



Pastor's Passage

The Choices We Make



Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13 (NRSV)

We are in the middle of our pre-Lenten sermon series titled "The Choices We Make." As we have discussed, our lives are full of choices each and every day. Each choice we make will define us and help shape the person we are. Sometimes, because of our choices, we might not be the person God created you to be.

We live in a very unsettling world. Just this week (January 22) there were three mass shootings: eleven dead in a dance club in Monterey, CA; three people wounded at a Des Moines, IA school; and, twelve injured at a Baton Rouge, LA nightclub.

There is an unprovoked war raging on in Ukraine. The war is about to pass its one-year mark. Thousands of people have been killed and injured. Thousands more have become refugees fleeing the violence.

We have a Congress that has been very dysfunctional since 2008. There have been very few compromises, many knee-jerk reactions, and toxic voices by members of both parties, and there is an attitude on both sides of the aisle of "it's my way or the highway."

We had a national nightmare when people stormed our Capitol. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think anything like this could be possible. I woke up in the recovery room following my heart ablation and thought that what was on the television was just a bad dream. It wasn't.

It seems that no matter what we do or say as Christians, the world continues to backslide further from the teachings of Jesus. No matter what people of other faiths do or say, the results are the same. It can be very discouraging.

As I was thinking about what to write this month, I remembered a newsletter article I wrote for First United Presbyterian Church in November 2017. The title for that article was "I Won't Back Down - Tom Petty."

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers was a favorite group of mine. Unfortunately, Tom Petty passed away on October 2, 2017. He and his group released the song "I Won't Back Down" in 1989 on their "Full Moon Fever" album. This song is a message of defiance against unnamed forces of difficulty and the possible oppression. As I reflect on everything that is going on around us, I still believe his words ring true. Although his words are political and not theological, I feel his song is appropriate for us to

remember as we stand up for the teachings of Jesus in a very broken world and stand up to the resistance the world will put up against us.

The words of the song "I Won't Back Down" are:

"Well, I won't back down
No, I won't back down
You can stand me up at the gates of hell
But I won't back down

No, I'll stand my ground
Won't be turned around
And I'll keep this world from draggin' me down
Gonna stand my ground
And I won't back down

(I won't back down)
Hey, baby, there ain't no easy way out

(I won't back down)
Hey, I will stand my ground
And I won't back down
Well I know what's right
I got just one life
In a world that keeps on pushin' me around

But I'll stand my ground
And I won't back down

Hey, baby, there ain't no easy way out

(I won't back down)
Hey, I won't back down
(I won't back down)

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Mission Matters

“They say that there can never be two snowflakes that are exactly alike, but has anyone checked lately?”— Terry Pratchett

The Haven Center New Year's dinner went great. We agreed to make 50/60 brown bag lunches and a monthly meal for 6 more months. We can use your help with dessert! Cookies, brownies, bars and sheet cakes. If you would like to bake or buy them, please let any mission member know. They can even be frozen for a future date. Also, we learned that four senior girl scouts will be helping with this mission.

We are arranging a Moment for

Mission with Sue Perry from Lorain Cooperative Ministries in February. You will be surprised with all that is being done for neighbors in Lorain County.

"Fill the pot" with spare change. We hope to have lots of change to count and wrap for spare change ministries like the Front Door ministry in Lorain and Sensibility. Thank you and let us know if you feel this is still a valid activity.

In February we will be accepting donations of sheets and blankets for Valor Home and Good Knights. Both organizations are in need of bedding for twin and XL

twin beds. **Good Knights** makes and delivers free kid size beds and supplies mattresses and bedding. They especially need twin size blankets and throws for children and teens. **Valor Home** (for Veterans without stable housing) needs XL twin size sheets.

Please join us at our next meeting on February 7th at 4:15. Feel free to email bjanis1383@gmail.com with suggestions or comments. Kathy Hamilton would love to hear from you at 440-320-3711.

