



**Our Advent series focuses on the angels that God sent as messengers announcing Christ's coming. It reminds us that we can be like those angels now, sharing Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and the Good News of Jesus Christ wherever we go. If you would like a simple reminder to carry with you, please take an angel wing as you leave the Sanctuary.**

*First Sunday In Advent, November 28th—Make Ready a People #morehope*

*Second Sunday in Advent, December 5—Sacrament of Communion—*

*Do Not Be Afraid #morejoy*

*Third Sunday in Advent, December 12—Nothing is Impossible #morepeace*

*Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 19—This Will Be a Sign #morelove*

**After worship—Youth sponsored Cookie Walk  
4pm church members will safely carol together**

*Christmas Eve, December 24—#donotbeafraid*

**5:00pm Family Worship Online Video**

**8:00 Traditional Candle Light Service, led by Pastor Charlie, Handbells and Chancel Choir (Children's activity room for families) and our congregation can sing!**

*Sunday after Christmas—Get Up and Go #morelife*

# Pastor Charlie's Sermon of Hope

The childless couple went about their life with routine and discipline, but not joy and hope. Early in their marriage Zechariah's and Elizabeth's days were full of passion and expectations that are common and life changing. A child, or a quiver full of children, as the psalm says, were sure to come to them. Like their young friends, it was exciting to start out on their own. First house, first job, first cookbook—all the expected additions to their life that would be crowned by the first pregnancy and subsequent nine months of waiting and preparation. Happy news to families, proud telling to friends and employer, and inner feelings of good and minute ones of anxiety mingled with normal thoughts of inadequacy. But the ordinary yet extraordinary event did not happen that first year.

Like any woman, Elizabeth talked to other mothers and inquired what could be done to make her pregnant. With high hopes she tried special foods and additives, exercise and then inactivity, even trips to special alters where God was reputed to give the blessing of pregnancy. But nothing changed.

Those first months of waiting turned into years of a private failure. The expected baby boy that would follow in his father's footsteps did not babble, then utter "da-da". A baby girl, with a dimple and curls like her mom, with the same passion to sing and make music, did not come to be, did not cuddle in her mother's lap.

Did it effect their marriage? Of course it did. Each did not say it out loud, but each assumed it was the other's fault. Silence grew in the space between them, the air filled with unspoken recriminations. And while that was chilling, the opposite was even worse as thoughts and feelings changed. Elizabeth felt it was her fault, perhaps a punishment from God for some imagined wrong done, or some good not done. Zechariah too eventually felt that he was the guilty party, that his was the inadequacy that caused the barrenness.

Sadness settled upon them, a grey ash of despair. Zechariah's friend at the temple said, "You have got to have hope!" Zechariah looked down at his shoes, ashamed. His colleague continued, "Don't we serve a God that can do the impossible? Did the Lord not give to Hannah a child after years and years of prayer, tears, and cries?" Zechariah replied, "Yes, He did. But that was an ancient event in the scriptures more than a thousand years ago. I do not know why, but God does not hear our prayers."

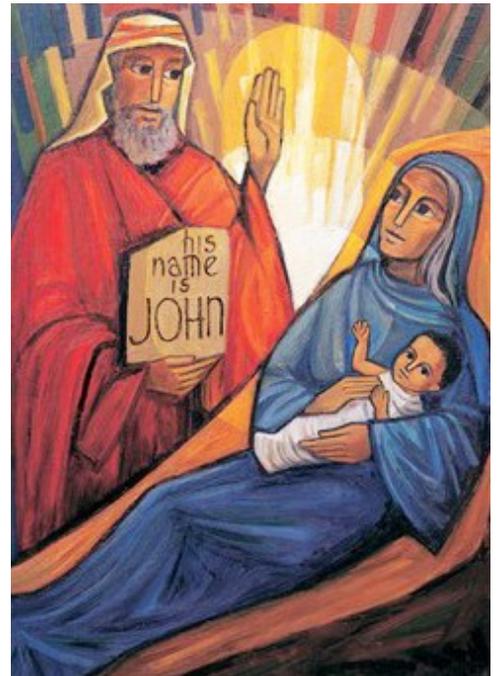
That evening he returned to their house, a hopeless house. He and Elizabeth ate their dinner, silence interrupted only with words about the mundane things — the price of gas and the weeds in the yard. What was not spoken was a conversation about what was too costly to mention—their lack of a child.

