

July 1, 2007

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Glenna Knapp Retirement Brunch
10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service
12:00 noon Coffee hour

OPENER: Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: Amanda Osborn and Todd Osborn
ACOLYTES: Deanna Forbush and Britney March
WORSHIP LEADER: The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long
PREACHER: Glenna Knapp
TELLERS: Cheryl McKenna and Gerald Western

ELDER (8:30):

Tim Widman

Carolyn Long

ELDERS (10:45):

Nancy Huller

Dan Clark

Jane Hutson

Keith Western

DIACONATE: Team I

8:30 - Bud and Polly Simmons

10:45 - Liz Everhard, Pam Henry, Karen McCall, Steve McCall, Chris Thomas, Dan Walker, Nancy Walker, and Keith Western

News from the Ohio Region

The Christian Church in Ohio (Disciples of Christ) recently filled three vacant staff positions:

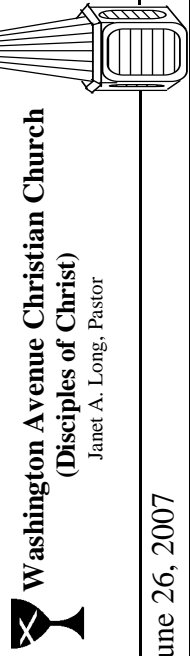
The **Reverend Dr. Lataunya Bynum** has been called to serve as Regional Associate Pastor. Dr. Bynum most recently pastored Broad Street Christian Church (Columbus) and served as Co-Chair of the region's Commission on the Ministry. She has experience as a member of various other Regional and General Committees and is currently a member of the region's Congregational Transformation Team.

Joining Dr. Bynum in the role of Regional Associate Pastor is the **Reverend Steve Bentley**. Rev. Bentley has been serving as Interim Minister of the regional office, focusing on programming for youth (CYF and Chi Rho), men and Christian education, and serving on the Camp Christian Committee.

The **Reverend Dr. Brenda Webster** has been named Regional Program Minister. Dr. Webster served as Associate Pastor for Children's Ministry at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, and was an educator in the Memphis City Schools.

We congratulate and warmly welcome these leaders to our shared ministry. Our prayers are with them as they continue their important work.

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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Camp Christian! By the time you read this, Hiram Conference 2007 will be winding down (winding *up* is more like it!). At any rate, we'll be in the second half—the home stretch.

People who haven't known me forever register surprise when they learn that I am going to church camp. My penchant for creature comforts (air conditioning, a good bed, a soft chair, etc.) is widely known.

Why are you going to camp? It's difficult to explain the reasons to someone who has never experienced the life-shaping, sometimes life-changing, place that is Camp Christian (or another church camp).

A week at Camp, though physically and emotionally draining, is spiritually renewing. Patterns and perspectives and priorities are challenged and life is reexamined and realigned and refreshed.

A concerted effort is made to build the beloved community by accepting people as they are (a rarity in a teenager's universe) and by offering a place where questions of deep meaning can be asked.

Gathering dozens of high school youth together in one place without i-pods and cell phones is a miracle in itself. Watching the Holy Spirit take up residence in young hearts is a wonder to behold!

May our commitment to our life together as a community of faith focus on those two blessings: building the beloved community and beckoning the Holy Spirit to make a home with us. See you Sunday!

Love, Janet

A brunch to honor Glenna Knapp on her retirement will be held this Sunday, July 1 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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Visioning Event in Park July 15

The second-phase Visioning Retreat will be held on Sunday, July 15, beginning at 3 p.m. at Elywood Park (on the Washington Avenue side of the ford). Everyone is invited to stay for supper following the retreat. Please bring meat (or your preferred substitute) to grill, a dish to share and table service.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Church School Resumes July 8

This Sunday, the Elders will host a retirement brunch in honor of Glenna Knapp during our usual 9:30 a.m. Church School time. The summer Church School class will resume July 8 when Steve Bond leads a discussion on, "When and Why the Bible was Written." (Our thanks to Ken Oblak for leading last Sunday's discussion on the film, "Brokeback Mountain.")

Annual Reports Due

Program area Chairs are reminded that annual reports of Committee activities during 2006-2007 are due in the church office by Sunday, July 15.

Elders' Workshop Invitation

A workshop for Elders—and those who want to know about the work of an Elder—will be held Saturday, September 29 at Central Christian Church, in Wooster. The Reverend Dr. Johnny Wray, Director of Week of Compassion (and a recent guest speaker here at WACC), will lead the workshop. Registration is \$15 if received by August 1, \$20 by September 1, or \$25 (space allowing) after that. Registration forms are available on our main bulletin board.

