

December 24, 2006—Fourth Sunday of Advent/

Christmas Eve

- 8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Breakfast followed by Children's Christmas Pageant
- 10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service
- 12:00 noon Light lunch for luminary setters
- 4:30 p.m. Service of Carols and Celebration
- 5:00 p.m. Luminary lighting
- 5:30 p.m. Wedding of Katie Majewski and Mike Contreras, followed by reception
- 7:30 p.m. Service of Candlelight and Carols
- 11:30 p.m. Service of Candlelight and Communion

OPENER: Steve Woosley **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.

GREETERS: John & Helen Farrar

ACOLYTES: Dan McGann and Elliot Wainwright

WORSHIP LEADER: Tim Matheson

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Dan Clark and Larry McIntyre

ELDER (8:30): Steve Bond

ELDER (10:45): Jane Hutson

ELDER (10:45): Alice Paul

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)
This Sunday, December 24: Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will set out luminaries at NOON and then enjoy a "light" lunch. Please dress for the weather. We'll light luminaries at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 27: Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will meet at the church at 11 a.m. We'll retrieve luminaries and eat pizza, and then visit the Elyria RollArena. Bring \$\$ only for snacks; your admission and skate rental fees will be covered! Your ride home may pick you up at 4 p.m. at the skating rink.

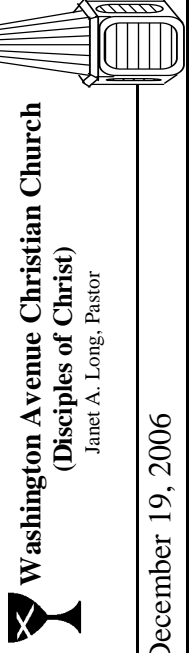
Thursday-Friday, December 28-29: Hiram Conference CYF Lock-In (7 p.m.-11 a.m.) at High Street Christian Church, Akron. Registration is \$5.

R.S.V.P. to me by December 21.

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



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ring through your heart
each day of the year!



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Have you remembered the church in your will?

Children's Christmas Pageant

Join us this Sunday, December 24, at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for breakfast and a PowerPoint Nativity. "Through the Eyes of a Child," featuring the children of WACC.

Advance Conference Winter Retreat

Adults ages 18-29 (out of high school) are encouraged to attend the Advance Conference Winter Retreat December 29-31 at Camp Christian. Complete information is posted on our main bulletin board.

Elyria Hospitality Center

Please bring in beans (December 24) and dried or canned fruits (December 31) for the Elyria Hospitality Center.

January's donations include:

- 7 - Baking basics
- 14 - Canned vegetables
- 21 - Canned soups, pastas and stews
- 28 - Infant needs

Epiphany Celebration January 7

Please join us for our annual Epiphany Celebration on Sunday, January 7. With the theme, "Children and Covenants," all children of God present will receive a special blessing by Pastor Janet. During the 10:45 Service, Bibles will be presented to fourth-graders and Acolytes will be honored.

A celebration luncheon (and removal of the greens) will follow the congregational meeting directly after that Service.

December 24 Lectionary Corner

Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-55*

December 31 Lectionary Corner

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26* Colossians 3:12-17*
Psalm 148 Luke 2:41-52

*Sermon foci

December 31, 2006

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
- 9:30 a.m. Combined Session Church School
- 10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service

OPENER: John Grogan **CLOSER:** Jim Gainer

ACOLYTES: Jillian Kazmierczak and Britney March

WORSHIP LEADER: Ken Mundorf

PREACHER: Glenna Knapp

TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak

ELDER (8:30): DiAnne Schmidt

ELDERS (10:45): HOME COMMUNION:

Gerald Western Sharon Siffert

DIACONATE: Team III

8:30 - Linda Adkins and Sheila Smith

10:45 - Jenny Bliss, Cheryl Grapes, Don Harold, Dennis Jackson, Ryan Mathes, Carol Mosher, Lynn Obechi, Sandy Rieth, Janet Stevens-Brown, and Joan Wilhelm

Red and Green Greetings

Please remember our All-Church Christmas Card for the Christmas Special Day Offering in support of the work of the Ohio Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.)

