

November 18, 2007—Consecration Day

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
12:15 p.m. All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner, followed
by praise group rehearsal

OPENER: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.

GREETERS: Jack & Audrey Price

ACOLYTES: Katie Kostohryz and Sarah Turner

WORSHIP LEADER: The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long

PREACHER: The Reverend Arnold Nelson, Jr.

TELLERS: Larry McIntyre and Cheryl McKenna

ELDER (8:30): **PIANIST (8:30):**

Becky Thompson Lauri Warfield

ELDERS (10:45): Ken Mundorf and Lauri Warfield

DIACONATE: Team III

8:30 - Linda Adkins and Jason Higgins

10:45 - Jenny Bliss, Cheryl Grapes, Gary Knapp,
Carol Mosher, Lynn Obechi, Bob Rieth, Sandy Rieth,
Janet Stevens-Brown, Wayne Walker, and Joan
Wilhelm

YOUTH NEWS

All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Be with us this Sunday, November 18 for Consecration Day as we demonstrate our individual responses to God's blessings.

Afterwards, let's 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 your own table service and a salad, vegetable or dessert to share.

- Jim Stephenson

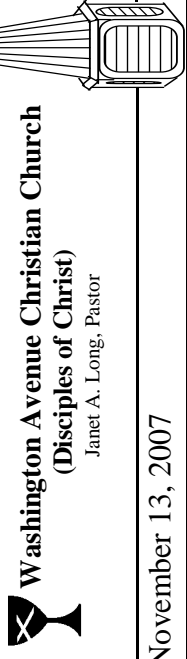
YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Advance Conference Retreat Set

The annual Advance Conference Winter Retreat will be held December 28-30 at Camp Christian. The event, for post-high school adults ages 19-29, will examine "The Divinity of Diversity: An Exploration of Christianity's Encounter with World Religions." More information may be found on our main bulletin board or by visiting:

www.ccinoh.org/ministries/advance.aspx.

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

When trust begins to develop in a relationship, more leeway is allowed. Parents begin to relax curfews a bit. Teachers permit students to move out of assigned seats. Friends don't fret if a call isn't returned immediately. Spouses don't find it necessary to know each other's whereabouts every second.

When trust grows stronger in a relationship, there is a sense of contentment – of believing the best about the other. Trust permits freedom of expression.

When trust involves one's relationship with God, similar growth is reflected. When we begin to develop a trust in God, more leeway is allowed. We begin to relax in God's care. We move as the Spirit beckons. We don't need all the answers. We believe that God is with us, even if we don't always feel it.

When our trust in God grows stronger, there is a sense of contentment with what we have. We believe that God wants what's best for us.

God trusts us and calls us to a partnership in the gospel. Stewardship—the way we care for and share God's gifts to us—is our response to that trust and that call. Will we step out in faith in order to allow our trust in God to flourish and to mature? Will we freely express our love for God?

This Sunday is Consecration Day. We will respond to the query, "In God We Trust?" Will our commitments erase the question mark?

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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(Number/color of 6" plants for shut-in delivery)

Offering to Help DOC Higher Education

This Sunday's Thanksgiving Special Day Offering will aid Disciples colleges and seminaries in their important work. This offering is our chance to show the value we place on educating future leaders—of the church *and* society—in the Disciples tradition of spiritual freedom, global justice and embraced diversity.

To offer your gift, please use the enclosed envelope, the designated one from your personalized packet of offering envelopes, or a specially-marked one from the pew rack this Sunday. Thank you for giving generously!

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Thanksgiving Service November 20

We hope to see you at the Elyria Community Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. at Wesleyan Village. The Service is sponsored by the Elyria Ministerial Association and the Elyria Ministerial Alliance.

S.A. Bell Ringing December 15

Watch the narthex for the appearance of a sign-up sheet for our annual day ringing the collection bell on behalf of the Salvation Army. This year, we will again be at the Midway Mall Giant Eagle, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Holiday Collections Now-December 9

The Outreach Committee is asking your help with two holiday charity drives, running now through December 9.

The children of the Cleveland

Christian Home will benefit from the following: *hand-held electronic games (sports, trivia, etc.), batteries (size D, C, AA, AAA, and 9V), board and card games (ages 8+), snap-together models, toy cars, hooded sweatshirts, sport socks, boxer shorts, duffel bags, backpacks (teen), young reader books (i.e., C.S. Lewis, Rowling, Snicket, Stine, etc.), and department store gift certificates.* Gifts should be unwrapped and placed in the designated area in the narthex.

Our annual Neighborhood House

Association Giving Tree is once again up in the WACC office. Paper ornaments containing the names (and gender, age and size) of children served by the NHA currently decorate the tree. You are asked to remove one or more of those ornaments from the tree and shop for new clothing for the child/ren selected. The ornament tag/s should then be affixed to the wrapped present/s and placed under the Giving Tree by December 9.

Questions about these two collections may be directed to Keith Western or Glenna Knapp.

Thank You

Many thanks to all of you who came to celebrate my 100th birthday! I appreciated your many cards and best wishes!

- Harold Rickel

CALENDAR

- Thu., 11/15: - 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).
- Sun., 11/18: - Consecration Day (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 11/19: - Permanent Funds Trustees meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue., 11/20: - Community Thanksgiving Service at Wesleyan Village (choir gathers at 6 p.m., Service at 7 p.m.).
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Thu., 11/22: - Happy Thanksgiving! (Church office closed Thursday and Friday.)

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Best wishes and blessings to...
...Amanda & Mike Passerello in the birth of Michael Andrew, Jr. on November 10. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 12 oz. and measures 21 inches long. Big sister Gabriella, grandparents Bob & LaDonna Maxwell, great-grandma Vivian Baiser and all the rest of the family are celebrating!

...Renee & Matt Wooster in the birth of Arilyn Rose on November 12. She joins brothers Anthony, Zachary and Sebastian. Grandparents are Linda & Tom Dull.

...Great-aunts and -uncles Carole & Mike Weinhardt and Alice & Al Paul who announce the arrival of their first great-nephew, Rhys David, born November 10.

May God bless all of these families!
Lauren Wainwright played a starring role in the Elyria High production of *Dracula* this past weekend. Elliot Wainwright was also a cast member. Way to go!

Please add Diane McCall to your list of November birthdays—hers is November 18. Many happy returns, Diane!

NEW ADDRESS

The Willets Family now resides at 10599 Gifford Rd., Oberlin OH 44074. Their phone number remains unchanged.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for an increase of trust in God's love, providence and care.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround the Davis family in the death of Karen's mother, Maxine Roberts, last Thursday night. Pastor Janet Long officiated at Monday's services.

HOSPITALIZED

At EMH: Jim Borthwick and Jim Gainer
At Center Rdg. Nursing Home: Helen Krugman
At Life Care Elyria: Esther ("Addie") Buczek
At Wesleyan Village: George Baker
At Home: Judy Jackson
Cindy Johnson