But with a faithfulness to his work that was admirable, Zechariah returned to the temple the next day for his regular shift. Out of hope? No, but out of a dogged sense of duty. As he went about the duties of the day, carrying this bullock, lifting up this dove, a presence stood before him. Startled out of his thoughts, fears gripped him. He dropped the sacrifice on the temple floor. Straight from the halls of God, the messenger, the angel waited until Zechariah was ready to hear. A hopeless man encountering a being of hope. What will happen?

Words are spoken. Promises are made which address the pain of his heart, the despair of Elizabeth, their public and private failure and shame. Hope is what happens. "Your prayer has been heard. Your wife, Elizabeth, will have a son, and you will name him John which means "The Lord is Gracious". He will make a people read for the Messiah."

We would expect the news to be welcomed, believed. But let us be fair with Zechariah. He has lived so long in disappointment, too long one might say, that he replies, "How can this be? I do not believe it. We have hoped for this for too long."

But the amazing story of Jesus does not depend upon the faithfulness of people to come to fruition. Regardless of our faithlessness, God is faithful to us. The angel was sent by God to announce the good news of the Messiah and to invite Zechariah and Elizabeth into that story. But God's answer to people's despair was going to happen regardless of their response. When God speaks hope to you, does the realization of that promise depend upon your faith and belief? Did the promise to that childless couple depend upon their strength and trust? No, it did not. The promise of a baby to the hopeless couple who had given up hope came to be in spite of their doubts and disbelief.



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# Pastor Charlie's Sermon of Hope (continued)

Do you ever give up hope? If you have been infected with that same disappointment that consumed these two, remember that the hopelessness of Zechariah and Elizabeth is swallowed up by the brilliant truth of Christ such that one does not even remember their fears as we celebrate the joy of their promised son's birth.

We can trust in God's promises. The angels in the nativity story are signs and symbols of those promises, of that hope. Whereas Zechariah and Elizabeth had lost that hope and joy, it was restored by the action of God's love, foretold by the angel. The angel's words of hope when hope was nonexistent are what we can repeat.

Like the angel, you and I are sent by God to people who have lost hope. Think of those you know who have been crushed by some tragedy, by some unfulfilled longing and are living a joyless life. Is it possible that you can be Gabriel to them, a presence of love and power, a presence speaking hope when they cannot claim it?

Like the angel, we are sent by the Spirit of God to proclaim that hope to a child or adult who has lost hope. A hope not dependent upon their belief, but which is true. What is that hope? The truth of Christ the Lord.

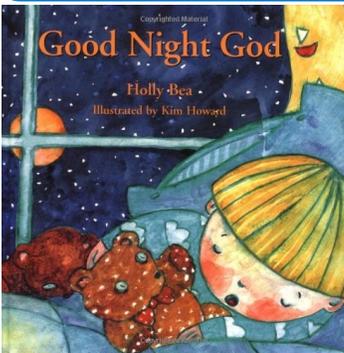
When Beth gives birth, Zach is overwhelmed by the joy. Hope bursts forth and made him sing God's praises, hope not entirely arisen out of their baby's birth but out of the knowledge that they were part of God's plan to bring hope to all the world. Zechariah tearfully held the baby, this baby of hope, and tenderly said to him, "Blessed be the Lord God! You child will be called the prophet of the Lord God Almighty, and you will go before him to prepare his ways. By the tender mercy of God, this light from on high has broken upon us."

Like the angel from heaven, let us tell those dwelling in darkness this great hope. Amen.

