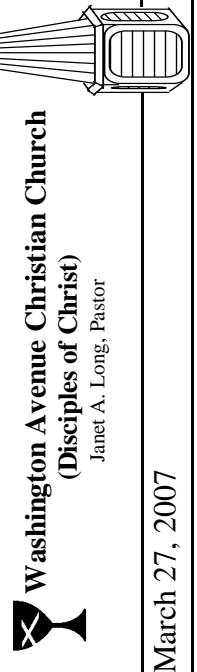


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

This Sunday marks the entry point – both literally and figuratively – into the holiest week of the Christian year. This Sunday marks the entry point of Jesus into Jerusalem, complete with a parade of waving palms and ringing “Hosannas!” This Sunday marks the entry point into a week of events that define the Christian faith.

Without the Last Supper and the mandate to serve, without the crucifixion and the promise of paradise, without the empty tomb and the hope of resurrection, there would be no Christian faith. The extent of divine love is embodied in the self-giving sacrifice of Christ Jesus. He offers salvation, hope, compassion, forgiveness, and eternal life.

If a person professes belief in Christ, these are the days for reflecting that faith.

Walking with Jesus through Holy Week is a discipline of devotion and self-denial. Through worship and prayer, one moves from being a spectator of the drama to being a participant in the life Christ offers. These holy days are filled with sacred meaning.

Please share in the following Holy Week and Easter Services and events:

Palm Sunday, April 1 – Morning Worship at 8:30 and 10:45; Continental Breakfast at 9:15; Combined Church School at 9:30; Seder Lunch at 12:00 noon.

Monday, April 2 – Final session of “Chocolate for Lent” – Lenten Supper at 5:55 and Study at 6:36 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4 – Lenten Vespers Service at 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 5 – Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 6 – Community Good Friday Service at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church at 12:00 noon.

Easter Sunday, April 8 – Youth-led Services at 7:00 and 8:30 a.m.;

Breakfast served by the Disciples Men from 9:15 until 10:00; Festival Worship Service of the Resurrection at 10:45 a.m.

Love, *Janet*

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April 1, 2007—Palm Sunday
8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast followed by
9:30 a.m. Combined Session Church School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service
12:00 noon Seder Lunch followed by Sprouts,
Chi Rho and CYF rehearsal
6:00 p.m. CYF gathering at the home of
Pastor Janet Long and Dan Clark
OPENER: Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas
ACOLYTES: Bradley Thimke and Michelle Thimke
WORSHIP LEADER: Gail Haywood
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Dan Clark and Tim Haywood
ELDER (8:30): Carolyn Long
PIANIST (8:30): Don Hange, Jr.
HOME COMMUNION: John Henry
ELDERS (10:45): Chris Baumgartner
Ken Oblak
DIACONATE: Team I

8:30 - Mike Crocker and Robin Crocker
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)
Camp/Conference applications must be received by April 22 to be eligible for scholarship consideration.
This Sunday, 4/1: Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will attend the Seder Lunch at noon, followed by rehearsal for the 7 and 8:30 a.m. Worship Services we'll lead on Easter Sunday. We'll finish by 3 p.m. CYF will meet at the home of Pastor Janet Long and Dan Clark, 6-8 p.m. Begin Holy Week with us!
Friday, 4/6: Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will meet at WACC at 10 a.m. for our final rehearsal for the Easter Services. We'll attend the Community Good Friday Worship Service at St. Andrew's, followed by lunch and recreation. We'll be done by 3 p.m.
Easter Sunday, 4/8: Meet in the side parlor at 6:30 a.m. to prepare for the 7 a.m. Service.
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. Proceeds will benefit our Conference DIG offering. **R.S.V.P. by April 11 to 323-4213.**
Love, *Glenna*

Palm Sunday Special Events

This Sunday, April 1, following the 8:30 a.m. Service, join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. for a continental breakfast, followed by a combined session* for all Church School Classes at 9:30 a.m. Our 10:45 a.m. Service will be followed by a noon Seder Lunch, hosted by the Christian Education Committee. After that, our Sprouts (grades 3-5), Chi Rho (grades 6-8) and CYF (grades 9-12) will stay to rehearse their parts for the Easter Sunday 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Worship Services.

**Teachers are reminded to take attendance at every combined session and submit the list to Debbie Walker.*

We're Asking You to Share

We're sure you've noticed the beautiful organ dedication/concert flier enclosed in this issue of *The Spire*. You'll want to attend this historic April 15 event—but you'll enjoy it even more by sharing it with friends, family and neighbors. Please consider giving this flier to a fellow music-lover, someone who may need an afternoon out, a WACC friend who has been absent, an acquaintance you'd like to know better—anyone who may benefit from coming into contact with this church family. Extra fliers will be available in the narthex and the church office; feel free to take as many as you need for personal invitations and store postings in your area.

