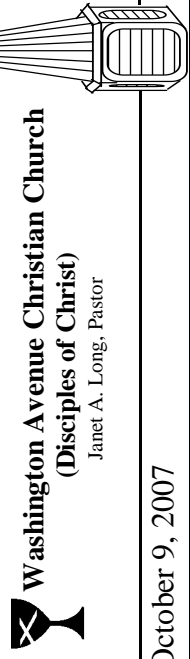


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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

This year, our congregation has an unusual opportunity to celebrate October's Month of Ministry. Deanna White will be ordained on Sunday, October 21 at Hilltop Christian Church in Mantua.\* Hilltop was the congregation Deanna served while a student at Hiram College. The service will take place at 3 p.m.

Washington Avenue is co-sponsoring Deanna for ordination. Our Elders conducted an in-depth interview with her in late August and voted unanimously to endorse her as a candidate for ordination. The Elders of Hilltop reached the same conclusion, as did the Ohio Region's Commission on the Ministry.

Ordination is the church's blessing and setting apart of a person called to ministry. It is a meaningful service—most memorable to the candidate being ordained, but an experience of hope for the future of the church to all in attendance. I hope you will consider being part of Deanna's special day.

A week before Deanna is ordained, another Disciples pastor with a connection to WACC, the Reverend Lee Neal (Debbie Walker's grandfather), will be honored on the occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. That may be a record! Eighty years of ministry is a lifetime of service.

May God bless Deanna and Lee and all pastors, missionaries, chaplains, and ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we remember in prayer those who have touched our hearts and brought us to deeper faith. And, may we express our appreciation through our gifts to the special offering for seminary scholarships and ministerial relief.

Love,

\* The church's address is 4572 W. Prospect Street.

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### October 14, 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
- 5:00 p.m. Youth cookout at Stephenson home
- OPENER:** Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Keith Western
- ACOLYTES:** Daniel March and Dan McGann
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Tim Widman
- PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
- TELLERS:** Ken Oblak and Dan Walker
- ELDER (8:30):** Jane Hutson
- ELDER (10:45):** Barbara Terrell
- ELDER (8:30):** Carolé Weinhart
- HOME COMMUNION:** Dan Clark
- Steve Bond
- DIACONATE:** Team II
- 8:30 - Teri Hayes and Bob Maxwell
- 10:45 - Peggy Haywood, John Henry, Jean Kennedy, Debby Lance, Jack Price, Karen Schneider, Jim Stephenson, Jordan Stephenson, Sue Stephenson, and Jeni Sweeten

## YOUTH NEWS

### COOKOUT THIS SUNDAY

Don't miss our cookout this Sunday, October 14, for youth in grades 3-12. We'll meet at the Stephenson home (386 Alexis Dr.) at 5 p.m. for good food, games and other fun. Help us plan YOUR year of youth activities! Contact Jim or Sue ([jstephenson9@oh.rr.com](mailto:jstephenson9@oh.rr.com) or 453-6521) if you have any questions.

### A HARVEST OF GOOD FUN

Join us for "Trunk or Treat" at WACC on Sunday, October 28. Grab a costume (or "come as you are") for trick-or-treating in our church parking lot, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED

Contact the church office (323-4213 or [office@waccelyria.org](mailto:office@waccelyria.org)) if you would like to sing with our new praise music group during occasional special worship services.



### No Trick—it's "Trunk or Treat"!

The children and youth of WACC and the surrounding neighborhood are counting on you to take part in our "Trunk or Treat" on Sunday, October 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Participants are asked to dress in costume (or "come as you are") and distribute treats from the trunks of their decorated cars in the WACC parking lot.

Questions may be directed to Dave & Nicole Eby or any member of the Church Life & Growth Committee.

### Praise Singers Sought

A few more singers are still needed for our new praise music group. These vocalists will perform a blend of musical styles at a contemporary worship service at WACC on November 25. If interested, please contact the church office ([office@waccelyria.org](mailto:office@waccelyria.org); 323-4213).

### Calling All Bakers!

It's time for another Election Day bake sale. Home-baked goods may be brought to the Elders' conference room on Monday, November 5 for the following day's sale. Our neighborhood voters seem to really enjoy WACC's free water and coffee hospitality. We, in turn, appreciate their support of our efforts to obtain a special events sign for the church lawn!

