



Stewardship/Blue Jean Sunday

Sunday, November 8, 2009

This is the day we change to one Worship Service at 10:00 am.

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Remember to hand in your pledges during the second hymn.

Read more on pg. 4

Also, it's that time of year again to do the outdoor yard work at church. Following the 10 o'clock service, we will rake leaves, clean the gutters, put the gardens to bed and otherwise prepare for Thanksgiving and the winter season. The Deacon's will be providing gourmet hot dogs along with apples and caramel dip to keep the energy level up. Oh, by the way, gourmet hot dogs means we may buy wheat buns. We're looking forward to good fellowship, a lot of fun, and a little work. See you in church and afterward, outdoors.

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Alternative Holiday Market

Sunday, November 22, 2009

Don't forget to attend this special event from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm in Hart Hall.



Advent

1st Sunday in Advent is November 29

It is a tradition during Advent for families to light the Advent candles at the beginning of the 10:00 worship service, as well as the Christmas Eve services. Each family is given a short script to read as they light the candles. The parts can be divided up any way the individual families want to divide them. We also would like to include unique family groupings such as Circles, Sunday school classes, a group of friends, or any combination of people who would like to share this experience together. If you are interested, please call Carolyn Dzuro at 933-6240 (at church) or e-mail her at cjdzuro@peoplepc.com.

DOING A NEW THING

On Sunday, November 8, we will be celebrating change at ALPC---a rare thing when change usually makes us uncomfortable and apprehensive.

We will be changing to just one Worship Service, from 10:00 am – 11:00 am, so that we can come together as a Community of Worshipers...one church family...rather than a divided, scattered family worshipping in two separate services.

Our ALPC children and youth will have a new schedule for Sunday morning Christian Education---a change for them and for our dedicated teachers. It will be as follows:

Beginning Nov. 8:

10:00 - 11:00 am— Worship Service

There will be Infant/Toddler care provided during the service.

After the Children's Message - All children and youth leave the sanctuary for their Sunday School classes.

10:30 - 11:15 am— Sunday School

11:00 am— (Following the Worship Service whenever it ends) **Adult Ed. Class (The Wired Word)** There will be child care provided until noon for the children of any parents who want to attend Adult Education.

On the first Sunday of the month, when Communion is served, the Worship Service will be a Family Worship Service. There will be NO Sunday School Classes for children or youth on that Sunday. The Adult Education Class will meet after the Worship Service until noon with childcare provided.

The Confirmation Class will continue to meet from 10:00-11:15. The class will start out in the Worship Service and after the Children's Message, they will go to the Youth Director's office for a continuation of Confirmation Class. This way, the Confirmation Class will experience worship every week and on the first Sunday of the month, will stay in the Worship Service to experience Communion.

This plan will be assessed in January to determine what is working and if anything needs revision. By then, we hope an Interim Pastor will be in place and can help with this process.

COME CELEBRATE CHANGE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2009, AT 10:00 A.M.!



ANNUAL HANGING OF THE GREENS EVENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd After the Worship Service

Children's Crafts in Room 5

Please join the Presbyterian Women and the Christian Education Ministry after worship on Sunday, November 22nd in decorating our church in time for the first Sunday in Advent.

There will be plenty of jobs for all ages. This is a busy time of year, but please consider helping us decorate and join in on the fun. Lunch will be provided by the Presbyterian Women for those of you who will stay to decorate. Sign-ups will be in the foyer November 8th and 15th.

We will have a craft room available for the children to come to make some fun things while the adults are decorating. Your children do NOT have to sign up to attend – they can just come to Room 5.

A Tisket A Tasket and PW Basket

This year, several of our church families have been dealing with trying financial times. Perhaps facing less than cheerful holidays....Well, we would like to deliver holiday baskets to some of these families and maybe some holiday cheer along with it.



How can you help? Donations are needed. Thanksgiving Dinner supplies like: cranberries, gravy mixes, crunchy onions for casseroles, canned fruit and vegetables (including sweet potatoes and green beans, bread and muffin mixes, stuffing mixes). How about pie ingredients like flour and sugar, pumpkin and canned fruit, even evaporated milk? Or some kind of holiday treat. Or Gift cards for the grocery store for the perishable items. No time to shop? A monetary donation will be cheerfully accepted!

