 22, at 5:30 pm in the church Session Room.....**Circle of Love**

The Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering is Saturday, October 24 at Forest Hill Church. A flyer is on the bulletin board in the church hallway. The topic sounds very interesting, "Food: HARVESTING YOUR Physical and Spiritual Needs." Lee Lohr will be attending

Worship tants



Assis-

Oct 4	9:30	Kathy Hamilton
	11:00	Susan Reighard
11	9:30	Gary Alshouse
	11:00	Carolyn Rudd



Greeters

Oct 4	9:30	Jay & Anna Allen Ruoff
	11:00	Lisa Roberts & Sherri Kellner
11	9:30	Paul & Cheryl Selvage
	11:00	Steve & Julie Dawe
18	9:30	Scott & Karen Francy

Ushers

- Oct 4** 9:30 Kathy Navarro, Janet Maurer, Gary and Susan Alshouse
 11:00 Alan and JoAnn Wainscott, Kelly and Mark Eisaman,
 Carolyn and Dan Rose
- 11** 9:30 David Littell, Carol and Larry Madson, Barb Lehmkuhl
 11:00 Jill Ralston, Beth and Jim Janis, Dale Griffen
 Mark Bennett, Georgia Sanchez
- 18** 9:30 Virginia Lockmeyer, Carol Nussle, Donna Bradley, Penny Helbig
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Communion Servers

- Oct 4** 9:30 Karen and Scott Francy, Paul Selvage, Virginia Lockmeyer
 Janet Maurer
-

Coffee Servers

- Oct 4** Brian & Deanna
 Bridgett
- 11** Janet Hukill and
 Chris Chase
18
 Mike and Sandi



Sound Room Technicians



- Oct 4** 9:30 Dave Littell
 11:00 Dave Taylor
- 11** 9:30 Lee Lohr
 11:00 Gary Alshouse



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 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), 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



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