Deacon News

Thanks to everyone who participated in the great 2023 Chili & Soup Cookoff. The fellowship, yummy soups, and awesome competition was fun. Start working on those recipes for next year!

The Deacons are working on arranging an afternoon of bowling

at Spevock's in late February. Be on the lookout for a sign up in the narthex & dust off those bowling shoes! And, our very own Sandee Seib will be leading a hike on Sunday March 26 at 2pm, weather permitting, to get a look at some of the early signs of spring.

If you ever need a ride to church, please remember to let Kenzi in the ALPC office know or contact Sybil at 440-453-1265 or sybilwendling@gmail.com. Don't let distance keep you from asking for a ride--we're happy to figure out rides, no matter where you live!

Pastor's Passage, continued

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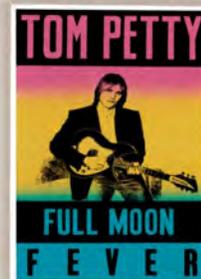
Hey, baby, there ain't no easy way out
(I won't back down)
Hey, I will stand my ground
And I won't back down
No, I won't back down"

If you go to YouTube and type in "I Won't Back Down," the music video will pop up first. Listen to it. I think you'll like it. It's only about

three minutes long. Plus, an added coolness is that Tom Petty is backed up on the video by Ringo Starr and George Harrison from the Beatles and Jeff Lynne from Electric Light Orchestra.

Tom Petty's song is all about the choices we make. We can choose to stand up for what is right, for what Jesus Christ believes in. Or we don't. What will your choice be?

Blessings, Rick



If you listen to music on Spotify, scan the code above to listen!

Cornerstone News

During a recent session of Chapel Time, we discussed the topic of FEAR. The children shared examples of things that made them scared or fearful. We talked about what we could do to help with feelings of fear. We talked about how we can pray to God and he will take our fears away so that we can be BRAVE. I illustrated this by doing an experiment with water, a glass vase, and cardboard. The water we poured into the vase represented our fears and the piece of cardboard represented our prayers. When we

put the cardboard on top of the vase and turned the vase upside down, the water did not spill out. It stayed in the vase! The air creates a suction that pulls the cardboard right up against the rim of the vase. The air is like God. You can't see him but He is always protecting us.

Children can take away a lot from these Chapel Time lessons, and so, too, can many adults.

Julie Erker, Director of Cornerstone Preschool



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Our 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 Notes



The year 2022 brought another year of opportunity and growth with new choir members, new handbells, and new music! Musical highlights included a Good Friday Cantata, ***Candle of Grace***, with guest musicians from TrueNorth, the November debut of a Mark Hayes anthem written especially for Muriel Homer to honor her retirement, a Saturday evening ALPC Thanksgiving concert, and a cantata, ***Journey of Promises***, presented in a Lessons & Carols format, during Advent worship. Outreach highlights included a special concert at Vermilion Library, caroling at Beachpark Tower, as well as joining the ALPC church family on our annual caroling activity. We purchased a complete set of high bells and a few of the lower bells on our way to a fifth octave of handbells. Throughout the year, the choirs welcomed returning members Ed Carter, Gail Carter, Mike Dean, Barbara Graves, Jeff Hansen, Sue Mabe, Sharon Pervo and Linda Swartz. We also welcomed Cathy Graves, a member of the handbell choir, and Marcia Lucietta and Jan Mackert, both new to our church, to the Chancel Choir. Serving at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church continues to be a joy and I thank you for the opportunity. Anyone interested in sharing their musical talents, please see me or any

member of the choirs or instrumentalist.

Now through the end of February we are sharing favorite anthems with both the Handbell and Chancel Choirs as we continue looking at the choices we make and in ultimately seeing the light throughout our worship series. Handbells will be sharing ***God of Grace and God of Glory*** arranged by Kevin McChesney; ***Jesus Shall Reign*** arranged by Arnold B. Sherman; and ***When We are Living (SOMOS DEL SENOR)*** a Traditional Spanish piece, arranged once again by Kevin McChesney. The Chancel Choir will be singing: ***How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*** by John Carter; Mark Hayes' ***And the Father Will Dance*** (which parts will also be sung in Lent for our introit and benediction); ***Wings of Dawn*** by Linda Spencer; a beautiful piece by Dan Forrest, ***An Offering***; and concluding with Alan Pote's ***Many Gifts***.