If you know of someone that can use a little cheer this Thanksgiving, please call Cindi Dansizen, 933-6446 Beth Janis, 933-5621 or Janet Maurer 933-6209. All information will be kept confidential.

Please help us share our blessings this Thanksgiving with those nearest to us by bringing your donations to church from November 8 to November 22. Collection boxes will be in the foyer.

Beth Janis, Avon Lake Presbyterian Women

Stewardship Corner

Stewardship Commitment Sunday, which falls on November 8th this year, is fast approaching. As we prayerfully discern what our pledge for the new year will be, we thought it might be fun to remember all the different ways God has used Avon Lake Presbyterian Church to minister to His people during this past year. Matthew 6:33 reads; *“But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”* When we look at the list (and we are sure we have missed some, so please forgive us) it is clear we are striving for God’s kingdom and His righteousness. Therefore, as we listen for God’s guidance, we can be assured that all things necessary will be given to us as well. When God inspires you, nudges you or whispers in your ear, pay attention and answer the call. Life is for living, not sitting on the bench.

Nicaragua ministry	Sunday morning Card ministry	Music ministry
Grade XIII ministry	Cornerstone preschool ministry	Compassion meals
Mitten Tree ministry	Youth ministry	Emergency meals
Rummage sale ministry	Christian Education ministry	CRS ministry
Giving Tree ministry	Alternative Holiday Market ministry	Fellowship ministry
Family Promise ministry	Beulah Beach Church Retreat ministry	Love Shrub ministry
Blanket ministry	2 Cents a Meal ministry	Scrapbooking ministry
Relay for Life ministry	Big Brothers/Big Sisters ministry	Drama ministry
Crop Walk ministry	Lorain County Food co-op ministry	Prayer ministry
Hunger Project ministry	Clothe – A – Kid ministry	Gobbling Goblins
Property ministry	Chord of Three Strands ministry	Worship ministry
New Member ministry	Together on Tuesday ministry	Finance ministry
Men’s Lunch ministry	Women’s Circles ministry	Job Network ministry
Presbyterian Women ministry		

And two new ministries just getting off the ground: Healing Ministry and Prayer Shawl Ministry. One can only imagine all the other new ministries God has in store for us!

The Stewardship Committee

Advent Materials for the Whole Family

We have several family activities to choose from this year. They will all be on the table in the foyer beginning November 29th. Feel free to take as many copies as you can put to use and have a very blessed Advent!

A Children's Advent Calendar - filled with Scripture verses, activities, thought starters and Advent images for every day of Advent.

In thy Dark Streets Shinneth – a book of sticker fun

Symbols Tell the Story – a daily devotional for every day of Advent

A Grand Miracle – Advent devotional based on the thoughts of C.S. Lewis

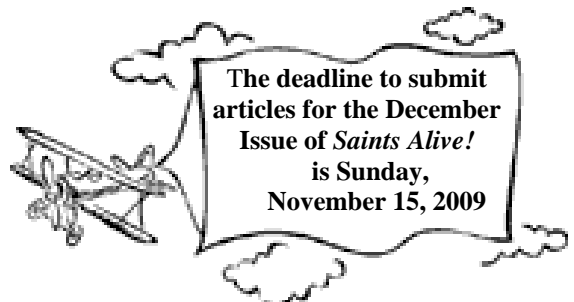


Youth Choir volunteers needed for the Christmas program on December 13th!

We are looking for children and youth (ages 4 and up) to be a part of this year's Christmas program – singing and/or playing bells and chimes. If you are interested in being a part of the Youth Choir during this glorious event, please call (933-6240) or email Carolyn Dzuro at cjdzuro@peoplepc.com.

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.



Healing Ministry

A Discussion- Sunday Nov. 15th, 11:30

In his book, Becoming a Blessed Church, Presbyterian Minister N. Graham Standish states “Our churches have abdicated their role as places of healing, which was part of the original church’s calling...Unfortunately, modern Christianity has given to the field of medicine the whole responsibility for healing, while failing to recognize that we Christians have a role in healing, too. We are called to complement the healing that Christ does through medicine with the healing that Christ brings through prayers and relationships.”