July 1 Scripture Corner

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Galatians 5:1, 13-25*
Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20 Luke 9:51-62

**Sermon focus*



"Thank you" to all who assisted in hosting "Stained Glass" this past weekend. The group's performance was enjoyed by all.

Our thanks to everyone who donated food or gave financial support, as well as those who prepared and/or served the coffee hour and the luncheon for our guests. Special thanks to our host families from Washington Avenue Christian Church (Steve & Joy Bond, Steve & Nancy Huller, Al & Glenna Knapp, Carolyn Long, Jack & Audrey Price, Bud & Polly Simmons, Dan & Nancy Walker, and Wayne & Debbie Walker) and those from North Eaton Christian Church (Bob & Sarah Browne and Mike & Paula Krasnevich).

- *The Worship Committee*



Thank you, WACC family, for all of your loving thoughts, prayers, cards, and visits during my recent knee replacement surgery and recuperation. I appreciated the many visits from Pastor Janet, Brenda and Glenna during my hospital and Life Care stays. The caring kindness expressed by so many people helped to speed my recuperation. I am thankful for all of you.

- *Mary Lou Petersen*



Many thanks to our cadre of volunteers for helping out during custodian Dave Smith's recent vacation. John Farrar, Jim Gainer, Don & Glendora Hange, Cameron Hyder, Dennis & Bonnie Jackson, Al Knapp, Susan Mathes, Halley Novak, Taylor Novak, Jack & Audrey Price, Barbara Terrell, Chris Thomas, and Nancy Walker worked inside and out to make the building and grounds "Sunday-morning spotless."

Are You a "Host with the Most"?

July 29 and August 5 and 12 remain open in our schedule of summer coffee hours. Call Carol McIntyre (365-4349) to sign up to host one of these noon socials.

"Take the Plunge! Make a Splash with Jesus!"

Now is the time to register for WACC's July 17 Vacation Bible School Day Camp. This unique, one-day VBS will treat children age 3-grade 6 to an afternoon of water park-themed fun with crafts, stories, music, and more.

Then, at 6 p.m. parents and other family members are invited to attend a pizza party dinner and program as the VBS children share the events of that afternoon.

Registration forms are available through Debbie Walker or the church office.

A donation of \$1 per child will help cover some of the costs of this fun-filled program. Registrations need to be in to Debbie or the church office by Sunday, July 15.



Contact Debbie Walker or a member of the Christian Education Committee with your questions or to volunteer to help.

What life have you if you have not life together?

There is no life that is not in community

an no community not lived in praise of God.

- *T.S. Eliot*

CALENDAR



Sun., 7/1: - See back page for the day's schedule.
Tue., 7/3: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
Wed., 7/4: - Independence Day (church office closed).

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jeremy Willets and Corinne Berarducci were married on June 16 at Holy Rosary Church in Cleveland's Little Italy neighborhood.

Celebrating recent anniversaries are

Jess & Lorrie Osborn and John & Pam Gregory (6/15, #16 and #11, respectively); Steve & Sandy Woosley (6/16, #17); Bob & Sandy Rieth, Dan & Nancy Walker and Chuck & Debby Lance (6/17, #41, #35 and #29, respectively); Sean & Michelle Kersey (6/18, #13); Mike & Amanda Passerello (6/22, #5); Jim & Rosalie Gainer and Ralph & Becky Thompson (6/23, #45 and #34, respectively); George & Adelle Baker and Scott & Phyllis Ritter (6/24, #61 and #7, respectively); John & Cheryl McKenna and David & Nicole Eby (6/25, #19 and #2, respectively); Tony & Jeni Sweeten (6/26, #8); and, Mike & Carole Weinhardt (6/27, #15). Best wishes and blessings to all!

GREETINGS

Chuck & Linda Necker stopped in last Tuesday and wanted to be remembered to the WACC family. With them were Lauren (a senior at Northern Arizona University) and Cory and Brice (both entering Arizona State in the fall).

Al & Alice Paul called from their new home in Arizona to say thanks for the prayers for traveling mercies. Their cross-country move went smoothly.

A "Sonny Wray" of response to the reception he received on June 10: "Janet, What a lovely people and beautiful facility you have! I've had a wonderful morning..."

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for Glenna Knapp as she retires from her ministry position.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround Sue McKain and other loved ones of Wade Hallauer who died Saturday morning. Services were held today (Tuesday) in Oberlin. May God's presence bring comfort and peace.

HOSPITALIZED

At EMH: Walter ("Rea") Ritter
At Southwest General: George ("Bob") McNulty
At Home: Harold Rickel (Abbewood)
Thomas Dull (in-and-out)