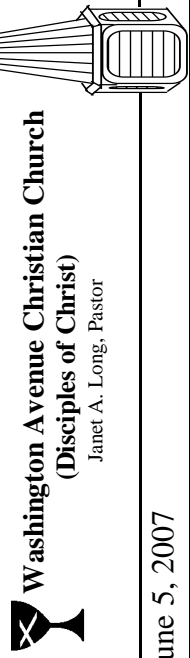


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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

These days, the emphasis around here seems to be *youth*. This past Sunday was Baccalaureate, that special occasion when we focus on our graduates. Honoring the Class of 2007 is a celebration of the accomplishments of these young adults and of the bright futures stretching before them. That Service followed on the heels of Pentecost, the Sunday dedicated to the Inquirers and their confessions of faith, baptisms, and first communion as new believers.

Both Pentecost and Baccalaureate are reasons for rejoicing! We have hope for the church and for the world through another generation of young people who are striving to live out their faith convictions and commitments.

For Dan and me, this week will emphasize one young person in particular. James Daniel Gibson, the oldest Clark grandson, will graduate from high school on Wednesday in Sacramento, California. Jimmie's decision to accept an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point heightens the excitement already present in such a rite of passage. We ask the typical "older generation" questions: *How can he be graduating already? Where did those years go?*

Back on the home front, the last two Sundays in June will also emphasize youth: On the 17<sup>th</sup>, we will commission this year's Partnership and Chi Rho Campers; on the 24<sup>th</sup>, we will feature those leaving for CYF Conference.

Also on the 24<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome a group of Disciples youth from Canton, Pennsylvania, who will lead much of our morning worship (both services). They will use drama, song and dance to communicate the Gospel. It will be enlightening, entertaining and inspiring. Be sure to be here! And, if you are able to provide a place to sleep for a couple of participants, it would be great. We need housing for 25 or so on Saturday night. Please call the church to say yes. It will be a blessing!

Love, Janet

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### June 10, 2007

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  
12:00 noon Coffee hour hosted by Hospitality  
**OPENER:** Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Al Knapp  
**GREETERS:** Positions available  
**ACOLYTES:** Daniel March and Romeo Walker  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Glenna Knapp  
**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. James M. Wray, Jr.  
**TELLERS:** Larry McIntyre and Dan Walker  
**ELDER (8:30):** PIANIST (8:30):  
Gerald Western Carolyn Long  
**ELDERS (10:45):** HOME COMMUNION:  
Don Hange, Jr. Chris Baumgartner  
Jane Hutson Amy Anderson  
**DIACONATE:** Team II  
8:30 - Mike & Robin Crocker  
10:45 - Peggy Haywood, John Henry, Jean Kennedy,  
Cindy Knapp, Debby Lance, Jack Price, Jim  
Stephenson, Jordan Stephenson, Sue Stephenson,  
and Ben Willets

## Youth News

### Last Chance for CYF to Register!

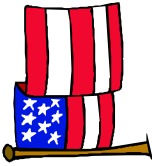
This Sunday, June 10, is the last day for CYF members to register for Hiram Conference (June 24-30) at Camp Christian. A registration fee of \$265 is due at sign-up.

**Sunday, June 17:** Camp Otter Partnership Campers and Camp Cuyahoga Chi Rho Campers will be commissioned during the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.

**Saturday, June 23:** The Widman Family has invited their church family to celebrate Allison's high school graduation with a party at their home, 441 Greenwood Ct., 1-4 p.m.

**Sunday, June 24:** CYF Hiram Conferees will be commissioned during the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. Following Worship, all youth not attending Camp will act as luncheon hosts of *Stained Glass*, the youth performance group who will lead that morning's Worship Services.

### Flag Day Summerfest at WACC



Next Thursday, June 14, our Church Life & Growth Committee will host a Flag Day Summerfest on the front lawn of the church. Food, games, a prize raffle, and good times will be shared by the WACC family and surrounding community, 5:30-7 p.m. Everyone is invited to this fun, no-cost event.

*In the event of rain, the Summerfest will be held Tuesday, June 19.*

### Summer Adult Church School Begins

This summer's first adult Church School class will be led by Don Hange, Jr. who will present, "Names for God in the Bible." The class will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the youth rooms.

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

### "Take the Plunge: Make a Splash with Jesus"

WACC's Christian Education Committee will host a Vacation Bible School Day Camp on Tuesday, July 17 for children age 3-grade 6. This water park-themed day of fun will start at 1:30 p.m. Parents and other family members are encouraged to join our young learners at 6 p.m. for a pizza party and program.

