



## AUGUST WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Summer Worship Schedule: Worship at 10 AM

Sunday School for Students 3 years old  
through those who have just completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**August 7:** On this first Sunday of the month, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Dr. Brill's meditation, "Living with Fear," is based upon Matthew 14:22-33. Delaney Shea Hamilton will be baptized. Bringing special music are Jennifer Snyder and her children, Jordan and Parker Laird.

Meet in the Chapel after worship to ask questions about the proposed capital campaign.

**August 14:** We celebrate Stephen Ministry Sunday! A number of our Stephen Ministers will share stories of their experiences in this meaningful program which is such an important part of our congregational life. Donna Case will share special music on the flute.

Q&A session will be held in the Chapel after worship, as we prepare for the August 21 congregational meeting.

**August 21:** It's Backpack Sunday! All children are invited to bring their backpacks/book bags to church to receive a gift and a blessing as the new school year begins. If you wish, fill your backpack with peanut butter and jelly; all donations will go to CRS, Community Resource Services, to help children in need. We will also offer a prayer of dedication for all teachers and students. Invite your friends and neighbors who work in the schools! Fritz Schaufele and friends will bring special music, and we will hear a report from the junior high mission trip to Cincinnati. Dr. Brill's sermon is entitled, "Be Transformed" and is based upon Romans 12:1-8.

All members are invited to stay after worship to attend a congregational meeting.

**August 28:** Dr. Brill's sermon, based upon Romans 12:9-21, is entitled, "Discipleship Check List." A men's choir will sing, and new Time and Talent surveys will be distributed.

It's Church Picnic Day! Stay after worship for a chicken bbq lunch on the front lawn. Beverages will be provided by the Board of Membership. Bring your own table service, a dish to share (salad, vegetable or dessert), lawn chairs and lawn games. We're going to be on the front lawn this year! We will have cornhole, inflatables, and other games. Please RSVP so that we have sufficient chicken; see the sign-up sheets on the "picnic table" near the church library. We are looking for people to help set up and clean up, too. The cost for the chicken is \$3.25 per adult and \$1.75 per child. The church picnic will begin immediately after worship.

## **A WORD FROM KELLY**

Or let's call it "Three Words from Kelly" this month!

### **1. About the congregational meeting:**

I couldn't be more thrilled about the health of our congregation at the present time. Our worship attendance is growing, we are welcoming new members, we have more people participating in mission trips and volunteering locally; in most significant ways, we are thriving.

However, if any individual, any family, any organization is to maintain vitality, it's essential that we take a close look, on a regular basis, and assess our strengths and our weaknesses. One of the challenges that ALUCC faces is a hefty mortgage payment each month. The good news is that, through the generosity of each of us, we have been able to keep up our mortgage payments. The bad news is that we have less money to spend on ministry and mission.

After considerable discussion, the Board of Stewardship and Church Council believe that the time is right for us to conduct another capital campaign for the sole purpose of reducing our debt. With more money, we could expand our ministry and mission in a number of ways, ensuring that we have adequate staff for a growing congregation.

I want you to know that I wholeheartedly support a capital campaign. I know that not everyone will be able to contribute financially, but if each of us contributes to our best capability, we will be able to free up resources and continue to minister to one another, to our community, and to our world.

Please contact me, our Moderator Maureen Johnson, or any member of Church Council or Stewardship if you would like to discuss this further. And please attend the Q&A sessions on August 7 and August 14. (The congregational meeting is August 21, immediately following worship.)

**2. About worship on September 11:** the tenth anniversary of the September 11 tragedy is coming up next month, on a Sunday. We will commemorate this event by honoring all of those in our congregation who are serving in the military in any capacity, and all of those who are serving as emergency response personnel (EMS, police, fire etc.) Please send me your name if you work in any of these capacities, and please be in attendance on September 11. Invite your friends and neighbors who work in these professions, too!

**3. About our website:** we have updated our website, and more updates are coming! My thanks to Bob Blosser, Kristi Blosser, and Jason Forbes, for their tireless work. Please send me your suggestions for further improvements. Check out our website at [thealucc.org](http://thealucc.org).

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children ages 3 years through (just finished) 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are learning about missions in our Sunday School class. Children are dismissed to the Chapel after Children's Time.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED:** A few more teachers are still needed to help lead Sunday School this summer. Please sign-up on the yellow board by the Welcome Center if you can help one Sunday. It's easy - the lessons are already planned! And it's fun - working with the children here at ALUCC is always a good time!

