



The Drummer

July 30, 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Good Neighbor Thrift Shop is having a huge tent sale August 2nd, 10 AM – 4 PM. To receive 10% off your purchase, bring in any non-expired canned fruit, spaghetti'os, toilet paper, or paper towels, which will be donated to CRS. Linda Schmitz, of Sheffield Lake, and regular customer, made a beautiful quilt to be raffled off, \$1 per ticket, and this money will go to Haven Center. Stop in and buy your tickets! We hope to see you for coffee, fellowship, fun, and to support missions. This is in conjunction with the Convenient Food Marts' rib cook out and Michael's Ice Cream Store. Visit this quaint area of Avon Lake!

ALSO, HELP NEEDED! People to come in around 4:30 one day a week to help with minor duties (vacuum, trash, tidying up for the next day). Please call Kathy 933-8627, or just stop in! Thanks!

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 3: 10 AM

On this first Sunday of the month, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our guest preacher is the Rev. Curtis Ackley. Curt is the Western Reserve Association Minister, the regional executive and pastor for the UCC churches in Northeast Ohio. Curt's communion meditation is entitled, "Come to the Waters." The scripture readings are Isaiah 55:1-5 and Matthew 14:13-21.

Jodi Bloser is sharing the special music of the day.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 10: HYMN SING SUNDAY!

Do you have a favorite hymn you haven't sung in a while? Whether an old favorite or a new hymn, send your requests to the church office by August 4. On Sunday, August 10, we'll sing as many as we can.

Kelly's sermon is entitled, "Fear, Change, and Remembering," based on the story of Jesus' walking on the water, as told in Matthew 14:22-33.

We'll celebrate the baptism of Hayden Blosser. The Avon Lake Women's Chorus will share special music.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING, AUGUST 10 AT 11 AM

A reminder to all parents of Confirmation students: please attend a meeting in the Chapel immediately following worship on August 10 to begin preparing for this year's class. If you have an 8th grader in your home, or an older student not yet confirmed, and you have not registered for Confirmation yet, please contact Youth Director Nate Taylor.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School is for 3 year olds through those just finishing 3rd grade. During the summer we have a Summer Book Club; a different book with a Christian theme or moral is read along with a craft that goes with the theme. If you could help one or two Sundays, please sign-up at the Welcome Center. This is an excellent opportunity for parents who are not able to teach during the year to help out.

A WORD FROM KELLY

As our August 2 wedding date approaches, Doug and I would like to thank the church family for your support and your expressions of kindness. We are looking forward to sharing the joy of our celebration with many of you.

After the wedding, I will be moving into Doug's condo as we focus our attention on trying to sell mine. It is our hope that we will then be able to sell or rent his, and purchase a house. My new address will be: 31825 Bayview Dr., #94. Our home phone will be: 930-2427.

I will be legally changing my name to Kelly Brill. I have always encouraged the children of the church to call me Pastor Kelly, so they – at least – won't have to learn a new name!

We are not taking a honeymoon right away. As we've been telling people, our honeymoon will consist of attending Shoremen football events! (Both of his sons are playing high school football this year. Nick will be a senior; Bradley will be a freshman.) We hope to plan a vacation that will involve getting away to somewhere warm next winter. I will be away on August 3, but back in the office some the week after, and in worship on August 10.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE PETERS/BRILL WEDDING: If you are planning to attend Doug and Kelly's wedding, please note the following: The concert will begin promptly at 4 PM. Please be seated by 3:50. In order to accommodate as many people as possible, we ask that all guests carpool and/or park across the street or nearby. We anticipate a very large turnout. Obviously, we want to provide for family members, guests from out of town, and other invited guests, as well as the church family. Accordingly, we ask that you exercise your considerate discretion before inviting any outside guests. Please remember that the invitation is extended to youth of confirmation age and older.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: For those who have lost a loved one: a bereavement support group will be offered Tuesdays, July 15 – August 19, 5:30 – 7:00 PM at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westlake. Sponsored by Hospice of Good Shepherd. To register, please call: 440-808-6111, ext. 2181.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

What could be better than an ALL CHURCH PICNIC with grilled hot dogs, buns, condiments and beverages furnished, and all you have to do is bring a dish to share and your table service? How about topping that with another appearance of the OSU ALUMNI MARCHING BAND OF ERIE COUNTY!!! This will be held on Sunday, August 17, with the potluck starting at 5:00 and the concert at 6:30. Weather permitting, we will be outside behind the church with the playground and some other lawn games. Too wet or hot, we'll move into Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. There is no cost or registration and you are encouraged to bring friends, especially those who have no church. Questions? Contact Bob Reich (Membership Board) at 930 – 5370 or bjreich@oh.rr.com.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS! Warm welcome to Todd and Richelle Kidder who joined the church on July 20. Todd and Richelle live at 140 Highland in Avon Lake; their phone number is 440-653-9057. Todd is Vice President of Manufacturing at the Federal Metal Company. Richelle is the Associate Director for the Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education. Their son Hayes is six; their son Adam is three.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hospice of the Western Reserve addresses the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of seriously ill people and their families. Dedicated and passionate volunteers allow us to care for thousands of patients and their families. A few hours of your time will make a world of difference. Our next volunteer education will be at Hospice of the Western Reserve Lorain Office, 2173 North Ridge Road, Suite H on Tuesdays, August 5th – September 16th, beginning at 9 AM until noon. If you are interested in attending, please call 284-2999.