When I read those words a year ago, it was as if fireworks were going off in my heart. My eyes were opened to a ministry that I was not aware even existed and that has since transformed my life. The more I learned about and was personally blessed by this ministry of love and prayer; the more I felt that God was calling me to share this ministry of healing with my church family. I believe that a Christian Healing Ministry could have a place at ALPC, and would like to invite all who are interested in learning about and envisioning how this ministry could be practiced to join me for a discussion in the Pastor’s Study at 11:30 on Sunday, November 15th.

Peace and Blessings,
Rae Matthews

The Ninth Annual Alternative Holiday Market

will be held on
Sunday, November 22, 2009
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
in Hart Hall

Look for your holiday catalog to
preview and select
gifts in honor of family and friends
from fifteen not-for-profit
organizations



Sharing gifts... so hope may soar”



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. You can visit www.thp.org for more information.

**Please encourage your
children to bring in their
offering each week when they
come to Sunday school.**

Adult Sunday School Room 3 – Session Room After the worship service – childcare provided

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 decide to join, your email address can be added to the subscription at no cost. Every week there will be a new headline with a new subject to discuss. If you have any questions, talk with Carolyn (933-6240 or cjdzuro@peoplepc.com).

Adult Sunday School— 11:00 am

Financial Report

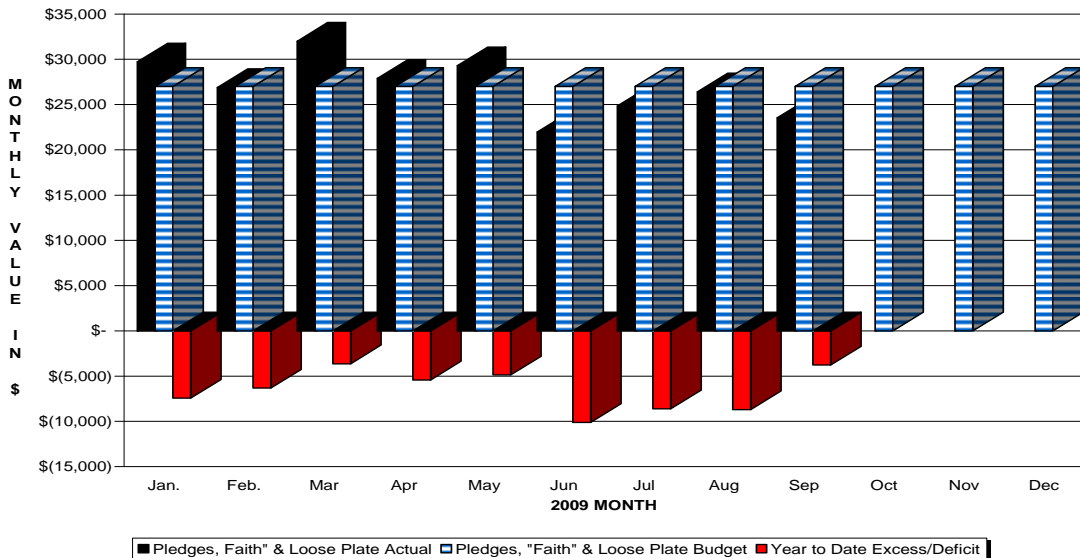
The summer ended with us basically breaking even in August and we reduced our deficit to \$3,773.50 at the end of September. Our expenses for the next few months will be lower as we will not have a full time pastor but we will have more program expenses than the summer because our normal activities will be back in full swing. The graph below shows that our receipts were below budget in August and even more so in September. We need to get back to the level of giving we had in the spring as we move into the end of the year and the budgeting process for 2010. Our goal should be to end the year with a healthy excess to begin our new year.

Please remember the “Keep the Flame Burning” campaign to pay for our new boiler. We received another \$525.00 to take us to \$7,091. We are so close to paying off the last 19% of the cost that it would be a shame not to do it. The graph on the monitor in the foyer will keep you updated with 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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God.

They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify.

Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."



