

November 26, 2006 (Poinsettia deadline)

Non-perishable food and personal care items will be collected for WACC's sharing pantry.

- 8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Common Grounds gathering followed by Church School
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service
- 10:45 a.m. Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF lunch and luminary creation
- 12:00 noon CYF gathering at the home of Pastor Janet Long and Dan Clark, 356 Georgia Ave.

OPENER: Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Bob Wilhelm

ACOLYTES: Bradley Thimke and Michelle Thimke

WORSHIP LEADER: Michelle Kazmierczak

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Alan Paul and Lauri Warfield

ELDER (8:30): Becky Thompson

Gerald Western

ELDERS (10:45): Ken Oblak

Alice Paul

Nancy Huller

DIACONATE: Team IV

8:30 - Marilyn Bauer and Roger Bauer

10:45 - Amy Anderson, Claire Huller, Sean Kersey, Audrey Laufer, Jeff Laufer, 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)

This Saturday, November 25: Chi Rho and CYF will visit downtown Cleveland to see the holiday lighting and shop for the children of the Cleveland Christian Home. *(All and I will match any donations from the congregation, up to a total of \$200. Gifts may be directed to me or the church office.)* We'll leave WACC at 12:59 p.m. Bring money for the rapid transit, fast-food meals and snacks (shopping money is optional). Sprouts wishing to attend must be accompanied by a parent.

This Sunday, November 26: Sprouts and Chi Rho (and all CYF who can help!) will meet noon-3 p.m. to work on luminaries. Lunch will be provided by Alice Paul.

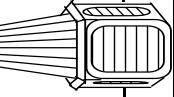
At 6 p.m., the CYF will meet at the home of Pastor Janet Long and Dan Clark for fun, food, fellowship, and faith-building.

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

THE SPREE

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(Disciples of Christ)

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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Consecration Day was a wonderful day in the life of our church! Ruth Weaver, Senior Vice President of the Christian Church Foundation and preacher of the day, shared with us a very holistic approach to the practice of Christian stewardship. One of our congregation's favorite events, the All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner, followed. It was a day of grace and gratitude, of fellowship and feasting, of *Spelling GOD through Our Living*.

This coming Sunday represents another special event here at Washington Avenue Christian Church. We will dedicate the organ building project with a parade of pipes and a blessing of the organ builder, Charles Kegg. The pipes will be incorporated into our new instrument which will be installed in the sanctuary beginning next Monday, November 27. This is a long-awaited, much-anticipated time in the life of our church.

The Sunday after that, December 3, we embark on our Advent journey. We will share lunch together after the second Service that day and then decorate the church for the season. Advent holds for us the opportunity to prepare not only for the coming of Christ at Christmas, but for the return of Christ in glory. While the culture encourages us to get our lists in order, the church encourages us to get our lives in order. Stillness and calm prevail here.

Advent marks the beginning of the church year. Do yourself a favor and make a new year's resolution to participate fully in the life of our church. I'll be looking for you Sunday as we continue to count our blessings, give thanks and worship the God of all life.

Love,

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DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

Nonprofit Org.
U.S.
POSTAGE
PAID
Elyria, OH
Permit No. 332

*****Final Chance to Order 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 **THIS 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		#	White	Red	SIZE	#	White	#	\$ Total
SIZE	#	Red	White								
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?

THANK YOU...

...to all who helped set up and run the election day bake sale. Special thanks to all our bakers! Together, we raised \$274.76 towards the purchase of a movable "upcoming events" sign for the church's front lawn.

- *David & Nicole Eby and the Church Life & Growth Committee*

...to those who provided beautiful harvest decorations in our sanctuary windows and throughout the church. (Thank you for removing them after this Sunday's Services.)

- *The Worship Committee*

...to Pastor Janet and my church family for the special gift basket. Isaiah and I really appreciated your wonderful gift.

- *Tanya Diedrick*

WATCH FOR...

...the Salvation Army Bell Ringing sign-up sheet to appear in the narthex. We'll ring the bell at the Elyria Giant Eagle on Saturday, December 16.

...the All-Church Christmas Card, made by Marilyn Sidoti and the Turner Family. (Please remember to leave your gift for the Christmas Special Day Offering, benefiting regional ministries, before signing the card.)

