

# Saints Alive!

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"Friends in Christ, Serving  
Together with Love"



## NOVEMBER 3rd FAMILY FUNDAY!

JOIN US!

This a special Sunday opportunity to connect with other children and families at ALPC. We will hold a fun and different Sunday school class for kids during worship in Hart Hall. After church, families with children will join together for cider, pastries, and a gratitude themed activity. Bring your extra Halloween candy as a service project to donate to church and beyond.



Where: Hart Hall

When: During Coffee Hour

Theme: Giving Thanks!

## Stewardship

### WHY CHURCH?

We support our church because we see the love of God acting through our church. The money we give turns into ministry. Without our dollars, our church cannot bless people to the full extent. Our stewardship campaign is in full swing. We received several letters from members of our congregation stating why they love ALPC and are blessed through our church. You can see some of them posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You will be receiving a letter from the Stewardship Committee in the near future outlining the great things the church has been doing and everything we are looking forward to next year. Pastor Charlie will also be sending a letter to the congregation in November. Please bring your pledge card to worship on November 24th as we joyfully strengthen God's witness together.

Thank you for supporting ALPC.



## FROM THE PASTOR/ Charlie Swartz

God's presence visited us Tuesday night, October 15. The facts do not give evidence, to divinity but He was here none-the-less. Many of us from our church had gathered to listen to each other in our congregational "Living the Vision" dinner. A representative from each of our committees, small groups, came prepared to share how their group understands their role in living our vision.

Each came prepared to tell successes they have enjoyed as well as plans that did not turn out well, and conclude with one or two new ideas they were undertaking. As people spoke I heard words of theology and action as my friends told us how they are living the vision. I heard humility, I heard compassion, and I heard optimism and I heard pride. Somewhere in the middle of listening to the words of faithfulness, it struck me that God was moving us. God was molding us and motivating us. It struck me that we are no longer trying to find our vision but that we are LIVING THE VISION!

At the end of the night we all were asked to reflect on what we heard and then to answer this question, "Is there a task that is so important that it needs to be a church wide goal for the year?" I asked that question to the gathered leaders, motivated members, and staff not knowing the answer. After a long silence, one leader said, "We need to renovate our building." People nodded their heads in agreement. One after another from all over the room individuals spoke in support of the need to focus on updating and beautifying our building. One said a capital campaign will be needed and people did not disagree.

By the end of the night, we had such joy and unity listening intently to each other as we spoke our ideas on how we are living out the vision in a collaborative way that was so happy. It is the Session's responsibility to take what was heard and coordinate our vision work. Our session will keep you informed of plans that are made and how you can participate.

I invite you to pray along with me this prayer to help you and I live deeper into our congregational vision:

Dear God, In all trials I will trust in your faithfulness. I will follow and obey you with love. Forgive my sins as I forgive those who have wronged me. Open my heart to other's pain so that I act towards them with compassion. Give me the joy that comes from serving people in need. As you welcomed me into your transforming love, I will invite and warmly welcome others into this church. Open my eyes to those who are forgotten that I may include them fully into our community. Teach me to live this day as Christ's faithful disciple. Renew me by the power of your Holy Spirit! Amen.

Keep the faith!  
Pastor Charlie



## Healing Hearts for the Holidays

### December 8, 3:00pm

Many of us have periods of sadness in the weeks that lead up to Christmas. In spite of our desire to feel happy, the pain of recent or old losses sometimes greet us in December. Our hearts might ache with the missing of a loved one do to relocation, estrangement or death. We might feel that there is no place for us with these pain-filled emotions when the air is filled with cheery Christmas songs and bright decorations.

Good news! Our church is having a special worship service Sunday afternoon on the second Sunday in Advent to help us prepare for Christmas by acknowledging and honoring our hurts and losses in the love of Christ. The service will be at 3:00 pm and will minister to us through music, prayers, silence, candles, and a brief word.



