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Saints Alive!

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Pastor's Passage **Our Son Kenny**

"A son may outgrow your lap, but he will never outgrow your heart."
Anonymous

In our April *Saints Alive*, I shared with you my story about how Mary has been the guiding and loving force in my life. This month I want to share with you a story about our son, Kenny.

The month of May is now upon us. Every May reminds me of our son, Kenny, who was born in May of 1972. Kenny would have been 52 years old this year.

I thought about what to say and I realized the best way I could share the essence of Kenny would be to share with you the words I spoke at his funeral.

A Dad Remembers:

Kenny was a wonderful son. Was.. That sounds really strange. It wasn't supposed to be this way, but it is. The truth is the family knew that this type of gathering was a real possibility ever since Kenny got really sick four years ago and almost (probably should have) died. This was a possibility that

all of us put way back somewhere in our brains and quietly prayed that it would not happen. But this did happen and now we call upon God to hold us up as we navigate the rough seas that we are now sailing.

Kenny's death is truly tragic. I imagine many alcoholic deaths are like this — tragic. But that is the nature of the beast. Alcoholism is a life and death struggle that many people face. Kenny's family and friends tried to help; his doctor's tried to help but to no avail. Ultimately, Kenny was the only person who could help Kenny, but the grips of alcoholism were too strong for him to break. Sadly, he did this to himself no matter how hard we all tried to help. That is the nature of the disease. As a recovering alcoholic, I knew of the many challenges that he would face and my heart is broken. But we all have our faults and we all have our weaknesses.

But, we are gathered here to celebrate Kenny's life, not ponder the coulda's, woulda's, and shoulda's. We must give our thanks and praise to God for allowing Kenny to be a part of our lives for the 41 years he was with us. For those of you who are here as support and did not know Kenny, he was a special person and I'm not saying this because I am his dad.

Kenny came into my life a month before his fifth birthday. His "Ma," as he lovingly called Mary, and I became reacquainted in 1977, after knowing each other at Berea High. It was April 9 when we met at a party and by Father's Day that year, Mary and I knew we were going to get married.

Mary announced the news to her family on Father's Day of 1977 and I did the same with my family after playing a softball game. Kenny asked, "Who can I tell?" We all went to a softball team party that evening and on our way, (continued on page 4)

JOIN US AT AVON LAKE'S MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MAY 27 | MEET AT CHURCH 8:45AM | PARADE STARTS 10AM

It's that time of year to hop on John Weeden's bus with a bag of candy to share with the children in our community along the route as we honor our Military Heroes! If any children would like to participate: WELCOME! We just ask you to have a parent with you to ensure your safety for the duration of the event.

We wish to invite all the brave men and women of ALPC who have served the military to participate! Have your uniform? Perfect! Wear it while you ride the bus or walk the parade route. Wish to carry a photo of your family member who served their country? We'd be honored to have you join us!

Contact Sharon Call, Elder for Evangelism Committee at 440.785.6838 with any questions or special considerations or Office Administrator Kenzi at 44.933.6240.

Let's show up for our heroes!

Sign up in the narthex.

2024

SAINTS ALIVE SCHEDULE

Articles Due

May 26 October 27
August 25 November 24
September 22 December 22

Newsletter Out

May 31 November 1
August 30 November 29
September 27 December 27



Spring Clean Up

Help us spruce up the church grounds!
Sunday, May 5

Join us after worship for Spring Work Day! The Deacons will have Deacon Dogs on the grill along with other tasty treats. Bring a rake or other outdoor tools and help clean up the yard and pull the weeds. Windows also need to be washed outside.



Living Successfully with
ALZHEIMER'S

Sunday, June 9th
1:30pm at
Avon Lake Presbyterian Church
32340 Electric Blvd,
Avon Lake Ohio

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church Hosting the Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation with speaker Sally Ollerton and special guests Gary and Nan!


Sally Ollerton


Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation

 Visit website
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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 in family, community, and the world.



*Perk up with a cup of joe at our Coffee House!
Sundays at 10 a.m., worship services are live-
streamed so you can watch from the comfort of
the couch while enjoying a hot beverage, a donut,
and of course, fellowship.
If you prefer worshipping in the sanctuary, coffee
and tea are always available after the service.*

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Our Son from cover

Mary and I told Kenny he could tell the team and their families. I remember being inside the house when someone came in and said Kenny had an announcement to make. We all gathered around the picnic table he had climbed onto and he proudly proclaimed, "Hey, everybody! My mom and Rick and I are going to get married!" That was really cool. That was a hint of the cool person he would grow up to be.