We open Lent with a time of reflection and prayer on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Cecilia Ilg McKay will once again be leading us on the harp for this service.

Our Choral introit for Lent will be a prayer both individually and as a church ... 'Awake my soul and sing ... my spirit rejoice in God!'

*My soul will make its boast in God,
For He has answered all my cries,
His faithfulness in me
is as sure as the dawn
of a new day.*

*Awake my soul!
Awake, my soul, and sing!
Let my spirit rejoice,
Let my spirit rejoice,*

Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Our opening prayer response for Lent will be a piece written by Mark Miller, ***Ready for Change***, which is the title of our Lenten series. In it, we ask for the Lord 'to give my life a new start and plant in me a-fresh' ... may we have 'Seed that grows and blossoms into the fruit of blessing.'

Create in Me a Clean Heart, the praise chorus written by Steve Green, will be our response following the Lord's Prayer throughout Lent.

*Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence, oh
Lord
And take not Thy holy spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me*

"Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within
me." Psalm 51:10

A heartfelt prayer for God's mercy, cleansing, and restoration. David, our Psalmist, not only asked for a clean heart, but for a renewed spirit. David asked that God restore the joy of his salvation. This prayer invites us to position our hearts so God can shape and refine us into the image of His Son.

The Lenten Choral Benediction will be filled with the promise of JOY!

And He will Joy over you in song ... God rejoices over you in Song!

*And the Father will dance over you in
Joy!
He will take delight in whom He loves.
Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises
of God?*

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Financial Report

We ended 2022 with our General Fund income about \$18,000 below budget but our expenses almost \$72,000 below budget. We had budgeted to use \$18,643.84 still left from the 2020 overage but instead added to this overage for the year. A good portion of the expense underage was due to staff vacancies.

Much as we pay membership fees to health clubs, golf clubs, fraternities & sororities, etc. there is a membership fee to the greater

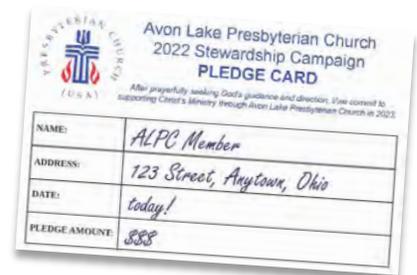
Presbyterian church called “Per Capita.” Per Capita supports the Presbytery, the Synod and the General Assembly and is \$36.50 per ALPC member for 2023. Unlike any of the above-mentioned clubs, our church won’t cancel your membership if you can’t pay your per capita, but ALPC is obligated to pay those dues to Presbytery. While we understand if stringent financial circumstances prevent some families from paying per capita, payment is expected from those

who can. I look at it this way: we pay health clubs for physical fitness and ALPC for spiritual fitness!

If you have not pledged your support for this year, it’s not too late! Please fill out a pledge card.

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

Cheryl Dean,
Finance Committee Chair



	Dec YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income:		
Congregational Giving	\$268,540.23	\$284,977.00
Other Income	14,453.59	33,843.84
Total Income	\$282,993.82	\$318,820.84
Expense:		
Staff Expense	\$147,210.60	\$207,728.61
Worship & Spiritual Life	8,005.18	7,200.00
Christian Education	347.93	4,625.00
Stewardship & Mission	5,260.79	4,750.00
Property	50,987.66	52,694.00
General Expenses	20,470.71	23,500.00
Youth Mission Trip		6,000.00
Per Capita Expense	12,323.23	12,323.23
Total Expense	\$244,606.10	\$318,820.84
Net operating income	\$38,387.72	0.00



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

Music Notes, continued

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No, the Lord God Himself is exulting
o'er you in song!
God rejoices over you,
God rejoices over you,
God rejoices over you in song!

