

### November 11, 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 Praise group rehearsal  
**OPENER:** Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Keith Western  
**GREETERS:** Brenda Keenan and Barbara Terrell  
**ACOLYTES:** Daniel March and Romeo Walker  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Jillian Kazmierczak  
**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long  
**TELLERS:** Tim Haywood and Dan Walker  
**ELDER (8:30):**  
Gerald Western  
**ELDERS (10:45):**  
Tim Widman  
Jane Hutson  
**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**

### **ALL-CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Plan to be in Worship on Sunday, November 18 for Consecration Day, a time when the WACC family demonstrates our individual responses to God's blessings.

Afterwards, let's plan to sit together at the All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey, dressing, rolls, potatoes, gravy, and beverages will be provided. You and your family are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.

### **DISCIPLES YOUTH GATHERINGS SCHEDULED**

Don't forget to circle on your calendar the CYF (grades 9-12) Hiram Conference Mid-Winter Retreat, February 8-10, 2008.

The Washington Avenue, North Eaton, and Westlake (W.A.N.E.W.) Christian Church winter retreat at Camp Christian is still tentatively slated for January 25-27. This event is for Chi Rho (grades 6-8) and CYF.

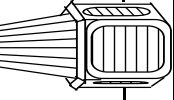
- Jim Stephenson

# THE SPREE



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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Today is Election Day. The church is humming with poll workers, voters and bake sale volunteers—along with preschool children. A few folks have requested tours of our building. Others have been chatting with our members. This evening, a significant number will find support and camaraderie in a gathering of the Tuesday Night LaPorte Group – a chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our reach into the community is expanding!

When I see the spire illuminated on a dark night, I reflect on its presence as a beacon of hope to our community – a measure of light in the darkness. It represents our faith and trust in God, a solid force pointing upward—beyond ourselves – into a better realm of being that is focused in a strong identity of belonging to God – towards the call of heaven. Our neighbors are looking for signs within us that point to the reality of our love of God in Christ.

This month of Thanksgiving provides an opportunity for citizens of this great land to pause, to catch our collective breath and to offer our gratitude for the blessings of life in these United States of America. As Christians seeking to practice and demonstrate our faith, November provides an opportunity to pause and consider the depth of our trust in God – and to pledge to give part of ourselves away in gratitude for the blessing of God's constant care.

This year's stewardship theme carries a question, *In God We Trust?* Will we live as those who trust in divine providence and provision? Will we give as freely as we have received, trusting that God will continue to bless us? Will we respond generously to the needs of others as God has showered us with abundance? Will we reach out to the community around us – and the world beyond us – in the name of the Christ who reached out to us?

May it be so...

Love,  
*Janet*

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**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Honor or remember a loved one with a poinsettia in our sanctuary this Christmas.

- M** 6" (5-8 blooms) \$ 5.20 (add .50 for glitter)
  - L** 7½" (10+ blooms) \$ 9.75 (add \$1 for glitter)
  - XL** 8½" (15+ blooms) \$14.50 (add \$2 for glitter)
- (If ordering for shut-ins, please consider that the 6" plant fits best in their rooms.)*

Orders and payment must be in to the Church Office by **Sunday, December 2**. (Orders placed in the offering plate must be in a sealed envelope marked, "Poinsettias.") Checks may be made payable to: Washington Avenue Christian Church.

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*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

**Sarah Circle**

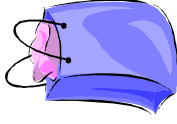
will meet on Thursday, November 15 at 10:45 a.m. in the youth rooms. Pastor Janet Long will present a program on thanksgiving. Please bring a sandwich; dessert and beverages will be provided.

**Thanksgiving Service November 20**

The Elyria Community Thanksgiving Service will take place on Tuesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. at Wesleyan Village. Rehearsal for the combined choir will be held on Thursday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m. (note revised time) at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The choir will meet again on November 20 at 6 p.m. at the Village, just prior to the Service. Choir members should bring their robes to the Service that evening.

**Act of Congress Benefits WACC & You**

The 2006 Pension Protection Act allows those age 70½ and older to exclude up to \$100,000 from their gross income for cash gifts made from their IRAs to a qualified charity, such as WACC, by 12/31.



**Food Facts**

Hunger is becoming an increasingly critical problem in our community. At WACC, we respond by collecting food each week for the ministry of the Elyria Hospitality Center. The grocery cart is brought forward as an offering on the first Sunday of each month in an act of dedication. We also provide a hot meal at the Salvation Army one Saturday each month.

If you find it difficult to bring food on Sundays, you may drop it off anytime. Or, this week you may make a drive-through contribution at the First Congregational United Church of Christ to benefit their food pantry. This Saturday, November 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., donations of food will be collected at the back door of their building (off of Court Street between Second and Third Streets).

Thank you for sharing!

**November 11 Lectionary Readings**

- Haggai 1:15b-2:9
- Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
- Luke 20:27-38\*

\*Sermon focus

**CALENDAR**

Thu., 11/8: - Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.

- Book Club gathering in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.

- Choir rehearsal for Elyria Community Thanksgiving Service, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 300 Third St., 7:30 p.m.

Sun., 11/11: - See back page for the day's schedule.

Mon., 11/12: - Northwood Service Unit Girl Scout Leaders meeting in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tue., 11/13: - Elders' supper meeting in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.

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

Wed., 11/14: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Thu., 11/15: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.

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

- Brownie Troop #524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.

- Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Sat., 11/17: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 1 (Al & Glenna Knapp, captains).



**NEWS OF OUR FAMILY**

**Congratulations!**

Dick & Phyllis Burke are celebrating their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (11/5)!

**Thank You**

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your expressions of love and caring during the months prior to Benjamin's birth and after his arrival. The phone calls and visits, the gift basket and your cards and prayers are deeply appreciated.

With gratitude,

*Christopher and Liz Tobin and Janet Stevens-Brown*

**Prayer Focus**

Please pray for those affected by Hurricane Noel.

**Sympathy**

Our love and prayers surround the

Kennedy family in the death of Jean's sister, Lucille Stegman, last Tuesday. Services were held Monday in Austin and San Antonio, Texas.

May God's presence and peace sustain all who mourn.

**Hospitalized**

At Lutheran Hospital: Judy Jackson

At Southwest General: Maxine Roberts

At Center Ridge Nursing Home:

Helen Krugman

At Life Care Elyria:

Esther ("Addie") Buczek

At Wesleyan Village: George Baker

At Home: Mildred Biltz

Diane Borthwick (in-and-out)

Jim Borthwick