

March 11, 2007—Third Sunday in Lent

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

OPENER: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Al Knapp

GREETERS: Mark, Kathy, Lauren, and
Elliott Wainwright

ACOLYTES: Jillian Kazmierczak and Sarah Turner

WORSHIP LEADER: David Eby

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Dan Clark and Tim Haywood

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

Gerald Western

Rosalie Gainer

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

Ken Oblak

Steve Bond

Chris Baumgartner

Jenny Bliss

DIACONATE: Team II

8:30 - Mike Crocker and Robin Crocker

10:45 - Peggy Haywood, John Henry, Jean Kennedy,

Cindy Knapp, Debby Lance, Jack Price, Jim

Stephenson, Jordan Stephenson, Sue Stephenson,

and Ben Willets

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.

This Weekend, March 9-11: Pre-registered youth
in grades 9-12 will attend the State CYF Convention
at Bethany College. **We'll leave the WACC**

parking lot at 4 p.m. on Friday. Those attending

will need to bring their signed permission slip; Bible;

bedding; appropriate sleepwear; toiletries; clothing

that is warm, modest and comfortable; swimsuit and

towel; SCOOP offering \$\$; and, meal \$\$ for two

fast-food stops. Additional \$\$ may be brought to

purchase souvenirs from the campus bookstore.

Some things to LEAVE AT HOME include valuables,

handheld electronic games, music players/radios,

etc.; more information may be found in the

registration packet.

Sunday, March 25: Chi Rho and CYF will enjoy a

mini-WANEW gathering at North Eaton Christian

Church, 4-7 p.m. Meet at WACC at 3:30 p.m.; Dick

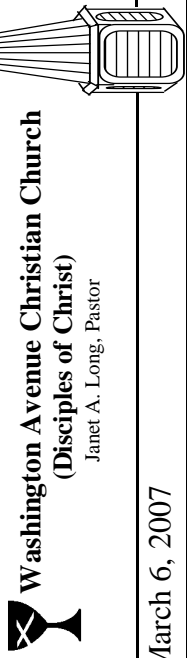
& Arlene Burch will provide transportation and

chaperone services for this event while I'm on

vacation.
Love, *Glenna* (324-6891)



THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

The weather has turned cold again and snow is predicted to fall overnight into Wednesday. Perhaps that's a metaphor for our relationships with God. We warm up to God's reach, then cool off like a toddler who suddenly has turned either shy or independent. We might even give God the cold shoulder.

Then comes a lovely blanket of snow, reminding us that though our sins are "like scarlet, they shall be like snow..." God is not in the business of fault-finding. God is faithful and just, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. If we confess our sins, God may be trusted to forgive us and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

I know what will happen to that pristine cover of snow. We will trudge through it, leaving tracks that make it gray, dirty and ugly. The same happens in life: we trudge along, making a mess and leaving tracks that are imperfect. Grace comes to us when we allow Christ not only to accompany us, but to lead the way.

Lent is a season set aside for self-examination, confession and penitence. Ask yourself: What direction is the path of my life taking? Am I growing closer to God or giving God the cold shoulder? What forgiveness do I need to offer another person? What forgiveness do I need to offer myself?

The grace of God's love and the warmth of your church family await you...