We enter Holy Week with Palm Sunday ... led by our Handbell and Chancel Choirs and guest trumpet, Matt Wirfel, as we open the service with *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN).

Maundy Thursday will be a

time of reflection and prayer once again as we reflect on the moments in the garden and the last supper.

Duruflé - Requiem, Op. 9 - Good Friday we will go back to the traditional noontime worship service and then follow it up with a concert that evening by TrueNorth Cultural Arts performing *The Requiem*, Op. 9, a 1947 setting of the Latin Requiem by Maurice Duruflé for solo voice, mixed choir, and chamber orchestra with organ.

Easter Sunday, both the Handbell and Chancel Choirs will lead us musically, along with a brass

ensemble. Worship will be filled with joy as we celebrate Christ's resurrection ... He is Alive! He is Alive Indeed!!!!

TrueNorth Cultural Arts ... in addition to the April 7th Good Friday Concert at Avon lake Presbyterian Church, The TrueNorth Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will be performing the *Mozart Coronation Mass* with Choral Spectrum and St. Peter Parish on Sunday, March 12th, 3:00 p.m. at St. Peters in Lorain as part of the Masterworks Concert Series.

Happy Birthday!

Bob Ralston	February 1
Sharon Chase	February 6
Eddie Lou Bush	February 9
Janet Maurer	February 10
John Dickey	February 11
John Weeden	February 14
Karen Kneiss	February 17
Dave Brunner	February 17
Mary Lou LaGrassa	February 18
Daniel Shramo	February 20
Nancy Albrecht	February 22
Catherine Graves	February 23
Dan Maloney	February 27



coffee house
• WORSHIP •

Warm up with a cup of joe at our Coffee House! Sundays at 10am, worship services are live-streamed so you can watch from the comfort of the couch while enjoying a hot beverage, a donut, and of course, fellowship.

If you prefer worshipping in the sanctuary, coffee and tea are always available after the service.

Worship & Spiritual Life

As I sit here about to share reflections of our sermon series and look forward to our Lenten series, I gaze out the window at God's beautiful winter landscape. The trees are coated with snow and I am reminded of His gifts to us. I hope you, too, can take a moment to reflect on God's beautiful world around us.

We hope you have been inspired by the messages Pastor Rick has shared with us this past month. In our series, entitled "The Choices We Make", we have been reminded that our surest choice is to follow Jesus, as He reassures us of his constancy in loving us and being by our side. Our anchor image of three doors, inviting us to make a choice, symbolizes how we can travel through this life, trying to make the right choices along the way, by choosing to follow Jesus. The Book of Matthew has been our guide as we considered "How God Sees Us," as we "Looked For the Light," and as we were directed to "Get the Right Side Up." These were just a few of our sermon titles. This series continues through February 19,

when we learn of "The Glory of God."

We are looking forward to our Lenten series entitled "Ready for a Change" beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22. We think this is very appropriate for our church family at this time, as we are in the middle of a change. As an introduction to this series, our resource states "Lent can be a time of taking inventory in our lives. Themes of repentance are prominent at this time. To repent literally means 'to turn around to find new direction.' This concept of change and the change-making actions of Jesus will guide our spiritual journey this season as we will wrestle with our fear of change, the inevitability of change, and the life-giving new lease on life and call to service that change can bring." We will experience the ritual of ashes the evening of Ash Wednesday. Please join us for this moving and spiritual service.

As part of this series, there is a song entitled "Ready for a Change." I especially like the chorus – "Lord, I'm ready for a change, only you

can make me change, only you can make me change."

Please join us as we experience Lent this season.

One last thought, it has been a little over a year since Pastor Rick and Mary joined us. And what a special and meaningful time it has been. God was certainly looking out for us when He sent them our way. Join us in sending a heartfelt thank you to them for their love and service. We are blessed to have them.