### **PARISH NURSE NEWS:**

**Office hours:** Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. & Sundays between services. Other times by appointment; contact: 933-3241 or email: [cherylupdegraff@oh.rr.com](mailto:cherylupdegraff@oh.rr.com)

According to the American Red Cross there is an emergency need for blood. "Every minute of every day someone needs blood and ... that can only come from a volunteer donor."

**EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR** - Friends from the congregation are invited to join the Reimer family as Austin celebrates achieving his Eagle Scout Award. The ceremony will be Aug. 27 at 3pm in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

**ALL MEN OF OUR CHURCH:** We would like to invite you to join in & try out one of our Morning Prayer Group sessions. Our group consists of a few men who look forward to spending a little time with each other discussing our faith journey. We share our struggles, joys and concerns and have really come to look forward to our time together. We meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays from 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM at the church. Please join us.

## **SINGING AND RINGING AT ALUCC**

If you are looking for a personal, rewarding, challenging and fun way to get involved here at ALUCC, I *encourage you to join one our Choirs.* We have 2 adult choirs who sing each week, and 1 handbell choir which rings in worship monthly. The choirs and bell choir are available to people 9<sup>th</sup> grade to age 99. We also have a Children's Choir which rehearses Sunday mornings and sings at various times throughout the year and there are also plans for additional Youth music offerings later in the year.

The **Handbell Choir** directed by Sharon Dixon rehearses on Mondays at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. Please contact Sharon at [sdixon0714@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdixon0714@sbcglobal.net)

I conduct the **Sanctuary Singers** (the 9:00 choir) who rehearse for one hour on Wednesdays at 7:30 in the choir room. Reach me at [fancherie@aol.com](mailto:fancherie@aol.com)

The **Chancel Choir** led by Fritz Schaufele, (the 11:00 choir) rehearses on Thursdays at 7:30 in the choir room. Contact Fritz at [fritzmeister@prodigy.net](mailto:fritzmeister@prodigy.net)

Please feel free to contact me or the particular directors for more information. The first rehearsals of the year will be Handbell Choir – Monday, August 29, Sanctuary Singers - Wednesday, September 7 and Chancel Choir - Thursday, September 8.

Joining one (or more) of your church's choirs are a great way to get involved and get to know some other church members. It is also a great outlet for music lovers. It helps to have some musical background, but being an expert sight-reader isn't necessary. We work diligently, have fun, love learning, and find singing or ringing in worship is a way to use our love of music as a way to deepen our faith and honor God. If you would want help with babysitting for rehearsals or would like to be able to sit with your family during the service, that can be arranged—please contact the director. If you're not sure about this, but would like to give it a try for a few weeks, that's fine, too—no strings attached. Hope to see you in September!

Mary Fancher, Director of Music Ministry

To all kids grades K - 5: My name is Dr. Kotora and I am the new Children's Choir director at ALUCC. I want to invite each of you to join the choir this year as we are going to have a great time making a joyful noise unto the Lord! Please bring your parents with you and stop by to see me during the Church Picnic on August 28<sup>th</sup> so we can meet. I will have some information for your parents and I might even have a surprise for you! Our first rehearsal will take place on September 11 at 10:10 am in the Chapel. I look forward to working with you and hope you can join us!

## **CHRISTIAN ED NEWS**

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED:** Want to make a difference in the life of a child? Teach Sunday School! Julie Reimer, Director of Christian Education, is putting together the Sunday School fall schedule and is looking for Sunday School teachers. The lesson plans are on-line this year and very easy to follow. Most classes have 3 teachers that rotate Sundays, so you'd only be teaching once or twice a month! It couldn't be easier! Interested? Questions? Please contact Julie at 933-3241 or [christianed@thealucc.org](mailto:christianed@thealucc.org).
- **WANTED: DIGITAL CAMERA** – Do you have a decent old digital camera gathering dust somewhere in your house? The Board of Christian Education is looking for a workable digital camera to keep at the church and use to take photos at church events. If you have a camera you'd like to donate, contact Julie Reimer, Dir. of Ch. Ed. Thanks!
- **PB&J DRIVE:** As you shop for back-to-school supplies this month, please think of those children less fortunate and throw a jar of peanut butter and jelly into your cart. And then bring donations of PB&J (or your favorite nonperishable lunch food) to church on August 21<sup>st</sup>. We are collecting PB&J for CRS to celebrate heading Back-to-School.

