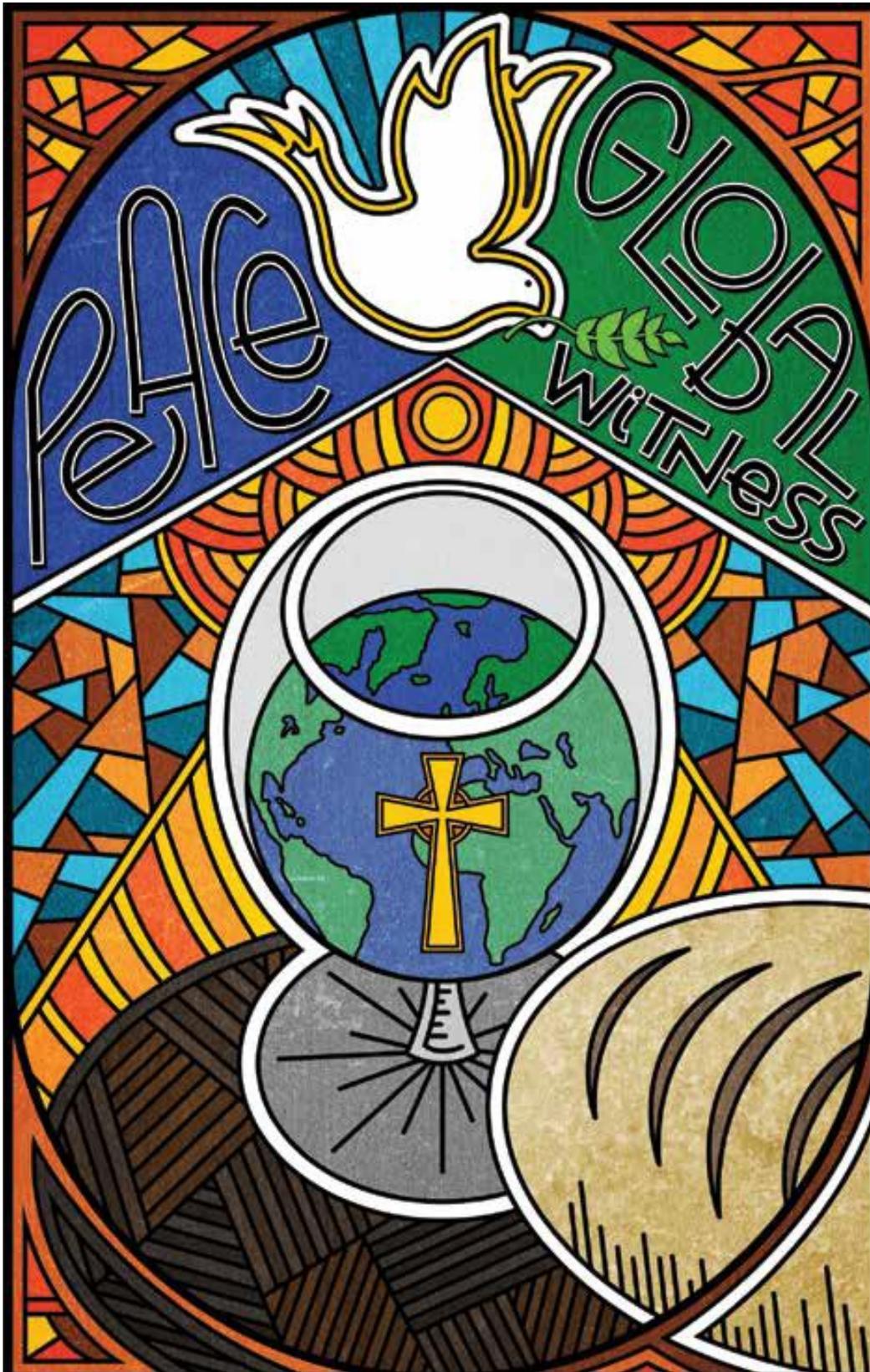


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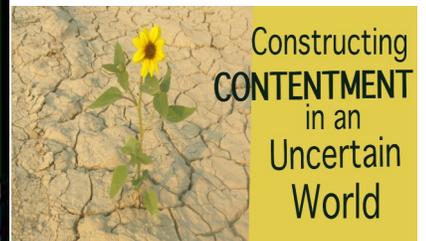
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## Peacemaking/World Communion Sunday is October 4th

The mission committee has agreed to designate the 25% that stays at the local level to Valor Home in Lorain. They provide housing and support for veterans dealing with homelessness.

