

April 29, 2007

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

OPENER: John Grogan **CLOSER:** Jim Gainer

GREETERS: Jack & Audrey Price

ACOLYTES: Daniel March and Romeo Walker

WORSHIP LEADER: Dick Burch

PREACHER: Glenna Knapp

TELLERS: Alan Paul and Dan Walker

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

Don Hange, Jr. Carole Weinhart

ELDERS (10:45):

Alice Paul Ken Oblak

Tim Widman Steve McCall

DIACONATE: Team IV (Fifth Sunday)

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

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

Hiram Conference (CYF) June 24-30

Camp Badger (Sprouts) July 8-14

Camp Beaver (Sprouts) July 22-28

Sprouts registration is \$300 through June 4.

Chi Rho/CYF registration is \$265 through June 4.

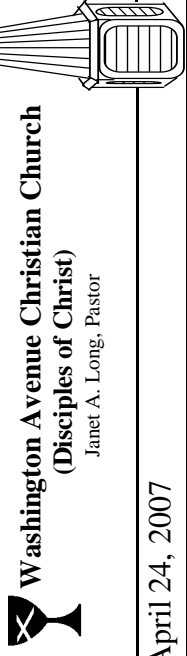
Saturday, May 5: Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF are encouraged to take part in the CROP Walk with their families. (Details are inside this issue of *The Spire*.)

Sunday, May 6: CYF will gather at the home of Pastor Janet Long and Dan Clark, 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, May 26: Sprouts and Chi Rho will visit Cascade Park, 12 noon-3 p.m.

Love, Glenna

THE SPIRE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

A week ago Saturday, I spoke to Disciples seminarians who had gathered for the biennial Seminarians' Conference in Nashville. My assigned topic? *Stewardship*.

That speaking engagement fell on the heels of a similar conversation I led at a district clergy gathering where I had been invited to speak about *Stewardship*.

This coming Sunday, it's a day of "pay back" for me. After years of inviting guests to share with us on Consecration Day, I will be the guest preacher at First Christian Church, Kent, on their special *Stewardship* Sunday. Please offer a prayer that I may be used by God, even as I will pray for you during our matching Service times of 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

This focus on stewardship brackets our observance of Earth Day this past Sunday. That occasion forces us to consider a really practical side of stewardship: our care of God's creation. "The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it..."

At its core, stewardship is an approach to life. As people of faith, as people created in God's image, as people committed to reflecting God's love and grace, we are stewards. We aren't given a choice as to whether or not we will be stewards. We are given a choice as to what kind of stewards we will be. How will we take care of what God has entrusted to us?

God has blessed us with everything from the mysteries of faith to the marvels of nature to the mercy of loving relationships to the money which comes our way.

What we do with these gifts—how readily we worship the Giver, say thanks, offer forgiveness, care for and share what we have—is the measure of our stewardship...

Love, *Janet*

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Lenten Supper & Study Reprise

A Lenten Supper & Study series reunion will be held on Monday, April 30 at 5:55 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those who took part in the series will definitely want to attend!

Organ Concert to Feature Our Own

On Sunday, May 20, at 3 p.m., WACC's resident organists will have their turn on our new Kegg pipe organ. Rosalie Gainer, Becky Thompson and Chris Trunk will be among those featured in a varied musical program. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to mark this event on your calendar!

WACC Visioning Retreat is May 6

All congregational leaders and members of WACC are invited to a visioning retreat on Sunday, May 6, 12 noon-3 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. We will be exploring ideas and future directions for WACC's ministry.

"America's Most-Needed"

The following is a list of the Elyria Hospitality Center's most-needed items, in the most-usable sizes: tuna fish (5 oz.), jelly (18 oz.), peanut butter (18 oz.), canned fruit (10-16 oz.), spaghetti (1 lb.), spaghetti sauce (15 oz.), canned whole corn (15 oz.), vegetable oil (24 oz.), green beans (15 oz.), chicken noodle soup packets, and toiletries (soap, razors, shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes).

Please consider bringing in one or more of these items each time you come to worship.

Thank you for sharing! - Bud Simmons

April 29 Lectionary Corner

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30*

*Sermon focus

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Your Foot Power Will Help Others CROP WALK IS MAY 5

The 31st annual Lorain/Elyria CROP Walk will take place Saturday, May 5, at 8 a.m. at the Day's Dam Picnic Area of the Lorain County Metroparks. Fifty percent of all CROP proceeds raised locally are retained by our local hunger-relief centers, such as the Elyria Hospitality Center. The remaining funds fight hunger abroad through the trusted network of relief agencies of which Church World Service is a part.
Contact Keith Western to walk or to sponsor a walker.