# Christian Education



## Hello and Happy Fall!

I hope this update finds you enjoying the beautiful colors and seasonal activities that this time of year brings! Your children and I have been having lots of fun in Sunday School and I'm enjoying meeting new students every Sunday. This month, we have talked about the 10 Commandments, God's big family, and the Lord's Prayer. It is such a joy to spend time with these great kids each week.

We are going to try something new in Children's Ministry. On November 3rd, we will enjoy a Family Funday, with the theme of gratitude. On this day, we will hold an engaging Sunday School class for kids from preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Hart Hall. When you pick up your children after church, I invite you to linger in Hart Hall for some snacks, crafts, games and fellowship. I have noticed that we have lots of families and children that attend ALPC, but not always on the same Sunday. My hope is that by planning an extra fun and special activity on the first Sunday of the month, we can take some time to meet and fellowship with each other.

Over the last few months I have been communicating monthly via e-mail to the families within our church. If you have not been receiving these updates and would like them, please let me know. Likewise, if you have been receiving the e-mails but need to remove or change your e-mail address please reach out to [alpctarra@gmail.com](mailto:alpctarra@gmail.com).

As I count my blessings over the coming month, I continue to be filled with deep gratitude for the staff, members, and families of this church. It is an honor to partner with you to bring the Good News to children and families. I am also grateful for the path that has led me here. Through the years, we may not always know where God is leading us or what his plan is but sometimes, in hindsight, we are able to see what He was doing all along- and in those moments we can't help but be filled with thanks. So to each one of you, I offer my deepest thanks. -Tarra

## Thank A Soldier/Peace Corp Member



***We would like to encourage everyone to remember the members of the military and Peace Corp in your prayers.***

This Veterans day, we are planning to send a card with a gift card enclosed or a package to some people that serve our country. (Friends and family of our members). As always, we need financial donations to reach our goal. Write *thank-a-soldier* in the memo area of your donation. Equally important is for you to sign a card for these heroic service people on Sundays October 27 or November 3. Although it seems like a simple thing, we think it means a lot to know that people care, especially when you are deployed far from home.

If you would like to add a name of someone serving our nation to our list, please talk with Beth Janis, Sue Mabe, Marian Conn or Carol Madson.



# Financial Report



As we are nearing the end of the year, I want to highlight that general fund giving is \$25,205 below budget and loose plate giving is \$1,670 above budget for a net deficit of \$23,535 in giving. The negative spending for Christian Education below is due to payments being made by participants for Beulah Beach but the payment to Beulah Beach wasn't made until October. While expenses are below budget, we are coming into the time of year when expenses generally increase. Please remember to bring and keep your pledge current.

If you need to check your pledge balance, please email our financial secretary, Lynn Morway, at [lynnmorway@roadrunner.com](mailto:lynnmorway@roadrunner.com).

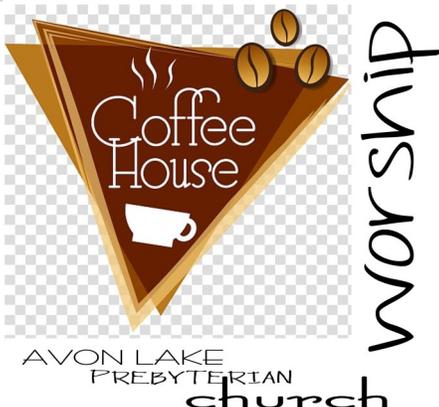
Here is our financial status as of the end of September. Giving is behind budget and expenses are also behind budget but overall operating expenses are \$14,152 more than income.

	September YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Income:</b>		
Congregational Giving	\$223,076	\$245,610
Other Income	<u>10,846</u>	<u>10,625</u>
Total Income	\$233,922	\$256,235
<b>Expense:</b>		
Worship & Spiritual Life	\$98,794	\$ 97,306
Christian Education	-759	6,469
Stewardship & Mission	4,395	4,350
Property	36,208	31,987
Support Staff & General Expenses	90,719	105,746
Youth Mission Trip	6,952	4,000
Per capita Expense	<u>11,765</u>	<u>11,506</u>
Total Expense	\$248,074	\$261,364

If anyone has any additional questions about our finances you are welcome to ask Marcy Uhl, Treasurer or myself at any time.