**Bathroom Renovations are still going on. Please remember to come to the church office and check in with Cindi before going down the hall to other rooms—for safety's sake.**

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## Christian Education



### *New! Good Night, God*

Go to the ALPC Facebook home page to check out this new feature –

### **Kids' Bedtime Stories**

- Go to ALPC Facebook Home Page;
- Click on Good Night God;
- Choose a story to share with your little people at bedtime.

Stories have been recorded by ALPC members.



# Music & Arts Ministry



**'Glory to God in the highest,  
and one earth peace.'**

Luke 2:14

I am happy to announce that we are going 'live' with our music and arts ministries beginning Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>! On December 19<sup>th</sup> the congregation will be encouraged to join in singing as well! It's been a long time a coming, but we have arrived! Face masks will continue to be required within the building, but all will be welcomed to join in singing once again! I'd like to thank the COVID Task Team, Session, and the Worship & Spiritual Life

Committee for their work throughout this pandemic, trying to educate themselves, and our congregation, in keeping us safe and accountable throughout. I would like to thank the music and arts ministries who have gone above and beyond continuing to lead in worship through it all. I would also like to thank Jay Knox, Beth Shoemaker, and my wife, Joan Wojcicki Fortney for their role in the audio visual ministries in recording, editing and visioning our ministry throughout this pandemic. The work we have done in recording and editing, weekly long hours and sleepless nights, truly has been a blessing of which will make us a stronger ministry moving forward.

It was the music and arts ministries goal to have a choir loft ready for the day we go live ... unfortunately the project was put on hold as the Worship & Spiritual Life Committee wanted to develop the plans presented further. Stay tuned. In the meantime, we have reworked the chancel area to fit everyone!

The TrueNorth Chamber Orchestra and Chorale will present their Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., at Bay Presbyterian Church. The concert is free and will include a love offering to help defray costs. All are invited!

Rick Fortney, Director of Music and the Arts Ministry

## Instructions for connecting with ALPC worship on Facebook

- ⇒ Download the Facebook app onto your smartphone, laptop or desktop computer.
- ⇒ At the search bar, search for Avon Lake Presbyterian Church
- ⇒ Click to go to the church's page
- ⇒ Click the thumbs up to "Like" the page
- ⇒ Whenever the church begins a live-stream (or adds a post) you will be notified
- ⇒ Click on the video to connect.

Note that you can watch the video afterwards by going to the church's Facebook page and clicking on videos. Then just click on the one you want to watch. Please contact Margre Lind Mills (440-785-1160) if you have questions, or Cindi in the church office (933-6240) and she will have Margre (or another church member) contact you with help.

# Financial Report

October was a good month financially! Our income now exceeds budget and our expenses still continue to be below budget. Our expenses are still about \$3,400 more than our income but that is an improvement of \$8,300 over our position last month. Please continue the good work so we can end the year financially healthy.

Here is the link for online giving: [Give \(simplegive.com\)](http://simplegive.com)

	Oct YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Income:</b>		
Congregational Giving	\$241,900.00	\$238,155.00
Other Income	10,182.10	10,716.66
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$252,082.10</b>	<b>\$248,871.66</b>
<b>Expense:</b>		
Staff Expense	\$172,269.32	\$182,245.61
Worship & Spiritual Life	5,575.87	6,666.66
Christian Education	898.97	5,395.83
Stewardship & Mission	4,000.18	4,166.67
Property	39,242.38	39,954.17
General Expenses	18,932.73	20,791.66
Youth Mission Trip	3,407.61	6,000.00
Per Capita Expense	11,181.45	11,181.45
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$255,508.51</b>	<b>\$276,402.05</b>

Any questions about our finances may be addressed to Marcy Uhl, Treasurer or myself at any time.

Cheryl Dean, Finance Committee Chair



**Reminder** – As the year end approaches, some of you may be expecting your RMD (required minimum distribution) from your retirement accounts. *A tax savings tip* – if this is sent directly to the church, this is a tax free event. Check with your retirement account advisor on how to accomplish this. Many of our members currently take advantage of this option. Thanks, Marcy Uhl, Treasurer.