Love,

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<p><i>Have you remembered the church in your will?</i></p> <p>Campbellites to Consider Commandments Display This Sunday, March 11, at 9:30 a.m., the Campbellites Church School Class will be discussing, "Should the Ten Commandments Be Displayed in Public?" Everyone is welcome to join this lively class to share their views and, perhaps, be challenged. The study material for this topic has been provided by www.thethoughtfulchristian.com. Mark Mathes leads the group.</p>	<p>Thank You The following was received in response to those who contributed to Ashley Walker's Alternative Spring Break trip: <i>Thank you for your generous donation to the people of Waveland and Kiln, Mississippi. Trust that it is going directly to the people who need it most in these areas—ground zero for Hurricane Katrina. It has been a bumpy road for my students with fundraising but your contribution has raised their spirits greatly. It is a privilege to work with young people like them.</i> Peace be with you, Amanda Espenschied-Reilly, Dir. of Service Learning and Community Service Mount Union College</p>	<p>Photography Sign-Ups to Begin Photography dates for WACC's new pictorial directory are Wednesday-Friday, April 11-13, 3-9 p.m., and Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Please read the insert in this issue of <i>The Spire</i> to learn more. (In addition to signing up after Worship the next few Sundays, you may also sign up by calling the church office OR by visiting this on-line link: www.appointment-plus3.com/ap/washingtonavechristian/index.php?page=10 The link may also be found on the WACC website's "Special Events" page.)</p> <p>Easter flower orders will be due in the church office by Sunday, March 25. Watch for the order form in next week's edition of <i>The Spire</i>.</p>	<p>NEWS OF OUR FAMILY</p> <p>Congratulations! Larry & Betty McIntyre are celebrating anniversary #56 (3/3); Tim & Michelle Johnson are celebrating their 4th (3/4).</p> <p>A Beauty of a Show Allison Widman will be appearing onstage at the Lorain Palace Theatre March 8-10 in Open Door Christian School's presentation of Disney's, "Beauty and the Beast." (We hear that Allison's performance really "lights up" the stage...) For tickets, call 322-6386 or email: dmann2odcs.org.</p>
<p>2007 Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation Saturday, April 21 "God!! Can You Hear Me Now?" Gender Road Christian Church, Canal Winchester Registration: \$40 by March 16 (\$50 March 17-April 14) Scholarship help is available to first-time participants or those with financial need (requests due by March 16). Complete information is posted on our main bulletin board.</p>	<p>Sarah Circle's March 15 gathering will focus on, "Giving Up in Order to Grow Up." Pastor Janet Long will present the program. In a change to the information distributed at the beginning of the program year, lunch, beverages and dessert will be provided at this meeting. All women of the church are invited to attend the 10:45 a.m. gathering in the youth rooms.</p>	<p>Music and Mirth Have you put the March 18 Quartet concert on your "must-attend" events calendar? WACC's resident men's quartet (accompanied on piano by Rosalie Gainer) can always be counted on to provide an afternoon of good music and laughter. A reception in Fellowship Hall will follow the 3 p.m. concert.</p>	<p>Prayer Focus Please pray for those affected by last week's storms and by Friday's bus accident—the families and friends of those killed, the survivors, the rescue workers, and the caregivers.</p> <p>Sympathy Our prayers surround... ...the family of Doris Rhodehamel in her death last Friday. Services were held this morning (Tuesday) with Pastor Janet Long officiating. ...Bud & Polly Simmons in the recent death of Bud's Aunt Helen. ...the Henning family in the death of Maxine Mercurio last Thursday. Services were held Monday in Mansfield. May God's peace comfort all who mourn.</p>
<p>Shamrocks...and Singapore? This year's Irish Stew Dinner boasts two reasons to attend: In addition to enjoying a delicious hot stew dinner, we'll hear from Global Ministries missionaries Tim & Diane Fonderlin about their recent field experiences in the Asian Pacific. The dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 20. In-home deliveries will begin at 5:15 p.m., with serving in Fellowship Hall 5:30-6:30 p.m. To order in-home dinners (or volunteer to deliver a dinner to one of our homebound friends), call the church office (323-4213). Join us...and bring a friend!</p> 	<p>Elyria Hospitality Center Collection March 11 - Cereal March 18 - Peanut butter & jelly March 25 - Canned vegetables</p>	<p>At EMH: George ("Bob") McNulty At Community Health Partners: Connie Osborn At Southwest General: Maxine Roberts At LifeCare: Barbara Boehler At Home: Jane Hutson (in-and-out) Bud Simmons (in-and-out)</p>	<p>CALENDAR</p> <p>Thu., 3/8: - Book Club gathering in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m. Fri., 3/9: - CYF State Youth Convention begins at Bethany College, West Virginia (ends 3/11). Sat., 3/10: - Daylight Saving Time begins; set clocks 1 hour forward before retiring. Sun., 3/11: - Third Sunday in Lent (see back page for the day's schedule). Mon., 3/12: - Lenten Supper and Study in Fellowship Hall (dinner at 5:55 p.m., study at 6:36 p.m.) Tue., 3/13: - Northwood Service Unit Girl Scout Leaders' gathering in the youth rooms, 6:30 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. Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m. Lenten Vespers Service in the sanctuary, 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m. Thu., 3/15: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m. Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m. Sat., 3/17: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 4 (Mark & Susan Mathes, captains).</p> 
<p>March 11 Lectionary Corner Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 *Sermon focus</p>	<p>March 11 Lectionary Corner 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9*</p>	<p>CALENDAR</p>	