When his sisters Shelby and Stacey came along, he was disappointed one of them was not a little brother. He was 7 when Shelby was born and almost 9 when Stacey was born. He quickly grew out of his disappointment and became the doting and protective and loving big brother to the girls, who always adored and loved him. It was a role he cherished his entire life.

Kenny just loved life. He knew by the age of 14 that he wanted to be a chef and started working at the local Bob's Big Boy right up the street from our house. He attended culinary school at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, and graduated with high honors. He went on to become an excellent chef at a number of reputable establishments in the Cleveland area. If you loved cheesecake, I am told his was to die for. He enjoyed cooking meals for family and friends, the more the better. Watching him cook, you could easily tell that this was what he was destined to do.

Kenny loved the outdoors, especially his Uncle Dick and Aunt Kathy's farm

in Marblehead, Ohio. As a child, our family went up there almost every weekend starting in the spring and continuing through the fall; it was a great place to be. Kenny learned to drive the tractors and farm trucks probably by the time he was 13. It was his and his cousin Ricky's ("E," as Kenny called him rather than Eric or Ricky like the rest of the family) job to mow and maintain the part of the property that was not farmed from an early age (there are 300 acres). I've heard rumors that Kenny taught his sisters how to drive along the same field roads where he learned, maybe at an even younger age than when he had learned.

He continued to go out there quite often as he got older. He enjoyed the open spaces and the peacefulness of the farm. But, more importantly, he wanted to be with "E," his cousin; he was the brother Kenny never had and their love for each other was deep.

Marblehead was such a special place to Kenny that the family will scatter his ashes out there later this year.

Kenny's other best friend was his Uncle Kevin, who could not be here this day. Kevin is Mary's little brother and just ten years older than Kenny. As Kenny grew up, Kevin took him under his wing and they had many adventures together. One adventure that Kevin shared with me the other night was about the day he and Kenny went down into the Metroparks for a hike. The park system was literally in the Maley's backyard, and Mary and



The day Rick, Mary, and Kenny got married.

her siblings regarded the park as their own private domain as they grew up. On this trek, Kevin and Kenny ended up on the railroad trestle that crossed the Rocky River. It stands about 100 feet or so up in the air. When you look up at the tracks, you will see that every so often there are platforms that jut out from the trestle. That day, Kenny and Kevin needed one of those platforms because a train came as they were crossing. Kevin said it was pretty amazing having a train go by close enough to reach out and touch it. (The train moved real slow on this single track.) Kevin has always been special to Kenny and they talked at least once a week.

Kenny also loved dogs. I never allowed our kids to have dogs while growing up. Now sister Stacey has two dogs and Shelby's boys are beginning to bug her and Jason about getting one. Kenny got dogs after finishing culinary school and it was never just one dog and they were never lap dogs, even though all of his dogs thought they

were lap dogs. The word “big” was always an apt description of his dogs and they were always rambunctious, just like Kenny. All of the dogs were rescue dogs except his first, Thor, a huge, beautiful and gentle Akita.

But Kenny’s greatest love was his wife Linda and the family she brought into his life. Her daughters Rose and Cori immediately became his daughters. When Cori gave birth to Aiden and Hailey, Kenny loved his role as grandpa. After his first illness, one of his greatest joys was caring for Aiden during the day. Kenny loved people and would do anything for you. He cared more about others than himself. I could go on and on and on... We will miss him very much.

We all wanted a miracle when his health began to deteriorate late last week. After the miracle never came, I began to realize (for myself, anyway) that the miracle *did* occur but it was four years ago when Kenny first pulled through his illness. We were blessed with four more years of his presence, his laughter, his smile, and his love.

This past week has been tough for all of us. Dealing with death is always hard. Why do things like this occur—a person dying at such a young age? A parent burying their child? I don’t really know. My answer today is no better than it was when I eulogized the son of a family friend the day before his 16th birthday.

I take a deep breath and do my best to trust in God, trusting that God is always present even when I feel alone, giving me strength when I am weak, comforting me even during my times of despair.

I do know that everything in God’s world has a cycle. We can see it in the way the seasons change. Life for us is also cyclical. We are born into it as God breathes life into us as we exit the womb. We live our lives to the best of our ability and, at some point, we return to the One who created us.

Accepting life on life’s terms can be hard. It is during these hard times that I have encountered God. I have found that God won’t leave me in “the valley of the shadow of death.” I may ignore God and choose to be in the darkness for a long time, but God will always be there with me, trying to give me comfort, holding me in the palm of his hand. That is one thing about God: we may forget about him, but God will never forget about us.

