

### October 22, 2006

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service  
 9:15 a.m. Common Grounds gathering  
 9:25 a.m. Acolyte Training  
 9:30 a.m. Church School  
 10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service  
**OPENER:** Steve Woosley **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.  
**ACOLYTES:** Deanna Forbush and Emily Siffert  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Tim Widman

**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long  
**TELLERS:** Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan  
**ELDER (8:30):**

Jane Hutson  
 Rosalie Gainer  
**HOME COMMUNION:**  
 Don Hange, Jr.  
 Gail Haywood

### DIACONATE: Team IV

**8:30 -** Marilyn Bauer and Roger Bauer  
**10:45 -** Amy Anderson, Claire Huller, Sean Kersey,  
 Audrey Lauffer, Jeff Lauffer, Gary McIntyre, Sharon  
 Siffert, Kathy Wainwright, Lauren Wainwright, and  
 Mark Wainwright

## YOUTH NEWS

Sprouts (Gr. 3-5); Chi Rho (Gr. 6-8); CYF (Gr. 9-12)

### Congratulations to...

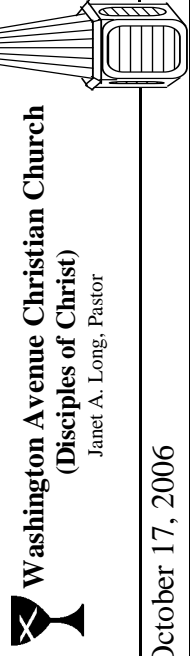
...Britney March for setting a new school record (14:39) in cross country track at the October 7 Medina County Cross Country Festival!  
 ...Stacy Cruzado for being elected Amherst High School's Homecoming Queen!  
*Related articles and pictures of the above may be found posted on the bulletin board outside my office.*

**This Sunday, October 22:** Chi Rho, CYF and the Christian Education Committee will host a Halloween party for our young ones, 4-6 p.m. Bring your costume and be prepared to set up starting at noon; plan to stay after the party to help clean up. "Children" of all ages are encouraged to come in costume.

**Sunday, October 29:** Pastor Janet Long and Dan Clark will host a Halloween costume party for the CYF in their home, 356 Georgia Ave., 6-8 p.m.

Love, Glenna (324-6891) [youth@waccelyria.org](mailto:youth@waccelyria.org)

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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Today—this dreary Tuesday with continual cold rain—is the day when the population of the United States of America reached the mark of 300 million. This occurrence was projected to take place at 7:46 this morning, as most of us were drinking coffee, heading for work or school, planning our day. We share this great land with a vast number of other souls.

Less than 40 years ago, the momentous occasion of our country's inhabitants topping the 200 million mark was observed with then-President Lyndon B. Johnson (a Disciple, by the way) standing at a press conference with a backdrop of numerals ready to turn over the new total, in much the same way that a car's odometer registers its first 100,000 miles.

A lot has happened in that 40-year period. We left Vietnam; we invaded the Gulf Region several times. We said goodbye to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and ushered in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century—and a new millennium! We celebrated a moonwalk and cried over the deaths of the Challenger crew. The assassinations of Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. jolted the nation.

The Cold War ended. The Berlin Wall came down. The Russians went from being our enemies to becoming our friends. Mother Teresa, The Beatles, Billy Graham, and Michael Jordan inspired us (in differing ways, obviously). Watergate rocked the country and a President resigned. Another was impeached. (Cheating of any kind doesn't pay...)

The Twin Towers fell. The Pentagon was hit. A field in Pennsylvania came to represent a special brand of heroism. We became excited by the frontiers of space and of cyberspace. Our exploration has gone inward, too, with the Human Genome Project detailing the blueprint of a human being. Technology has advanced beyond our wildest imaginings.

With all this recent history—good and bad—people still believe in the future. And, we, who follow Jesus Christ, are surely the ones who hope the most fervently...

Love,

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## Harvest Decorating Starts Sunday

Those who volunteered to decorate a sanctuary window or other area of the church in an Autumn theme are asked to get their decorations in place before this Sunday's 8:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Forgot to volunteer? Contact Sharon Siffert or the church office (323-4213) today to find out which areas still need decorators.



*Please note: Fall decorations will need to be removed after the 10:45 a.m. Service on Sunday, November 26.*

## Supporting Disciples Leaders— Past and Future

This Sunday, October 22, we will have the opportunity to take part in our annual Seminary Scholarships/Ministerial Relief special offering.

