

**March 25, 2007—Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
*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
- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service
- 4:30 p.m. Mini-WANEW gathering (Grades 6-12) at North Eaton Christian Church

**OPENER:** Steve Woosley **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.  
**GREETERS:** David & Nicole Eby  
**ACOLYTES:** Deanna Forbush and Britney March  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Tim Haywood  
**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long  
**TELLERS:** Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak

**ELDER (8:30):** Tim Widman  
**PIANIST (8:30):** Becky Thompson

**ELDERS (10:45):** Nancy Huller  
**HOME COMMUNION:** Barbara Terrell  
Arlene Burch

**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**

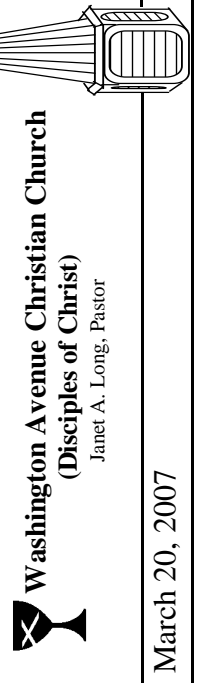
**Sprouts (Gr. 3-5); Chi Rho (Gr. 6-8); CYF (Gr. 9-12)**  
**Camp/Conference Update:** Have you registered for summer Camp/Conference? Applications must be received by **April 22** to be eligible for scholarship consideration. Remember—participation in Worship, Church School AND youth group is required to receive Camp/Conference scholarships.

**This Sunday, March 25:** Chi Rho and CYF will enjoy a mini-WANEW gathering at North Eaton Christian Church, 4:30-7 p.m. Dinner will be provided. You may bring snacks and any games you'd like to share. Meet the Burches in the WACC lot by 4 p.m. **R.S.V.P. to 323-4213 by Friday, March 23 if you plan to attend.**

**April 14-15:** Join us at the Chi Rho and CYF Hiram Conference overnight and roller skating fundraiser. We'll stay at High Street Christian Church (Akron) and skate 4-6 p.m. that Sunday. **Skating is open to friends and family—please invite them.** Skate admission is \$4; rental is \$2. Proceeds will benefit our DIG ("Dividends in Growth" outreach) offering.

**R.S.V.P. by April 11 to 323-4213.** Love, *Glenna*

# THE SPREE



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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

We hear numbers reported daily: the stock market performance, the winning lottery combination, the unemployment rate, the "worth" of the world's wealthiest, the increase in homes foreclosed upon, the amount wagered during basketball's March Madness, the masses of people in India who struggle to survive on less than \$2 per day, the viewing audience of "American Idol", the death toll in Iraq and Afghanistan, the average American's credit card debt, the genocide statistics for Darfur, the countdown to the Indians' home opener, the average square footage of newly-constructed homes in the U.S., the percentage of folks who attend church regularly and who support communities of faith by giving...

Last week was the deadline for submitting our congregation's "numbers" for 2006. I thought you'd be interested in knowing that...

- The number of members who participated in the life of our church grew from 380 to 406.
- The number of baptisms/confirmations during 2006 was 12, one less than the previous year.
- The number of new members received by transfer totaled five; in 2005 there were nine.
- The number of those in weekly worship on average was 175, down from 180 the year before.

Our giving "numbers" show that...

- \$271,120 was received by the church for local operations. This is an increase of \$23,966 (+9.7%).
- Giving to capital efforts declined from \$278,970 to \$233,405, reflecting that we entered the second year of Renewing Our Covenant.
- Outreach giving continued its climb to the highest level ever—\$87,379, not including in-kind donations of food and clothing. This surpassed the giving in banner year 2005 of \$85,049 and represents 32.2% of the local operating total.

I hope that you will make every effort to be counted among those who participate fully in this living, loving congregation!

Love, *Janet*

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**DATED MATERIAL**  
**PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY**

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U.S.  
POSTAGE  
PAID  
Elyria, OH  
Permit No. 332

**ORDER DEADLINE THIS SUNDAY**

Easter flowers given to the glory of God and in honor or memory of a loved will adorn the sanctuary on Easter morning and may be taken home following the Worship Services.

Orders must be placed in the office mail slot or phoned in or e-mailed to the church office **by this SUNDAY, MARCH 25** (checks payable to WACC).