Thank you to all who continue to dedicate their time and talents to make our worship run smoothly. We welcome all to participate in any way that they are comfortable. As always, we welcome your suggestions and feedback to make the worship experience meaningful and filled with the awesome wonder of God! Please contact any member of the Worship & Spiritual Life Committee.

Written by Marcy Uhl, on behalf of the committee: Donna Bradley, Rick Fortney, Margre Lind Mills, Beth Shoemaker, Jeff Spenser, Cris Till, Sarah Waggoner, JoAnn Wainscott, and Pastor Rick Stein.

Dates to Remember

ASH
WEDNESDAY



February 22

Ash Wednesday and Lent come early in 2023. Start preparations for the Easter season in February!

PALM
SUNDAY



April 2

Join us for Worship at 10:00 am.

Easter

April 9

He is Risen! Celebrate the Holy Day with ALPC.

Circles & Groups

Circle of Hope

Bible Study, meets 3rd Wednesday of every month (Sept-May) 10am in Pastor's Office

Baldwin, Nancy	Schweitzer, Barbara
Bondurant, Kay	Scott, Sue
Chase, Sharon	Smucker, Sharon
Gallant, Darlena	Swartz, Beth
Harris, Joy	Swartz, Debbie
Maloney, Sue	Till, Cris
Mohr, Kathy	Bush, Eddie-Lou
Reichlin, Debbie	

Ruth Circle

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month (Sept-May) 10:30am in Church Library

Albrecht, Nancy	Metzger, Joan
Lehmkuhl, Barbara	Nussle, Carol
Maloney, Sue	Parker, Janet
McCarbery, Ruth Ann	Smucker, Sharon
Morway, Lynn	Homer, Muriel

Serendipity Circle

Meets occasionally for dinner

Dansizen, Cindi
Dean, Cheryl
Gantz, Deb
Gorning, Jean
Hoffmann, Pam
Horvath, Katie
Janis, Beth

Men's Lunch Group

Meets 4th Tuesday of every month at various restaurants

Beeler, Russ	Hamilton, Bill	Peel, Mack
Call, Fred	Homer, Ed	Shramo, Dan
Carter, Ed	Hough, Jim	Smucker, Jim
Day, Doug	Kurak, Tim	Spencer, Jeff
Dean, Mike	Lawson, George	Stein, Rick
Dusek, Clay	Madson, Larry	Swartz, Charlie
Earley, John	Maloney, Dan	Till, Bill
Fortney, Rick	Mills, John	Unger, Joe
Francis, Dick	Navarro, Lanny	Wainscott, Alan
Haggerty, Paul	Palison, Bob	

Circle of Smiles

Christian Book Discussion, meets 4th Tuesday of every month (Sept-June) at members' homes

Chase, Cristine	Seib, Sandee
Cold, Michele	Uhl, Marcy
Helbig, Penny	Unger, Carol
Lind-Mills, Margre	Vine, Terry
Reighard, Susan	

Yarn Ministry: Blessings by Hand

Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month (Sept-May) 11am in Church Narthex

Bush, Eddie-Lou	Morway, Lynn
Chase, Sharon	Navarro, Kathy
Hall, Barb	Nussle, Carol
Lohr, Lee	Swartz, Beth
Mohr, Kathy	Till, Cris
	Unger, Carol

Prayer Group

Meets Tuesdays at 3pm on Zoom

Baldwin, Nancy
Cheriyen, Anita
Cold, Michele
Harris, Joy
Maloney, Sue
Swartz, Beth
Till, Cris

Walking Group

Meets Mon, Wed, Fri year-round at 8:30am in the Church Parking Lot

Bondurant, Kay
Bondurant, Lynn
Cheriyen, Anita
Homer, Muriel
Lehmkuhl, Barbara
Maloney, Sue
Uhl, Gary
Uhl, Marcy

Join us for a walk any time!