# Evangelism

We continue to make improvements to our website and have added a “Community Information” tab with helpful links, such as a Senior Living resource guide, TrueNorth Cultural Arts, and the Lorain Cooperative Ministry. Our Mission Committee will also be adding information from our local mission partners where people can get help or for organizations that are looking for people to help them.

Did you know that you can find copies of the latest *Saints Alive*, worship bulletins, and a video archive of past services on the website? The Photo Galleries are now easier to access and we’d love to add photos of your events or small groups. Feel free to send articles or photos to Cindi Dansizen ([alpresby@avonlakepc.org](mailto:alpresby@avonlakepc.org)) or Susan Reighard ([reighard4@gmail.com](mailto:reighard4@gmail.com)).

We look forward to welcoming extended family members and some new faces back to church for the holidays – please be sure to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome!

Respectfully submitted, Susan Reighard



# Mission Matters

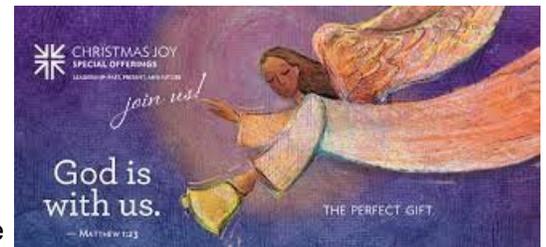
"Be still and know that I am God"

Thank you so much for all the food donations in November. In a collaborative effort with ALPC deacons and Cornerstone Preschool, we passed on groceries and a grocery store gift cards to **nine** local families. The other food was dropped off at CRS in Avon Lake for their food pantry.

## Your Donation Opportunities:

**Thanksgiving donations** are going to Neighborhood Alliance in Lorain. Neighborhood Alliance is in the process of renovating their new building. They are expanding their services, combining locations and providing more space for the 24-7 shelter. Also, they are working on a large, updated kitchen to better meet the needs of the people they serve.

**Christmas Joy** is a time to help retired and current church staff members with health and financial struggles. Many retirees do not have a pension! Also education assistance. Please see the flyer included in December bulletins to learn more about this Presbyterian special offering.



**The Christmas Eve** offering this year is going to Lorain Cooperative Ministry (LCM). We would like to offer support to the churches that are still providing meals and groceries to our Lorain County neighbors. More information will be included in December bulletins.

We have had many requests for a church rummage sale or ways to donate gently used clothing. Here are a few suggestions:

Good Neighbor Thrift store - 158 Lear near Division Rd. 440-933-8627. It is very easy to drop off items. They open Monday through Sunday at 11AM. All the profits from this store go to mission projects.

USCRI - 2103 Clark Ave., Cleveland M-F 9 to 5. They are accepting a variety of things including household items and some furniture for refugees. There are 200 people from Afghanistan with more families expected.. Greatest current needs include blankets and bedding *gently used and washed!* (not pillows) Most other household items are being accepted. [info@uscrioh.org](mailto:info@uscrioh.org). Michele Cold is our contact with this group. Her email is [cold.michele@gmail.com](mailto:cold.michele@gmail.com). We hope to be able to help with collecting items and getting them to the right place. We will update needed items often.

Marian Conn, Kathy Leopold, Kathy Hamilton, Kathy Navarro, Sue Mabe, Jackie Day, Michele Cold, Jenni Stryczny and Beth Janis wish you a Merry Christmas and a mission filled New Year!

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

## Important Congregational Meeting



**December 12 after worship:** There will be a Congregational meeting called by the Session to dissolve the pastoral relationship effective 1/3/22. The Rev. Sharon Core, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, will preside.

## Property



Let me try and tell a story about the new restrooms in the older section of our church. We wanted to update the old men's bathroom and also install a handicap restroom.

In December/January of this year, we intended to find a General Contractor. It turned out to be Superior Quality Builders. We agreed to begin the work at the end of May with the goal of completion before Cornerstone preschool started school in September.