Check out the [Valor Home Website](#)



## Tune in to our Worship series!

Thursday,  
October 29



This year Cornerstone Preschool and Avon Lake Presbyterian Church will not be hosting the traditional indoor Hallelujahween event. Church volunteers have always been faithful and appreciated at this event, but will not be needed this year. Cornerstone Preschool and ALPC families will be safely participating in a Trunk or Treat event in the church parking lot on Thursday, October 29th. Please contact Tarra Oppewall or Julie Erker for more information if you are interested in attending with your children.

## FROM THE PASTOR/ Charlie Swartz



*Dear Friends,*

I was a little nervous leading my first Zoom class on Wednesday. I have taught countless in person classes (what we used to just call “classes”), but teaching a Zoom class has a very different vibe to it. I know from experience that a zoom class can be a terrible thing, so I wanted to do what could be done so that the technology would not get in the way of the learning, but would actually augment it.

You might be surprised to know how much goes into a good Zoom class. I set up my study at home with proper lighting so that my face would not be in a shadow or in a light glare. This is kind of silly, but I moved my desk in front of a bookcase so that I would look like I was in a studious atmosphere so it would help those attending feel like they were in a real class, and not just chatting in someone’s house. I practiced switching between documents on my computer and the Zoom view, so that when I wanted the class to see a page in the book, the process of making that happen would not be a distraction. I attended a good webinar put on by our denomination to help us all thrive in this hybrid time. It was pointed out that the leader on a Zoom class needs to use a quality microphone instead to really improve the audio experience for the attendees; so I connected a good one to my computer. In the same webinar, we were taught that unlike an in person class or meeting, the leader must be much more organized, for what are natural pauses and moments of small talk that you normally do when you are teaching just do not work in the Zoom format.

Now here is a question. How do you advertise a Zoom class since people must receive an “invite” to attend? Cindi put a sign out front advertising the racial justice class with a phone number to call for the invite. And you know what? An interested man driving by saw the sign, was interested in the class and called for the invite! He attended the class on Wednesday along with 17 others.

We had a great class. The technology did not get in the way but helped us. We had people participate that could not have been involved if it had been in person, even if it had been in the good old days.

I write that to say that we are doing things differently, and we are doing them well. We are not waiting for the vaccine to come out before we return to ministry, and we are returning to ministry differently. For example, we no longer do our staff meetings on Zoom, but since we are a group of less than ten, we meet outside the front entrance with masks on. It is so good to see the other members! Mission committee had its September meeting also outside the front entrance, each person six feet apart with masks on. All the members so enjoyed seeing each other. Session will still meet on Zoom, because it is larger than ten, and that is just fine. Where we need to do Zoom, we can do just fine.

If your group has not been meeting over the pandemic, I encourage you to find a way to do so. If it is small, and you feel safe having a driveway meeting, I encourage you to do so before the weather turns. Or if you have risk factors that make those kind of gatherings too risky, then join the zoom gatherings! The prayer meeting is a great small group that meets each week on Zoom and would love to welcome you. One of the new members to the group calls in on the phone and it works quite well.

Our preschool began the 8th of September and all the hard work paid off as we have had a strong return. We have 85 in person students and 20 online students, which is compared to 120 students a year ago. Social distancing measures are well in place to keep our children and teachers safe. To my surprise, the children are having the good time they always did, just a little bit different with masks and all. The parents and the children have been very cooperative with all the changes which have been instituted, changes that would have seemed impossible to fathom a year ago, but which do not impede the love of play and learning.

Worship is still remote. You may have noticed we have installed a camera on the back wall and one on the ceiling, so that when we return to some form of “in person” worship you will not be tripping over tripods and lights. Right now, recording and editing the service elements is a laborious process which we are working on streamlining so it will be easier for all involved.

Evangelism does not wait for the virus to be over. Consider inviting a friends to join one of our Zoom groups. It was wonderful to have five people from our community attend the Zoom racial justice class. Let a friend know how exceptionally good our streaming service is. They might be intrigued and try us out!