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

Our worship service is now on the Avon Lake public access television (Spectrum Channel 1024, Breezeline Channel 22). 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.

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Julie Erker Director of Cornerstone Preschool
Ed Homer Lock-Up Custodian

Pastor's Hours

Monday 9:00am - 1:00pm
Tuesday 9:00am - 3:00pm
Wednesday 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm

Church Office Hours

Monday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Tuesday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

Office may be briefly closed during these hours for lunch.

Please note:

February Issue *Saints Alive!* Articles are due to Kenzi at alpresby@avonlakepc.org by Sunday, February 19.

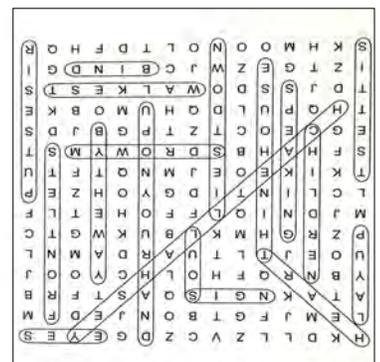
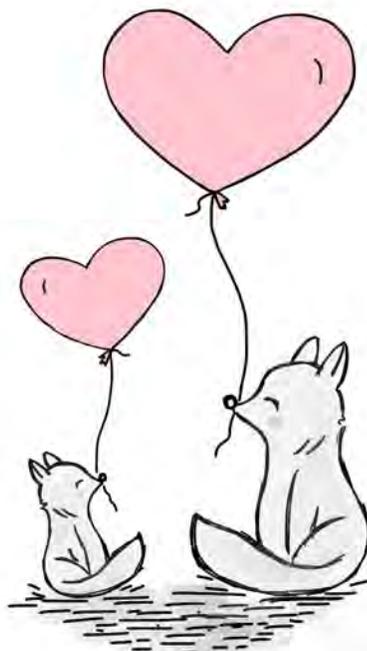
It's all Fun and Games...

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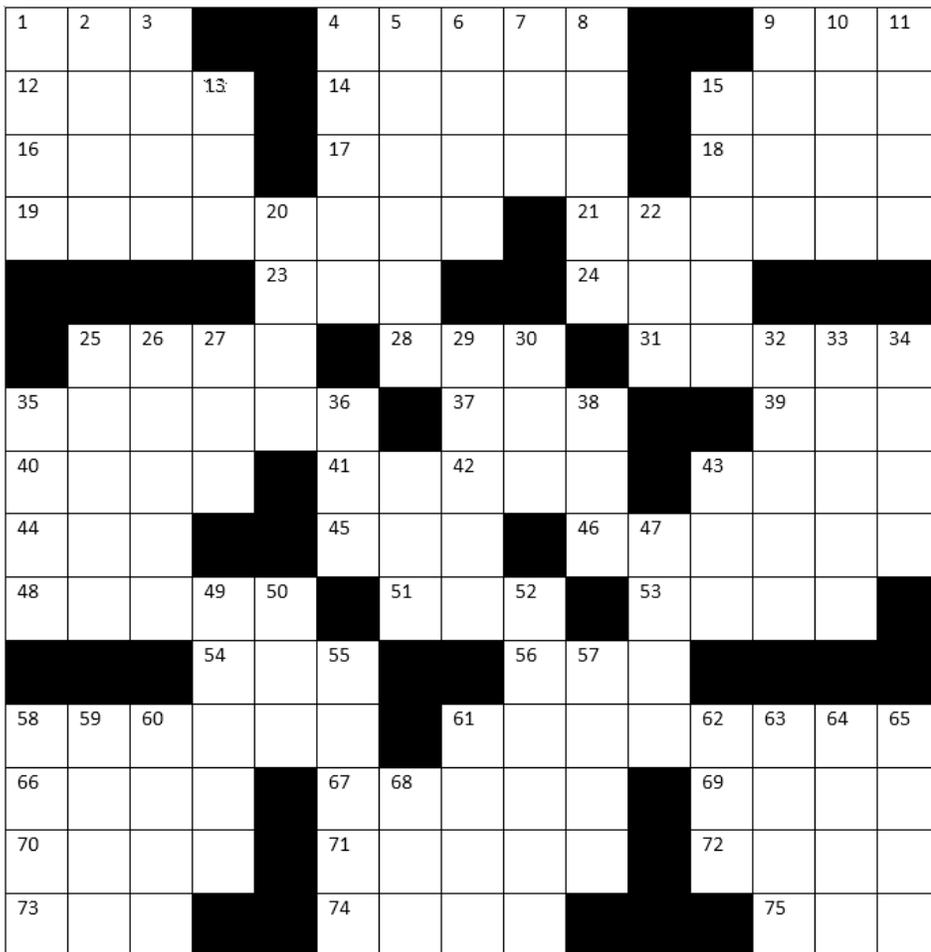
"Embracing God's Word"
Therefore shall ye **lay up** these **my words** in your **heart** and in your **soul**, and **bind** them for a **sign upon your hand**, that they may be as **frontlets** between your **eyes**. And **ye shall teach** them your **children**, **speaking** of them when thou **sittest** in **thine house**, and when thou **walkest by the way**, when thou **liest down**, and when thou **risest up**.
(Deuteronomy 11:18-19)