It turned out that several of the contractors (such as plumbers, etc.) were not available as originally planned. There were also issues with supplies and equipment needed to complete the first step, the plumbing. Once the plumbing issues were finally resolved, the work began on the other parts. Floors, painting, sinks, etc.

We decided to do more than a quick update to the older women's restroom also. This involves, flooring, partitions, fixtures and the installation of tile on the cinder-block walls. (drywall was not cost effective). We feel that it only made sense to

do the entire project at one time, saving money and disruption.

The last piece will cost \$2,800.00. We are hoping the project will be done before Christmas. Let's say the New Year welcomes three New Restrooms. Your patience is definitely appreciated.

The Property Committee

## With Love and Thanksgiving

Dear ALPC Congregation Members:

A huge "thank you" to all of you who donated either money or time to make the celebration of my retirement so wonderful. It was such a fun day and full of many surprises! The video made me laugh and also brought a tear to my eyes...seeing so many people that have been a part of the music program over the years. (And also how we have all aged.)

The presentation of the commission for an anthem to be written by Mark Hayes for our choir was just the most exciting thing that a retiring music director could dream of. I had a very delightful conversation with Mark this last week about the subject matter of the anthem, which will contain original music written by Mark, using a favorite scripture reading that I suggested to him and end with a beloved hymn in which the congregation can participate in singing.

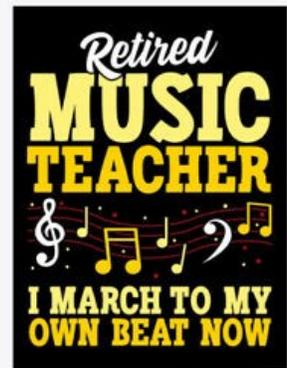
The sign coming into the driveway was such an overwhelming surprise! It even caused my granddaughter to call me a celebrity. We've all had a lot of fun with that.

Thank you so much to the committee who had to spend such a long time dreaming up and keeping the surprises because of COVID. Doug Day, Cindi Dansizen, Rick Fortney, Sarah Waggoner and Marcy Uhl, you all did a great job. Also, thanks to Jim Janis, Gary Uhl and John Weeden for installing the sign.

I loved being your music director for 51 years. I loved working with so many talented and fun people in the choirs and as soloists. I loved this being my church, and meeting and marrying Ed and having the boys baptized and grow up here. So many changes came about during that time, but the biggest change was when I became a "pew sitter" on Sunday morning instead of being actively involved. The wonderful celebration made me feel like a cherished pew sitter, who in the future would be welcomed to help wherever I can.

God bless all of you.

With love and thanksgiving, Muriel



# Worship & Spiritual Life



Happy Thanksgiving Wishes to all! A very special time to thank our heavenly Father for all the blessings he's bestowed upon us here at ALPC.

On this mid November morning snow showers softly whitened rooftops for a while. A snowy scene helps lead our thoughts towards Christmas and the Advent Season. Angels We Have Heard on High! A glorious, long-awaited time of year is now upon us! Young and old alike, marvel to hear again the real Christmas story of God coming to earth, arriving not as an all-powerful ruler but as a humble baby. Immanuel, God with us!

ALPC is surely our refuge from the non-stop noise and pressures of our world. Pastor Charlie has shown us how "When we are not in God, we perceive that we never have enough. When we are in God, He gives us more than enough." Through his series, Leaving Scarcity for Abundance, we have been strengthened with a healthy perspective on the true peace and plenty our Lord provides.

Angels Among Us! Pastor Charlie's new sermon series will concentrate each week on the messages God sent through his angels to Zachariah, Mary, Joseph, to the shepherds and again to Joseph.

Angels will be adorning our Church this Advent season, too.

Advent begins November 28th with the lighting of the candle of Hope on the Advent Wreath.

Christmas Carolers will visit those who are home-bound on Dec. 19th.

Thank you for bringing in your clean milk jugs for the collection box in the main entry. They'll be used to light up the way as luminaries outside our church on Christmas Eve.

On Christmas Eve, we will have a 5:00pm Family Worship Online Video.

