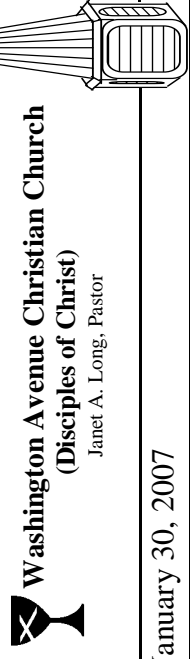


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Glenna's Gleanings

Dear Folks,

"Who Is My Neighbor?" That is the theme for the upcoming Week of Compassion worship services which will be presented by the Outreach Committee on Sunday, February 11. Many of us remember the children's television show, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood." It was low-tech and down-to-earth, gentle and slow-paced. The host, Mr. Rogers, who always wore a cardigan sweater, taught generations of children the values of love, compassion and caring for others. The theme song, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" went, in part, like this:

*"I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you!
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.*

So let's make the most of this beautiful day,

Since we're together we might as well say:

Would you be mine? Could you be mine?

Won't you be my neighbor?

Won't you please, won't you please?

Please won't you be my neighbor?"

This big blue ball (that's how it looks from outer space) on which we live, has become like one enormous neighborhood, and we need to begin to think of it that way. As information and travel technology become more and more sophisticated, and as we become more and more connected to each other through the internet, cell phones and 24-hour-a-day cable news networks, our earth becomes relatively smaller and smaller. We, here on the North Coast, have seen images of unimaginable tsunamis, massive earthquakes, unprecedented hurricanes and flooding, glittering ice storms, the ravages of war, and the faces of orphaned and starving children in our living rooms on a daily basis over the past few years.

As the church, part of the body of Christ, when one suffers, we all suffer; when one rejoices, we all rejoice together. Who IS your neighbor? Come to worship on Sunday, February 11 and have a beautiful day meeting some of our neighbors living both near and far. You'll be glad you did.

Shalom,
Glenna ☺

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Ordered pizzas may be picked up after both Services.

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Common Grounds followed by

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service

12:00 noon Souper Bowl Collection and Luncheon

OPENER: Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas

GREETERS: The Wayne & Debbie Walker Family

ACOLYTES: Deanna Forbush and Britney March

WORSHIP LEADER: Sandy Woosley

PREACHER: Glenna Knapp

TELLERS: Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan

ELDER (8:30): **PIANIST (8:30):**

Nancy Huller Carole Weinhardt

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

Barbara Terrell Chris Baumgartner

Tim Widman Jack Price

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)

Participation in Worship, Church School AND youth group is required to receive Camp/Conference scholarships.

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 if you can help.)

Sunday, February 4: YOUR help is needed with the Souper Bowl collection after both Worship Services, and with the noon soup luncheon. ALSO—your \$15 registration for the WANEW retreat (see below) is due.

February 9-11: Chi Rho and CYF WANEW retreat at Camp Christian. We'll leave the WACC parking lot at 4 p.m. Bring \$\$ for McDonald's, your completed permission slips, paper/pen or pencil/Bible, bedding, warm outdoor clothing, and shower and personal care items. We will be staying in the Lodge. Meals and snacks are included in your \$15 registration fee.

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

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

Disciples to Worship and Study Together

Area Disciples' Ash Wednesday Service

On February 21, Washington Avenue Christian Church will be joined by the congregations of Christian Temple (Lorain), North Eaton Christian Church, and Lakewood Christian Church for a 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service in our sanctuary. The Reverend Houston Bowers will preach, and the choirs from the attending congregations will combine to present the evening's anthem. (Choir members, be prepared to meet at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall that evening for a pre-service rehearsal. Please have your robes on hand.)

WACC's Worship Committee will host a social gathering in Fellowship Hall following the Service.

District 2A Disciples Elders' Retreat

Elders and other members of District 2A Disciples churches will meet on Sunday, February 25, for a 3 p.m. retreat at Lake House, in Avon Lake's Veterans' Park. Our Regional Elders, the Reverend Al Kean and the Reverend Dr. Ed Weisheimer, will lead the retreat entitled, "An Elder Does What??" as they examine the role of the Elder in the 21st century. Those wishing to attend are reminded that registration is \$15 per person (check payable to Christian Temple DOC) and is due in to Don Hange, Jr. by February 11. Dinner is included in the registration fee. The retreat is open to Elders past and present, and also to members of the congregation who want to know more about the duties of an Elder.