Written in 1998 by: Janet Bristow Copyright ©2009

NEW! Enjoy knitting (or crocheting)? You are invited to join us in a Prayer Shawl Ministry! Each one will knit a shawl, (patterns will be available or design your own) and we will be offering prayers for the person to be gifted with the shawl while we knit. The shawls will be given to those in need of comfort and solace. Sound interesting? Join us in the church library **Tuesday, November 10th, at 11:00 am for an hour.** Please bring knitting needles and yarn or just come to learn more about it. Prayer Shawl Ministry is a new mission project for our church initiated by Ruth Circle. Contact Hilary Runyon, 930-2172, for more information.

Family Promise News

It has been decided that ALPC will be taking a sabbatical from the Family Promise mission in and effort to re-evaluate and work on recruiting more volunteers for this mission. I will keep you posted on our progress. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me.

I would also like to say thank you to my coordinators and all of the volunteers who so faithfully dedicated their time to this great mission! Your dedicated service makes my job as coordinator more pleasurable!

Blessings, Julie Smith

Faith House Mitten Tree Collection November 8, 15 & 22

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, the Presbyterian Women Mission Committee has 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, November 8 through Sunday, November 22.

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. Let's work together to provide these families with a whole treasure trove of warm items! Hats and scarves would also be appreciated!

Janet Maurer
PW Mission Coordinator



Presbyterian Women Rummage Sale Thank you

PW's fall rummage sale, held October 8th was a great success once again. Approximately \$2,600 was raised for PW's charities and missions. Our thanks to all who helped us reach our goal. Several volunteers participated all week and on sale day. That includes the fabulous bakers! Your goodies raised \$227 !

There is always an exciting fellowship shared during the week with great anticipation on Thursday. We have often heard how much the communities in the area look forward to and depend on our fall and spring sales each year. On April 22nd we will hold our SPRING rummage sale so please mark your calendars now. Join in and volunteer to help. We look forward to seeing new faces and of course our "regulars" who show up year after year.

Beginning next fall, three people need to chair this important committee. You can work with us this spring and see how everything is done in preparation. With the volunteers, it pretty much runs itself. Please call us with any questions.

Thank you once again for your continued support!

The Rummage Sale Committee
Susan Bernard
Donna Bradley
Jackie Day

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Yearly Joint Session/Deacons Meeting

October 19, 2009

Learned that:

- 156 persons received Communion on October 4, 2009
- Jim Grissinger has agreed to temporarily chair the Human Resources Committee
- \$2,500 has been returned to the ALPC Savings Account
- The Lorain County Lutheran/Presbyterian Food Co-op has been disbanded
- 10 people from ALPC walked in the Crop Walk
- Linda Duffy, our Youth Director, is using the PCUSA's "We Believe" curriculum for the Confirmation Class
- Christmas Music Sunday will be on December 13

Approved:

- Changing to one Worship Service on November 8, accompanied by changes in ALPC's Sunday Education program—the Elders will contact the members on their Congregational Care Lists to inform them of this change
- A Girl Scout Troup's use of Hart Hall for their meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month
- A group is being put together to research Healing Ministry
- An additional \$2,500 is being made available to the Interim Pastor Search Committee in case they need to bring candidates from a long distance for personal interviews

Heard that:

- Kathy Leopold and David Littell helped build a house, conducted 4 Vacation Bible Schools, and bought/delivered books, costing \$700, to the Iglacia Shalom Presbyterian Church Library
- Communion by Intinction will be eliminated due to the current H1N1 precautions and other health concerns

Shirley Hook, Clerk of Session

Mission Matters

Thanksgiving offering 11/22/09

Thanksgiving is a reminder to give thanks to God for the blessings of things like good health, national freedoms, friendships, family, and a place to worship. But what if you are not blessed with these things? Perhaps your health is less than perfect, your body is challenged, you are living with an addiction or recovering from one? Maybe you don't feel spiritually comfortable in a traditional church or your living situation makes it difficult for you to make Sunday services? The Mission Committee has designated two organizations that serve people that may be short on blessings for our Thanksgiving offering:

Lucy Idol Center in Vermillion. "The Center's program is open to any disabled individual in Lorain County or Erie County who needs daily intervention to maintain and rehabilitate or habilitate life skills". The center helps adults function as independently as possible. Support comes from local organizations, community residents and county agencies. You may learn more about this local mission online at www.lucyidolcenter.org