Jesus’ death and resurrection tells us that death, no matter how final it may seem to us here on earth, does not have the final day. Life here on earth is just the beginning, a brief stop along our timeline.

Jesus told his disciples and all of us that there are many rooms in his Father’s house and that he will prepare a place for us. This is the place where Kenny now resides, in the eternal realm free of any pain and at home with the loving God who created him.

Rest in peace my son, rest in peace.
Thanks be to God, amen.

Blessings, Rick



Kenny and his nephews

Missions

"Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity." Simone Weil

Submitted by Beth Janis

Our meals for Haven Center are going well. We learned that the residents especially enjoy it when we send fresh fruit and Bill Till's hearty "homemade meals."

Thank you to everyone that bought raffle tickets to support Lorain Cooperative Ministries (LCM). Did we have any prize winners? Thanks to Kathy Navarro, Kathy Leopold, and the Hamiltons for their help with this fun mission activity.

Pentecost Sunday is May 19. ON this Sunday, we will participate in a special offering organized by the PCUSA.

Camp Imagine will receive the local portion (25%) of this year's Pentecost donations. We are hosting a guest speaker from Camp Imagine to share a presentation with our congregation on May 12. Support this special offering with donations to ALPC with a notation "Pentecost."

We are excited to announce a drive-up, drop-off event for used clothing at Avon Lake Presbyterian parking lot. Cornerstone families and church families will work together to provide gently used and clean clothing for men, women, children, and teens. Volunteers will be on hand to unload the clothing from your vehicle, and

load into the LCM van for transport to the Great Lakes Church thrift store in Lorain. A flyer will be available with more details soon. In the meantime, it's time to clean out our closets.

We felt the "pajama love challenge" Sunday, April 4. We are already brainstorming a collection for the fall.

Don't forget to ask Kathy Leopold and Sandee Seib about their trip to Guatemala.

Want to be a part of the dynamic Mission Team of ALPC? Our next meeting is May 2 at 4:15 p.m.

Deacons

Submitted by Sybil Wendling

Many thanks to everyone who made our Easter sunrise service and breakfast a success! Many hands did truly make light work for these events. Our early-risers, coffee and donut crew, and set-up and clean-up crew were greatly appreciated!

We're looking forward to a busy spring and summer. Join your church crew at the Lake Erie Crushers vs. Québec Capitales game on Sunday, May 19 at 2:05 p.m. Purchase group tickets using the bulletin insert (\$13/person, parking \$4/car). We'll be serving dogs and chips after church on Sunday, May 19 before carpooling to the game. The traditional Deacon Dogs will be served at the Property Committee spring

clean-up on Sunday, May 5, weather permitting.

Don't forget to give Sandee's weekly yoga a try this spring—Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. If you ever need a ride to church or an occasional meal, please remember to let Kenzi in the ALPC office know or contact Sybil at 440-453-1265 or by email at sybilwendling@gmail.com. Don't let distance keep you from asking for a ride—we're happy to figure out rides, no matter where you live!



Order of St. Luke

Our SON is never eclipsed!



*Above: banner on display at OSL's Blessing Booth
Below: Cars lining up for blessings; OSL members*

A Blessing Booth graced ALPC's front lawn the day before the Total Solar Eclipse, Sunday, April 7. They hoped to bless many from the large droves of visitors that were anticipated to fill up the streets and parking spaces of Avon Lake. Although there were not long lines of vehicles and RVs crawling past our church - only a few - it didn't deter their efforts nor the presence of God upon the blessings they bestowed.

The interdenominational healing prayer group, OSL (the Order of St. Luke the Physician)

Westshore is very grateful to ALPC for the opportunity the church provides. All are welcome to join them and/or come for prayers and blessings when they meet in the church Session Room from 10 a.m. to noon on the 4th Saturday of each month, except November and December.

Pastor Bob Palisin, Beth Shoemaker, and Chris Till from ALPC join faith-filled friends from other Protestant and Catholic churches in the Westside area to study and implement the healing power of Jesus. More information can be found at OSLtoday.org and WestshoreOSL.org.



Worship & Spiritual Life

Submitted by Cris Till

Ordinary Time is the season we're in right now. But isn't life as a Christian actually *extraordinary* all the time? God is at work in us, growing us to be like Jesus—more loving, patient, kind, faithful, joyful, and self-controlled. So just as the new season of spring flourishes from God's hand all around us outside, his love and guidance continue to flourish inside us, blossoming out in our words and actions. Ordinary Time is a marvelous time!