Thanks, in advance, to all our talented and generous bakers for taking part in this effort.

### October 14 Lectionary Corner

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
Psalm 66:1-12  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19\*

\*Sermon focus

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

### Can You Help With Our Annual Harvest Decorating?

It's time to decorate our sanctuary windows and other areas of the church. Those who would like to decorate are asked to contact Sharon Siffert (365-0870) who is coordinating this effort. Displays should be in place by Sunday, November 4; they'll need to be removed anytime after the 10:45 Service on November 25 and before December 1.

### Financial Fizzle

Our giving to Renewing Our Covenant is lagging behind our commitments. At the two-year mark of the three-year pledge period, we were 6% short of our promised giving. Please watch the mail for your third quarter statement of giving and check the status of your pledge. Thank you!

### Hymn Festival

Can't make the trip to Mantua on October 21 for Deanna White's ordination? How about a hymn festival that afternoon at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church? Sponsored in partnership with First United Methodist Church, the event will feature the hymns of the Wesley family in celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth and the 350<sup>th</sup> of Charles Wesley, Jr.'s birth.

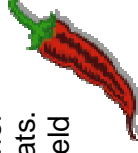
### Your Input Is Requested

WACC's own Dan Clark, acting interim president of Disciples Home Missions, invites your response regarding that general unit's support of congregations. Log on to [www.discipleshomemissions.org](http://www.discipleshomemissions.org) to share your ideas. (No internet? Contact the church office—Diana will be happy to print out the information you need!) Thanks for keeping Dan and DHM in your thoughts and prayers during this time of leadership transition.

### "Tour South America"—Help the CCH

A Fall Fundraiser for the Cleveland Christian Home will occur on Sunday, October 24, 5-8 p.m., at Fat Cats Restaurant, 2061 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland. Featured will be a variety of South American appetizers and wines prepared and selected by Chef Ricardo Sandoval, owner of Fat Cats.

A silent auction and raffle will be held throughout the evening, with proceeds benefiting the CCH. Call 216-476-0333 for more information.



### The Elyria Community Thanksgiving Service

will take place on Thursday, November 20, at Wesleyan Village, 7 p.m. Rehearsals for the combined choir will be held on Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and on November 20, at 6 p.m. at the Village.

## NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

### Congratulations!

Recent anniversary couples include Calvin & Sally Shields (10/5, #40), Barry & Paula Wilson (10/7, #13), Vic & Ann Grindle (10/8, #2), and Jim & Sue Stephenson (10/9, #14). Continued best wishes and blessings!

### Celebrating 100 Years!

In honor of Harold Rickel's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, his family invites you to an open house on Saturday, October 27, 2-4 p.m., in the Abbewood's main party room.

### Disciples Needed to Help CCH

The Ohio Disciples Outreach Committee invites you to a regional work day at the Cleveland Christian Home (11401 Lorain Ave., Cleveland) on Saturday, October 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided. R.S.V.P. to 216-476-0333.

### Prayer Focus

Please pray for Deanna White as she prepares for ordination.

### Hospitalized

At EMH: Mildred Biltz  
Jim Collier  
Shirley Yost

At Berea Center for Specialized Care:

Maxine Roberts

At Center Ridge Nursing Home:

Hildred Edwards

At Life Care Elyria: Helen Krugman

George ("Bob") McNulty

At Wesleyan Village: George Baker

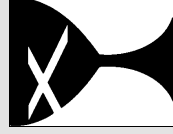
At Home: Danielle Davis (in-and-out)

Carol McMullen

Brianna Payne

Sue Stephenson (in-and-out)

## CALENDAR



Thu., 10/11: - Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.  
Sat., 10/13: - Transformational Leadership Workshop at Gender Road Christian Church, Canal Winchester, 9 a.m. (ends 4 p.m.).

Sun., 10/14: - See back page for the day's schedule.

Tue., 10/16: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Wed., 10/17: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Thu., 10/18: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.

Sat., 10/20: - Brownie Troop #524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.

- Regional Work Day at the Cleveland Christian Home, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
- Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 2 (Carol McIntyre, captain).