

**August 26, 2007 - Celebration of Children**  
*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  
 12:00 noon Coffee Hour hosted by the Chancel Choir  
**OPENER:** Steve Woosley **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre  
**GREETERS:** To be announced  
**ACOLYTES:** Halley Novak & Taylor Novak  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Al Knapp

**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long  
**TELLERS:** Larry McIntyre and Cheryl McKenna

**ELDER (8:30):**  
 Mark Mathes **PIANIST (8:30):**  
 Becky Thompson

**ELDERS (10:45):**  
 Ken Mundorf **HOME COMMUNION:**  
 Mark Mathes  
 Cheryl Grapes

**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

**September 2, 2007 - Labor Day Sunday**

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 Christian Education  
**OPENER:** Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas  
**GREETERS:** To be announced  
**ACOLYTES:** Deanna Forbush and Britney March  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Debby Willets

**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long  
**TELLERS:** Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak

**ELDER (8:30):**  
 Lauri Warfield **PIANIST (8:30):**  
 Carolyn Long

**ELDERS (10:45):**  
 Tim Widman **HOME COMMUNION:**  
 Steve Bond  
 David Eby

**DIACONATE:** Team I

**8:30 -** Bud and Polly Simmons  
**10:45 -** Liz Everhard, Pam Henry, Karen McCall, Megan McCall, Steve McCall, Stephanie Thimke, Chris Thomas, Dan Walker, Nancy Walker, and Keith Western

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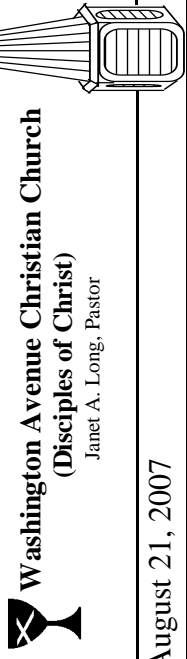


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**Janet's Jottings**

Dear Friends,

Each of the next three Sundays will focus on a special emphasis. I hope you will plan to be present on all three occasions!

**Sunday, August 26: Celebration of Children**

This week marks the end of summer vacation for area schools. Retailers have been touting back-to-school sales since the Fourth of July. Our congregation will mark the return to the classroom in a special way this coming Sunday at both Services by having a Blessing of the Backpacks, Book Bags and Briefcases. All students—preschool through graduate school—are invited to bring their school backpacks and book bags. Teachers, staff and administrators are invited to bring their briefcases filled with lesson plans or laptop computers. All will be offered in prayer to God. Also, Debbie Walker will lead us in a story from the *Children Worship & Wonder* program which begins September 9. Her presentation to our church board was spellbinding! There will be a Children's Moment, too.

**Sunday, September 2: Labor Day Sunday**

In the middle of Labor Day Weekend, you are invited to come to church to consider how God might be calling you to worshipful work. How is faith connected to work? How might your work be considered ministry? How is your daily labor a sign of hope to the world? How does the time we spend working contribute to – or detract from – our spiritual journey?

Whether working full-time or part-time, retired or at home, you are invited to bring a symbol of your work—an item (a tool, a technological gadget, etc.) which is integral to your job, a work uniform (which may be worn if you so choose), a work ID badge, etc.—for a special blessing.

**Sunday, September 9: Back-to-Church Sunday**

We used to call it "Rally Day". The Indians have "rally pies". Specialty-car enthusiasts have a "road rally". Military leaders seek to "rally the troops". The men of our district have an annual "Spring Rally". It's time for us to rally around our commitment to Christ and the Church! We used to call it "Celebration Sunday". And it is that—for every time we gather for worship and fellowship, we celebrate the love of God and the call of Christ. We will celebrate the return of summer travelers and celebrate the reunion to which Christ invites his disciples. It's time to come back to church, making Worship and Church School a top priority!

I can hardly wait to see you!

Love,

### Joanna Circle Family Picnic

Joanna Circle members and their families are invited to a picnic at the home of Susan & Mark Mathes (1730 Gulf Rd.) on Thursday, September 6. The group will gather at 6 p.m. and eat at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share, your own table service, lawn chairs, and meat to grill (optional).

Joanna Circle is open to all women of the church. If you've never attended before, this will be a great opportunity to start!

### Summer Church School

This Sunday, August 26, our 9:30 a.m. all-ages Church School class will feature Barbara Terrell as she presents an informative session on, "Plants of the Bible."

On Sunday, September 2, Mark Mathes will present, "Who Is the Suffering Servant? Sessions on Isaiah."

The class meets in the youth rooms. Childcare is provided for very young children.

### Contemporary Worship Needs YOU!

The Contemporary Worship Planning Group's research indicates that they'll need a strong base of musicians, technicians (PowerPoint), contemporary vocalists, and planning leadership to bring contemporary worship to WACC. Especially needed are middle-school and high-school youth.

**The planning group will meet with the Church Life & Growth Committee on Tuesday, August 28, at 7 p.m. in the Elders' conference room. Those interested in contemporary worship at WACC are urged to attend.** If you can't attend but are interested in helping, please contact Debby Willets or Nancy Huller.