February 4 Lectionary Corner

Isaiah 6:1-8, 9-13 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Psalm 138 Luke 5:1-11*

*Sermon focus

Have you remembered the church in your will?

750 Work Groups Needed for Disaster Recovery—Can You Help?

In August, 2006, a dynamic partnership between Disciples congregations and regions, Disciples Home Mission's Office of Disciples Volunteering and Week of Compassion was formed for a major, two-year "Disciples Disaster Recovery" program as part of the Disciples' long-term response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and other recent tropical storms.

The initiative calls for 750 Disciples volunteer work groups at mission sites across the Gulf Coast through August 30, 2008 to repair and rebuild hurricane-damaged homes and participate in other recovery activities.

Week of Compassion is offering small grants to work teams participating in the program. Hurricane work trip grant applications can be downloaded from the Week of Compassion Web site:

www.weekofcompassion.org/pages/grants/pggrant.html

To schedule a work group or request information, contact Tod Iseminger at (888) 346-2631 or register on-line at the Disciples Home Missions Web site:

www.discipleshomemissions.org/

Disaster/Response.htm

Don't have internet access? Call the church office (440) 323-4213 for help registering.



- Thu., 2/1: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Sue McKain, 3 Canterbury Cir., Oberlin, 7 p.m.
- Sat., 2/3: - Elders' set-up for Sunday's Souper Bowl Luncheon, 8 a.m.
- Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF pizza assembly, lunch and games, 10 a.m. (ends 3 p.m.)
- Sun., 2/4: - Souper Bowl Sunday (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 2/5: - Worship Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Tue., 2/6: - Webelos (Pack 131) gathering in their upstairs classrooms, 6:30 p.m.
- Wed., 2/7: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Thu., 2/8: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Fri., 2/9: - Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 4 p.m.
- Chi Rho and CYF WANEW Retreat at Camp Christian begins, 4 p.m. (ends 2/11).

Thank You

The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in last Sunday's wonderful Laity Sunday Services. Talent, enthusiasm and a spirit of willingness abound in our congregation, and this is never more evident than on Laity Sunday.

For their part in "Sharing The Feast," we would like to thank our speakers Pete Majewski, Claire Huller and Alan Petersen. For their help filling all the other "spaces" in the Worship Services, our thanks to Gail Haywood, Tim Haywood, Bob Maxwell, Bruce Siffert, Barb Terrell, Lisa Ward, and Lauri Warfield (8:30 Service); and Don Hange, Jr., Nancy Huller, Michelle Kazmierczak, Mark Mathes, Sharon Siffert, Elliot Wainwright, and Debby Willets (10:45 Service).

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Many thanks to my church family for your calls, prayers and cards during my "chill-out attack". It's great to be back! Love,

Becky Papenbrock

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Second Harvest Food Bank has sent a letter of appreciation for WACC's year-end gift to their food ministry. Second Harvest provides groceries to North Central Ohio food pantries, soup kitchens and other food-assistance programs, at greatly-reduced prices.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Franklin Circle Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will celebrate its 165th anniversary with a 5 p.m. potluck dinner on Saturday, February 17. Fried chicken will be supplemented with salads (brought by those attending who last names begin with A-F), vegetables (G-L), dessert (M-R) and beverages (S-Z). Reservations may be made by calling 216-781-8232 or visiting www.franklincirclechurch.org on-line.

Congratulations and best wishes to our extended Christian family!

EHC COLLECTION CHANGE

This Sunday, to coincide with the Souper Bowl of Caring, we'll be collecting SOUP for the Elyria Hospitality Center. (The gelatin and pudding listed in last week's *Spire* may be brought in on February 11 as part of our "healthy snacks" collection.)

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for Pastor Janet at the half-way point in this time of sabbatical.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround Gail Haywood and family in the death of her Grandmother, Ruth, last week. May God's presence comfort all who mourn.

HOSPITALIZED

At *Community Health Partners*:

Walter Bauer (Roger's father)

In California: Kari Majewski

At Wesleyan Village: Myra Ball

At Home: Jim Borthwick

Tim Haywood (in-and-out)

Helen Krugman (in-and-out)

Kay Mundorf (in-and-out)

Polly Simmons (in-and-out)

Peg Stevens

Kim Wilhelm

Mike Yanick

CALENDAR

