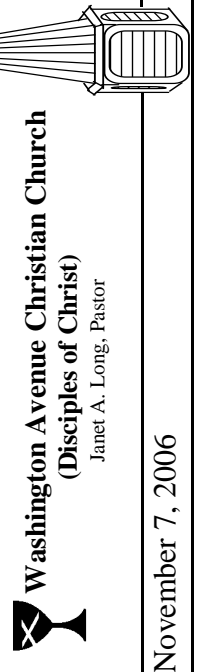


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Election Day is finally here! After all the hype and hoopla, we each have the opportunity to step up to a voting machine to cast our ballot. The candidates whose politics most closely reflect our values will receive our support. We hope that our votes will make a difference in Elyria, in Columbus and in Washington, D.C.

Our country has become a very divided nation. We are classified as "liberal" or "conservative", as "blue" or "red", as "Democrat" or "Republican". We seem to have traded the middle ground and the high road for "my way or the highway".

Into this atmosphere our stewardship emphasis introduces a different approach to life. *Spelling GOD through Our Living* challenges us to consider ways in which we can faithfully orient ourselves to Giving, Offering and Doing. Such a way of life encourages community and is more concerned with others than with getting one's own way.

A week from Sunday we each have the opportunity to step up in an act of worship to cast our financial commitment. Our giving reflects our values. Are we grateful for all God has given and done? Will we take a step forward in faith?

I invite you to be in prayer for this great land. I invite you to be in prayer for this great church. I invite you to be in prayer for Growing in Obedient Discipleship. I invite you to be in prayer for your own life and witness of Generosity, Openness and Devotion. I invite you to be in prayer for direction in *Spelling GOD through Our Living*.

See you Sunday...

Love,

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November 12, 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
 12:00 noon Sprouts and Chi Rho gathering
OPENER: Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Al Knapp
GREETERS: Tim and Gail Haywood (narthex)
ACOLYTES: Daniel March and Romeo Walker
WORSHIP LEADER: David Eby
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Larry McIntyre and Dan Walker
ELDER (8:30): Rosalie Gainer
ELDERS (10:45): HOME COMMUNION:
 Carol McIntyre
 Janet Stevens-Brown
DIACONATE: Team II
8:30 - Mike Crocker and Robin Crocker
10:45 - Peggy Haywood, John Henry, Jean Kennedy, Cindy Knapp, Debby Lance, Jack Price, Jim Stephenson, Jordan Stephenson, Sue Stephenson, and Ben Willets

Youth News
 Sprouts (Gr. 3-5); Chi Rho (Gr. 6-8); CYF (Gr. 9-12)
This Sunday, November 12: Chi Rho and Sprouts will meet after Worship IN THE YOUTH ROOMS to get organized for some fun outdoor games (weather permitting), so dress for warmth. We'll follow with lunch in Fellowship Hall, and some activities about being thankful. All youth in grades 3-8 are welcome; don't miss out on the FUN, FOOD, FAITH-BUILDING, and FELLOWSHIP!!!
Saturday, November 18: Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will help with the Salvation Army Hot Meal. Plan to meet at the Salvation Army, 716 W. Broad Street, by 4 p.m. We'll be done by 7 p.m.
Saturday, November 25: Save this date for our annual trip to Tower City and to see downtown Cleveland's holiday lighting.
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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Honor or remember a loved one with a poinsettia in our sanctuary this Christmas.

- M** 6" (5-8 blooms) \$ 5.00 (add .50 for glitter)
 - L** 7 1/2" (10+ blooms) \$ 9.50 (add \$1 for glitter)
 - XL** 8 1/2" (15+ blooms) \$14.00 (add \$2 for glitter)
- (If ordering for shut-ins, please consider that the 6" plant fits best in their rooms.)*

Orders and payment must be in to the Church Office by **Sunday, November 26.** (Orders placed in the offering plate **MUST** be in a sealed envelope marked, "Poinsettias".) Checks may be made payable to: **Washington Avenue Christian Church.**

With Glitter		Without Glitter				
SIZE	# Red	# White	SIZE	# Red	# White	\$ Total
M			M			
L			L			
XL			XL			
GRAND TOTAL						\$

Please specify in Honor or Memory of:

(Name) _____

From: _____

(Name) _____

Distribution: _____ / _____

(Number/color/size to be picked up)

(Number/color of 6" plants for shut-in delivery)

Have you remembered the church in your will?

This Sunday is Blanket Sunday

Help "blanket the world with love" this Sunday, November 12, by participating in Church World Service's annual "Blanket Sunday". Each gift of \$5 will purchase a quality wool blanket for distribution to people in areas touched by natural disaster or war.

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. Checks should be made payable to WACC with "blankets" written on the memo line. Thank you for giving generously!

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.

November 12 Lectionary Corner

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Hebrews 9:24-28
 Psalm 127 Mark 12:38-44*

*Sermon focus

Picture Perfect Auction!

Our second "Arts for Humanity" Art Auction was a resounding success! Our auctioneer was great, and all who attended had a wonderful time raising \$1,500 for the Elyria Hospitality Center and Week of Compassion. (That's \$200 more than our last auction!) We are grateful to all who made or donated artwork, helped behind-the-scenes, or bought one of the very special works of art.

EHC Collection Challenge Correction

Glenna Knapp reports that the Bells won the October 29 AND last Sunday's challenges with 8 of 9 class members bringing donations. (The Whitechapel Ringers have won every week!) Outstanding work is being done by all three adult classes! Keep it up! Suggested donations this month include:

- 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.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Best wishes and blessings to Dick & Phyllis Burke who are celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary (11/5)!

Sarah Circle Gathering

Sarah Circle will gather on Thursday, November 16, at 10:45 a.m. in the youth rooms. The group will continue "Searching for God's Direction" with a program led by Deborah Wray of the Christian Church Foundation, entitled, "Responding with Thankfulness." A luncheon will be provided. All women of the church are encouraged to attend.

Thank You

Sincere thanks to the WACC adult Church School classes for their "above and beyond efforts" collecting food for the Elyria Hospitality Center. It is so appreciated!

- *Bud & Polly Simmons*
- Many thanks to Saturday's outdoor clean-up crew. We had 18 terrific workers making sure the church grounds look their best!
- *Barbara Terrell*

Our thanks to Al & Glenna Knapp for donating former President Jimmy Carter's book, "Our Endangered Values", to the WACC library.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for our elected leaders.

Hospitalized

- At LifeCare: Harold Rickel
- At Home: Jim Borthwick
- Don Mosher

CALENDAR



- Sat., 11/11: - Veterans' Day.
- Sun., 11/12: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 11/13: - Northwood Service Unit Girl Scout Leaders' meeting in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue., 11/14: - Elders' supper meeting in the Elders' conference room, 5:30 p.m.
- Webelos (Pack 131) gathering in their upstairs classrooms, 6:30 p.m.
- General Board meeting in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 11/15: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Permanent Funds Trustees' Legacy Seminar at the home of Pastor Janet Long & Dan Clark, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 11/16: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.
- Christian Education Committee meeting in the Eiders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., 11/17: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 1 (Al & Glenna Knapp, captains), 4 p.m.