

THE SPREE

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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

These days, I feel propelled to look ahead. I will be going to Bethany for the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees later this week. The agenda focuses on recruiting new students, considering new programs, securing new funding, and calling a new president. The 1½ days of meetings will conclude with the annual Baccalaureate and Commencement festivities. There are new opportunities and experiences ahead for the new graduates. It is an exciting time for them and their families!

When I return on Saturday, I will stop by an open house/housewarming gathering. A new house is filled with the possibilities and potential of becoming "home". It is a big step, a big investment, a big responsibility. It is an exciting time!

Then on Sunday, we at WACC will hold an afternoon visioning retreat. Actually, I hope it will be more of an "advance" than a "retreat"! We will look forward in our life together as a congregation, based on three significant questions:

- Who are we?
- Who is our neighbor? (Who needs us?)
- What is God calling us to be and/or to do?

Next Tuesday, the Nominating Committee will begin its work for 2007 through 2010. That effort requires filling important leadership positions in the life of our church so that we are ready for the forward movement of the Holy Spirit. I would ask three things of you: Pray for the committee. Provide the committee with suggestions of people you would like them to consider.* Pray about your own involvement, especially based on the same three questions posed in the previous paragraph. *Might God be calling you?*

With the prayer that we will embrace the future God has for us, may we be propelled to look ahead. It is an exciting time!

Love, 

*Forms for listing suggestions will be available on Sunday in the narthex.

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May 6, 2007
8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds followed by Church School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service
12:00 noon Visioning Retreat for congregation members and WACC leadership
6:00 p.m. CYF gathering at the home of Pastor Janet Long and Dan Clark
OPENER: Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas
GREETERS: Jim & Lil Collier
ACOLYTES: Katie Kostohryz and Skye Stephenson
WORSHIP LEADER: Nancy Huller
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak
ELDER (8:30): Jane Hutison
ELDERS (10:45): Gerald Western
DIACONATE: Team I
Carolyn Long
Tim Widman
Peggy Haywood

8:30 - Bud and Polly Simmons
10:45 - Arlene Burch, Gail Haywood, Karen McCall, Steve McCall, Chris Thomas, Barbara Western, Keith Western, and Allison Widman

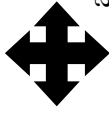
Youth News

Camp News: Registered campers include Romeo Walker (Partnership Camp Otter); Deanna Forbush, Britney March, Briquelle March, and Caitlyn Osborn (Chi Rho Camp Cuyahoga); and Claire Huller, Jordan Stephenson and Allison Widman (CYF Hiram Conference). If you haven't yet registered, Sprouts' Partnership Camps are \$300 and Chi Rho Camp and CYF Conference are \$265. Partial scholarships are still available to those who have faithfully attended Worship, Church School and youth gatherings. We can even arrange transportation if needed. **Don't miss this opportunity!**

This Sunday, May 6: CYF will meet 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-4 p.m.

Baccalaureate (June 3): If you are graduating and have not received a letter of invitation to our Baccalaureate, call 440-323-4213. Love, *Glenna*



Visioning Retreat This Sunday

All congregational leaders and members of WACC are invited to a visioning retreat this Sunday, May 6, 12 noon-3 p.m., in Fellowship Hall as we explore WACC's future mission and ministry.

Upcoming CWU Gatherings

All church women are invited to meet this Friday, May 4 in observance of Elyria Area Church Women United's May Friendship Day. Worship and fellowship will begin at 10 a.m. at Second Baptist Church, 427 Chapman Lane. There is no charge for this event.

Then, on Thursday, May 17, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Lorain County Church Women United will hold its Spring Mission also at Second Baptist Church. Featured speaker will be Jean Simon of the Oberlin Historical Society. The group will also hear a report on one of its mission foci, the Lorain County Juvenile Detention Home. Suggested donation is \$1 for the program and \$4 for lunch. Reservations may be called in to Pauline Wallace (323-8429).

Ohio Disciples Men's Fellowship Spring Retreat

forms are now available on our main bulletin board. Registrations received after May 7 will require an additional \$5. The event is May 18-20 at Camp Christian.

Men to Serve Mother's Day Breakfast

Spend time with Mom (or WACC friends) on May 13 by sharing Worship and breakfast. Our Disciples Men's Fellowship will serve a delicious meal 9:15-10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering will help defray the meal expenses and support Disciples children's ministries.