In Christ,  
Pastor Charlie

## Christian Education/Tarra Oppewall

*Greetings ALPC Family!*

I hope this edition of *Saints Alive!* finds you enjoying a beautiful start to the fall.

While we continue to keep our Sunday school program online, I am looking for new ways to enhance and expand what we are already doing. I am reaching out to the community and welcoming families of children ages 3-11 to participate in our virtual experience. If you know anyone who might like to receive our weekly e-mails and have mail sent to their children, please have them e-mail me at [alpctarra@gmail.com](mailto:alpctarra@gmail.com). I would love to hear from new families.

Children's ministry is partnering with the mission committee to organize service projects during the coming months. In October, we will join with Cornerstone Preschool to collect new socks as we celebrate the national event "Socktober". These socks will be donated to those in need in our community. We will collect socks in the building all month long, but Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:30 we will host a drop off event here at the church.

I keep all the families of ALPC in my prayers. Students, teachers, parents- this is such a difficult time in many ways. As we enter the new sermon series on contentment I hope we all feel encouraged. We can trust God's love and faithfulness- especially during this time of uncertainty. We can count the blessings around us, even while we acknowledge that the road is rough. Let's keep encouraging each other and remembering that we are together, even while we are apart.

Love and Peace,  
Tarra



## Cornerstone Preschool/Julie Erker



Wow, who would have ever predicted 2020 would have unfolded like this! It's been a busy few weeks with our families and children becoming accustomed to the "new normal" here at Cornerstone Preschool. Thank you to all our wonderful families for adjusting to the protocols we have had to put in place. The children have taken to the new sign in/arrival procedure amazingly well. We know that children are confident and capable learners, however they have demonstrated their independence, maturity and resilience when presented with this new challenge. The health and safety of our families, children and staff is our

paramount concern so we will be continuing with our current sign in & out procedures until further notice. We look forward to a busy October!

## Our Mission Statement

### *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.

## Music Ministry/Rick Fortney



One of my favorite Psalms, a psalm of praise, is Psalm 150. The psalmist urges the congregation to praise God with music and dancing, naming nine types of musical instruments. *Psalm 150* gives us the where, why, how, and who of praise. The translation below is from Eugene Patterson's 'The Message'.

### Psalm 150

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy house of worship,  
praise him under the open skies;  
Praise him for his acts of power, praise him for his magnificent greatness;  
Praise with a blast on the trumpet, praise by strumming soft strings;  
Praise him with castanets and dance, praise him with banjo and flute;  
Praise him with cymbals and a big bass drum, praise him with fiddles and mandolin.  
Let every living, breathing creature praise GOD! Hallelujah!

During this time of pandemic, take time to admire the open skies, the beautiful colors of autumn, be reminded of His magnificent greatness. No COVID-19 can take that away!

Creation continues to praise God! We need to as well. As you worship from home, do not be afraid to sing, dance, play musical instruments, paint, etc. in praising God throughout every day! As we worship together on Sunday mornings, as the words scroll across the screen, join us in singing! Engage, do not just watch. You will be blessed ... God will be blessed!

It has been an eventful 6 weeks since joining you at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church. I long for the day when we can all be together again, and where I can get to know many of you in person. Until then, we are busy studying the Worship Design Studio (equipping us with ideas for creative worship in the months and years ahead), Technology with Audio / Visual (not knowing how long this physical separation will last), Further Developing relationships with staff and committees visioning for the future, and finding ways to continue to serve during this pandemic.

The Handbell Choir is starting back up on Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please call or email me prior, all are invited no matter your experience. The Chancel Choir is starting back up on Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m. either in the parking lot or virtually. Once again, if interested, call or email me and I will send you an invite. We encourage anyone in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above to join us in singing!

If you are an instrumentalist, visual artist, actor, dancer ... please let me know. As we plan worship, it would be great to know the talents within our ALPC family and then create accordingly!

Let All That Hath Life and Breath, Praise Ye the Lord!

Rick Fortney (rickalpcmusicministry@gmail.com)



## Deacon News/Mike Reighard

Hello ALPC,

Lately life has been challenging for me and my family. No need to drone on about the details because we all face joys and difficulties and this year probably more than others. I'm not one to quote scripture much but one passage I turn to frequently is Romans 12:12: "Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and always pray." I'm no bible scholar and my bible is not a heavily worn text (Sorry God, I'm a major work in progress), but I find this comforting.