DECEMBER ACOLYTES

- 3 Derrick Stephenson and Tyler Stephenson
- 10 Halley Novak and Taylor Novak
- 17 Deanna Forbush and Katie Kostohryz
- 24 Dan McGann and Elliot Wainwright
- 31 Jillian Kazmierczak and Britney March

Wed., 11/22: - Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Thu., 11/23: - Happy Thanksgiving! (Church office closed Thursday and Friday.)

Sat., 11/25: - (Sprouts w/parent;) Chi Rho and CYF trip to Tower City, departing WACC 12:59 p.m.

Sun., 11/26: - See back page for the day's schedule. Poinsettia order deadline.

Mon., 11/27: - Stewardship Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6 p.m.

- Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.

Tue., 11/28: - 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.

- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Wed., 11/29: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Thu., 11/30: - Joanna Circle holiday dinner at the home of Carolyn Long, 420 Park Ave., 6:30 p.m.

December Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | David Russell | 17 | Bud Anderson |
| | Jeremy Smith | | Jenny Bliss |
| | Jim Stephenson | | Ralph Wittenbrook |
| 2 | Debbie Walker | 19 | Amy Anderson |
| | Sammie Kostohryz | | Erica Diedrick |
| | Sue McKain | | Taylor Hurst- |
| | Arianna McNeal | | Anderson |
| 3 | Libby Nasipak | 21 | Sydney Bakos |
| | Daniel March | | Glenna Knapp |
| 7 | Brianna Payne | 22 | Alec McNeal |
| | Darlene Henes | | Chris Anderson |
| 8 | Bill Johnson | | Rick Kennedy |
| | Steve Bond | | Adam Shields |
| | Carolyn Long | | Xavier Wahn |
| | Brian Painting | 23 | Rachel Allen |
| | Dee Zechman | | Jacob McNeal |
| 9 | Amanda Hood | 24 | Chad Szeliga |
| | Bob Maxwell | | Sean Kersey |
| 10 | Linda Fridenstine | 25 | Melinda Schaffer |
| | Gail Haywood | | Jim Borthwick |
| | Oleg Yaremko | | Polly Maier |
| 11 | Calvin Shields | 26 | Sarah Thompson |
| 12 | Ron Gardner | | Dale Chavalia |
| | Diana Tyler | | Phil Hastings |
| 13 | Chris Thomas | | Grace Stock |
| 14 | Brett Benson | 27 | Frank Huber |
| | Emily Cosentino | 28 | Julianna Grindle |
| | Laura Draper | 30 | Carrie Charlton |
| | Alison McMahan | | Dan Walker |
| 15 | Mark Wainwright | 31 | Doug Hayes |
| 16 | Tanya Diedrick | | Lorrie Osborn |
| | Paul Kersey | | Emily Siffert |
| | Todd Osborn | | |



CALENDAR

THANKSGIVING "STUFFING"

❖ **Congratulations to Amy & James Filbert** who are celebrating their 3rd anniversary (11/21).
❖ **Joanna Circle** will meet Thursday, November 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Carolyn Long (420 Park Ave.) for a holiday dinner and to share awe-inspiring white elephants (wrapped); please remember to bring cookies for the Cleveland Christian Home. **R.S.V.P. by November 27 to the church office (323-4213).**

❖ **WACC ornaments and pictures** will be available from Helen Farrar and Barbara Terrell this Sunday in the narthex following both Worship Services.

❖ **The 2005-2006 WACC Yearbook** is now available from the church library.
❖ **The Advent devotional book, Partners in Prayer**, is available from the book rack by the stairs leading to the sanctuary. Please take one as a gift from the Christian Education Committee.

❖ **The Neighborhood House Association Giving Tree** deadline is December 5. Gifts should be wrapped, with the original nametag affixed to the bag/bundle.

❖ **The Cleveland Christian Home Collection** deadline is December 10. Please drop off the new, unwrapped items (see list in last week's *Spire*) in the narthex.

NOVEMBER 26 LECTONARY
2 Samuel 23:1-7 Revelation 1:4b-8
Psalm 132:1-18 John 18:33-37*
**Sermon focus*

SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers surround Al & Glenna Knapp and family in the death of Al's brother, Eugene Knapp, Monday night. Funeral arrangements are pending.

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for those spending the holiday season away from family.

HOSPITALIZED

At Fisher-Titus, Norwalk: Walter ("Dick") Burch
At Southwest General: Maxine Roberts
At Robinson Memorial, Ravenna: Dennis Schmidt
At LifeCare: Harold Rickel