At 8:00pm we will have a traditional candle-light worship service in our sanctuary with a children's activity room for families.

To help prevent the spread of the COVID virus, safety precautions are in effect. We are grateful for all your help in this effort. We ask that everyone wear a mask while in the church building. Nothing will be handed out or passed from one to another. On Communion Sundays a table in the narthex will offer individually sealed juice cups with a sealed wafer so that each of us may take our own as we enter the sanctuary. The pews to the right of the center aisle offer more distance between worshippers with every other row ribboned off.

During the Passing of the Peace, we're remaining in our pews, standing to wave and safely greet one another.

We thank our COVID Task Team and our Session who continue to monitor and follow CDC guidelines.

Our worship services livestream on Facebook Live, YouTube and the Avon Lake local cable channel every week.

We sincerely wish you and yours the blessings of faith, hope, love, joy and peace that God brings to us through his son, Jesus Christ our Savior, as we prepare for and celebrate his birth at ALPC.

Please contact any of our committee members with suggestions or comments: Donna Bradley, David Brunner, Margre Lind Mills, Beth Shoemaker, Jeff Spenser, Pastor Charlie, Cris Till, Marcy Uhl, Sarah Waggoner and JoAnn Wainscott.

On behalf of Worship & Spiritual Life, Cris Till



## Session Highlights

The Session met on November 15 – Highlights of their meeting were:

- \* Learned that Pastor Charlie needs to limit meetings he attends to 90 minutes, which in the end will make meetings more focused and hopefully more productive.
- \* Discussed sending letters to members on the rolls who have not participated in ALPC life in a long time, which will lessen our Per Capita expenditures in coming years.
- \* Heard that six members participated in the Second Harvest food boxing event, which was very well run and a lot of fun. The Deacons hope to schedule another of these events for more members to enjoy.
- \* While the Deacons will not hold a Chili Cook-off this winter, other events like a board game night and bowling are being considered.
- \* October was a great month financially, with pledged giving ahead of budget, though overall we're still negative about \$3,400 for the year.
- \* A church Venmo account is being set up.
- \* The metrics we follow to form our COVID protocol decisions, and what levels they need to reach to ease restrictions on activities like singing, were discussed.
- \* The pledge cards mailed that week were arriving in homes.
- \* One interviewee for our Director of Children's Ministries was extended an offer, but it was turned down.
- \* The new janitorial contractor, Onnalee, is very talented and is working out very well.
- \* Concerns were raised about the 30% increase in fuel costs, which will affect our heating bills.
- \* The new trail in the woods, built as an Eagle project, has been finished.
- \* The Christmas Eve offering will be directed to Lorain Cooperative Ministries, and \$1,000 of unused Lunch Bunch funds will be given to Front Door Ministry.
- \* A community information page has been added to our website to provide helpful links for our members, as well as links to our mission partners.
- \* Photos from church events are now being posted on our website.
- \* The Advent worship series will be called "Angels Among Us."
- \* Christmas Eve services will be a recorded service for families, released on Facebook at 5pm, and an in-person traditional service at 8pm, with luminaries outside.
- \* A monthly increase of \$5 in tuition for Cornerstone was approved.
- \* Heard that a weekly book reading for children will be streamed on Facebook every Sunday at 6pm. It will be called "Goodnight, God."

Elizabeth Shoemaker, Clerk of Session

## Deacon News

Our ALPC Deacons have been busy this fall! A small group of us volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank on Tuesday, November 9 from 9:30-noon. We had a great time loading the holiday boxes that will go out to families as part of Second Harvest's upcoming mobile pantry events. Now that we know how fun this is, be on the lookout for future dates!

We are also looking forward to supporting the upcoming Caroling and Cookie Walk events with our usual yummy snacks and by delivering cookies to our homebound members. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a cookie delivery, please let Cindi know.

The new Deacon Ride Service is going well. A few members have taken us up on getting a ride to church. If you need transportation (weekly or just occasionally), please call the church office or Sybil Wendling (440-453-1265, [sybilwendling@gmail.com](mailto:sybilwendling@gmail.com)).