Cheryl Dean, Finance Committee Chair

# Coffee House Worship



**Coffee House Worship**  
**Takes place in the Christian Education Foyer**  
**Every Sunday at 10:00 am**  
**(the same time worship is going on**  
**in the Sanctuary)**  
**Tell your friends that**  
**this is a great way to experience**  
**a new way of worshipping at our church!**

# Evangelism

Thank you to everyone who participated in the big Avon Lake Homecoming Parade! It was a tremendous success. Also a big Thank You to John Weeden who was so kind to drive us in his bus which had so many people that there was standing room only on the way to Bleser Park. At the park, many stayed on the bus to toss candy to the crowds and many more lined up to pass out the welcoming flyers that invited the community to join us in worship, the lunch bunch and Cornerstone Preschool. What a wonderful and fun-filled day we enjoyed with members of the church and the Avon Lake community.

Birthday cards are being mailed to all who have given us the day and month of their birthday. Our committee is still completing our list of birthdays. If anyone hasn't already given the church the date of their birthday, please share that information with the office and you will receive a special birthday greeting from the church.

A questionnaire was sent to everyone by email. The form asks members to select their choice of the way they receive the Saints Alive each month. The form also asks members a question about their choice of receiving giving envelopes. Please respond to the questions and return the form by email, or if you prefer, there is a printed copy of the questionnaire on the table in the church foyer. Fill that out and put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

Yard signs have been created. The signs invite friends and neighbors to Join Us @ Avon Lake Presbyterian Church. The signs can easily be placed in a window, lawn or garden. Yard signs are FREE and can be picked up in the church foyer. This is a great way you and I can help our church grow.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Graves



# Session Highlights

The Session met on October 21. Highlights of their meeting were:

- \* Discussed the *Living the Vision* meeting held October 15 and how nice it was hearing from all the committees and groups and how they are united in following our vision.
- \* Reflecting on the meeting, agreed our Congregational emphasis will be to improve our facility to make it more welcoming.
- \* Honored a bequest from Bill Beeman by directing it toward mission projects.
- \* Pastor Charlie shared a breakdown of his time spent by ministry areas.
- \* Discussed the Presbytery's recommended Cost of Living adjustment for church employees.
- \* The worship series for November and December are being planned.
- \* Property Committee is assembling a Decorating Advisory Team.
- \* Two office computers will be upgraded to Windows 10 for a reasonable cost.
- \* Church safety and security tips will be published in *Saints Alive!*
- \* A motion activated light and security camera will be installed in the front playground due to recent vandalism.
- \* Monthly Family Fundays are being planned after worship to help with family fellowship.
- \* Three church members will be going on the next Guatemala mission trip in April.
- \* Changes are being made to the bulletin to make it more visitor friendly.
- \* Postcards for new homeowners in the area inviting them to ALPC have been designed.
- \* Many great stories about "Why Church?" have been shared.
- \* A preliminary church budget for 2020 has been assembled.

Elizabeth Shoemaker, Clerk of Session

# Mission Matters

"You can't go back and change the beginning but you can start where you are and change the ending"  
C.S. Lewis

Special Thanks to Jackie and Doug Day, Pam Novak, Marian Conn and Donna Bradley for all their hard work with the annual rummage sale. What a huge job! And of course thanks to all the volunteers throughout the week. The proceeds of about \$1,900.00 will go to various missions and events to keep the kitchens stocked and the coffee pouring.

The Lunch Bunch lunches in November (11-21) and December (12-19) are usually well attended. Holiday meals are served, which mean more prep work and extra clean up. Please join in and help out. Carol Madson and Kathy Navarro handle volunteers and bakers if you need more information. In December, DON'T forget to spread the word about the delicious lunch and friendly company. Why not invite a neighbor or friend to a free lunch!