The Deacons met this week and generated some good ideas to help other get/stay connected. I could not make the meeting, so I'm using Cathy's meeting minutes (Thanks Cathy! Since I mentioned you I'm not officially plagiarizing). The Deacons discussed how we could provide access to the virtual worship service to members who do not have computers and/or ability to access to Facebook or You Tube.

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Alternative viewing options suggested were: 1) Provide a CD of the sermon; 2) Provide a DVD or thumb drive of the full service; or 3) Provide opportunities for individuals to come to the church and view the service using an ALPC-provided computer or device (i.e., Individual members would make an appointment on Sunday afternoons or evenings to come to ALPC. A viewing place would be set-up at ALPC and a Deacon or other member would be available to assist with the technology).

It was recommended that the direct link to view the worship service on You Tube could be emailed weekly to the congregation. Additionally, the Deacons could provide step-by-step instructions for viewing the worship service on You Tube as this may be more accessible than Facebook.

It was also recommended that a video of the worship service could be embedded directly on the ALPC Web site.

The Deacons will reach out to the congregation to determine preferences for viewing the virtual worship service to assess individuals' interests in receiving a CD, DVD, or thumb drive of the worship service or making an appointment to come to the ALPC to view the worship service.

I'd like to thank all of the Deacons who faithfully attend the Zoom meetings and come up with great ideas. They make my job as moderator so much easier.

Sincerely, Mike Reighard, Deacon Moderator and Cathy Graves

## Worship Committee/Sarah Waggoner

Happy Fall from the Worship and Spiritual Life Committee! In years past, we would have celebrated Rally Day and the beginning of our new program year with a picnic, games and in-person fellowship. But as autumn begins, we continue to remain cautious regarding in-person worship. We had been hoping to begin a slow return to in-person worship, but have decided that we will continue to worship remotely, at least for the next several months. Our committee is meeting twice monthly to evaluate the ever-changing pandemic situation and to make changes to worship accordingly. It was great to see Rick play some portions live this past Sunday! We hope to continue this in the weeks to come.

We are excited to have heard and seen Rick in worship in his role as our new director of the music ministry! Rick has many great ideas for our music ministry in general and is busy exploring some music options that can be embraced now, such as the guest musicians that joined us the first two weeks of September. Discussion continues regarding Chancel Choir and Bell Choir and the possibility that each can return in some format.

Pastor Charlie is excited, as are we, for his new worship series, which will again be supported by the Worship Design Studio. It is based on Philippians and will last nine weeks. The title is "Constructing Contentment in an Uncertain World." Look for creative use of props to carry out the theme! Pastor Charlie and Rick are also beginning to look at Advent series, which will also be supported by the Worship Design Studio. More information to follow in the next newsletter!

We continue to offer our thanks to Jay Knox for making our video worship possible. After the addition of two new cameras, our technology updates should be complete and are actively enhancing our worship experience!

Paint colors have been chosen for the sanctuary. The Worship committee was in on the action of choosing the colors to make certain that the projections on the wall and the lighting would be compatible with any of the colors being considered. A grey-based white has been chosen for the majority of the sanctuary walls, but a medium grey has been chosen as an accent color for the two diagonal walls on either side of the cross. Painting should begin soon.

As always, if you have any thoughts or concerns, please pass them along! Ideas always welcome!

Submitted by Sarah Waggoner, on behalf of the Worship and Spiritual Life Committee:  
Margre Lind-Mills, Pastor Charlie, Rick Fortney, Cris Till, Marcy Uhl,  
Donna Bradley, David Brunner, Beth Shoemaker, Jeff Spenser, and JoAnn Wainscott

## Mission On The Move/Beth Janis

We used to say Mission matters which is absolutely true but now we think Mission on the Move is more appropriate. We have so many opportunities to share our gifts.