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**DID YOU KNOW...**that you can contribute to the church through an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)? Many people like to pay their bills automatically. It's convenient for you, and the church appreciates the steady income throughout the seasons. Contact Valerie Tanzilli in the church office for more information.

**THRIFT SHOP NEWS:**

Welcome to Betty Butts, beginning employment as a second assistant manager.

**JACK AND JILL NEWS**

A few openings remain for the 2011-2012 school year at Jack & Jill Nursery School. Afternoon classes for 3, 4, and 5 year olds all have openings. There are also a few openings for the two-day morning 3 year old class. Please contact Melody Rice, Director: 933-7946.

**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](mailto:pastor@thealucc.org)) to send an update or to add a name.

**New on the Prayer List:** Gregg Brekke, recuperating from surgery; Marilyn Luce, awaiting surgery for breast cancer; Sherry Odle, awaiting surgery on August 18. Lisa Bolthouse (Celeste Frie's sister) in ICU after being in a horse riding accident. Fran Niziolek, awaiting knee replacement surgery August 8. Peg Breitweg and Helen Bendau, hospitalized. Clara Gumble hospitalized in Wisconsin.

**Members with Health Concerns:** Ron Butrey, Peg Ebner, Pat Garrett, Krystal Holstein, Ellie Mental

**Members Receiving Treatment for Cancer:** Linda Brown

**Receiving Hospice Care:** Carol Gould, Craig Irish

**Friends and Relatives Receiving Treatment for Cancer:** Linda Norman, Carole Restifo, Don Bayley, Karen Beech, Tom Bellino, Tom Brunner, Rev. Kristi Foster, Mary Harold, Kris McLeod, Dan McGough, Jim Neibes, Lisa Nusbaum, Heidi Peck, Maura Roberts, Emily Stephens, Werner Wittman.

**Friends and Relatives of Members:** Mallory Arndt, Dick Bucey, Alex Burbules, John Dase, William & Florence Dickinson, Joyce Dorbish, Brandon Hiller, Karen Holdridge, Mick Haddox, Stella Klasch, Toni Kulma, David Mange, Stuart Nelson, Lillian Piggott, Janice Thibo, Thomas Trefts, Luanne Varndell, Julie Weaver.

**Congratulations** to Ryan & Meg Dietz on the birth of their son, Grant, July 11; grandmother is Sue Cox. Also to Tom & Michelle Sampieri on the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Renee, July 15. The happy grandmother is Linda Teschner. Congratulations to Glenn & Ruth Williams on the birth of their granddaughter, Eliza Marija Puntuzs, July 21; parents are Emily & Tony.

**Sympathy to:** Stu & Jane Sheard & their family and Phoebe Hostetler on the death of their son and grandson, Mick, July 3; sympathy also to Bob & Jan Mange on the death of their grandson, Matthew Robert Davenport, July 11; and sympathy to Jennifer (Roberson) & Joseph Schilens on the death of his father, Vincent, July 2

**Serving Overseas:** Matt Roesel, Wes Wiblin, Geoffrey Wightman.

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

**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!

**SEPTEMBER DRUMMER DEADLINE** is Monday, August 29. If you would like any information included in the next monthly newsletter, please send to the church office by email ([office@thealucc.org](mailto:office@thealucc.org)) or be sure to bring your items in by this date. News items/reminders may also be submitted for Kelly's weekly email updates. (If you are not receiving the weekly email updates, please send your email address to [pastor@thealucc.org](mailto:pastor@thealucc.org).)

## FROM THE MODERATOR

I am writing this in mid-July. In the past week, I have spent a lot of time in church related activities. I have been a host for two bike and build riders. I have attended two potlucks on their behalf. I have attended another social gathering with church members. I have sat through an amazing service prepared by our high school youth mission trip attendees. I have spent time with a family in mourning the loss of a loved one. It has truly been a week of understanding the importance of our church community. It has been inspiring to watch how many people have come together in mission, worship, fellowship, and support. None of this would have happened if we did not have our Mission Board outreach, our youth programs, or the personal connections we build every time we worship or gather together in our beautiful building.