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

### LECTIONARY CORNER

**August 26**  
 Hebrews 12:18-29  
 Luke 13:10-17\*  
**September 2**  
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

\**Sermon, foci*

### Children's Program Seeks Donations

The following items are needed before September 16 so we can begin our new "Children Worship & Wonder" program:

- 4 18"x 96" fabric pieces (1 white satin and 1 each green, red and purple of any fabric)
- 1 10"x12" satin cloth with finished edges
- 1 3"x9" white, unscented candle
- 1 3"x9" purple, unscented candle
- 20 9" white, unscented taper candles
- 3 candle snuffers
- 2 match holders

Please contact Debby Walker if you have any questions. Thank you for helping us set up a special place in which children may experience God's presence!

### YOU Can Make Beautiful Music!

WACC's Whitechapel Ringers handbell choir is looking for a few more ringers. Additional members will allow us to perform at "full strength" even if some members are absent. (If there is enough interest, we may be able to utilize a third octave of bells.) Ringers should be able to read music, but previous handbell experience is not necessary. Weekly rehearsals will begin Sunday, September 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the room off the sanctuary.  
 Contact Sandy Woosley (365-5912) with any questions you may have.

### September Birthdays

- |    |                       |    |                   |
|----|-----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Adelle Baker          | 21 | James Washington  |
|    | Susan Everhard        | 22 | Steve Woosley     |
|    | Matt Winningham       | 23 | Jan Henning       |
| 4  | Liz Bacso             |    | Pamela March      |
|    | Pat Gohle             |    | Juanita Marquez   |
|    | Britney March         |    | Carol Mosher      |
| 5  | David Wainwright      | 24 | Sheldon Coffman   |
|    | Brad Barbee           | 25 | Pete Majewski     |
|    | Betsy Grapes          |    | Charlie Raynor    |
|    | Abby Mason            |    | Sandy Rieth       |
| 6  | Payton Schult         |    | Sharon Siffert    |
| 7  | Maureen Mattern       |    | Keith Western     |
| 8  | Shelly Hyder          | 26 | Tina Bakos        |
|    | Wayne Walker          | 27 | Steve Gottschling |
|    | Lisa Ward             | 28 | Brad Anderson     |
| 10 | Lauren Wainwright     |    | Jean Arndt        |
| 11 | Bob Stevenson         |    | Dick Burch        |
| 14 | Jeremy McMillan       |    | Tom Busch         |
| 16 | Jeffrey Anderson      |    | Jess Osborn       |
|    | Halena Bliss          |    | Marcia Widman     |
|    | Todd Hyder            |    | Suzanne Wiles-    |
|    | Chad Maxwell          |    | Menhart           |
|    | Bill Stephenson (Jr.) | 29 | Herman Dull       |
|    | Derrick Stephenson    |    | Margi Evans       |
|    | Tyler Stephenson      |    | Vicki Perkins     |
| 18 | Todd Hubbell          | 30 | Karen Davis       |
| 19 | Marianne Majewski     |    |                   |
|    | Brad McLaughlin       |    |                   |

### SEPTEMBER ACOLYTES

- (See back page for September 2 Acolytes)
- 9 Cody Schneider and Bradley Thimke
  - 16 Daniel March and Romeo Walker
  - 23 Katie Kostohryz and Sarah Turner
  - 31 Halley Novak and Taylor Novak

### NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

Todd & Sherry Hyder are celebrating their 26th wedding anniversary (8/22)!

#### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED KIT DAY

The Executive Board of Church Women United will meet on Friday, September 7, at 9:30 a.m. at Fields United Methodist Church (34077 Lorain Rd., North Ridgeville). Following the meeting, the group will assemble kits of school supplies to be mailed overseas. All women of the church are invited to help with the kit assembly portion of the gathering.

#### NEED A RIDE TO THE WOMEN'S RETREAT?

Glenna Knapp will be attending the September 14-16 Ohio Women's Ministries Fall Retreat at Camp Christian and has offered to carpool. Call 324-6891 if you need transportation to and from the Retreat.

#### VACATION AND HOLIDAY TO CLOSE OFFICE

The church office will be closed August 27-September 3 while Diana is on vacation, and then as we observe the Labor Day holiday. Pastor Janet Long will be dividing regular business hours that week between the office and hospital rounds, so you'll want to phone ahead before dropping by the church, to be sure someone is available to assist you. Should you need to leave a voice mail, rest assured that messages will be checked frequently.

#### PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for students, teachers, administrators, and school staffs as classes resume.

#### HOSPITALIZED

At EMH: George Baker  
 Marion Wiles

At Cleveland Clinic: William Boggs

At Life Care Elyria: George ("Bob") McNulty

At Home: Glenna Knapp

## CALENDAR



- Thu., 8/23: - Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun., 8/26: - Celebration of Children (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 8/27: - Church office closed for the week (vacation); please call ahead before stopping by.
- Elders' ordination interview with Deanna White in the front parlor, 7 p.m.
- Tue., 8/28: - Church Life & Growth Committee/Contemporary Worship Planning Group meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Sun., 9/2: - Labor Day Sunday (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 9/3: - Labor Day observed (church office closed).
- Tue., 9/4: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Thu., 9/6: - Joanna Circle Family Picnic at the home of Susan & Mark Mathes, 6 p.m.
- Fri., 9/7: - Church Women United Executive Board meeting and Kit Day at Fields UMC, 9:30 a.m.
- Ohio Disciples Men's Fall Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 9/9).