May 12 we will be honoring our graduates. We will recognize high school graduates Madeline Waggoner and Jay Kneiss, as well as college graduate Natalie Waggoner. Please let the office know of any others graduating. We don't want to leave anyone out.

Wear **red** on May 19 to commemorate the extraordinary event of God sending his Holy Spirit into our Lord Jesus' apostles! It's Pentecost, the seventh Sunday after Easter. Pastor Rick is looking for volunteers who can read scripture in a foreign language to portray *"they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them."* (Acts 2:1-4)

May 19 is our Chancel and Bell Choir's last day until they return in the Fall. We're very grateful for the way their music has enhanced and blessed our worship time throughout this year. If you couldn't attend on April 21 to hear the glorious "Music Sunday," you can catch it on YouTube. Worship music will continue every Sunday from individuals and small groups, with the Elders of Jazz leading our worship on Sunday, June 23.

A special "Thank you!" to TrueNorth Cultural Arts headed by Rick Fortney, our Director of Music and Arts. They have donated \$150 to our Audio Visual Department from their concert on Palm Sunday.

In this Ordinary Time, God is at work in us giving us insight and inspiration and growing us strong in our Faith, Belief, and Trust. For we are called to be a special people actuated by God's love at work in us through every season.

"Now to Him who is able to carry out His purpose and do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think, infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams, according to His power that is at work within us."
Ephesians 3:20



Yarn Ministry

BLESSINGS BY HAND

Our Yarn Ministry has been busy!
They blessed 95 items
including hats, scarves, gaitors,
and baby blankets which will be
distributed at a later date.

Thank you, ladies, for all you do!

Session

The Session met on April 15, 2024. Highlights of the meeting follow.

*Submitted by Elizabeth Shoemaker,
Clerk of Session*

- ▶ The Deacons plan and assist other committees with monthly fellowship activities, including a Crusher's game in May and a corn roast in July.
- ▶ In March, giving was behind expenses, eroding the YTD surplus.
- ▶ The April gas bill was paid in March, making the utilities expense seem high.
- ▶ Approved Cornerstone to change from a savings account to a better Money Market account.
- ▶ The carpet in the foyer needs to be replaced, as it has well outlasted its expected lifespan, so quotes will be sought.
- ▶ A second contractor for upgrading the parking lot will be providing a quote.
- ▶ Pastor Rick has looked into the Presbyterian Investment Loan Program in case we need to finance these projects.
- ▶ Cornerstone Preschool will hold their graduation ceremony on May 23.
- ▶ Children's Sermons are currently provided every other Sunday.
- ▶ Family Sundays are planned for April 28 and May 26. A young adult volunteer has been recruited to work with the youth group.
- ▶ Graduating seniors will be recognized one Sunday, so families are asked to send in their photos and bios.
- ▶ A Vacation Bible School with a music theme will be held June 17-21 and volunteers are being sought for multiple functions, not just musical leadership.
- ▶ The local portion of the Pentecost Offering will go to Camp Imagine, and a speaker from Camp Imagine will come give a presentation.
- ▶ Please let the Evangelism Committee know of any updates that should be made to the pew brochures.
- ▶ We will be marching in the Memorial Day parade and will hand out candy and dog treats.
- ▶ The service on Pentecost Sunday is being planned. Everyone wear **red**!
- ▶ Pastor Rick has been assisting the Nominating Committee, which still seeks one elder and one deacon.
- ▶ If you would be interested in helping Session compose an anti-racism policy, please let them know.
- ▶ Improvements to our church's internet system are being proposed.
- ▶ New members of Session will start serving in June.

Property

Submitted by Carol Nussle

The Property Committee has been busy with repairs and maintenance of our church facility. Just like your home, there seems to be more and more repairs or parts worn out as the building ages.

In January, we invited anyone interested in helping with repairs to meet the second Saturday of the

month and to bring their tools to tackle repairs. Let me highlight just a few of the jobs completed: shed cleaned out and new lock installed, two furnace rooms cleaned out, doors repaired, tile floor repaired, windows repaired and/or replaced, lighting updated, a loose pew anchored, inside windows washed, window blinds repaired, stove grill cleaned, outside tree work, carpet repaired, etc.