Looking forward to the new year, our Deacons are working on a few COVID-safe fellowship events--possibly an afternoon of board & card games and a bowling trip. Get ready for some fun competition!

# The Trip of a Lifetime

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YOUR  
STORY



Reading about the Christmas journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem makes me think of what an undertaking that trip must have been for them. Women in the third trimester of pregnancy these days are often advised to limit their travel, and that means planes, trains and automobiles. Can you imagine making that 70-80 mile trip walking and/or riding on a donkey so near the time of delivery? And what about that likely nervous father, Joseph? He'd already had a few surprises. He must have been wondering when the baby would arrive.

This journey of Joseph and Mary has some parallels to our Christian journey.

Our Christian journey has us stepping out of our comfort zone and taking the trip of a lifetime. What kind of details did Mary and Joseph have about their trip? Yes, they knew the destination and the purpose just as we do, but did they look back? Did they wonder what they were leaving behind? After all, their journey was far more important than a one-time trip to Bethlehem to be enrolled. This baby would be the Savior of the world.

Preparation for our Christian journey has us packing a bag filled with faith and hope taking time to study the map (Bible) and exercising (Prayer) to make sure that we are prepared with enough knowledge and stamina for the trip. There is also the anticipation of where we will be led. After all, Mary and Joseph ended up going home to Nazareth by way of Egypt. And so, we start out with both excitement and fear of the unknown. Will we yearn for the old ways and wish to turn back? But wait; if we keep going on our Christian journey we will be HOME. During our trip we experience some wonderful relationships, have the joy of serving with others, observe extraordinary beauty in nature and have the comfort of knowing our destination. Of course, there are also the events of sadness like saying goodbyes, experiencing failures, coming to grips with the idea that we aren't and never were in control and many of the other "flat tires" of this life.

What we do know is this. Mary and Joseph learned the direction they should go from angels sent by God. Jesus is our "Travel Guide" and gives us all the instruction we need for our Christian journey. There is rest along the way (Mt 11:28-30). Don't look back. (Lk 9:61-62) Don't worry (Lk 12:22-31) After all He is leading the way and is always with us (Mt 28:19-20).

**Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, as we progress through the season of celebration of the birth of Jesus, help us not to miss the promise of both the journey and the destination that you have planned for us. Make us obedient to your call, eager to share the "good news" and help us to adopt the maxim of the "more the merrier" in speaking out and encouraging others to join us on the Christian journey. Amen.*

## Topic for storytellers for January 2022:

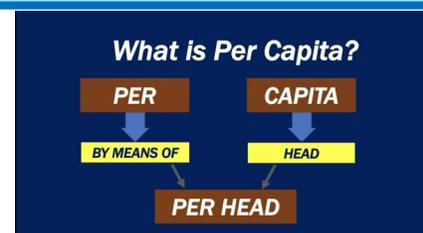
At the start of a new year, we often think about resolutions for self-improvement, taking inventory of our current situation, or perhaps an experience with forgiveness of ourselves or others. Do you have a story about success in dealing with making changes that you could share? Please submit your story to Cindi in the church office by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