We guarantee you're going to love this concert! For more complete information on our guest artist, check your local paper or visit the church web site (www.waccelyria.org).

April 1 Lectionary Corner

Isaiah 50:4-9a Philipians 2:5-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 19:28-40*

**Sermon focus*

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Directory Sign-Up Deadline April 2 Alternate Dates and Locations Announced

*** Free photo with participation ***

Monday, April 2 is your last chance to reserve a photography date for our new, no-cost pictorial directory. Sign-ups may be done at church this Sunday or by contacting the WACC office. Available dates are:
Wednesday-Friday, April 11-13, 3-9 p.m.
Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Can't be here one of the above dates? You may be able to schedule an appointment for one of the following dates, at the corresponding location:

April 17-21 Grace Lutheran Church
April 24-May 5 Nativity BVM, Lorain
May 8-12 Christ Lutheran, Avon Lake

To have your photo taken at one of these alternate locations, you must:

1. Call the selected church for an appointment.
2. On the day of your photo session, upon check-in at the alternate location, notify the sign-in team AND the photographer that your photo is for the WACC directory.

Need help with any of the above? Call the WACC office: 323-4213.

Please remember the April 14 Cleveland Christian Home "Run/Walk for the Kids." Have you contacted Keith Western about participating or sponsoring?

Sun., 4/1: - Palm Sunday (see back page for the day's schedule).
Mon., 4/2: - Lenten Supper and Study in Fellowship Hall (dinner at 5:55 p.m., study at 6:36 p.m.)
Tue., 4/3: - Worship Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7:30 p.m.
Wed., 4/4: - Brownie Troop gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
Thu., 4/5: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
Fri., 4/6: - Lenten Vespers Service in the sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
Sat., 4/7: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
Sun., 4/8: - Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae, 7:30 p.m.
Mon., 4/9: - Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF rehearsal, worship, lunch, and recreation, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tue., 4/10: - Community Good Friday Service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 300 Third St., 12 noon.
Wed., 4/11: - Worship Committee work session in sanctuary, 9 a.m.

Joanna Circle Gathering

Joanna Circle will attend WACC's Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae as its April gathering. The Service starts at 7:30 p.m.

Do You Know Someone On This List?

Due to Yahoo's filtering processes, we were notified that the following may not have received last week's requested email issue of *The Spire*: Chris Baumgartner, William Grapes, Shelley Konko, Will Konko, Perry & Maureen Mattern, Karen McCall, Dan Russell, DiAnne Schmidt, Jordan Stephenson, Sue Stephenson, David Stroup, Len & Linda Wahn, Nancy Walker, Jason & Lisa Ward, and Christen Wilhelm.

If you're in touch with any of these people, please remind them to add office@waccelyria.org to their "white list" of APPROVED email senders. Thanks!

Elyria Hospitality Center Collection

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

CALENDAR



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Liz Baumgartner has been selected for the 2007-08 Asian tour cast of the Broadway musical, *42nd Street*. She reports for rehearsals in China in mid-July. Way to go, Liz! Tim & Gail Haywood are celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary (3/23); Drew & Karen Schneider are celebrating #13 (3/26). David & Nicole Eby have purchased a new home. Please update your church directory: 499 Substation Rd., Brunswick, OH 44212-1082; (330) 220-6452.

CALLS AND LETTERS

Pearl Sterner recently sent regards to all her friends at WACC, via a phone call from daughter Lois McMullen.

The Irish stew dinners were wonderful!
Our thanks to all! - Bob & Joan McNulty

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for the sick and sorrowful.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround...the Huller family in the death of Nancy's father, Hal Clutter, today (Tuesday). Services will be held Monday in Shelby.

...the Hyder family in the death of Sherry's father, David Watts, Sr., on Sunday. Services will be held Friday.

...the Jackson/Siegmund family in the death of Laura and Mark's grandmother, Virginia Siegmund, last Thursday. Services were held Monday.

...the Stroup family in the death of Laverne's mother-in-law, Ethel Stroup, on Sunday. Services will be held Wednesday in Spencer. May God's peace sustain and strengthen all who mourn.

HOSPITALIZED

At EMH: George ("Bob") McNulty
At Community Health Partners: David Worcester

At LifeCare: Barb Boehler
At Home: Wade Hallauer