May 6 Lectionary Corner

Acts 1:1-18
Psalm 148
John 13:31-35*

*Sermon foci

Have you remembered the church in your will?

All-Daughters Dinner is May 17

Women of all ages are invited to WACC's annual All-Daughters Dinner on Thursday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A delicious dinner will be catered by Carol Scrivens and served by the men of the church. Afterwards, we'll be entertained by award-winning youth storytellers from the Sandstone Word Weavers who will enchant the young as well as the young-at-heart. Tickets will go on sale in the narthex this Sunday after Worship (\$9 adults; \$5 ages 4-12; free for ages 3 and younger).

Thank You!!

Our thanks to those who walked in the April 14 Cleveland Christian Home "Walk & Run for the Kids": Teri Hayes; Sandy Rieth; Pat Stevens; Connor, Erin and Jeni Sweeten; Nautica, Romeo, Debbie & Wayne Walker; and Barbara and Keith Western. Our thanks also to our generous sponsors; with employer matching funds, we raised a WACC record total of \$3,200 for the CCH's ministry! Thanks again to *all!* - *Keith Western*

May Collection for the EHC

The Elyria Hospitality Center is in most need of the items listed below. **This is the only time the list will be published this month; please post it on your refrigerator for easy reference:**

- Tuna fish (5 oz.)
- Vegetable oil (24 oz.)
- Peanut butter (18 oz.)
- Jelly (18 oz.)
- Canned fruit (10-16 oz.)
- Noodle soup packets
- Spaghetti sauce (15 oz.)
- Spaghetti (1 lb.)
- Canned whole corn (15 oz.)
- Green beans (15 oz.)
- Soap and Shampoo
- Razors
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes

Mission Trip Interest Session Slated

On Sunday, May 27, Alice Paul and Glenna Knapp will meet with those interested in being part of a mission work trip to one of the areas hit by Hurricane Katrina. The group will meet during the 9:30 Church School hour.

May 20 Organ Concert at WACC

Make plans to attend WACC's May 20 organ concert featuring our own in-house organists. The 3 p.m. concert will contain a varied program and be followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering will benefit our Organ Fund.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Celebrating recent anniversaries are John & Pam Henry (4/28, #28), Lee & Narelle Peden (4/29, #57) and Ken & Kathy Oblak (4/30, #13).

Stars of the Stage

With this past weekend's performances of "Fiddler on the Roof" at EHS, Lauren Wainwright completed a trio of great performances in high school musicals by WACC youth. Claire Huller had previously hammed it up in the Avon High School production of "Footloose" while Allison Widman had multiple roles in Open Door's rendition of "Beauty and the Beast".

Are You Graduating?

WACC invites graduating high school and college seniors to take part in our June 3 Baccalaureate celebration. If you are graduating but don't receive your letter of invitation this week, please contact the church office (323-4213).

Oberlin Concert to Benefit Homeless

First Church, Oberlin will host an organ concert this Sunday, May 6, at 4 p.m. to benefit the Interfaith Hospitality Network. A freewill offering will help the Network provide needed services to the homeless.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for God's leading as we consider our mission as a congregation and as members of it.

Hospitalized

At Grace, Amherst: George ("Bob") McNulty
At LifeCare: Barb Boehler
At Home: Becky Papenbrock
Jeni Sweeten

CALENDAR



- Thu., 5/3: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Betty McIntyre, 42906 Woodhill Dr., 7 p.m.
- Fri., 5/4: - Elyria Area CWU May Friendship Day at Second Baptist Church, 10 a.m.
- Sat., 5/5: - Lorain/Elyria CROP Walk at Lorain County Metroparks' Day's Dam area, 8 a.m.
- Sun., 5/6: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 5/7: - Worship Committee supper meeting at the Moosehead Grill, 7660 Leavitt Rd., Amherst, 5:30 p.m. (R.S.V.P. to Sandy Rieth by Sunday, May 6.)
- Tue., 5/8: - WACC serves as polling place.
- Nominating Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 5/9: - Inquirers Class gathering in the Elders' conference room, 3:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir dinner and rehearsal at the home of Carolyn Long, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu., 5/10: - Book Club gathering (text is *The New Freedom of Forgiveness* by David Augsburg) in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Sat., 5/12: - Inquirers Class trip to Bethany, West Virginia, 6:29 a.m.