Special thanks to the repair experts:

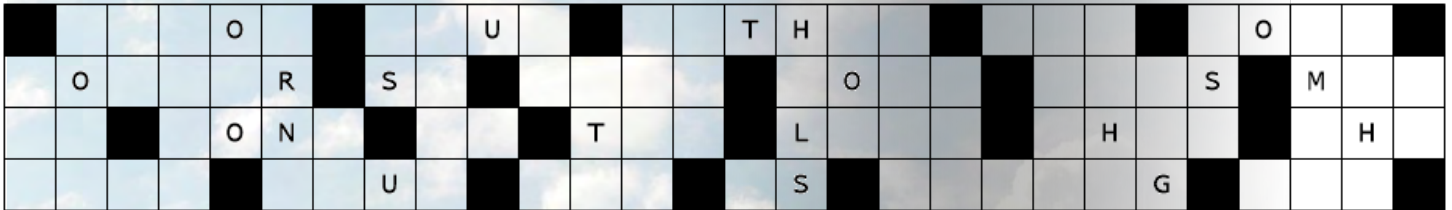
Jeff Spenser, John Mills, Mike Reighard, Paul Butrey, Craig Shoemaker, Kathy Navarro, Gary and Marcy Uhl!

If you see something that needs to be repaired or some attention, please fill out a form located in the church office and place it in the Property Committee mailbox.

FUN & GAMES

The letters from each cell are below the puzzle. Try to rebuild the original message by choosing the letters for each cell.