Your gift will say, "I support Disciples ministry" by helping provide scholarship monies for seminary students and by assisting retired ministers and their widows/widowers with supplemental income in cases where their retirement income is insufficient (in some cases, below the poverty level).

To offer your gift, please use the enclosed envelope, the designated one from your personalized packet of offering envelopes, or a specially-marked one from the pew rack this Sunday. Thank you for giving generously!

## October 22 Lectionary Corner

Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Hebrews 5:1-10  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c Mark 10:35-45\*

\*Sermon focus

## Have you remembered the church in your will?

### EHC COLLECTION CONTINUES...

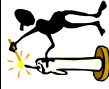
Just two Sundays remain in the Seekers Class Church School challenge. Please remember to bring in the following for the Elyria Hospitality Center:

- October 22 Canned vegetables and ready-to-eat meals (i.e., beef stew, chicken & dumplings, etc.)
- October 29 Canned fruits

### ...AS DOES THE CCH COLLECTION

Please remember the needs of the Cleveland Christian Home while you are out shopping this week. These include:  
Gift cards (Burger King, McDonald's and Wendy's; Kmart, Target and Wal-Mart), boxer shorts (sizes 10-18, 32-40), tube socks (sizes 7-9, 10-13), duffel bags, towels, twin sheets, and boxed cake mixes and cans of icing. (Please note that clothing and sheets should all be new.) And, don't forget those vocational books and sports/hobby magazines! (These may be used, but we request they be somewhat current.)  
Donations may be left in the cardboard house located at the foot of the cross hanging in our new building.

### THANK YOU FOR SHARING!



Children in grades 3-5 are invited to join Pastor Janet in the sanctuary this Sunday, October 22, at 9:25 a.m. for **Acolyte training**.

## CALENDAR

- Thu., 10/19: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.
- Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., 10/20: - Wedding rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.
- Sat., 10/21: - Sarah Maxwell/Ryan Feierabend wedding, 2:30 p.m.
- Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 2 (Gerald & Barbara Western, captains).
- Sun., 10/22: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Tue., 10/24: - Webelos (Pack 131) gathering in their upstairs classrooms, 6:30 p.m.
- Church Life & Growth Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Wed., 10/25: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Sat., 10/28: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Daylight Saving Time ends; set clocks BACK one hour before retiring.

## Preschool Welcomes New Teacher

The Washington Avenue Preschool (which operates Tuesday-Thursday mornings in our new building) last week bid a fond, "Farewell" to Jeni Sweeten who will be working at a local hospice center.

Joining "Town Clown" (Laverne Stroup) and "Miss Marion" Wiles will be "Miss Sandee" Morgan, a first-grade teacher recently retired from the Elyria City Schools. Sandee earned her education degree from Kent State University and has completed an additional 20 hours of graduate school.



She is also talented in woodworking, art, piano, sewing...and more! Welcome, Miss Sandee!

## Art Auction Rapidly Approaching

We're grateful for the various artworks already received for our November 5 "Arts for Humanity" art auction. If you haven't yet contributed that very special piece (wall hangings, rugs, quilts, jewelry, drawings, paintings, sculpture, wearable art, etc.), NOW is the time to bring it in.

Tickets (\$5 per person; ages 12 and under admitted free) may be purchased through the church office and will also be available at the door the day of the event. Doors will open at 4 p.m. for browsing and refreshments; the auction will start at 5 p.m.

## NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

### Congratulations!

Stephanie Tyler and Bryan Garvin were married in an outdoor ceremony on Saturday. Office Administrator Diana Tyler is the proud mother of the bride. Best wishes and blessings to the newlyweds!

### Upcoming "Wider Family" Events

- ❖ **Elyria Hospitality Center Open House**  
Sunday, October 29, noon-2 p.m.,  
at 244 Third Street.  
Free; cider and cookies will be served.

### ❖ Cleveland Christian Home "Tour of the Mediterranean"

Friday, November 3, 6-9 p.m.,  
at Windows on the River,  
West bank of the Flats, Cleveland.

Wine tasting event will include hors d'oeuvres, pasta bar and chocolate fountain, along with a silent auction and raffle. Call 216-476-0333 for ticket information.

### Prayer Focus

Pray to remain hopeful in all circumstances.

### Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers surround Dan Clark & Janet Long in the death of Dan's uncle, Bob Pieplow, on Monday. Services will be held Saturday morning in Sagamore Hills. May God's peace be known.

### Hospitalized

In Columbus: Ken Evans