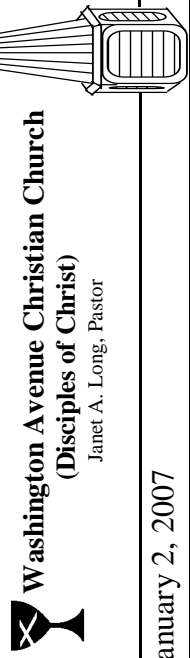


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Christmas reminds us of one of God's most important gifts to us: the gift of relationships. The season offers opportunities to spend time with loved ones. We are blessed by relationships with family and friends and with our church family. Most of all, we are blessed with the gift of a Lord and Savior with whom we can be in relationship.

This Sunday, January 7, we will celebrate the ways in which our family relationships are connected to our relationship with Christ. Our focus will be on "Children and Covenants" and we will consider our responsibility for nurturing the spirits of the children—our own and those of our congregation—entrusted to our care.

We will mark the Epiphany of our Lord. The themes of our worship will weave together the arrival of the Magi to Bethlehem as they follow the star to the place where Jesus lay, the baptism of Jesus, and the responses we make to Jesus' presence. It will be a very special day in the life of our congregation. I hope you will be here!

Sharing in weekly worship is a great way to start the new year! It helps to be surrounded by others who resolve to live in faithfulness and covenant. Epiphany is the season during which we follow the light of the star to join the Magi at Jesus' manger and then follow him as the Light of the world.

I'll look for you this Sunday! Plan to be here for the special luncheon after the congregational meeting which follows the second service...

Love,
Janet

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January 7, 2007—Epiphany

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds followed by Church School
9:30 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Congregational meeting to vote on the 2007 proposed budget
12:00 noon Epiphany Luncheon/removal of the greens
12:15 p.m. CYF Reunion at the home of Pastor Janet Long and Dan Clark, 356 Georgia Avenue
4:00 p.m. **OPENER:** Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas

GREETER: Brenda Keenan

ACOLYTES: Halley Novak and Taylor Novak

WORSHIP LEADER: Keith Western

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Alan Paul and Lauri Warfield

ELDER (8:30): Pianist (8:30):

Chris Baumgartner
Catole Weinhardt

ELDERS (10:45): **HOME COMMUNION:**

Nancy Huller
Barbara Terrell

Carol McIntyre
Jim Stephenson

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)

AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS: Your child's regular involvement in worship, Church School and youth group will be required to receive a scholarship to attend Partnership Camp, Chi Rho Camp or CYF Conference this summer. Please contact Pastor Janet or me with any questions.

This Sunday, January 7: Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF members and their families will take part in the Epiphany Luncheon and removal of the greens.

At 4 p.m., CYF members present and past (grades 9-age 22) will gather at the home of Pastor Janet Long and Dan Clark (356 Georgia Avenue), for an evening of food, fun and fond memories.

Next Sunday, January 14: Sprouts will meet in the youth rooms, noon-2:30 p.m., for lunch (Thanks, Nancy Huller!) and other fun. Bible 101 will follow (2:30-2:45) for those in grades 4-5, and Chi Rho members will meet in the youth rooms at 2:45 p.m.

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

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Epiphany Celebration This Sunday

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.

Elyria Hospitality Center

Please post on your refrigerator the following schedule of suggested donations for the Elyria Hospitality Center.

- 1/7 - Baking basics
- 1/14 - Canned vegetables
- 1/21 - Canned soups, pastas and stews
- 1/28 - Infant needs

Please bring your donation with you to Church School each Sunday morning.

Sarah Circle

will meet on Thursday, January 18, at 10:45 a.m. in the youth rooms. Glenna Knapp will present the program, "Realizing Your Potential" as the group continues its theme, "Searching for God's Direction." Those attending are asked to bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided.