Hint: Exodus 20:12

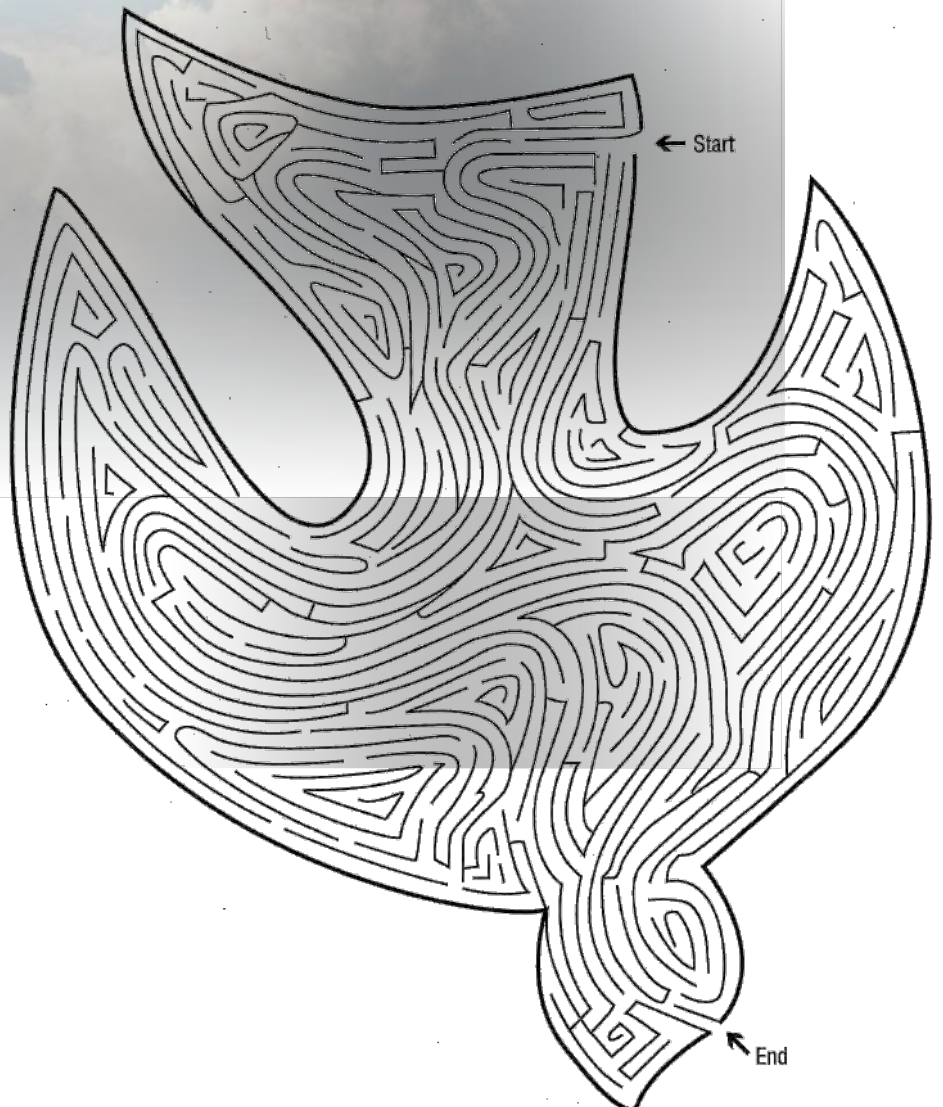


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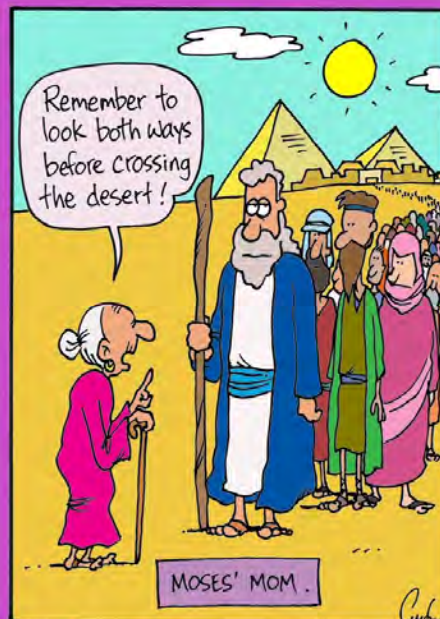
Descending Dove Maze

The descent of the Holy Spirit like a dove at Jesus' baptism and the voice from heaven saying, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22) inaugurated Jesus' public ministry. Though Jesus did not need to be made righteous by baptism, He so identified with man's sin that He was baptized as an example to His followers and to equip and empower Him in ministry.

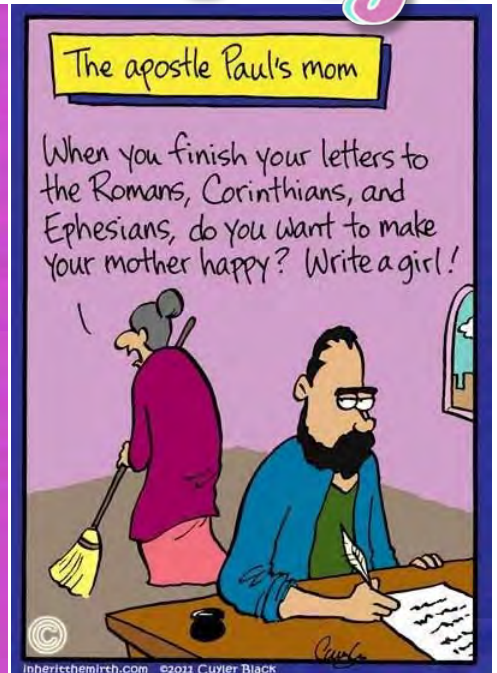
John the Baptist said he baptized with water, but Jesus is the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit. Through the death of the sinful man symbolized by baptism and the coming of Jesus into a person's life, one is equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the Christin life.



Happy Mother's Day!



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Concealed in this puzzle are the names of seven places mentioned in the New Testament. Find all seven and identify what they have in common.

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Christian Education

By Emilee Oliva

These past few months have been busy for Christian Education and we're so incredibly thankful for that. We have been feeling God's presence and all your continuous prayers in guiding us through what is next.

Starting on February 15, John and Margre Lind Mills introduced and lead the class "Love and Respect." Four couples attended and bonded through exploration with their relationships with their spouses, friends, children, and—most importantly—God while looking deeper in to how actions, responses, and prayer guides them through their relationship cycles.

We also introduced a small group interactive study with the series *The Chosen* led by our Christian Education Director, Emilee. This will essentially be a four-part series looking into all four seasons of *The Chosen*. We are currently on the first season, and all are still welcome to join; workbooks are available, but are not necessary. Your presence and outlook on the week's episode discussion are more than welcome and we highly encourage diversity in this small group so we can all see things in a different light.

Also in February, we had our first youth group meeting. Although attendance was small, we had a blast getting to know each other. We are still very excited to see where this goes and what it builds into. We have added a new leader to the youth group. His name is Thomas Palisin (see page 15);

we look forward to all his great ideas and his tag-teaming this group with Emilee. We encourage you to welcome him and go introduce your self. Get to know him on your own time. Joining a church can be overwhelming to some, so our duty as a congregation should be welcoming newcomers with open arms and understanding that people might not come to you first. Youth Revival has been the chosen name of our new youth group, voted on by the youth and the leaders. We will also be giving details about what Revival Youth Group is all about and what we do, teach, and offer, tailoring it to the needs and desires of our joining teens. This group invites ALL teens to join us every third Sunday of each month from 6-7 p.m. In time and as our group grows, we plan to introduce youth outings once a month as well as continuing our meet-ups through the summer. Please stay tuned for more details!