H K D L L Z V C Z D G E Y E S
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PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



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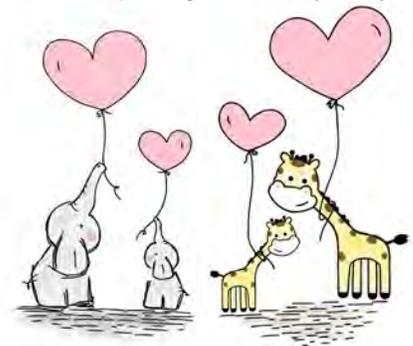
- 69 Margarine
 70 Revise
 71 Spear support
 72 Jacob's brother (Deut. 2:4)
 73 How Esau approached Jacob (Gen. 33:4)
 74 "I ___ above all things" (3 John 1:2)
 75 Disobey (James 1:16)

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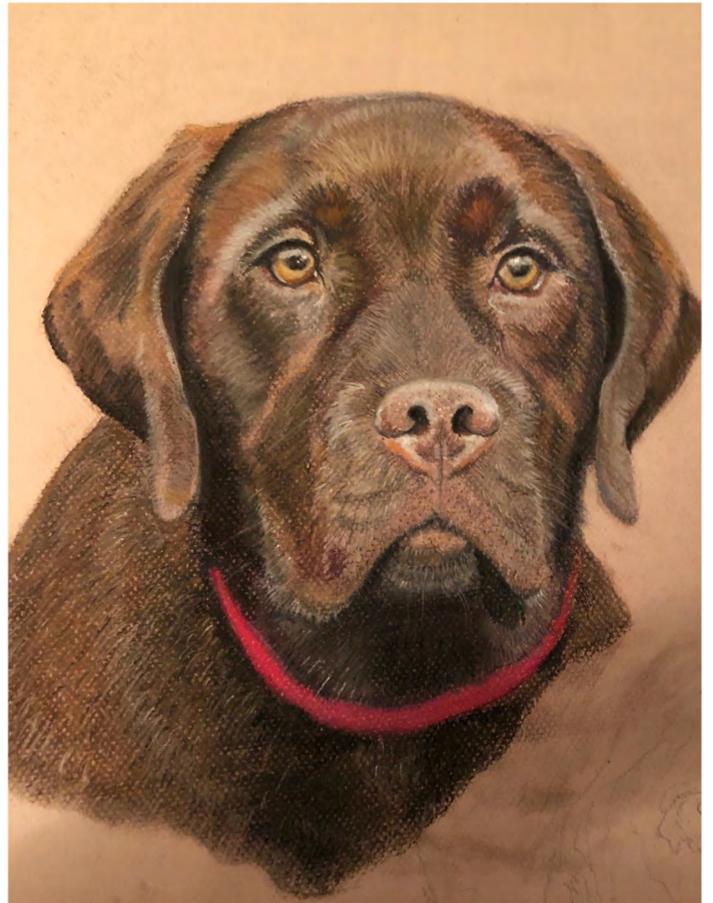
- 1 "Thou shalt have none other ___ before me" (Deut. 5:7)
 2 Space
 3 Priestly tribe (Deut. 31:9)
 4 Israel was to ___ idols (Deut. 7:26)
 5 Visions (Deut. 13:1)
 6 N-Methylantraniloyl (abbr.)
 7 Official dog registry (abbr.)
 8 A heart that does this will not be deceived (Deut. 11:16)
 9 King Og's bedstead (Deut. 3:11)
 10 Assign property to another
 11 "The ___ of the LORD thy God are always upon it" (Deut. 11:12)
 13 Used to anoint (Deut. 28:40)
 15 Substitute
 20 "The man did as Joseph ___" (Gen. 43:17)
 22 This crop withstood plague (Ex. 9:32)
 25 Lookout who goes ahead of army
 26 Desert plants
 27 It was made of shittim wood (Deut. 10:3)
 29 They dwelt in Hazerim (Deut. 2:23)
 30 Those committing 61 Across were to do this (Deut. 22:22)
 32 Delight in
 33 God says He kills and makes ___ (Deut. 32:39)
 34 Irritate
 35 Senior Airmen (abbr.)
 36 "The LORD alone ___ lead him" (Deut. 32:12)
 38 American tax agency (abbr.)
 42 U.S. espionage bureau (abbr.)