January 7 Lectionary Corner

Isaiah 43:1-7
 Psalm 29
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

*Sermon focus

Holiday Greetings

Our thanks to everyone who signed WACC Christmas Card in support of the Christmas Special Day Offering for our Regional Ministries:

- Linda Adkins
- Jean & Ashleigh Arndt
- George & Adelle Baker
- Roger & Marilyn Bauer
- Chuck & Chris Baumgartner
- Richard Brown & Janet Stevens-Brown
- Dick & Arlene Burch
- Kathryn Carter
- Bob & Marge Clark
- Jim & Lil Collier
- Doris Dodrill
- Dave & Nicole Eby
- John & Helen Farrar
- Dean, Sandi and Deanna Forbush
- Jim & Rosalie Gainer
- Pat Gohle
- Craig Hange
- Don Hange, Jr.
- Don & Glendora Hange
- Louise Huffman
- Jane Hutson
- Judy Jackson
- Michelle and Jillian Kazmierczak
- Brenda Keenan
- Rick & Jean Kennedy
- Kimberly Kiser
- Al & Glenna Knapp
- Gary & Cindy Knapp
- Helen Krugman
- Janet Long & Dan Clark
- The Majewski Family
- Mark & Susan Mathes
- Steve & Karen McCall and Family
- Larry & Betty McIntyre
- Sue McKain & Wade Hallauer
- Ken & Kay Mundorf
- Mark, Shelley, Halley, and Taylor Novak
- Sam, Lynn and Annette Obechi
- Becky Papenbrock
- Alan, Alice, Amy and Steve Paul
- Jack & Audrey Price
- Ken & Joni Roberts
- The Schneiders
- Shirley Shubert
- Bud & Polly Simmons
- Sheila Smith
- Barbara Terrell
- The Vitullo Family
- The Wainwrights
- Dan & Nancy Walker
- Pauline Wallace
- Lauri Warfield

- Frank & Haryette Wargo
- Mike & Carole Weinhardt
- Gerald & Barbara Western
- Keith Western
- Marion Wiles
- Sandy Woosley

Additional greetings of the season were received in the mail from:

- The Christian Church in Ohio Regional Office
- The Christian Church Foundation Staff
- Church Extension (James Powell, President)
- Don Mould's Plantation
- Jane Herrington*
- Larsen Architects
- Lexington Seminary (R. Robert Cueni, President)
- Lorain County Habitat for Humanity*
- The Lorain County Sacred Landmarks Commission
- Perry & Maureen Mattern*
- The Necker Family*
- Ross Builders Co., Inc. (we especially enjoyed the delicious cookies they sent!)

*Newsletters/personal notes will be on display on our main bulletin board until January 31.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Chris & Lynn Eichenlaub recently celebrated their 21st anniversary (12/24).

THANK YOU

The church staff is grateful for your greetings, gifts, good wishes, and good will at Christmas. Many thanks for your many thoughtful expressions!

The Kostohryz Family writes, "Thanks for the baby basket! Everything was wonderful!"

Cards, notes and letters of thanks for WACC's year-end contributions have been received by the Elyria Hospitality Center, Genesis House and the Lorain County Free Clinic. All are posted on our main bulletin board for your reading pleasure.

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS

You'll want to make the following changes to your 2007 church directory:

- ❖ Please add Edi Pappas to your directory. Edi lives at 157 Larkmont Dr., Elyria, OH 44035-3636; phone: 365-7689. (We apologize for inadvertently leaving out her listing.)
- ❖ The Vitullo Family phone number is 353-3628.

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for all of the children of our congregation.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround Chuck & Lauri Warfield and family in the death of Chuck's mother, Mary Warfield. Services will be held in Chagrin Falls later this week.

HOSPITALIZED

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time.

At Good Samaritan: Myra Ball

At Home: Karen Davis

Helen Farrar

Becky Papenbrock

Edi Pappas

David Wainwright

CALENDAR



- Thu., 1/4: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Helen Farrar, 298 Longford Ave., 7 p.m.
- Fri., 1/5: - Church Women United Annual Mtg./Missionary Tea, Fields United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.
- Sun., 1/7: - Epiphany Sunday (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 1/8: - Staff meeting in Pastor Janet's office, 3:45 p.m.
- Northwood Service Unit Girl Scout Leaders' gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue., 1/9: - Worship Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- 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.
- Wed., 1/10: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Thu., 1/11: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Organ Committee meeting in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.