The Thanksgiving offering will be going to support our Lunch Bunch programs. (We lost over \$1,400 in funding because LCM, otherwise known as Second Harvest, has less to grant for the coming year.)

We all seem to agree that this continues to be a successful mission in many ways! Providing food to some neighbors in need, sure but also to providing fellowship and a connection to our church. For some guests, ALPC has become more than just a meeting place. For example: a family member of a regular guest had Pastor Charlie contacted when his dad was hospitalized. Pastor Charlie was able to visit him in the hospital. A guest told us last month, "You guys are an inspiration for the whole community." It also seems that our volunteers feel a kinship with each other and our returning diners. Please consider a donation to help us serve Food and Fellowship in 2020. Make a note in the memo area of your donation: *Lunch Bunch*.

The mission committee is working on ways to make recycling easier at ALPC. We are also seeking ways to reduce our "footprint" including trying out biodegradable products. Any suggestions are welcome.

We will be collecting non perishable food in November to be shared with neighbors and CRS. Think of what you typically use around the holidays and for fall meals. Soup and gravy ingredients, stew, rice and noodle dishes, stuffing ingredients and canned fruit and vegetables ( not just green beans) How about chili and Mac n Cheese. Mixes for bread, muffins, biscuits and corn bread and desserts. And let's not forget instant oatmeal, coffee and tea. Drop off donations in the entryway by November 24th.



## Food Collection

*Watch for scholarships for Guatemalan girls and Christmas Joy in December.*



# About Presbyterian Women

All the women of the congregation of the Avon Lake Presbyterian Church are considered to be members of PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN and are encouraged to be a part of one of our *Circles*.

These small groups provide us with caring support, fellowship, fun and spiritual growth through study, sharing and service. All women and their guests are welcome at any PW gathering.

The Coordinating Team meets sometimes by e-mail and sometimes in the church office. Meetings are open to every Presbyterian woman.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN volunteer their support to the missions and projects of our church, community, Presbytery and the world-wide ministries. As with any group of people, you will find a variety of interests and ideas; but we are all united as caring Christian women.

We welcome your talents and your support.

*Contact the church office for more information about Presbyterian Women and what they offer at [alpresby@avonlakepc.org](mailto:alpresby@avonlakepc.org) or 933-6240.*

## Deacon News



The Deacons completed the brainstorming of new ideas to support the vision of ALPC. Although we generated many great ideas, the immediate focus for the year will be on Congregational Care Ministry and a new or revitalized fellowship event. We realize the CCM is good but need to make improvements in defining the process and training helpers. A team of Deacons will concentrate in this area and more to come throughout the year.

Another team of Deacons will focus on a renewed multi-generational event in the fellowship area. We will likely develop something in the line of physical activity at a place outside the walls of ALPC involving youth and adults. The event is targeted for March.

In October, deacons served lunch for the work session and are working with Worship and Spiritual Life to feed those attending, It's A Wonderful Life movie on October 27. November events include Path to Faith service on November 17. The Santa Breakfast is being changed to The Christmas Breakfast being held December 8 after worship. We are working on enhancements to the menu including biscuits and sausage gravy (my personal favorite, but not my doctor's). The deacons look forward to seeing you there.

Regards,  
Mike Reighard, Deacon Moderator

## Nomination for Church Officer

It's that time of the year when we look for candidates for church leadership, which includes Elders, Deacons and Trustees. We have a Nominating Committee who will meet to talk about the leadership positions that will be coming available in 2020.



Help the nominating committee with your prayerful **recommendations of promising candidates** for church leadership using the following criteria:

**Christian Faith**—A personal relationship with God – Evidence of grace and compassion and regular attendance at worship.

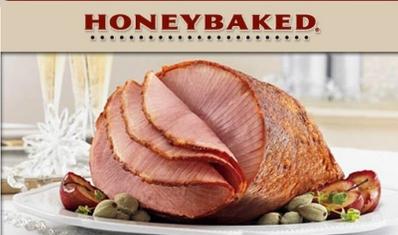
**General Churchmanship**—A member in good standing – Participation in church activities.