Socktober/Undies for all. **Socktober- 10-25 11:30-1:30** "No lie" this is really a thing. Socks are high on the list for people struggling with homelessness! We are asking for donations of **new socks** all colors and sizes. Women's, men's, teens, kids. Also needed is men's underwear, any style, sizes M-XXL for Vets at Valor Home. *Cornerstone preschool and our Sunday School families are also joining the fun. Their focus is on socks.* You may bring donations to our church entryway beginning October 11th, It would even better if you stopped \* by on Sunday October 25th from 11:30-1:30 . If you want to help but cannot go out to shop, donations to ALPC with the notation of "Socks" will be used to purchase socks. Maybe we can *have a sock hop next fall!*

This year, **Thank a Soldier** has morphed into **THANKS for your service to others**. We want to include Military personnel and Veterans, first responders including police, fire, Medivac, nurses, doctors, dentists. Also included, care providers, and anyone you feel would appreciate a special thanks from ALPC. Please contact Beth Janis [bjanis1383@gmail.com](mailto:bjanis1383@gmail.com), Kathy Navarro [kn Navarro5@hotmail.com](mailto:kn Navarro5@hotmail.com) or Marian Conn 933-3456 with the name and address of the person or group you would like to include. (we will include local fire, police and the mayor's office) *If you would like to make a donation toward a gift for the military personnel please mark the donation, "Thank a Soldier."* Cards should be available for signing beginning the week of October 18th in the Narthex. BYOP ( Bring your own pen).

**Drive up Lasagna Dinner October 24th** to benefit Lorain Cooperative Ministries at Christ Lutheran Church in Lorain. Presale tickets are available in the church office or from **Kathy Hamilton and Kathy Navarro**. Dinner will include Lasagna, salad, and dessert. This is an especially important fundraiser for LCM since the spring dinner was cancelled. Of course cash donations are always welcome.



Our friend Leon will be collecting coats, boots and cold weather wear for people of all ages. Jeans are especially helpful. Bedding and towels are useful too. Donations may be dropped off at church beginning Sunday October 25th (same day as Socktober) until Wednesday November 4th. If you need something picked up or want to pass it on sooner, call Beth Janis or Kathy Leopold.

Looking ahead to November and Thanksgiving: We will be collecting non perishable food to donate to CRS and LCM for their food pantries. Cornerstone and Sunday school families will be involved as well. Remember the preschool turkey box that was overflowing last year?

Beth Janis [bjanis1383@gmail.com](mailto:bjanis1383@gmail.com)

## Property Committee/Jim Janis

Hello All,

There has not been too much to share since the last Saints Alive Newsletter but we have a few things so let's see what that is.

In early September we purchased a portable scaffolding unit. This will let us change bulbs, paint, and do other maintenance jobs. The unit cost \$550.00 and will make the height go up to about 17 feet. The committee members all felt this would make jobs safer as work will be done from a platform and railings instead of a high ladder. Jay Knox has already used the scaffolding unit in the Sanctuary. The scaffolding will be stored in the shed once the current projects are completed.

This brings me to another topic, how coincidental. Once again the shed is filled and it is difficult to get things out. We need volunteers to try and rearrange items in the shed and/or find another storage area. Also, if you have unmarked things in the shed please let me know. Or better yet if it's not needed any more please pick them up. Thank you much.

We will try and have a fall clean-up as soon as the leaves start falling so this will probably be early October. I am not sure about Deacon Dogs at this point but it will be discussed. Our church looks pretty good outside so this will focus on getting rid of the leaves. Let me know if you would like to help and I will arrange times and days. Feel free to go to church when it fits your schedule for some raking if you would like to help.

Be Well, Jim Janis : 440-522-9496

## Session Highlights/ August 2020

The Session met on August 17. Highlights of their meeting were:

- Our new Director of Music Ministry, Rick Fortney, was introduced to the Session.
- The funds we received from the Paycheck Protection Program were appropriately used for salaries and utilities, so the loan will be forgiven once our Treasurer, Marcy Uhl, files a report.
- The Deacons are seeking a trainer for the Congregational Care Ministry volunteers.
- Session adjusted their COVID guidance to allow outdoor, masked, and socially distanced meetings for groups of ten people or less without special permissions.
- Pastor Charlie has attended some Worship Design Studio webinars and is designing a fall worship series.
- Two Session members attended the Presbytery Meeting and appreciated the chance provided to think differently about racism.
- HR requested assistance from CE to assist the Preschool Director plan for different scenarios that might occur after the school restarts this fall.
- How to return to in-person worship has been explored by the Worship & Spiritual Life Committee.
- Paint colors for the sanctuary will be selected to work well with the projection system and match other colors used in the rest of the church.
- The Evangelism Committee would welcome the donation of blank birthday cards to be used in their birthday card program.
- The Mission Committee plans to collect non-food items for Lorain Cooperative Ministries through a Cram the Van event in the church parking lot.
- The Christian Education Committee has found a backpack electrostatic sprayer to purchase for sanitizing the classrooms.
- Budgeting for next year has started.