This month's body building focus is on strengthening our core. Any trainer will tell you that the rest of the body suffers without a strong core. All activities, whether walking or running, sitting or standing, depend on a strong support system from the abdominal muscles. I need to be clear on one point. I fully understand that the **core** of our community is our faith in God and the principles of the teaching of Jesus Christ. However, for my metaphor today, I will take the liberty to play with words and present the idea that our physical building and our programs of ministry also support the core of our faith community.

Without a gathering place (our church), without our programs of ministry (both volunteer and paid positions) our community would not be able to provide the opportunities for mission and ministry that we currently enjoy. Before I was Moderator, I was happy to come and participate in the programs and fellowship without giving any thought to what happens behind the scenes. This year is a little different. Each month, I preside over a meeting of all of the church boards and hear the details of how it all happens. It is always inspiring to see how much work people volunteer to do for our faith community. At these meetings, we also go over the financial picture of the church. Because we have such dedicated volunteers, we manage to run things on a very tight budget but we are growing rapidly and the demands on our building maintenance and our programming are squeezing our budget tighter and tighter.

Many of you know (and many of you probably don't know) we have a large mortgage to pay for the new sanctuary we built just a few years ago. Our current mortgage payment is \$11,596 every month. Our current mortgage note will be refinanced in 2014. The Stewardship Board presented a plan to proceed with a capital campaign next year to help bring down the principle amount of that loan. Church Council agreed with their assessment. To that end, we are planning to hold a Congregational Meeting on August 21, to take a vote on whether or not the congregation would approve the running of a capital campaign to pay down the mortgage debt. There will be two informational meetings to answer questions after the services on Sunday, August 7 and August 14.

Strengthening the core of your body means doing the unpleasant work of sit-ups, crunches and planks. Strengthening the core of our financial picture means taking some time on a beautiful summer day to learn about the issue at hand and think about taking on a challenging task. This campaign could result in lowering our monthly mortgage payment by thousands of dollars each month. That, in turn, would free up our budget to better provide for our building and program needs, which ultimately affects our core mission—growing people to serve God and others. I encourage you to attend one of the information sessions and the Congregational Meeting on August 21.

Maureen Johnson [mjalucc@gmail.com](mailto:mjalucc@gmail.com) \*\*\*\*note new e-mail address!

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

**September 11:** Beginning of fall worship schedule (worship and Sunday School at 9 and 11 AM)

**Cross Training begins Wednesday, October 5,** and runs every Wednesday through November 9. Dinner at 6, worship at 6:30 (with music led by Jim Kotora) and classes and programming for all ages from 7-8. More details in the next Drummer!

**October 9:** Fall Festival

**January 20-21:** Annual Women's Retreat

## LISA AND NATE WEDDING SHOWER, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>, 10 AM - NOON

Nate Taylor has been a part of ALUCC for the past 4 years and in that time we have all grown to appreciate his energy and passion. To say that our Youth programs have blossomed would be a serious understatement. It is no surprise that he is loved by the youth of our church because our kids know that they are getting 110% from Nate all the time. So now our beloved Nate is marrying Lisa Przepyszny this fall. Many of you have met Lisa at church and have been surprised to find that she is not nearly as crazy as one would expect someone to be who is planning to marry Nate.

This is our chance to show Nate our 110%. Please join us at a wedding shower for Nate and Lisa. Everyone is welcome for a yummy brunch and a fun video presentation in Fellowship Hall, but please RSVP to Jennifer or the church office.

Nate and Lisa have a website [www.weddingwire.com/nateandlisa](http://www.weddingwire.com/nateandlisa). They are registered at Lowe's, Macy's and Bed Bath & Beyond.

If you are interested in helping with the food for the shower, please contact Jennifer Snyder at 933-8933 or [jensnydermd@yahoo.com](mailto:jensnydermd@yahoo.com). Every family attending the shower is asked to bring a salad or fruit dish to share.

