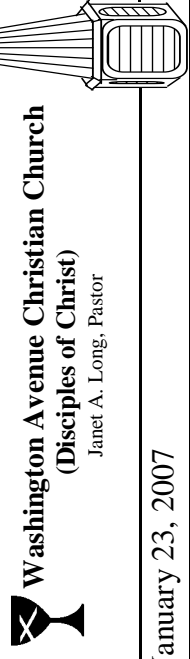


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## Glenna's Cleanings

Dear Folks,

There was an overwhelmingly positive response to the January 21 special prayer and worship service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The prayer requests left at the foot of the cross were crying out for the healing of the brokenness in our lives and in our world. Many people prayed for healing in their individual lives and families, especially health concerns, but the majority asked for healing of the world, especially an end to greed and war. Two were most eloquent in their pleas: "for world peace in this unstable and troubled planet," and "please help people make a difference—for Darfur, our soldiers, the hungry, homeless, depressed, ill, and lost." May it be so.

On Sunday, February 4, the youth will be receiving your offering for the "Souper Bowl of Caring." They will be waiting in the narthex with soup pots following both Worship Services. Their goal for 2007 is to collect \$207 and 207 cans of soup to build a "Souper Tower of Zoupa" in the narthex. Following Worship, the Elders and youth will provide an all-church soup luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Elyria Hospitality Center will be the recipient of the cans of soup and all offering proceeds, including those from the free-will donations for the soup luncheon. That Sunday evening, wherever you are, you can enjoy the Super Bowl, knowing that you have helped to feed and nourish your neighbors in Lorain County.

Following on last Sunday's special service is another one celebrating the Week of the Laity on January 28. The theme is, "SHARE THE FEAST!" and the following is a quote from some of the suggested worship resources: "Even more than daily bread, we share the feast of 'living bread' and prepare to reach out to sisters and brothers in other places with both daily bread and 'living bread,' spiritual nourishment which only the Living Christ can offer, a hunger only God can satisfy." Fill up that God-shaped hole in you that can be satisfied only by the "bread of life." Come to worship this Sunday and every Sunday.

Shalom,  
Glenna ☺

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### January 28, 2007—Laity Sunday

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 followed by Church School
- 10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service
- 12:00 noon Sprouts gathering (Grades 3-5)
- 2:30 p.m. Bible 101 (Grades 4-5)
- 2:45 p.m. Chi Rho gathering (Grades 6-8)
- 6:00 p.m. CYF gathering at the home of Glenna & Al Knapp, 350 Lark Lane (Grades 9-12)

**OPENER:** Steve Woosley **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.  
**GREETERS:** Steve & Joy Bond  
**ACOLYTES:** Katie Kostohryz and Skye Stephenson  
**SPEAKERS:** Pete Majewski, Claire Huller, Alan Petersen  
**TELLERS:** Tim Haywood and Larry McIntyre  
**ELDER/PIANIST (8:30):** Don Hange, Jr./Becky Thompson  
**ELDERS (10:45):** Ken Oblak and Gerald Western  
**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

## FOUNDACTIONS

**Sprouts (Gr. 3-5); Chi Rho (Gr. 6-8); CYF (Gr. 9-12)**  
 Participation in Worship, Church School AND youth group is required to receive Camp/Conference scholarships.  
**This Sunday, January 28:** See schedule at top.  
**Friday, February 2:** "Youth Night for Christ" with the Cleveland Cavaliers. Details on youth bulletin board.  
**Saturday, February 3:** Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will assemble pizza orders in the downstairs kitchen beginning at 10 a.m. Bring cards or board games to play 'til 3 p.m., after our pizza lunch. Adults are welcome; please call me to help.

**Sunday, February 4:** YOUR help is needed with the Souper Bowl collection following both Worship Services, and with the noon soup luncheon.

CONTACT ME TO VOLUNTEER!

**February 9-11:** CYF and Chi Rho WANIEW retreat at Camp Christian (\$15 registration).

**February 16-17:** Chi Rho "Portahoga Toga Party" Overnight at First CC. Alliance (\$5 registration)

**Scholarship Deadline is April 22 for:**

- Chi Rho Camp Cuyahoga June 17-23
- CYF Hiram Conference June 24-30
- Love, Glenna (324-6891) youth@waccelyria.org

**Pizza Order Deadline is HERE!**

The WACC youth groups are selling homemade 12" pizzas to help support **their activities and outreach projects in 2007.**

Completed order blanks and payment (check payable to *WACC Youth*) may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday, directed to the church office, or left in Glenna Knapp's church mail slot. Payment must accompany orders.

Order deadline is **this Sunday, January 28.** Pizzas may be picked up on Sunday, **February 4**, following both Worship Services and Church School. Those not picked up will be delivered that afternoon.