Elizabeth Shoemaker, Clerk of Session

## Evangelism Committee/Barbara Graves

The Evangelism Committee has continued to create the small plastic fairy hearts. We have made over 100 hearts and have delivered them to many church members and friends to let them know we are thinking of them and sending them our love in these difficult times of illness, sorrow or even loss of a loved one. The hearts are made by placing small pieces of colorful plastic in a mold, baking them in our oven at 450 degrees and after they cool, a small hole is drilled to attach a string for hanging them. Thank you to the Evangelism Committee members for making and delivering the hearts. Please contact Susan Reighard or Barbara Graves if you would like to receive a heart or if you know of someone who would like to find a cheerful heart in their yard. We have more hearts to deliver.

Birthday cards have been prepared for everyone who has given us their birthday date in the months of September and October. There are 23 church members in October. We will need more cards donated from church members for this project. Please bring any unused birthday cards to the church office and they will help us to continue this project. Many have told us how much a birthday card with a special greeting from the church and Pastor Charlie has brought them a great deal of happiness and joy.

Pastor Charlie has made some update to the church website, but we will be hiring an experienced website maintenance person to keep it moving forward.

With God's blessing, we pray that our church members will continue to join us in inviting their friends and family to watch and worship with us on Facebook Live at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Graves and Susan Reighard, Co-Chairpersons

## Session Highlights/ September 2020

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

- The Permanent Improvement Fund is where donations for the restroom renovation are being kept until they are needed. So far \$15,000 has been donated, about enough to cover half the project.
- The \$5,000 spent for airfare for the youth mission project was refunded and is now in the Youth Mission Fund.
- Heard from Preschool Director Julie Erker that the start of Cornerstone has gone very well, with the children very cooperatively wearing masks and adapting to new rules.
- The new electrostatic sprayer for sanitizing the classrooms is working great.
- The Youth Group and Confirmation Class are resuming meetings within Session's COVID protocol guidelines.
- Our isolated members appreciate the calls the Deacons are making.
- Ways for enabling them to watch our recorded worship services are being developed.
- The Congregational Care Ministry will be organized according to meeting long-term and short-term needs of members, in ways appropriate for this pandemic.
- Announcements on our front electronic sign have been resumed.
- Pastor Charlie's zoom class on racial justice was well attended, with four attendees from outside our church.
- Streaming our worship is very time consuming on our volunteers, and ways to lighten their load are being sought.
- Candidates for our website management position will soon be interviewed.
- Rick, our new Director of Music Ministry, has many ideas for moving our service music in exciting directions.
- The process of planning worship series well in advance of their season is being established.
- Ways to return to in-person worship while still offering live-streamed worship, with all attendees having a similar experience, are being developed.
- Colors for the new sanctuary paint were selected, and painter will be selected for that part of the job.
- Architectural drawings for the restroom renovation have been made, and quotes from general contractors are being sought.
- Over 100 "fairy hearts" were made by the Evangelism Committee and distributed to cheer up some of our members and friends.
- The Mission Committee will be hosting "Socktober," to collect men's socks and underwear in the parking lot.
- The girls in Guatemala whom we help are in need of food and education.
- A COVID task force is being assembled by Pastor Charlie and the Session to help do research and provide guidance for our committee and office decisions.
- The stewardship campaign is being planned.

Elizabeth Shoemaker, Clerk of Session



## Newsletter deadline

The deadline to submit articles to Cindi via email: [alpresby@avonlakepc.org](mailto:alpresby@avonlakepc.org) for the November, 2020 newsletter is **October 15**.

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church's  
**CORNERSTONE  
PRESCHOOL**



Lindsay Tate is Cornerstone Preschool's Virtual Preschool Teacher. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Education and is a Pre-K through 3rd grade licensed teacher. Lindsay lives right here in Avon Lake with her husband and two children, Addyson (5th grade at Troy Intermediate) and Macklan (2nd grade at Erieview Elementary).