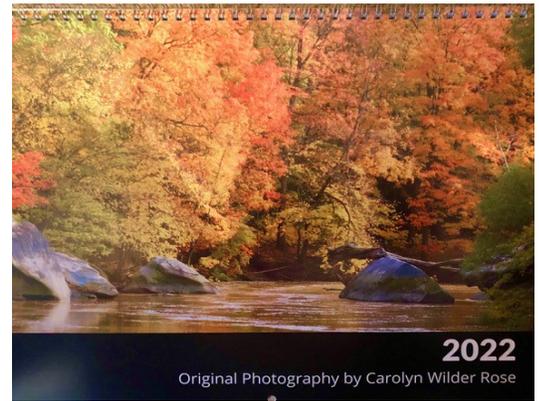
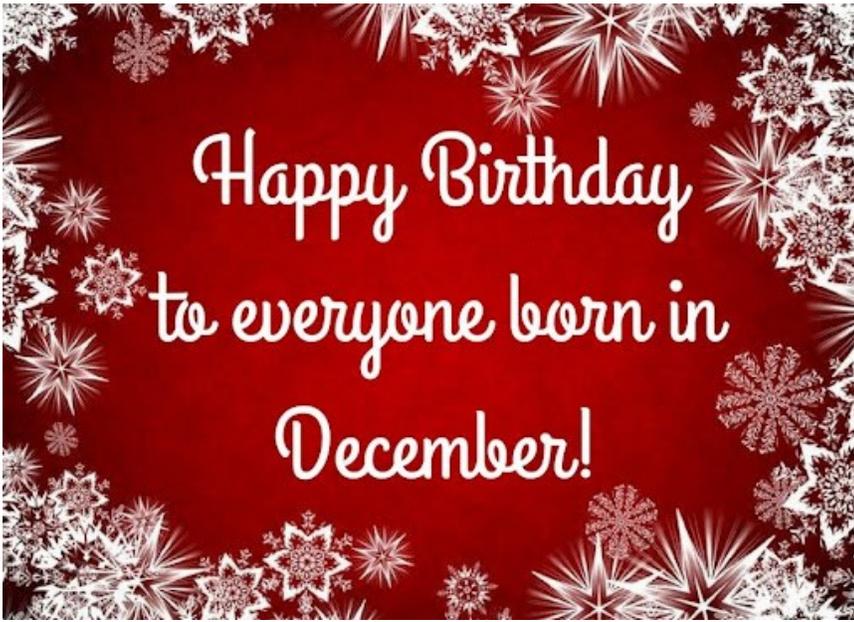
Shalom, Nancy

## Per Capita

Because some of you asked, here is the Per Capita breakdown:

Per Capita Apportionment:	Per Member
General Assembly	\$8.95
Synod of the Covenant	\$3.25
Presbytery of the Western Reserve	\$22.71
<b>Total :</b>	<b>\$34.91</b>





The 2022 calendars that Carolyn Rose makes with her beautiful photography are for sale at Rock Pile in Avon for \$25. Nice Christmas gift!

Ellie Doran (Child)	December 1
Kathy Navarro	December 1
Laura Callahan	December 3
Noel Peel	December 3
Rusty Beck	December 5
Marcy Uhl	December 9
Jenni Stryczny	December 12
John Mills	December 12
Adam Mills	December 13
Grace Knox	December 15
Trent Waggoner	December 20
Gary Uhl	December 24
Georgia Weeden	December 26
Ann Lee Loescher	December 27
Sheryl Dickey	December 28
Megan Barnes	December 29
Lee Lohr	December 30

*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 2022.

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).**



# *Everyone is Welcome*

**Sunday Worship** – Our worship service begins at **10:00 am**  
**Also on Facebook and YouTube at 10:00 am**  
Join us: [www.facebook.com/avonlakepc](http://www.facebook.com/avonlakepc)

Our worship service is now on the Avon Lake public access channels (1024 for Spectrum and 22 for WOW!). Sunday services will begin showing the following Wednesday, at 6:00 am and 6:00 pm and then show every day at those times throughout the week.

32340 Electric Boulevard, Avon Lake, OH 44012  
(440) 933-6240

Church email address: [alpresby@avonlakepc.org](mailto:alpresby@avonlakepc.org)  
Church website: [www.avonlakechurch.com](http://www.avonlakechurch.com)

Preschool website: [www.cornerstonepreschoolal.com](http://www.cornerstonepreschoolal.com)

Church office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm

## **The church office will be closed**

Every Friday,  
Christmas Day and  
Monday and Tuesday, December 27 & 28, 2021

Pastor	Rev. Charles E. Swartz	440-522-5484
Director of Music Ministry	Rick Fortney	440-724-7189
Director of Preschool	Julie Erker	400-933-7646
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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.