**Christian Living in Daily Life**—Within the family – At work – In the Community.

**Personal Characteristics and Skills**—Cooperativeness – Willingness to learn – Ability to follow through on assignments – Openness to new ideas – Maturity of judgment.

Email your suggestions to [alpresby@avonlakepc.org](mailto:alpresby@avonlakepc.org).

## Honey Baked Hams for Christmas



Presbyterian Women will once again be selling Honey Baked Ham products for Christmas delivery. We are in the process of finalizing the order and delivery dates, so stay tuned and thank-you for your support!

## Property Committee



First up on my small list, thank you for helping on the work day, Sunday, October 20th. I was glad we could get out ahead of things before the weather starts getting bad. We did what we could Sunday and will plan a later date for leaves only. This could be any day of the week with a few volunteers.

Thanks to Gary Uhl and Carol Nussle for going around the entire church making an inventory of areas that can be improved. The inventory will be discussed and then prioritized as to what should be done first and so on. Remember, a clean and fixed church is a happy church.

We recently had to have repair done on our stove. There were some burn marks in one side of the stove so something overheated. We all need to remember that the exhaust fan **MUST** be on when the stove is in use. The stove has been repaired but please let the church office know if you think there is still a problem.

One of the objectives for the Property Committee is to create a group of church members that will oversee the interior decorating plans of our church. There are already three members and a paint pallet in place. Anyone else who would like to join this team please contact Jim Janis for more information.

More good news is that the pole lights in the parking lot have been cleaned and the broken one has been replaced. Let me know if you think there is difference.

Final thought is in regards to a riding mower for next spring. In the long run having our own mower would save us a pretty good amount. It's possible Phil could do a lot of the mowing but other mowers would be needed. Please let me know if you are interested.

Peace Be With You,  
Jim Janis

## Healing Prayer Ministry

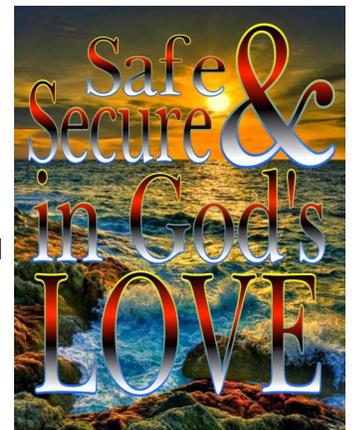
The most important part of a counselor's job is to make sure the client feels safe in the counselor's office. If the client doesn't feel safe, the client won't feel free to share his pain, frustration, doubts, fears, shame, anger and all that is making him miserable. And if the client doesn't open up and share these things, the counselor can't help the client find his way forward.

Our relationship with God works much in the same way which is why Jesus came to share the Good News – God is safe! He loves us unconditionally and sent His son to redeem our sins. There is no judgement or condemnation – He understands why we sin and took care of the consequences of those sins for us. Because of what Jesus did, we can come before the Lord and feel safe. And in that safety, we can pour out our pain and all that's not right in our soul. We can be totally honest and in that honesty the Holy Spirit will show us the way forward.

Unfortunately, sometimes after we hear "God loves you and has forgiven you" we then hear "and now, having been forgiven, God expects you to straighten up and get your act together." And God is no longer safe.

But, what if we were to replace that last part with – "and now, having been forgiven, God has provided you with wonderful opportunities to experience the incredible joy of loving and serving; being patient and kind; making wise choices; trusting God to heal you and take care of you; asking and seeking and knocking; choosing to live for God's Kingdom instead of your own. And if you choose poorly and miss out on the opportunities He gives you today, He will give you more opportunities tomorrow. AND, He will even send the Holy Spirit to help you learn how to recognize these opportunities so you can take full advantage of them." God becomes safer and safer.