**To help ensure that we receive our desired selections, we need to respect our MARCH 25 DEADLINE. NO ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE. Thanks for your understanding!**

Hyacinths (Orchid, Pink or White)	\$ 5.50
Martha Washington Geraniums (like azaleas)	
(Deep Lilac, Purple w/light purple or White w/rose eye)	\$ 6.50
Hydrangeas (Blue or Pink)	\$ 9.00
Lilies (White only)	
6" Single stem (5-8 blooms)	\$ 5.75
8" Double stem (10-12 blooms)	\$11.50
10" Triple stem (15-20 blooms)	\$17.25

FLOWER	QTY.	COLOR OR SIZE	COST
Hyacinths			
Geraniums			
Hydrangeas			
Lilies			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$</b>

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

Presented By \_\_\_\_\_

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

**Directory Sign-Ups Through April 1**

This Sunday and next are your final opportunities to reserve your preferred photography dates for WACC's new pictorial directory. Sign-ups may also be done through April 1 by calling the church office (323-4213) or signing up on-line by going to: [www.waccelyria.org/eventspecial.html](http://www.waccelyria.org/eventspecial.html)  
Available dates are Wednesday-Friday, April 11-13, 3-9 p.m., and Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Elyria Hospitality Center Collection**

- March 25 - Canned vegetables
- April 1 - Tuna fish
- April 8 - Cleaning products
- April 15 - Canned or dried fruits
- April 22 - Paper products
- April 29 - Boxed macaroni & cheese

The Cleveland Christian Home's

**"Walk & Run for the Kids" is Saturday, April 14.**

Your participation as a **walker, runner or sponsor** will provide care and services to children and teens rebuilding their lives after surviving abuse and neglect. **Will you help?** Contact Keith Western or the church office with your response. Registration forms are available on our main bulletin board.

**March 25 Lectionary Corner**

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Psalm 126  
John 12:1-8\*

\**Sermon focus*

- Sun., 3/25: - Fifth Sunday in Lent (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 3/26: - Lenten Supper and Study in Fellowship Hall (dinner at 5:55 p.m., study at 6:36 p.m.)
- Tue., 3/27: - Church Life & Growth Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 3/28: - Lenten Vespers Service in the sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.

**April Birthdays**

- |    |                     |    |                  |
|----|---------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | Jacob Anderson      | 18 | Stacy Collins    |
|    | Jordan Anderson     |    | Megan Sparks     |
|    | Arlene Burch        |    | Allison Wheeler  |
|    | Doris Dodrill       |    | Andrea Wheeler   |
|    | Paul Fridenstine    | 19 | Chuck Necker     |
|    | Claudia Heginbotham | 20 | Heather Schult   |
|    | Jeff Lauffer        |    | Gordon Higgins   |
| 2  | Sandy Woosley       | 22 | Debi Knowlton    |
| 3  | Jane Hutson         |    | Nancy Huller     |
|    | Scott Knapp         |    | Jack Ryan        |
|    | Carol Ritter        |    | Todd Sedar       |
| 5  | Ashley Dieringer    | 23 | Paula Wilson     |
|    | Eleanor Stevenson   | 24 | Jason Crist      |
|    | Reni Wilcox         |    | Kevin Matheson   |
| 6  | Gary Knapp          |    | Erin Sweeten     |
|    | Debby Lance         |    | Carol Vondruska  |
| 7  | Audrey Price        | 25 | Lydia Ward       |
|    | Jessica Wyatt       |    | Bey Leham        |
| 8  | Jeff Anderson       |    | Becky Thompson   |
|    | Lynn Eichenlaub     | 26 | Kathy Wainwright |
|    | Missy Vitullo       |    | Benny Greer      |
| 11 | Jason Ward          |    | Betty McIntyre   |
| 12 | Ken Oblak           |    | Amy McMillan     |
| 13 | Amy Fitzgerald      |    | Linda Shafer     |
| 15 | Jason Higgins       |    | Tony Sweeten     |
|    | Alan Petersen       |    | Marisa Ward      |
| 16 | Stephanie Thimke    | 27 | Bethany Willets  |
| 17 | Addie Buczek        |    | Pat Murphy       |
|    | Wayne Collins       |    |                  |
|    | Larry McIntyre      |    |                  |

**APRIL ACOLYTES**

- 1 Bradley Thimke and Michelle Thimke
- 8 Dan McGann and Cody Schneider
- 15 Halley Novak and Taylor Novak
- 22 Jillian Kazmierczak and Sarah Turner
- 29 Daniel March and Romeo Walker

**NEWS OF OUR FAMILY**

**Congratulations!**

John Henry has been named a delegate to Buckeye Boys' State! The nine-day program is held annually in mid-June at Bowling Green State University. Sponsored by the American Legion, the experiential event focuses on government at all levels. Best of luck, John!

Jack & Maggie Ryan are celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (3/17).

**Prayer Focus**

Please pray for your own spiritual growth.

**Women's Events Scheduled**

- **Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation**  
April 21—Gender Road Christian Church \$50 registration through April 14  
Registration forms on our main bulletin board
- **OWM/CWF Spring Gathering (Districts 2, 3, 4, 7, 15)**  
May 19—First Christian Church, Ravenna \$10 registration includes lunch  
R.S.V.P. to 330-296-6383

**Sympathy**

Our love and prayers surround the Plumb family in the death of Charlene's mother-in-law, Margaret Plumb, last Thursday. Services were held Monday in Lorain.

May God's peace bring comfort.

**Hospitalized**

At *Community Health Partners*:

Wade Hallauer

At *Community Hospital, Lodi*: Ethel Stroup

At *LifeCare*: Barbara Boehler

At *Home*: Florence Bristor (in-and-out)

Paul Kersey

Heidi Smith

**CALENDAR**