If you have questions—or would like to volunteer to help—contact Debbie Walker or a member of the Christian Education Committee.

### June 10 Scripture Readings

Isaiah 52:7-14  
Exodus 3-4\*

\*Sermon focus

### Coffee Hour This Sunday

Our summer of coffee hours following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service will start this Sunday, June 10, courtesy of WACC's Hospitality Committee.

Would you and a few friends be willing to host a fellowship time? Many of our program and fellowship groups have already selected dates, but the following Sundays remain available: June 17, July 8 and 29, August 5 and 19, and September 2. Contact Carol McIntyre (365-4349) today to secure your preference.

### Host Homes Needed June 23-24

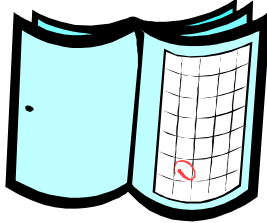
Youth from the worship/performance group *Stained Glass* will lead WACC's June 24 Worship Services. Overnight host homes are needed for approximately 25 people. Hosts need supply only:

- Transportation from WACC to your home Saturday evening;
- A place to sleep and shower;
- A continental breakfast Sunday morning; and
- Transportation back to the church in time for the 8:30 Service.

You'll enjoy getting to know these dedicated young Christians. Please prayerfully consider blessing your home—and your life—by hosting one or more of these fine young people. Simply call the church office (323-4213) to let us know how many of our visitors you can accommodate. Thank you!

### Vacation Spurs Early Spire Deadline

The church office will be closed June 18-22 while Diana enjoys some vacation. **Information about all remaining June events must be in to the church office no later than Monday morning for publication in the June 12 issue of *The Spire***, as the next issue won't go out until June 27.



Pastor Janet will be available that week when not out on hospital and other visits, so please leave a voice mail if no one answers the telephone (323-4213); phone messages will be checked regularly.

### WACC Scrambled for the Kids!

An outstanding cadre of 15 volunteers from our congregation assisted in various ways with yesterday's Cleveland Christian Home benefit golf outing. We join CCH in thanking: *Marilyn & Roger Bauer, Dan Clark, Helen & John Farrar, Jim Gainer, Al Knapp, Gary Knapp, Pete Majewski, Ken Mundorf, Ken Oblak, Audrey & Jack Price, Bob Rieth, and Dan Walker.*

WACC provided the largest group of volunteers. We are grateful for their good efforts for a good cause!

### NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

#### Congratulations!

Continued best wishes and blessings to the following anniversary couples: Steven & Kristin Stroup (6/4, #2); Chuck & Chris Baumgartner, Mike & Sandy Yanick and Pat & Sandee Murphy (6/6; #37, #15 and #14, respectively); and, Chris & Lynn Eichenlaub (6/7, #22).

#### To Keep in Touch

Alan & Alice Paul would love to stay in close contact with their WACC family after their move to Arizona this week. Please add their new information to your directory:

**Address:** 3500 Fairway Cir.  
Cornville, AZ 86325-4919  
**Cell phone:** 440-452-6342  
**Email:** akpaul24@aol.com

#### Garden Tour

The gardens of Chris Thomas & Chris Trunk will be featured in the Lorain County Garden Tour on Saturday, June 9. Contact 984-5282 or mkernohan@lorcnty.com for more information.

#### Prayer Focus

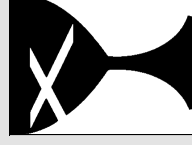
Please pray for the family of Officer Jason West and for our safety forces.

#### Hospitalized

**At Grace, Amherst:** Bruce Siffert  
**At Life Care, Elyria:** Mary Lou Petersen  
**At Life Care, Medina:** George ("Bob") McNulty  
**At Wesleyan Village:** Harold Rickel  
**At Welcome Nursing Home, Oberlin:** Wade Hallauer

**At Home:** Chris Baumgartner  
Diane McCall (in-and-out)  
Dan Russell (in-and-out)  
Dick Zechman

## CALENDAR



Thu., 6/7: - Joanna Circle picnic at the home of Bonnie Jackson, 913 Bennett Dr., 6:30 p.m.

Fri., 6/8: - Church office closed (vacation day).

Sun., 6/10: - See back page for the day's schedule.

Mon., 6/11: - *Spire* deadline for all June events and announcements.

Tue., 6/12: - Elders' supper meeting in the Elders' conference room, 5:30 p.m.

- General Board meeting in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.

- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

- Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 4 p.m.

- Flag Day Summerfest on the church lawn, 5:30 p.m. (rain date is 6/19).

Sat., 6/16: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 5 and subs (led by Glenna Knapp and Keith Western).