The 20 students that have signed up for online learning range from 2 1/2 year olds to Pre-kindergarten. Lindsay uses a combination of teacher prepared lessons and Seesaw, an online platform. She pre-records and zooms live from the 2 1/2 year old classroom here in the church building on Monday mornings, Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings. On Wednesday mornings, all the online children and their parents meet for a field trip for socialization. The first field trip was at ALPS in Avon Lake. Lindsay has "circle time" with the children while the parents look on. Each of the students sit in a hula-hoop to help them keep their distance while

wearing their masks. Their next field trip is scheduled to be at Huntington Park to collect leaves. Lindsay also assists Mindy Thomas, the 2 1/2 year old teacher, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings! Whew!

Lindsay says its been great to see the children and families in their homes and it's exciting to work with the children in this capacity. This is a great way to give parents an insight into a school day at preschool. She has created a way to keep the families safe while continuing to educate them at home.

# Officers of the Church

## Officers for 2020-2021

### Class of:

2023	Nancy Baldwin
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2021	Joy Harris
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Property  
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## Fundraiser for Cornerstone

Please take part in the Cornerstone Preschool Fundraiser for the yummy Butter Braid Pastry that you can keep in your freezer for the holidays! This is a fundraiser is to help fund the professional development for the Cornerstone Teachers!  
Go to [bit.ly/](https://bit.ly/) to order.

# Guatemala Family Development, Inc.

**Guatemala Family Development, Inc.**

<https://www.GuatemalaFamilyDevelopment.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/GuatemalaFamilyDevelopment>

P.O. Box 215, Avon Lake, OH 44012

Thank you to Janet and Robert Parker on behalf of GFD for your support. You together with other spiritually kind souls have helped us raise \$14,400.00 (so far) for COVID-19 relief to send to our "boots on the ground" NGO FUNDENOR in Guatemala. This was life-giving for the food insecure people we help. Earlier, I shared how our remote, rural, vulnerable villages were cut off from groceries and healthcare. Now some traffic is allowed, but they remain socioeconomically marginalized with disproportionate health risks because they lack all basic living services we count on - running water, sanitation, early-warning systems, social services and health services.

For our scholarship girls (where your Christmas ☐ donations went last year) FUNDENOR has taken special COVID-19 measures because there has been no education going on (remote or in person) since March of this year. Intellect wasted, wherever it lives, is a tragedy! Our scholarship girls have been brought to the city of Tactic where their education can continue to be supported technologically, emotionally and intellectually in a student residence.

To be sure, COVID-19 is resulting in a global education crisis - especially for girls. However, with your very appreciated support, the **intellectual promise of these girls will not be wasted**. Our next fundraising collection will be to raise the \$450 each yearly scholarships we need for each of these girls. We can't fix the whole world but we can create justice where we can - praise be to God!

Click on this video to see how, with your help, we made a big impact: <https://www.guatemalafamilydevelopment.com/post/covid-19-relief-food-staples-and-hygenic-supplies-boosting-resilience-thank-you-for-donating>

While you are there, sign up for our newsletter to get all our latest pictures and videos too!

Peace, thanks and ☐ blessings!

Kathy Leopold - ALPC Mission Committee/Elder, Multiple Medical Mission Participant and Fundraiser

Michele Cold - ALPC Mission Committee/Elder, Board President - Guatemala Family Development, Inc. (also a donor along with my husband - Rich Assaf)



## 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). Otherwise, we may not know you're there!



## Reminder:

During this time of COVID, we have decided to close the church office on Fridays.

**Keep reading the weekly emails and bulletins for when we will have our Fall Clean up around the church!**



**6th grade through High School Youth Group (Sundays at 6:00 pm), will begin meetings outside with masks on, on September 27th.**



## Meetings in the Church building

### Limitations include:

- Remote meetings are still preferred.
- No more than 10 people may meet in-person at a time.
- All attendees must wear a mask for the entire meeting.
- All attendees must remain at least 6-feet apart for the entire meeting
- Attendees must disinfect surfaces at the conclusion of their meeting.

### Prior to meeting in-person all attendees must:

- Check their body temperature for fever on the same day as the meeting
- Verify that they do not have any symptoms of respiratory tract infection
- Verify that they have not been in contact with anyone who has these symptoms

### *The Church office hours*

Mondays through Fridays, 8:00 am until 4:00 pm

### Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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