Palm Sunday we had an Easter egg hunt with the kids and families from both ALPC and Cornerstone Preschool along with some from the community. The turnout was wonderful and the families had a great time being together.

Our C.R.O.S.S. Sunday School attendance has grown and we welcomed a few new families and a few returning families to our church. We are so thankful to see more smiling little faces here and cannot wait to see who else the Lord brings into our paths. We hope our families feel welcome and loved when they walk through our doors on Sunday because

their attendance is a wonderful blessing.

ALPC member Dr. Lynn Bondurant gave his Eclipse presentation on April 4 with a great turnout of 50 people. We also had friends from the Western Reserve Presbytery attend via live stream along with friends from Florida and Arizona! We are glad so many people were able to join and gain knowledge prior to the amazing, once-in-a-lifetime event that took place on April 8. We hope you all had a unique experience exploring the beauty that God continues to show us.

This year, we are bringing back Vacation Bible School! The theme is Music for the Soul and will be all about learning and making music along with studying scripture that helps us to understand the meaning of worship. Registration is open until April 29 and we still need volunteers in all areas. Please stop by the church office to fill out a form. VBS will start Monday, June 17 and run through Friday, June 21 and will partake in Avon Lake's Make Music Day. It will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day and welcomes children ages 3 years old up to 6th grade. The overall cost for registration is \$40 and that covers the entire week of fun!

You may have noticed that we have decreased our children's to twice a month, adding that the last Sunday of each month will be Family Sunday. We did this because we do not have enough volunteers and also to have families be accountable for coming at least twice a month rather than all

month long. Families can be busy and aren't also able to make it to church on Sunday mornings, especially with sports and summer coming up. We understand that you yourselves enjoy these sermons; if you are concerned about having fewer children's sermons and would prefer to see them continue on a weekly basis, please see Emilee or Margre Lind Mills to sign up and volunteer your time to do one. During the summer, we will be taking a break

so that all can enjoy their summer and vacations. We will start back up on Rally Day.

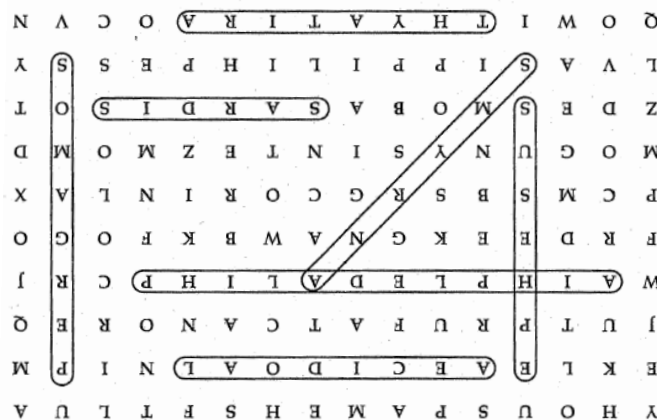
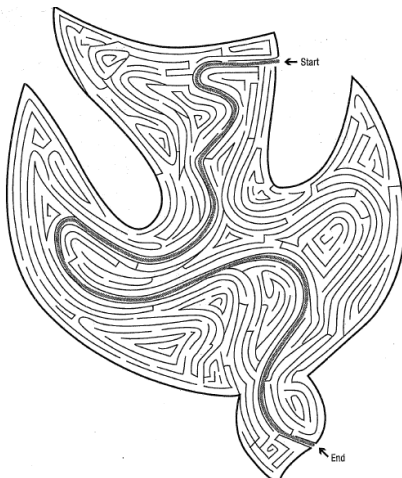
Emilee has shifted a large portion of her attention to completing all the details for the VBS program and getting Youth Revival up and running. Additionally, there are continuous adult classes and church activities in the making. We appreciate everyone's patience and hope

everyone feels like there is something for you to get plugged into here at ALPC. If you have any recommendations or would like to see more of something, please visit our new Christian Education board in the Narthex to stay up to date with current classes and events.

Thank you, Dr. Bondurant for your wonderful presentation!



Puzzle Solutions



Wordsearch: They are the locations of the seven churches that John wrote to in the Book of Revelation.

Falling Word Puzzle: Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Revival Youth Group

Submitted by Emilee Oliva

WHAT WE DO

At Avon Lake Presbyterian, our Revival Youth Group serves as a vital component of our student ministry, dedicated to supporting families in nurturing their middle and high school students into individuals who embody the values of faith.

Our mission is to facilitate the spiritual growth of students by offering a diverse range of teachings and experiences throughout the year. These opportunities are designed to challenge young individuals to strengthen their relationships with God and their peers.

