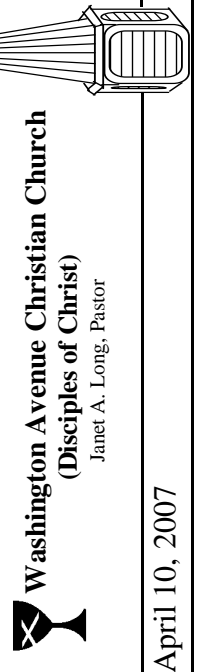


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

This year—more than ever—I am glad we have 50 days to celebrate Easter! The season of Eastertide begins with Easter Day and continues for 50 days (until the day of Pentecost, which this year is May 27). We had good crowds and great spirit on Sunday as we celebrated our Lord's resurrection, though quite a number of folks were adversely affected by the snow or were away from home due to spring break schedules.

The celebration continues this Sunday. We will sing more "Alleluia's!" to the risen Lord. We will dedicate our new pipe organ, both in Worship at 10:45 and in an afternoon concert at 3:00. These will be landmark events in the life of Washington Avenue Christian Church! You won't want to miss the dedication in both prayer and music. Todd Wilson's performance will provide memorable moments indeed!

I look forward to continuing our celebration of Easter. After all, it is the heart of the church's life as it offers us the basis for belief in the hope, peace, love, joy, and eternity offered by God through Jesus Christ. We are called to approach life as Easter people, believing in the power of love and forgiveness. *Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!*

Love,
Janet

To the Senior Pastor, Chair of the Board and Chair of the Elders,

It is with mixed feelings of regret and relief that I announce my retirement from the position of Pastoral Associate for Outreach and Youth, effective June 30, 2007. It is time for me to take care of some health issues, and to spend more time with my family, especially my grandchildren.

I want to express my gratitude for your trust and support over the last five years. I love this church and its people, and will continue to serve them in whatever capacity I am able.
Love and Shalom,
Glenna J. Knapp

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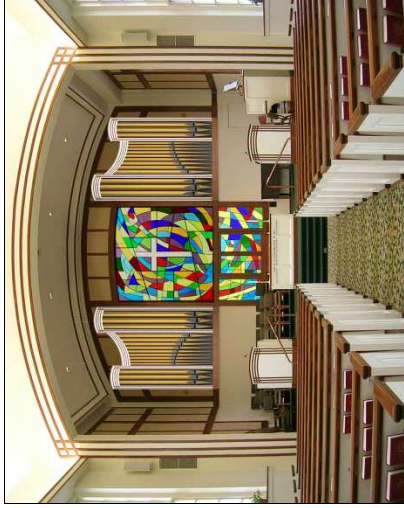
April 15, 2007—Organ Dedication Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Common Grounds followed by Church School
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service with Pipe Organ Dedication
- 3:00 p.m. Organ Dedication Concert
- OPENER:** Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Bob Wilhelm
- GREETERS:** Steve & Joy Bond
- ACOLYTES:** Halley Novak and Taylor Novak
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Don Hange, Jr.
- PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
- TELLERS:** Alan Paul and Gerald Western
- ELDER (8:30):** Alice Paul
- PIANIST (8:30):** Lauri Warfield
- ELDERS (10:45):** Steve Bond
- HOME COMMUNION:** Jane Hutson
- DIACONATE:** Audrey Laufer
- DIACONATE:** Team III
- 8:30 -** Linda Adkins and Sheila Smith substitute
- 10:45 -** Jenny Bliss, Cheryl Grapes, Don Harold, Dennis Jackson, Ryan Mathes, Carol Mosher, Lynn Obechi, Sandy Rieth, Janet Stevens-Brown, and Joan Wilhelm

Youth News

- Camp/Conference Dates, Fees and Deadlines:**
Registration forms are available on the bench outside my office.
- Camp Otter (Sprouts) AND Camp Cuyahoga (Chi Rho) **together at Camp Christian** June 17-23
- CYF Hiram Conference June 24-30
- Camp Badger (Sprouts) July 8-14
- Camp Beaver (Sprouts) July 22-28
- Sprouts registration is \$290 through April 22 or \$300 through June 4. Chi Rho/CYF registration is \$240 through April 22 or \$265 through June 4.*
- Scholarships of up to \$145 (Sprouts) or \$120 (Chi Rho/CYF) may be earned through participation in Worship, Church School and youth group.**
- April 14-15:** Meet at WACC by 4 p.m. for the Chi Rho and CYF Hiram Conference overnight at High Street Christian Church. You'll need \$10 registration plus \$\$ for two travel meals. Roller skating will be 4-6 p.m. on Sunday (return to Elyria by 8 p.m.) and will cost \$6. **R.S.V.P. by April 11 to 323-4213.**
Love, Glenna

Organ Dedication This Sunday



Be with us this Sunday, April 15, as we dedicate our new pipe organ at the 10:45 a.m. Service. Special recognition will be given to those who have played a major role in helping bring the organ replacement project to fruition.