ACROSS

- 1 It precedes Ephesians (abbr.)
 4 City overthrown by God (Deut. 29:23)
 9 Made brooks blackish (Job 6:16)
 12 Popular chocolate cookie
 14 What Moses did to stone tables (Deut. 9:17)
 15 "The cattle we took for a ___" (Deut. 2:35)
 16 India's champion of the poor (Phoolan)
 17 "Get thee down quickly from ___" (Deut. 9:12)
 18 "He ___ upon a cherub" (Ps. 18:10)
 19 Ship used by disciples
 21 Worker bees
 23 God saved by His stretched-out ___ (Deut. 4:34)
 24 Number of workdays in a week (Deut. 5:13)
 25 Large amount
 28 Unhappy (1 Sam. 1:18)
 31 Nest of young birds
 35 Fearful
 37 Days Passover lasted (Deut. 16:3) (Rom. num.)
 39 Samuel's mentor (1 Sam. 3:6)
 40 Honey and oil came from one (Deut. 32:13)
 41 More frozen
 43 This is to be put away (Deut. 24:7)
 44 Austria (abbr.)
 45 Moses' eyes never became this (Deut. 34:7)
 46 Arm covering
 48 Rebellious one's neck (Deut. 31:27)
 51 "___ now of the days that are past" (Deut. 4:32)
 53 Women's fashion magazine
 54 Mythical Greek goddess
 56 Repeated exclamation in Psalms (Ps. 35:21)
 58 "Thou didst ___ out of the land of Egypt" (Deut. 9:7)
 61 Forbidden by seventh commandment (Deut. 5:18)
 66 Enhanced Data Acquisitions System (abbr.)
 67 Unclean bird (Deut. 14:14)



Congregation Corner



ALPC's theme for 2023 is "The Four T's - Tithe, Talent, Time, and Testimonial." And what a talented congregation we have! This new section of *Saints Alive!* would like to highlight some of those talents.

Chris Chase shared some of her paintings and drawings with us. Her architecture and floral still-lives are stunning examples of her abilities and her dog, Boomer, really comes to life to life on paper (look at those soulful eyes!). Thank you, Chris, for sharing with us and starting off this new column!

If you would like to share any artwork, writing, etc., please email alpresby@avonlakepc.org.