**\$7.50 each; 2 for \$14**

Topping choices\*:

- P**—pepperoni
- G**—green pepper
- S**—sausage
- M**—mushrooms
- X**—extra cheese
- O**—onions
- B**—black olives

\*Pizzas with only one or two toppings will receive a double dose.

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**Ohio New Church Offering**

Since 2001, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has given birth to 349 new churches in the United States and Canada, including Ashtabula, Campbell, Cleveland, Dayton, Lorain, Mantua, and Mentor.

These new Ohio congregations—many of them African American and Hispanic—are expanding our witness to Christ's love through domestic violence counseling, after-school children's programs, women's Bible studies, community evangelism, Christian education classes for children and adults, disciple leadership development programs, and music, radio, immigration, and prison ministries.

Five additional congregation starts are planned in and around the Columbus area for 2007. Your gift to this Sunday's Ohio New Church Offering can help ensure that Disciples grow in number *and* in faith in the years ahead.

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. Thank you for giving generously!

**February Acolytes**

- 4 Deanna Forbush and Britney March
- 11 Bradley Thimke and Michelle Thimke
- 18 Dan McGann and Cody Schneider
- 25 Halley Novak and Taylor Novak

**January 28 Sermon Foci**

Exodus 16:9-12 Matthew 14:13-21

**February Birthdays**

- |    |                   |    |                   |
|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Jeni Sweeten      | 17 | Jennifer Anderson |
| 2  | Cathy Wittenbrook | 18 | Connor Murphy     |
| 3  | Paul Ables        | 19 | Irene Braden      |
| 6  | Bob Hood          | 20 | Bud Krugman       |
| 7  | Cheryl Majewski   | 20 | Emily Gardner     |
| 7  | Molly Knight      | 20 | Brendon Parsons   |
| 9  | Trisha Dahm       | 20 | Thomas Parsons    |
| 9  | Jerry Everhard    | 21 | Perry Mattern     |
| 9  | Taylor Novak      | 21 | Bob Rieth         |
| 9  | Jane Cleary       | 21 | Barbara Western   |
| 11 | Megan McNulty     | 22 | LaDonna Maxwell   |
| 11 | Margaret Ryan     | 23 | Johnny Silvis     |
| 11 | Diane Borthwick   | 23 | Laverne Stroup    |
| 12 | Maxine Roberts    | 23 | Gregory Cosentino |
| 12 | Dick Burke        |    | Michelle          |
|    | Brenda Keenan     |    | Kazmierczak       |
|    | Steve Kistner     | 26 | Pam Gregory       |
|    | Chris Myers       |    | Donna Lauffer     |
|    | Frank Wargo       |    | Anne Prentice     |
| 13 | James Baker       |    | Wes Shirley       |
| 14 | Mark Novak        | 27 | Heidi Thimke      |
| 16 | Mike Yanick       |    | Sarah Feierabend  |
|    | Tracey Britton    | 28 | Michelle Thimke   |
|    |                   |    | Heidi Smith       |

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

**Elyria Hospitality Center**

Please remember to bring in the following suggested donations for the Elyria Hospitality Center:

- 1/28 - Infant needs
- 2/04 - Gelatin and pudding mixes
- 2/11 - Healthy snacks
- 2/18 - Bottled and canned juices
- 2/25 - Potatoes (fresh or boxed mixes)



**CALENDAR**

- Sun., 1/28: - Laity Sunday (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 1/29: - Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Tue., 1/30: - 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., 1/31: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 2/1: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Sue McKain, 3 Canterbury Cir., Oberlin, 7 p.m.
- Sat., 2/3: - Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF pizza assembly, lunch and games, 10 a.m. (ends 3 p.m.)

**NEWS OF OUR FAMILY**

**Congratulations!**

Aaron & Deanna McNeal are celebrating anniversary #19 (1/23) and Rick & Jean Kennedy are celebrating milestone anniversary #60 (1/24)! Congratulations and continued blessings to both couples!

**Expressions of Gratitude**

Mike & Katie Contreras sent a note of thanks for helping to make their wedding day so special through our attendance. Pathways Counseling & Growth Center responded to our year-end gift with a letter of appreciation.

Harold Rickel is thankful to Pastor Janet and the WACC family for the visits, flowers and goodies during the holiday season at during his hospitalization and physical therapy.

Their notes and letters are now posted on our main bulletin board.

Finally, Lauri & Chuck Warfield wrote to say, "Thank you to everyone who has expressed concern for us as we mourn Chuck's mother's passing."

**Prayer Focus**

Please pray for the ministry and witness of the laity.

**Hospitalized**

- At EMH: Jim Borthwick  
Margaret ("Peg") Stevens  
Mike Yanick
- At Home: Katie Contreras  
Maxine Roberts (Villa Camillus)