### TAKE A READING VACATION

Take a reading vacation with one of the great books in our library. New books added:

1. *India Calling* – in honor of the 2011 India Mission Team from Glenn & Ruth Williams
2. *His Bright Light* – the story of Nick Trains
3. *Ireland* – a novel
4. *The Bible for Dummies*
5. *From Habakkuk to Sara* – a memoir of the Rev. Stephen Szilogyi & his founding of the Sara Ministry
6. – *What to Expect When Mommy's Having a Baby* – the Answer Dog "Angus" answers your questions

Veggie Tales DVD's added:

1. *Where's God When I'm Scared?*
2. *The Toy That Saved Christmas*
3. *Veggie Tales – A Snoodles Tale*

All of these are donations. If you have any ideas or questions, please see librarian, Diane Bayley.

### THANK YOU

To all the members of Avon Lake UCC,

From the bottom of all our hearts thank you for making these past two days among the most memorable and touching of our trip. The generosity and support we received from the moment we rolled into town have been staggering. To have so many people turn out for us, take us into their homes, cook for us is truly humbling. We wish we could thank every single person individually who helped, but that would take so much time that we might never leave. It is to your credit that that option sounds pretty tempting. Thank you for everything!!!  
Love, Bike & Build Northern US 2011

"The Best Place in Ohio" is how Bike and Build referred to northeastern Ohio (Avon Lake!) in one of their blogs! Thank you's to for Nate and the youth's Hot dogs and the potluck Thursday night, to all the host families, Jan Mackert and the City of Lorain for the awesome build day (and the drivers who got them to and from the build), the Witzigreuters for hosting the Friday night pizza party and swim to the Men's Breakfast group on Saturday morning for continuing Avon Lake UCC's reputation as the The Best Place in Ohio!

### KITCHEN USAGE

As our church becomes busier, all of our facilities are being used more. At their June meeting, the Board of Trustees discussed the number of groups using the kitchen, and the amount of food and supplies that is being left in the kitchen. In order to keep the refrigerator and freezer free for the groups that need them, the following policies will be implemented:

1. If you use the kitchen, please take all leftover food with you.
2. Any food placed in the kitchen, freezer or refrigerator must be labeled with name and date. Items that are left past the date of the event will be discarded. Dishes left over for more than a day or two will be donated to the Thrift Shop.

Thank you!

## **PRIME TIMERS' AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE**

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU REGISTER! Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact: Judy or Bob Reich (930-5370 or [bjreich@oh.rr.com](mailto:bjreich@oh.rr.com))

- Sunday, August 21: GOODTIME III RIVER & LAKE NARRATED CRUISE, Carpool from church - 1:30 / Cruise - 3:30 - 5:30, Adults - \$15.00 / Seniors - \$13.00 / Children (5-12) - \$9.00
- Thursday, September 15: TOUR & LUNCH AT WESLEYAN MEADOWS ELYRIA (free), Carpool from church @ 11:00am, Hosts at Wesleyan Meadows: Kent & Kitty Kress & Vince & Laurie Young
- Saturday, September 24: END-OF-SUMMER PICNIC IN OUR BACKYARD, 5:30pm - Bring table service & a dish to share

**LOOKING AHEAD:** November 3<sup>rd</sup>, *SHERLOCK HOLMES @ HUNTINGTON PLAYHOUSE* - \$20.00 - Women's League has bought put the house. Details TBA

SIGN UP SHEETS @ Welcome Center. QUESTIONS? RESERVATIONS:). Transportation available.

**ALL PROGRAMS OPEN TO ALL - NO AGE RESTRICTIONS**

## **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE**

We'd love to "SEE" you! A new update to the ALUCC pictorial directory is in the works this summer. If you were not photographed for the directory that was done in 2009, or for the update issued in 2010, and would like to be included in this summer's update, please let me know. Two options for your convenience: send me a digital picture, or arrange to take a picture after church some Sunday. (Important: if you choose to send me a picture, we cannot use professionally done photos due to copyright restrictions.)

## **STEPHEN MINISTERS**

In the last 20 years dozens of church members have been trained to be caring listeners to people facing life crises of many kinds such as: death of a loved one, job loss, divorce, change in living arrangements, health problems or serious illness of self or family. Though we currently have 15 Stephen Ministers, most of them in active ministry, we would like to begin a new training class this fall.

Several of you have already expressed interest, and may pick up an application in the church office, to be completed and returned to the Pastor.

Information about Stephen Ministries is in the church pew racks, and more will be available in August. The present Stephen Ministers will lead Sunday Worship on August 14.