The Phoenix Project

The second organization is The Phoenix Project, our Presbytery's New Church Development in Lakewood, OH under the direction of Rev. Meredith White-Zeager. They seek "to provide a safe place for people to ask hard questions about God, faith, discipleship and spirituality" They have a storefront location on Madison Ave but also gather in other places for Bible Study, spiritual practice, (which is for prayer and practice to deepen relationships with each other and God) fellowship and even a Drum circle. It seems that it is a mission that reaches out to a wide variety of people. Their flyer is on the board in the foyer. You may also go to www.codenamephoenix.org or email phoenixbod@gmail.com for additional information or call Beth Janis 933-5621. Checks may be made payable to ALPC with the notation of *Thanksgiving*.



The Lucy Idol Center
 serving residents of Lorain County
 and surrounding area since 1954

Presbyterian Women

PW Coordinating Team Meeting

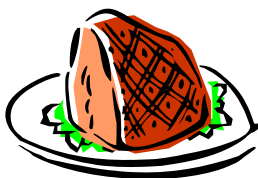
November 5 — 7:00 pm in the church Session Room



Calendar of Events for November

<i>Nov. 8—22</i>	Mitten Tree
<i>November 1 & 8</i>	Gobbling Goblins
<i>November 22</i>	Lunch & Hanging of the Greens – after the worship service
<i>Nov. 29—Dec. 13</i>	Ham Sale

Honey Baked Ham Sale



Presbyterian Women will be selling Honey Baked Hams again this year for Christmas. Orders will be taken November 29, December 6 and 13 in the church foyer. Delivery will be Wednesday, December 23. Some new items to purchase as gifts or for yourself for Christmas are:

My Grandma's of New England Coffee Cake—Pumpkin

Red Velvet Cake

Honey Baked Mustard Assortment

Gourmet Jumbo Cashews

Honey Baked Ham Gift Certificates—in any amount!

Please see Kathy Navarro or call 440-233-6214 if you have questions.

The Gobbling Goblins are back! These hauntingly hungry goblins are *dying* to get their claws on your leftover Halloween candy! Want to rid your castle of excess Halloween candy? Then bring your bags of leftover or unwanted candy to church Sunday, November 8th. A “Gobbling Goblins” box is in the foyer. ALPC will donate your monstrous morsels to Community Resource Services (CRS).



Thank you so much for supporting David Littell and me on our mission trip to Esteli, Nicaragua. Your generous donations for books bought not only the books you signed, but many,

many more books that I was able to purchase down there. ALPC also gave a generous donation to their youth team, which is the backbone of their church. The Shalom mission team, all between ages 16-25, is made up of hard working, vivacious, caring students who totally support their church family.

The two teams, always working together, helped construct a house for a needy family, and held four VBS (vacation Bible school) sessions for children in four different very needy barrios (neighborhoods). Our team was invited to attend one of their youth Bible study sessions. Wow! What a great discussion on "God's holiness." We also played together. Just ask David how he got those bruises (he was goalie for our soccer team).

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. It was truly a rewarding experience. David and I are hoping some of you will be moved to join us next year. There is more work to be done!

Con Carino, Kathy Leopold

Nominations for Church officers

Help the nominating committee with your prayerful recommendation of promising candidates for church leadership. Please fill out the nomination form that is in the church office and weekly bulletins and place it in the offering plate or in the church office. If you have any questions, call Terry Linick, Chair at 930-9992.



Ongoing/Long term prayer concerns:

George Lawson, Marcia Kalo, 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, 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:



Bradley Biddle (Ruth Murphy's grandson), Derek Fabry, Jennifer Homer, Matt Homer, Josh St. Clair, Jamie Waddell, Derek Weeden, Wes Wiblin, Aaron Angel (Scott Hay's niece's husband), Joshua Asire (Fran and Allan Asire's grandson), Bill Brown III (Sue Tompos' nephew), Tony Carosella (Carolyn Dzuro's nephew), Ben Donberg (a nephew of the Monjots), Michael Foor (Joyce Shramo's grandson), 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), 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).



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