At 3 p.m., we will be treated to a concert by virtuoso Todd Wilson. Mr. Wilson is Curator of Severance Hall's newly-restored E.M. Skinner Norton Memorial Organ and also serves as Director of Music and Organist at The Church of the Covenant (Presbyterian), Cleveland. Mr. Wilson, who has appeared on several recordings and played with major orchestras around the world, has won accolades for his technical skill, musical style, program diversity, and audience interaction.

A freewill offering will benefit the church's Organ Fund. Following the concert, a reception will be held in Fellowship Hall, hosted by WACC's Worship Committee.

You'll want to be with us on this exciting day in the life of our congregation!

Have you remembered the church in your will?

April 15 Lectionary Corner
 Revelation 1:4-8
 Psalm 118:14-29
 John 20:19-31*

*Sermon *foc*

For the Guys

If you are a man interested in joining other men of WACC for fellowship, service to the church and FUN, contact Tim Widman (call 458-4266 or email tjwidman@oh.rr.com). He'll be happy to add your name to the list of the approximately 15 other men who have already expressed interest in putting together such a group.

Reservations for Sarah Circle's April 19 luncheon at the home of Carolyn Long are due in to the church office by Monday, April 16. Members of the group are reminded to call 323-4213 to reserve their place. The annual memorial service will follow.

Thank You

To my church family,
 Thank you all for your caring support during my father's illness. Your concerned inquiries, consoling hugs and loving kindness over these past several years have helped me through a very difficult time. Thanks also for all the cards and notes which helped ease the pain after Dad's death. Special thanks to Pastor Janet and Dan who made the trek to Shelby on a Sunday to support me and my family during calling hours.

Sincerely,
 Nancy Huller

A Letter of Appreciation

Congrats, Washington Avenue! I just read your March 20th newsletter and the "numbers." I want to congratulate you all on the amazing level of outreach giving that you have achieved in '06! What a generous example you are setting! From the perspective of a General Church Ministry partner, it is great to hear such an encouraging word! Thank you for the caring ministry which you do beyond 301 Washington Avenue in Elyria! Please pass along my word of gratitude to your church family. And know that I will be lifting you up as an example with other congregations around the country!

Thank you, Janet, and Washington Avenue! What a blessing you are to the ministries of the church to which God calls us!

Gratefully,
 Randall S. Johnson
 Vice President, Southeast Zone
 Christian Church Foundation

Inquirers Class to Begin

If you're in grade 6 or beyond and would like to learn about our Disciples heritage (and how to become an official member of WACC), you'll want to be part of this year's Inquirers Class. The class will meet on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., beginning April 18. Included will be two fun field trips—one to Camp Christian, and another to Bethany, West Virginia, on Saturday, May 12. Call 323-4213 TODAY to sign up.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Jon & Jocelyn Bond are celebrating their 2nd wedding anniversary (4/2); D.A. & Arlene Knepper are celebrating their 55th (4/6)!

In Service to Our Wider Family

Please remember to bring in the following for the Elyria Hospitality Center:
 April 15 - Canned or dried fruits
 April 22 - Paper products
 April 29 - Boxed macaroni & cheese

Prayer Focus

Please pray for guidance to share the Good News.

We Remember

Dr. Ernest Thompson, interim pastor of WACC 1984-1985, died February 11 in Indianapolis. A copy of the obituary was accompanied by the following note:
Dear Janet,

Perhaps there are some who will remember Ernest serving as interim at Washington Avenue Church prior to your call as Senior Minister in the mid-'80s. So many great memories were formed while there. We also have rejoiced for you and the church spending so many productive years together. I wish for you showers of blessings!

Fondly,

Sarah Thompson

Dr. Thompson's service to WACC is remembered with gratitude and his family is remembered with love and prayers.

Hospitalized

At EMH: George ("Bob") McNulty
At LifeCare: Barb Boehler

CALENDAR

- Thu., 4/12: - Pictorial directory portrait sittings, 3-9 p.m.
- Fri., 4/13: - Pictorial directory portrait sittings, 3-9 p.m.
- Sat., 4/14: - Cleveland Christian Home "Walk & Run for the Kids", Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 8:45 a.m. (*Contact Keith Western to participate physically or financially.*)
- Pictorial directory portrait sittings, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Sun., 4/15: - Organ Dedication Sunday (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Tue., 4/17: - Brownie Troop gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Wed., 4/18: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Inquirers Class gathering in the Elders' conference room, 3:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 4/19: - Sarah Circle gathering at the home of Carolyn Long, 420 Park Ave., 12 noon.
- Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 4 p.m.
- Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., 4/21: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 2 (Carol McIntyre, captain).