TOWNE CENTER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Dental Presentation:** “Dental Implants & Snap-On Dentures” will be presented on Monday, August 11th at 2 pm at Towne Center Community Campus Clubhouse, 200 Community Drive. Dr. Jeffrey Becker, DDS and Dr. M. Ali Kanawati, DDS will discuss the options regarding dental implants and snap-on dentures. For reservations, please call 440-930-6750.
- **FREE Pancake Breakfast:** All seniors are invited to Towne Center Community Campus for our FREE Pancake Breakfast on Friday, August 15th from 9-10:30 am. The breakfast will be held in the community clubhouse at 200 Community Drive. For reservations please call 440-930-6750.
- **Cleveland Clinic Presentation:** Towne Center Community Campus will host “Build Up Your Bones – A Seminar on Improving Bone Health and Treating Osteoporosis” on Monday, August 25th at 6:30 pm. Topics to be covered that evening: “Osteoporosis and the Innovative Appointment”, “Understanding Bone Density and Current Treatments for Osteoporosis”, “Exercise and the Aging Athlete” and “Osteoporosis and Bone Strengthening”. Presented by the Cleveland Clinic. Program to be held at Main Street Care Center, 500 Community Drive. For reservations please call 440-930-6600.

A THANK YOU NOTE

My sincere thanks to everyone for the many cards and concern during my chemo for Lymphoma. I am happy to say I am off that list and expecting a lasting remission. Much love to my church family.
Dottie Haines

ALUCC PRAYER LIST: We update this list at the beginning of each month. Please contact the church office by phone (933-3241) or email (pastor@thealucc.org) to send an update or to add a name.

Updates on the Prayer List: Joann McFall and Dan Wallis recuperating from surgery.

Members with Health Concerns: Jack Barthels, Peg Ebner, Kay Griggs, Dottie Haines, George Horst, Jane Kauffman, Eleanor Munroe; Tim & Katie Schulz and Baby Schulz (Katie is on bed rest until the baby is born).

Members Receiving Treatment for Cancer: Jeremy George, Marlene Roesch.

Friends and Relatives of Members Receiving Treatment for Cancer: Craig Behrend (friend of Jane Sheard); Darlene Davis (Marken's daughter-in-law's mother); Mara Stifter Evans (friend of the Poplsteins); Marla Gansor (friend of the DeChants); Harry Frye-Lewis (friend of Virginia Pease); Tom Johnstin (Dorothy Moldenhauer's nephew), diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; Jane Laird (friend of Mary Lee Tyndall); Jack Langseder (nephew of Jack and Jennifer Gould); Arthur Nunn (Fran Brand's brother); Michael Sparkman (classmate of Arielle Schraff); Heather Jones (Kathy Nicol's sister-in-law); Shirley Doehring and Willodean Seal (friends of the Reichs).

Friends and Relatives of Members: Evelyn Lowry (Jane Barthels' sister); Rob Doggett (brother of David), struggling with mental health issues; Missy Doggett (David's wife) recuperating from surgery. Flo Wightman (Maureen's mother-in-law) hospitalized. Margo Gradt (Shirley Moore's mother) receiving hospice care. Vern Menker (Eileen Zakel's father)

Sympathy to Betty Grandy and Rob & Carol Grandy on the death of husband and father, Bruce, July 22. His memorial service will be July 31 at 7 PM.

Serving in Iraq: Joseph Loar (Gary's nephew). Christin (Jodi Foley's daughter). Geoffrey Wightman (Maureen's nephew).

Please remember our members who are homebound and in rehab or nursing home care.

Parish Nurse Hours: Wednesday, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.; Evenings by appointment. Cheryl can be reached through the confidential voice mail, 930-4766; the church office; or by email: cherylupdegraff@oh.rr.com

REMINDER: If you or a loved one are in the hospital and wish prayers or visits from the church, please call the church office. Otherwise, we may not know you're there!

ALUCC CHRISTMAS CARDS

Women's League is taking orders for Christmas cards featuring the Sanctuary Nativity. Two choices are available. Samples of the cards and order information may be seen at the display at the Welcome Center. Orders will be taken beginning in September.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

Did you know an electric hospital bed costs \$991.00? Or that a sterile hospital gown costs \$98.99? Or that a 27-pound box of sterile endotracheal tubes costs \$2,985.00. Who knew?

The wonderful thing is that Middletown Regional Hospital and its parent company Premier Health Partners have donated enough hospital furniture and equipment to fill a 40-foot shipping container that will soon be on its way to Dr. Anil Henry at the Christian Hospital in Mungeli, India. An estimated value of all the goods is \$30,000-\$38,000.

Now, we're trying to raise the money needed to ship the goods. Our costs to ship the items from Middletown, OH, to India--not including foreign currency fluctuations, increases in fuel costs, and the costs of unexpected delays--are \$6,864.00.

My Dayton friend Pat Smith (who went with me to India last year) and I would appreciate all the help we can get to pay for the shipment.

Will you help? Just make out a check to Avon Lake UCC and add the comment "Shipment to India." We will be grateful for any amount you can give. And you will know that you've been instrumental in providing desperately needed equipment and supplies to a small oasis of modern medical care and Christian caring in one of the poorest regions of India.

God bless, Loy Wiley

SAVE THE DATE: ALUCC has a mission opportunity to participate in a Lorain County Habitat for Humanity build site. For those who are interested, save the first three Saturdays in September. More info in the next Drummer. Contact Doug Rider, 933-2758

COMING SOON: The ALUCC Patchwork Series will begin weekly in September on channel 99. Just as a Patchwork quilt is made up of many colors and shapes, this series will show Avon Lake the many activities our church provides.

KITCHEN LOST AND FOUND

Have you brought food recently to the church...for Bike and Build, Coffee Hour, or another event? There are many bowls, Pyrex dishes and other items people have left. Please check the kitchen for your missing belongings!

DRUMMER SCHEDULE: THE NEXT DRUMMER WILL BE AUGUST 13, AND THE DEADLINE IS AUGUST 11.