## **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

Are you interested in a mission trip that is not too far away or does not cost a lot? The Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center in Louisa Kentucky has lots of opportunities for people willing to give of their time. The mission center runs a number of thrift shops and has a large warehouse. They need people to sort items and deliver them to the various stores. They fix up trailer homes for use as transitional housing for the homeless and they have a vacation bible school camp each summer.

Bill and I went down for the Vacation Bible School camp. We had 10 boys (most very poor and not from the best family life). They were with us from Monday morning to Friday noon. That gave them a chance to get away from difficult situations for a week and learn to live with other kids 24 hours a day. We taught them how to use puppets to present a skit based on a bible story. We also took them swimming and fishing at a near-by lake. We saw tremendous changes in the boys by the end of the week. It is amazing what a little love can do. We would like to thank the people who made cloth bags for the hygiene kits we gave them. Also thanks to those who provided toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo and other items for the kits. It is hard to imagine people in this country not having a tooth brush, but it does happen and the boys really appreciated getting one.

If you are interested in learning more about opportunities at the mission center, ask Bill or I or go on line to Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center.

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## **SUPPORT AVON LAKE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AT THE ROCK PILE**

Thank you to those members who mentioned ALUCC when shopping at the Rock Pile. We received a check for \$38.93. It's simple... Shop at **The Rock Pile**, tell the cashier you want to help Avon Lake UCC and we'll donate 5% of your purchase (pre-tax) to your church! Whether you buy mulch for your beds, bird feed or feeders for your birds, propane for cookouts, or beautiful garden items to plant in your yard... every product you buy at **The Rock Pile** (excluding Lottery) will earn 5% for the Avon Lake United Church of Christ.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Girls on the run is a life-changing, non-profit prevention program for girls in the 3rd through 5th grade. Our mission is "to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running."

Girls on the Run combines training for a 5K (3.1 miles) running event with healthy living education. Our programs instill self-esteem through health education, life skills development, mentoring relationships, and physical training - all of which are accomplished through an active collaboration with girls and their parents, schools, volunteers, staff, and the community.

Girls on the Run is a lot more than a running program! It is our goal to help all girls grow into physically, emotionally, mentally and socially healthy women, to dream and achieve goals, and to become contributing members of the community.

We are currently seeking adult volunteers to be head or assistant coaches at our fall program site. The fall session starts the week of Sept 19th and goes through Dec 2nd. Coaches are assigned to teams which meet twice per week from times beginning at 4:30 - 6:00 and last about an hour. Our volunteer coaches lead their teams through the easy to follow, Girls on the Run curriculum, stretching and running activities, and training for the end-of-season 5K event. You do not need to be a runner or a competitive athlete. Successful coaches need only serve as a role model for girls by showing up prepared and on time, listening attentively, and by demonstrating a positive attitude!

Please contact Stacey Lopriore @ 440-554-9820 or [staceylopriore@yahoo.com](mailto:staceylopriore@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

## **NEWS FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Representatives from each conference of the UCC meet every other year at the General Synod meeting; this year's meeting was held in late June/early July in Tampa, Florida. Delegates discussed a number of national and worldwide issues, including voting to advocate on behalf of the people of the Congo, and standing against hostility towards Islam and the Muslim community. Three new officers were elected, who will work alongside president Geoffrey Black at the Cleveland headquarters. For details on the UCC General Synod meeting and to learn more about the UCC's national setting, please visit [ucc.org](http://ucc.org). (If you do not have internet access, the church office can help you find the information you would like to read.)

The UCC publishes a weekly news update by email, called "keeping you eposted." You may subscribe here: <http://www.ucc.org/news/keeping-you-eposted>.

You may also receive daily devotions by email: <http://www.ucc.org/feed-your-spirit/daily-devotional>.

Finally, consider subscribing to the gorgeous, coffee table publication printed twice a year, and edited by ALUCC member, Gregg Brekke, the Still Speaking magazine. See Kelly Brill for more information.

**RIDES TO AIRPORT OFFERED:** Jim Wise will provide transportation to and from the airport to any member, in exchange for a donation to the church. If you ever need a ride to the airport, and/or a pick-up, please call Jim at 440-933-3120 (home phone) or 216-337-8537 (cell phone.)

**STAMPS:** Please bring in your used postage stamps and place them in the box outside the office. Please leave approximately ¼ inch of paper around the stamp for trimming. Please leave postcards whole. This is a Women's League fundraising project. Thank you.