

THE SPIRE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Today is Halloween—originally known as All Hallows Eve. It is the pagan festival preceding the religious observance of All Saints Day.

In much the same way that Fat – or Shrove – Tuesday precedes Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, Halloween and All Saints Day are related but distinct.

Halloween is filled with trick-or-treating for candy, carving pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns, dressing up in costumes, and watching for ghostly apparitions and black cats. *Fear* is the defining word for Halloween.

All Saints Day is filled with thanksgiving for the sweet lives of the saints, remembering those who carved a place in our hearts, rejoicing in their eternal lives, and reflecting on their spirits which live on. *Faith* is the defining word for All Saints Day.

This Sunday—the first Sunday in November—we will observe All Saints Day in both services. We will remember, rejoice in and reflect on the lives of the following individuals who are now part of the “great cloud of witnesses” cheering us on...

Bob Clark, Jr.	Mike Pappas
Herb Gehrke	Bonnie Robinson
Jeanne Haywood	Ellen Sieker
Louise Henry	Clifford (“Smitty”) Smith
Mike Herrle	Leah Swain

May God bless our thanksgiving for their lives as we continue to be inspired by the memories of their faithfulness.

Love,
Janet

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November 5, 2006

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds gathering followed by Church School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Doors open for “Arts for Humanity” Auction
OPENER: Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Bob Wilhelm
GREETERS: Bill & Glenda Clark (Narthex)
ACOLYTES: Jillian Kazmierczak and Britney March

WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Turner

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Dan Clark and Tim Haywood

ELDER (8:30): Ken Oblak

ELDER (10:45): Gerald Western

ELDER (8:30): Carolyn Long

HOME COMMUNION: Jane Hutson

Chris Baumgartner
Jenny Bliss

DIACONATE: Team I

8:30 - Bud and Polly Simmons

10:45 - Arlene Burch, Gail Haywood, Karen McCall, Steve McCall, Chris Thomas, Barbara Western, Keith Western, and Allison Widman

Youth News

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

Looking Back: Eight of us enjoyed good pizza and good conversation during last Sunday’s CYF gathering at Pastor Janet Long & Dan Clark’s home. (We had fun learning that “Swami” Dan can read minds...IF the light is right!)

Sunday, November 12: Sprouts and Chi Rho will enjoy lunch in Fellowship Hall and then head to our classroom for a discussion about “being thankful”.

Saturday, November 18: Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will help with the Salvation Army Hot Meal. Plan to meet at the Salvation Army, 716 Broad St., by 4 p.m. We’ll be done by 7 p.m.

Coming Up: CYF members should watch upcoming issues of *The Spire* for another gathering to take place the end of November/beginning of December.

Love, *Glenna* (324-6891) youth@waccelyria.org

Have you remembered the church in your will?



It's Here!

The "Arts for Humanity" art auction will be held this Sunday, November 5. Tickets are \$5 per person (ages 12 and under admitted free) and will be available at the door. Browsing will start at 4 p.m. as guests enjoy refreshments; the auction will start at 5 p.m.

World Community Day

Elyria Area Church Women United will observe World Community Day this Friday, November 3, with a gathering at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 9715 East River Road. Worship will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Did You Know...

...that a visit to the Washington Avenue Preschool (which meets in our new building three mornings a week) is recommended to students in Lorain County Community College's Early Childhood Education program? These visitors are saying the preschool is, "Absolutely amazing!"

Congratulations, Laverne Stroup and staff!

...that the Campbell's/Swanson's labels being collected for the Cleveland Christian Home can be trimmed to include just the bar code? We no longer need the front of the label. Thanks for continuing to place these **bar codes only** in the box in the Elders' conference room.

November 5 Lectionary Corner

Ruth 1:1-18
Hebrews 9:11-14
Psalm 146
Mark 12:28-34*

**Sermon focus*

"Groundswell" of Support Needed

Barbara Terrell is asking for 20 volunteers to help with a church grounds clean-up this Saturday, November 4, 10 a.m.-noon. Please bring rakes and dress for the weather.

Blanket Sunday is November 12

WACC will participate in Church World Service's annual "Blanket Sunday" on November 12. Each gift of \$5 (checks payable to WACC with "blankets" written on the memo line) will purchase a quality wool blanket for distribution to people in areas touched by natural disaster or war. These blankets can be used in many ways (i.e., for warmth, shelter, privacy, to help carry belongings, etc.) and are greatly appreciated by the recipients. Look for a contribution envelope in the next issue of *The Spire*. (Envelopes will also be available in the narthex and in pew racks.)

The Seekers Class should read Chapter 4 of, *The Upside-Down Kingdom* for discussion this Sunday.

EHC "Challenge" Makes Winners of Everyone!

Your Church School class' participation in our weekly donation challenge for the Elyria Hospitality Center helps others in need. The Seekers won the challenge on October 15 and 29, and the Bells won on October 22 (7 of 10 members present brought in food!). Our thanks to all three adult classes for their participation.

Suggested November donations include:

- November 5: Personal care products
- November 12: Instant mashed (or fresh) potatoes and gravy mixes
- November 19: Dessert mixes (i.e., cakes, frosting, cookies, pudding, pie crusts, fillings)
- November 26: Baby food and formula

Please post this list on your refrigerator as a reminder for when you prepare to shop for your own household.

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Tuesday, November 21, 7:30 p.m., in Cascade Hall of the Wesleyan Village (former Elyria United Methodist Home), 807 West Avenue. The Service is sponsored by the Elyria Ministerial Association and the Elyria Ministerial Alliance. Please plan to attend.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Ty & Heather Shirley are celebrating their 11th wedding anniversary (10/28), Bill & Glenda Clark are celebrating their 62nd (10/29) and Chad & Laura Szeliga are celebrating their 3rd (11/1). Continued blessings to all! Steve Kistner won a gold medal in bowling at the Special Olympics. Way to go! Karen McCall and Jeanne Smith were recognized for their years of service to EMH at an employee recognition dinner last week. Jeanne was honored for 30 years of service; Karen for 20. Keep up the good work!

Web "Whoops!"

The correct address for viewing Emily Mathes' pictures of Japan is: <http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=0AatmTZl2bs2Lr4>.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for victims – and perpetrators – of domestic violence and their families.

Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers surround...
...the Dull Family in the death of Herman's brother, Kenny, on Saturday. Services are being held in Florida.
...the Crocker Family in the death of Robin's grandmother, Rose Tong, on Saturday. Services will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) in Elyria.

...the Davis Family in the death of John's great-niece, Laura, last Monday. Services will be held in this area at a later date.
May God's peace comfort all who mourn.

Hospitalized

At EMH: Don Mosher
At Home: Tanya Diedrick & Isaiah
Glenna Knapp (in-and-out)

CALENDAR



- Thu., 11/2: - Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 4 p.m.
- Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Janet Long, 356 Georgia Ave., 7 p.m.
- Fri., 11/3: - Elyria Area Church Women United's World Community Day observance at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 9715 East River Road, 10 a.m.
- Sat., 11/4: - Church grounds clean-up, 10 a.m.
- Outreach Committee set-up for 11/5 Art Auction, 10 a.m.
- Sun., 11/5: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 11/6: - Staff meeting in Pastor Janet's office, 3:45 p.m.
- Church Life & Growth Committee election day hospitality set-up, 7 p.m.
- Worship Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Organ Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 8 p.m.
- Tue., 11/7: - WACC serves as election day polling place, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Webelos (Pack 131) gathering in their upstairs classrooms, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 11/8 - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.