Through Revival Youth Group, we empower our middle and high school students to translate their faith into tangible actions by engaging in acts of service, fostering spiritual growth, and spreading the message of the gospel.

Our overarching objective is to foster a sense of community that contributes positively to the world around us through service to our local community and beyond.

Witnessing the transformative power of God in the lives of our students has been a source of profound inspiration, and we eagerly anticipate the continued impact He will have on them in the future.

YOUTHFUL EVENTS

We're all about having a blast and diving into fun activities to keep the good vibes flowing! Whether it's dodgeball face-offs, Scavenger hunts, team showdowns, pool parties, sizzling barbecues, cozy backyard hangouts, or scenic hikes, our schedule will be bursting with exciting events. Plus, we love spreading the joy by inviting friends to join in, creating

unforgettable moments of community together!

YOUTH MISSIONS SMALL GROUPS

Just like we have adult small groups, Youth Missions are small teen groups that meet occasionally with a youth leader for discipleship, aiming to help them apply and embody the teachings from Youth Group. These teen small groups engage in different activities beyond Sunday night gatherings, such as Bible study, participating in community service, creating care packages for college students and elder in need, and serving our surrounding community by providing yard clean-ups, grocery service assistance, in-home cleaning services, etc. Youth missions are a great way to take what we learn from Youth group and apply them to serve others and to actively implement our faithful teaching into our lives.

Thomas Palisin



Hello, I am 25 years old. I was born and raised in Fairview Park. I played many sports growing up and lead the Football and Wrestling Teams my Senior year of high school. After High School I attended the University of Akron to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering. During My time in college I played ultimate frisbee, and worked at the Universities rock wall. I became fascinated in podcasts and deep discussion as I pursued my degree and participated in a faith centered podcast with friends. I Co-op'd at Goodyear Tire and Rubber for three semesters during my time in College. Upon graduation I started full-time at Goodyear Topeka in Kansas. After two years I decided it would be best to leave the company and be closer to home, friends and family. I am currently a doordasher as I look for other opportunities. What brings me to ALPC is it is my grandfather's (Bob Palisin) church and he has always been a symbol of faith in my life. The thing that excites me most about working with Revival Youth Group is helping teenagers find the comfort that faith has provided me. Throughout college I doubted my faith and I would say I was agnostic up until an accident at work occurred that resulted in a fatality, and the pastor at the funeral said "I know we are all grieving, but we will see Tim again". I felt like that was a way better belief to have and so for two years I have been a proud Christian who is trying to learn more and more about God each and every day. I am excited to continue my journey and to see where God leads me next in this calling to work with the youth alongside Emilee.

Financial Report

Submitted by Cheryl Dean

Although we projected a deficit for the year, we are starting off the year in a positive position. However, there were many prepaid yearly pledges so the giving will even out as we move through the year. Through the end of March, giving is \$10,000 above budget and expenses are also \$2,300 above budget. Please help us to stay strong

financially by keeping up with your pledges.

It is still not too late to pay your Per Capita. This year, per capita is \$38.00 per ALPC member. Per Capita supports the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly. We have already paid our obligation to Presbytery for the year which amounts to \$8,968 dollars. So far, we have only

collected \$3,683 of this total.

If you would like to designate a contribution to a specific fund, please contact Marcy or me to specify the fund and we will make sure it gets to the correct place.

Any financial questions may be addressed to Marcy Uhl, Treasurer, or to me at any time.

	Mar YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income:		
Congregational Giving	\$78,526.48	\$70,000.00
Other Income	10,150.28	8,625.00
Total Income	\$88,676.76	\$78,625.00
Expense:		
Staff Expense	\$49,932.49	\$49,203.88
Worship & Spiritual Life	2,036.06	2,037.50
Christian Education	536.45	1,025.00
Stewardship & Mission	1,453.67	1,287.50
Property	14,407.99	12,500.00
General Expenses	5,874.79	5,900.00
Per Capita Expense	8,968.00	8,968.00
Total Expense	\$83,209.45	\$80,921.88



Using the camera app on your smart phone, aim your camera at this QR code. A link for SimpleGive will pop up; click the link and you will be taken directly to ALPC's online donation platform. You can scan the code from anywhere - paper bulletins, wall projections during worship, even right here as you read!



Our worship services begin at 10:00 am every Sunday.

Live streaming of our services is available on Facebook at www.facebook.com/avonlakepc

Our Sunday services will air on ALC-TV beginning the following Wednesday, and continue every day throughout the week at 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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