Every Sunday, after worship there are people at the front of the sanctuary on the left by the wheel chair ramp who speak to this amazingly safe God, taking full advantage of the opportunity to trust Him for the help that we need with whatever concerns we are facing. We invite you to join us.



## Worship & Spiritual Life Committee



Let us begin to enjoy the Fall season! Autumn has started to bless us with such a vibrant display of colorful leaves, brisk air and fluffy white clouds across the clear blue skies. These autumn days sure brighten our moods and remind us of God's beauty and love.

The Worship and Spiritual Life Committee has been very busy planning worship services for the coming months. We are so excited to share these new meaningful and spiritual worship services with you to help inspire you to experience God's presence.

Sunday, October 27th we celebrate "All Saints Day." As in previous years, we will be celebrating those members of our church who have passed away this year. Their picture will be projected on the sanctuary wall accented with butterflies. You also will be able to honor your very own personal saint who has touched your life by writing his or her name on a butterfly symbol that the ushers will be giving you as you enter the sanctuary. Later, these butterflies will be placed on a special banner in the foyer. These butterflies symbolize our saint's spirit flight into heaven. . . .God's promise of life eternal.

After the "All Saints" worship service, WSL committee will be showing a movie in the sanctuary. It's a Wonderful Life. Refreshments will be provided by the Deacons. This movie (if you have not had the opportunity to view) is going to showcase our November worship services. November presents a full month of special services to engage us to continue to learn about God, grow closer to Jesus and experience the power of the Holy Spirit. Be sure to be a part of this meaningful time in the life of our church. Grow with your church family. December will also be as inspirational as we enter into the Holy time of Advent.

Coffee House Worship continues to be a part of morning worship to those searching for a relaxed and casual atmosphere. If you are looking for a less formal setting, we hope you will be a part of this new service. Please share any thoughts about your experience with JoAnn Wainscott, Jeff Spenser or Margre Lind Mills. They would love to hear from you.

WSL committee is looking for volunteers to video record the sanctuary worship so it can be viewed on Facebook. Does that sound like something that you would be interested in helping with? Please contact Margre Lind Mills 440-785-1160. Your time and talents will be greatly appreciated.

As always, we are looking for new ideas and suggestions about your worship experience. Please let us know. Write your thoughts down and place your note in the offering plate, or contact a committee member personally. We welcome all comments and discuss your suggestions at our meetings. If you would like to be a part of our committee, we would love to have you. Our meetings are the first Monday of each month.

Thursday, November 28th, we celebrate Thanksgiving. We wish everyone a most blessed day with your family and loved ones. God is good and we thank Him.

On behalf of the Worship and Spiritual Life Committee,  
Donna Bradley

## Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

### **"Lives at Risk" program to reduce suicide risk**

"Lives at Risk" is the title of the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women where we will explore the signals of suicide inclination and share advice on how to deal with the aftermath. Join us at 9AM on Saturday, November 2 at The Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue.

For more information, contact our church office at [alpresby@avonlakepc.org](mailto:alpresby@avonlakepc.org) or 933-6240.

# Church & Preschool together



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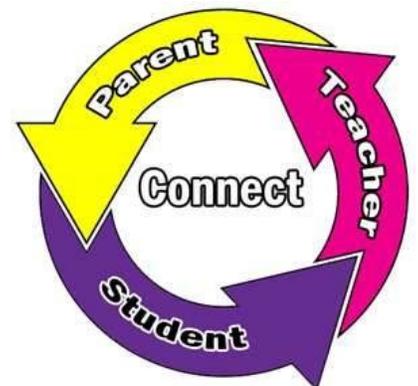
Greetings to Cornerstone Families and Church Members!

I am excited to tell you that I have been thoroughly enjoying my time with your children and their teachers each time I visit their classroom. The smiles and connections with your little ones are some of the best parts of my day! When I visit class, we have 5 songs that we sing regularly. You may be hearing them at home! You can even ask your child to teach you the sign language for “The More We Get Together.” These classroom visits are such a meaningful way to connect with the kids that we have restructured our Chapel experience. Students will continue to experience Chapel twice a month, one of those times will be in the Sanctuary with myself and Pastor Charlie and the other time will be in their classroom with me.