HAVEN HOUSE WALK IS MAY 12

On Saturday, May 12, Neighborhood House Association will sponsor walks for the Haven Center at Lorain County Community College. A 5K walk will start at 9 a.m. and a 1-mile family walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. Haven Center is the only full-time shelter in Lorain County for homeless men, women and families with children. It has 66 beds but receives funding for only 40. Walk information is posted on our main bulletin board, or you may contact Glenna Knapp for further details.

SAVE THE DATE:

All-Daughters Dinner - Thursday, May 17

- Fri., 4/27: - Church office closed (vacation day); sanctuary in use 1-5 p.m. (Gainer).
- Sun., 4/29: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 4/30: - Lenten Supper & Study reunion in Fellowship Hall, 5:55 p.m.
- Tue., 5/1: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 5/2: - Inquirers Class gathering in the Elders' conference room, 3:30 p.m.
- Brownie troop gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 5/3: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Betty McIntyre, 42906 Woodhill Dr., 7 p.m.
- Fri., 5/4: - Sanctuary in use, 1-5 p.m. (Gainer).
- Sat., 5/5: - Lorain/Elyria CROP Walk at Lorain County Metroparks' Day's Dam area, 8 a.m.

May Birthdays

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Troy Piazza | 21 Elizabeth Busch |
| 4 Briant Diedrick | Tim Haywood |
| 5 Heather Shirley | Halley Novak |
| 5 Karen McMahan | Chad Anderson |
| Katie Mizen | Steven Charlton |
| Kay Mundorf | Don Harold |
| 6 Liz Cruzado | Alex McKenna |
| Kate Matolich | Lauren Necker |
| Tyler Schneider | Nick Schaffer |
| David Shafer | Tommy March |
| 7 Teri Hayes | Adrienne |
| 10 Bob Clark | Eichenlaub |
| Kathy McDowell | Audrey Lauffer |
| 12 Samantha Wilhelm | Elliot Wainwright |
| 13 Brandon Cruzado | Laurie Figueroa |
| Amy Filbert | Florence Herrle |
| Chuck Lance | Pat Szeliga |
| Bradley Thimke | Samantha Hafer |
| 15 Phyllis Burke | Linda Adkins |
| Don Hange, Sr. | Art Figueroa IV |
| 16 Wayne Knapp | Deanna Forbush |
| 17 Dan Clark | Preston Szeliga |
| Jodi Higgins | 29 Kurt Huller |
| Ian Knowlton | Jody Kostohryz |
| Sabrina Knowlton | Andy Winningham |
| 18 Caleb Ross | Tom Williams |
| 19 Susan Mathes | 31 John Davis |
| Mark Siegmund | Joe Vondruska |
| 20 Gerry Higgins | |

MAY ACOLYTES

- 6 Katie Kostohryz and Skye Stephenson
- 13 Deanna Forbush and Britney March
- 20 Bradley Thimke and Michelle Thimke
- 27 Dan McGann and Cody Schneider



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Summer Shirley has a cousin! Lincoln Alexander Shirley was born April 17 to Troy and Stephanie. He weighed in at 9 lb., 6 oz. and is 20" long. Big sister Gabrielle, grandparents Wes & Kathy Shirley and Summer's parents, Ty & Heather Shirley, join in welcoming little Lincoln.

Jim & Lil Collier are celebrating anniversary #63 (4/23).
Best wishes and blessings to all!

Seeking Sponsors

A letter has been received inviting members of the church family to sponsor Taylor Novak in the "Pre-Teen America" event this summer. The letter with complete details is posted on the main bulletin board. Good luck, Taylor!

Church Family Gatherings

- ◆ Disciples Men's Fellowship Spring Retreat
May 18-20 at Camp Christian
- ◆ OWM Spring Gathering
May 19 at First Christian Church, Ravenna
- ◆ Disciples Fellowship Retreat
May 25-27 at Camp Christian

There is also a camp scholarship golf outing, along with grandparent-and-me, youth, backpacking, and grief camps scheduled this summer. Contact the church office (323-4213), stop by our main bulletin board, or visit www.waccelyria.org or www.ccinch.org for more information on any of the above events.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for your next-door neighbors.

Hospitalized

At Grace, Amherst: George ("Bob") McNulty
At Oberlin Medical Center:

Jeni Sweeten (going home 4/25)
At LifeCare: Barb Boehler
At Home: Rick Kennedy
Jane Schuster (in-and-out)
Marion Wiles (in-and-out)