

July 22, 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 Outreach
OPENER: Steve Woosley **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: Ken & Kay Mundorf
ACOLYTES: Halley Novak and Taylor Novak
WORSHIP LEADER: Bill Clark
PREACHER: Deanna White
TELLERS: Ken Oblak and Dan Walker
ELDER (8:30): Lauri Warfield
ELDER (10:45): Jane Hutson
HOME COMMUNION: Janet Stevens-Brown
DIACONATE: Team IV
8:30 - Marilyn Bauer and Roger Bauer
10:45 - Amy Anderson, David Eby, Nicole Eby, Gary McIntyre, Sharon Siffert, Brenda Turner, Todd Turner, Kathy Wainwright, Lauren Wainwright, and Mark Wainwright

Youth News



Many thanks to the following youth who helped with Vacation Bible School:

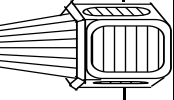
Deanna Forbush
Jillian Kazmierczak
Lauren Wainwright

Lauren led the musical portion of the program; Deanna and Jillian assisted with the little ones. Great job!

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Rarely is there such activity in the building on a weekday as there is today: Vacation Bible School day camp is underway! There are approximately 30 children and half that many youth and adult staff here to "Take the Plunge!"

With a very clever water park theme, the event focuses on stories of Jesus related to water: his baptism, his calling the disciples from their fishing careers to become fishers of people, his walking on water, his washing the disciples' feet...

Teaching the faith to future generations is one of the most sacred responsibilities entrusted to the church. The excitement and enthusiasm for today's event is palpable—from children and their families to those serving in leader and support roles.

God is blessing us with water in the form of rain showers today. And, God is blessing us with reminders of the importance of water for life – both physical life and spiritual life. The waters of baptism beckon us to lives of servanthood.

One who has been called to serve as an ordained minister, Deanna White, will preach on Sunday while I am attending the Fort Worth General Assembly. She has graduated from seminary and is anticipating ordination this Fall.

A special blessing awaits you this Sunday (July 22) as you receive inspiration from a future Disciples pastor who credits Washington Avenue Christian Church with teaching her some important faith lessons.

Blessings as we carry on as teachers, as learners, as disciples...

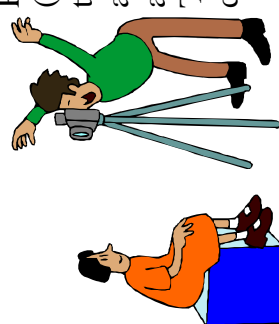

Love, Janet

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<p>Ohio Women's Ministries Fall Retreat <i>"What is Stealing Your Joy?"</i></p> <p>All women of the church are invited to attend the annual Ohio Women's Ministries (formerly Christian Women's Fellowship) Fall Retreat at Camp Christian. This year's gathering is September 14-16.</p> <p>The Reverend Dr. Robin Hedgeman, former Associate Regional Pastor of the Christian Church in Ohio and now Pastor of Cleveland's Bethany Christian Church, will be the featured speaker. Participants will focus on the question, "What is Stealing Your Joy?" as they explore their own lives and relationships in an effort to make positive changes.</p> <p>Workshops will include sessions on "joy killers" at home, in the workplace and in the world. There will also be "Body, Mind and Spirit Renewal" sessions, a Bible study on "The Prayer of Jabez" and an opportunity to be part of the retreat choir.</p> <p>Those attending will also have the opportunity to meet two of our region's newest staff members: Regional Associate Pastor Rev. Dr. LaTaunya Bynum and Regional Program Minister Rev. Dr. Brenda Webster.</p> <p>Service projects will include a baby shower (newborn-age 2) for the clients of the Choices Shelter for abused women and children, as well as a silent auction for OWM of gift baskets (filled baskets are needed).</p> <p>Registration is \$75 for the entire weekend (\$40 for Saturday-only participants). Complete information and registration forms are available on our main bulletin board.</p>	<p>Summer Church School Continues</p> <p>This Sunday, July 22, Ashley Walker will speak about her recent Alternative Spring Break work camp in the Gulf region. On July 29, Tim Widman will present a session entitled, "Medical Ethics 101."</p> <p>The all-ages summer Church School class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the youth rooms. Childcare is provided for very young children.</p> <p>Hospitality Opportunities Available</p> <p>Hosting a Sunday morning coffee hour is a great way to mix and mingle with church friends—while making new ones!</p> <p>July 29 and August 5 and 12 remain open in our schedule of summer coffee hours. Call Carol McIntyre (365-4349) if you would like to host on one of the above dates.</p>	<p>Activities for Everyone</p> <p>Join us at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 29 for our new "Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night." Games and food (pizza and ice cream floats) will be provided by the Christian Education Committee. All WACC members and friends are welcome!</p> <p>Book Club to Meet July 25</p> <p>The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, July 25 at 7 p.m. in the Elders' conference room. Those attending should be prepared to discuss Thomas L. Friedman's, <i>The World is Flat</i>.</p> <p>New members are always welcome.</p> <p><i>Have you remembered the church in your will?</i></p>	<p>NEWS OF OUR FAMILY</p> <p>THANK YOU</p> <p>My heartfelt thanks to everyone at Washington Avenue Christian Church for their love and prayers throughout Wade Hallauer's illness and death. It is so wonderful to have such a loving church family.</p> <p>Special thanks to Pastor Janet for all her love and support; her visits and prayers meant so much to Wade and me both.</p> <p>Sincerely, <i>Sue McKain</i></p> <p>Dear WACC Family,</p> <p>Thank you for the, "Devotional for the Graduate." It has relevant topics and has been very helpful. Thank you also for the lovely breakfast and coffee hour. I had a great time! Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.</p> <p>Love, <i>Allison Widman</i></p> <p>NEW ADDRESSES</p> <p>Chuck & Chris Baumgartner now reside at 251 Saddler Rd., Bay Village, 44140. Their phone number remains 617-0058.</p> <p>Wayne, Stacy, Jordan, and Nathan Collins are moving to 318 Windsor Dr., Elyria, OH 44035-1732. Their phone number will remain 365-4767.</p> <p>PRAYER FOCUS</p> <p>Please pray for the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, July 21-25.</p> <p>SYMPATHY</p> <p>Our thoughts and prayers surround the Thimke family in the recent death of Heidi's great-uncle, Richard Leewald.</p> <p>May God's presence and peace be known.</p> <p>HOSPITALIZED</p> <p><i>At Regency Hospital Cleveland West:</i> George ("Bob") McNulty</p> <p><i>At Home:</i> Cara Lesesky (now living in Florida) Kate Matalich (in-and-out)</p>
<p>Make-Up Directory Photo Appointments Available through August 24</p> <p>Those who were not able to schedule a photo session for our new church directory may call our Lifetouch representative, Ralph Doherty (330-294-0781), to schedule an appointment at another area church. The last available date is August 24.</p> 	<p>Elders' Workshop Invitation</p> <p>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, Wooster. The Reverend Dr. Johnny Wray, Director of Week of Compassion, 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. We already have two people registered from WACC and they have offered to carpool with others. Contact the WACC office (323-4213) for more information.</p>	<p>CALENDAR</p> <p>Sat., 7/21: - General Assembly begins in Fort Worth, Texas (ends 7/25). - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 3 (Barbara Terrell, captain). Sun., 7/22: - See back page for the day's schedule. Tue., 7/24: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.</p> 	
<p>July 22 Scriptures Genesis 18:1-10 Luke 10:38-42 <i>*Sermon focus</i></p>			