I would also like to invite you to a few things that are happening in ALPC this month:

Moms in Prayer: Each Wednesday from 9:00—10:15, a group of moms meet at the church to pray for their children and schools in Avon Lake. This group is always open to new visitors and is run by Avon Lake resident, Carol Chapin. You can reach Carol at [carol@thechapins.com](mailto:carol@thechapins.com) if you are interested in visiting the group. More information about Moms in Prayer International is found at [momsinprayer.org](http://momsinprayer.org).

Parents Connect: I invite you to join me on Tuesday, October 29 from 9:00—10:00 for a very informal conversation over coffee and pastries. I hope to hold a monthly gathering to discuss the themes the children will be learning in Chapel. This month, our focus will be the social and emotional development of preschoolers. More than anything, this is an opportunity for parents to connect, be encouraged and learn from each other.



Tarra Oppewall, Director of Children's Ministries

# Church & Preschool together

## 3's Teacher, Kim Baroni

I want to introduce you to one of our Cornerstone Preschool teachers, Kim Baroni. Kim has been living in North Ridgeville for 19 years and has been married to Chris for ALMOST 25 years. Kim and Chris have a daughter who lives in Dayton and is an Intervention Specialist for Preschool. They have a son who has an Associate's Degree in Business and is currently living at home with them and their 4 year old dog, Bailey. This weekend, they will be adopting another 4 year old rescue dog!

Kim worked at Shephard of the Ridge Lutheran Preschool for 13 years as the Pre-K teacher and Administrator. She decided she wanted to go back to teaching children and came to Cornerstone Preschool 4 years ago. She is now the 3's Lead Teacher in two classes and helper in another 3's class.

I got to know Mrs. Baroni well this past summer as she taught most of the Cornerstone Preschool summer camps. Kim knows first hand about our relationship with the Next Step Missionaries. She is the Lead teacher for my granddaughter, Lucy, and Lucy just LOVES Mrs. Baroni!

If you see Kim in the church building, say, "We are blessed you are here!"

Cindi Dansizen, Office Administrator



## Reminder:

If you or a loved one are in the hospital and wish prayers or visits from the pastor or your Congregational Care Friend, please call the church office (933-6240) or Pastor Charlie at 440-522-5484. Otherwise, we may not know you're there!

### The Gobbling Goblins

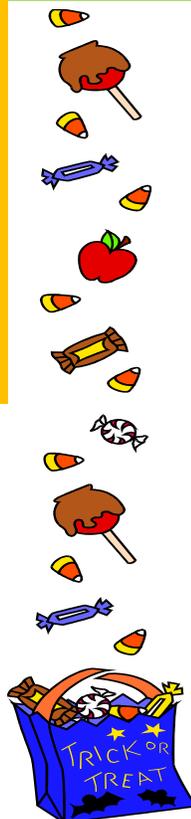
#### will be coming back!

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 on Sunday, November 3rd. A "Gobbling Goblins" box will be in the foyer. Our church office will put your candy to good use!

### Saints Alive Articles due to Cindi at [alpresby@avonlakepc.org](mailto:alpresby@avonlakepc.org):

*December* issue due on Friday, November 15  
*January* issue due on Sunday, December 15  
*February* issue due on Wednesday, January 15  
*March* issue due on Saturday, February 15  
*April* issue due on Sunday, March 15  
*May* issue due on Wednesday, April 15  
*Summer* issue due on Friday, May 15



Please take the time to check out our bulletin boards as you are in and around the foyer of the church. Each Committee takes time to make their "section" look interesting and informative to you.

The board about Tarra was put up as a surprise for Tarra by the Cornerstone Preschool teachers to show how much they love her!

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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.

**Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary  
and Coffee House Worship in the Christian Education Foyer**

**10:00 am**

**(440) 933-6240**

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