- 7 Halley Novak and Taylor Novak
- 14 Jillian Kazmierczak and Sarah Turner

JANUARY ACOLYTES

- 21 Daniel March and Romeo Walker
- 28 Katie Kostohryz and Skye Stephenson

CALENDAR

- Thu., 12/21: - Sarah Circle holiday luncheon at the home of Pastor Janet Long, 356 Georgia Ave., 12 noon.
- Sun., 12/24: - Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 12/25: - Merry Christmas! (Church office closed 'til January 2.)
- Tue., 12/26: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Thu., 12/28: - Hiram Conference CYF Lock-In at High Street Christian Church, Akron, 7 p.m. (ends 12/29).
- Fri., 12/29: - Advance Conference Winter Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 12/31).
- Sun., 12/31: - First Sunday after Christmas (see schedule above).
- Tue., 1/2: - Webelos (Pack 131) gathering in their upstairs classrooms, 6:30 p.m.
- Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Wed., 1/3: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Helen Farrar, 298 Longford Ave., 7 p.m.
- Thu., 1/4: - Church Women United Annual Mtg./Missionary Tea, Fields United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.
- Fri., 1/5:



January Birthdays

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| 1 Terry Payne | 19 Myra Ball |
| 2 Johnny Walker | Barb Boehler |
| Nancy White | Chris Price |
| 4 Amanda Osborn | 21 Alexa Schofield |
| Barbara Terrell | 22 Jean Kennedy |
| 5 Shelley Novak | 23 Gloria Chavalia |
| 6 Marge Sansone | 24 Florence Bristol |
| 7 Scott Ritter | Robin Crocker |
| Steve Weinhardt | Scott Dieringer |
| 8 Dean Forbush | Bridgette Necker |
| Gary McIntyre | Alice Paul |
| Walt Norton | Bob Wilhelm |
| 10 Mildred Blitz | Jean Williams |
| Steven Vondruska | Rosa Yaremko |
| 11 Adam Gottschling | 25 Ken Mundorf |
| 13 Dylan Balvin | Suzanne Webb |
| Gail Murphy | 26 Steve McCall |
| 14 Julie Busch | Megan Shafer |
| Cole Eichenlaub | 27 John Grogan |
| Beverly Gardner | Cheryl McKenna |
| Ryan Novak | 28 Heidi Coffman |
| 15 Marlie McNulty | 29 Katie Majewski |
| Chris Trunk | 30 Mark Lauffer |
| 16 Zach Anderson | Caitlyn Osborn |
| Hildred Edwards | Les Schenfield |
| 17 Shirley Yost | 31 Joe Wargo |
| 18 Scott Dahm | Gerald Western |
| Caitlin Heginbotham | |
| Pauline Wallace | |



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations

Celebrating late December wedding anniversaries are Mike & Jody Kostohryz (12/17, #12), John & Karen Davis and Jason & Lisa Ward (12/18, #30 and #7, respectively), Sam & Lynn Obechi (12/21, #18), and Steve & Joy Bond and Ken & Kay Mundorf (12/22, #33 for both couples). Merry "kissmas" to all!

Family Finances

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, January 7, following the 10:45 a.m. Service, for the purpose of voting on the proposed 2007 church budget. If you would like information in advance of the meeting, please contact Cheryl McKenna or Al Paul, Co-Chairs of Stewardship, or the Church Office (after January 2).

REMINDER: Contributions towards your 2006 pledge must be postmarked by December 31.

CYF Reunion

A gathering of current and former CYF members (9th grade-age 22) will be held at the home of Pastor Janet Long and Dan Clark, 356 Georgia Ave., on Sunday, January 7, 4-6 p.m.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for those who are lonely.

Hospitalized

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time. At Good Samaritan: Myra Ball At Home: Steve McCall Ken Mundorf (in-and-out)