

December 23, 2007—The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Madrigals/Parents Continental Breakfast
10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service
12:00 noon Wassail Coffee Hour
5:00 p.m. Caroling and Party
OPENER: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: Jim & Lil Collier
ACOLYTES: Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz
WORSHIP LEADER: Jane Hutson

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan
ELDER (8:30): Nancy Huller
PIANIST (8:30): Rosalie Gainer
ELDERS (10:45): Tim Widman and Betty McIntyre
DIACONATE: Team IV

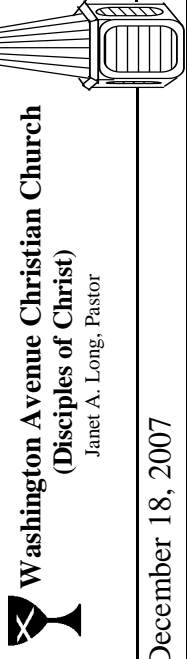
8:30 - Marilyn Bauer and Roger Bauer
10:45 - Amy Anderson, David Eby, Nicole Eby, Gary McIntyre, Sharon Siffert, Brenda Turner, Todd Turner, Kathy Wainwright, Lauren Wainwright, and Mark Wainwright

YOUTH NEWS: Meet at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve for a light supper. Afterwards, we'll place and light luminaries.

December 30, 2007—First Sunday of Christmastide

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
5:30 p.m. Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night
OPENER: John Grogan **CLOSER:** Jim Gainer
GREETERS: To be named
ACOLYTES: Halley Novak and Taylor Novak
WORSHIP LEADER: Kurt Huller
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Larry McIntyre and Dan Walker
ELDER (8:30): PIANIST (8:30):
Ken Mundorf Becky Thompson
ELDERS (10:45): HOME COMMUNION:
Mark Mathes Lauri Warfield
Gerald Western Jeni Sweeten
DIACONATE: Team IV (Fifth Sunday; see listing above)

THE SPREE



Washington Avenue Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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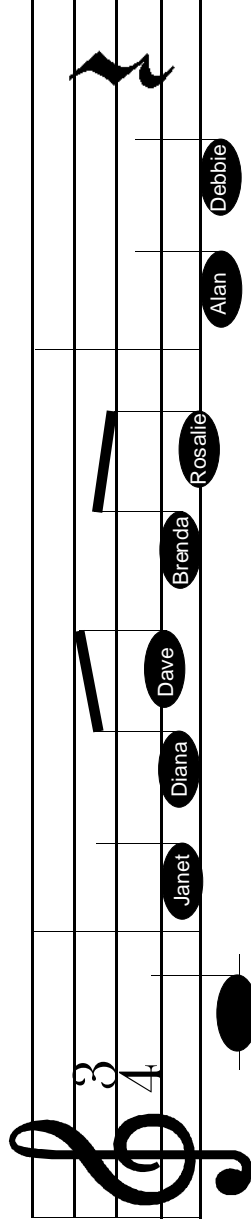
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From Your WACC Staff:



WE wish you a Mer - ry Christ - mas...
...and a Happy New Year!

Pageant Praises

"Thank you" to everyone who helped to make this year's Christmas pageant a success—to Sandy Woosley and the Whitechapel Ringers for recommending the story and playing; Rosalie Gainer, Mark Mathes and Alan Petersen for their respective parts and their time; our terrific cast of youth and children, and their leaders Elliot Wainwright and Deanna Forbush; the families of our cast for their time and support; the Christian Education Committee; and, Chris Baumgartner for editing and adding to the story. Special thanks go to Joy Bond for creating the "costumes" for all to wear and to Ryan Mathes for bringing the delicious breakfast treats! It was great having everyone in the congregation participating! (If you missed the pageant, there's always next year...)

- Debbie Walker,
Director of Church School Education

Out With the Old, In With the New

Offering envelopes (regular and Covenant) for 2008 are now available from the tables in the hallway of the new building. As new numbers have been assigned for the coming year, please discard all unused 2007 envelopes after December 31.*

*All 2007 charitable gifts must be postmarked by December 31 to be eligible for 2007 contribution credit and tax benefits. Gifts mailed after that date can be credited only to your 2008 giving record.

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It's Not Too Late...

...to go caroling with your WACC family. Bad weather postponed last Sunday's outing, so we'll meet at the church THIS Sunday, December 23, at 5 p.m. Bring a snack to share at the "wrap" party following; Pastor Janet Long and Dan Clark will be our hosts.

...to sign our All-Church Christmas Card and support the Christmas Special Day Offering. Gifts help fund the ministry of the Christian Church in Ohio (the regional unit of our denomination), including our fine adult and youth programs at Camp Christian.

To offer your gift, please use the enclosed envelope, the designated one from your personalized packet of offering envelopes, a specially-marked one from the pew rack this Sunday, OR you may simply add your gift to the box beneath the large Christmas card in the narthex. Thank you for giving generously!

...to purchase WACC keepsake gifts. Items are on display in the hallway of the new building. Proceeds will benefit Worship Committee projects. Contact Helen Farrar or the church office to purchase one or more of these gift-worthy items.

Free Piano—Home for the Holidays?

A spinet piano no longer needed by the church is yours for the asking. Please make arrangements for moving it before Christmas. Contact the church office (440-323-4213; office@waccelyria.org) if interested.

Lectionary Corner

- December 23**
 Romans 1:1-7
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
December 30
 Hebrews 2:10-18
 Psalm 148

**Sermon foci*

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Joanna Circle

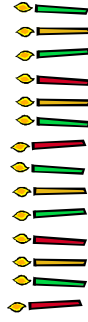
will view the movie, "What I Want My Words to Do To You" at the group's January 3, 7 p.m. meeting at the home of Helen Farrar, 298 Longford Avenue. The film is a powerful look at the positive changes 15 female prisoners undergo after a creative writing class helps them examine their crimes and their personal histories. Glenna Knapp will lead a discussion afterwards. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Congregational Meeting Set

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 13, following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, for the purpose of adopting the 2008 operating budget. All church members are encouraged to attend.

JANUARY ACOLYTES

- 6 Daniel March and Romeo Walker
- 13 Dan McGann and Bradley Thimke
- 20 Britney March and Skye Stephenson
- 27 Cody Schneider and Tyler Schneider



January Birthdays

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Terry Payne | 18 Scott Dahm |
| 2 Johnny Walker | Caitlin Heginbotham |
| Nancy White | Pauline Wallace |
| 4 Amanda Osborn | 19 Myra Ball |
| Barbara Terrell | Barb Boehler |
| 5 Shelley Novak | Chris Price |
| 6 Marge Sansone | 21 Tricia Grindle |
| 7 Scott Ritter | Alexa Schofield |
| 8 Steve Weinhardt | 22 Jean Kennedy |
| 9 Dean Forbush | 23 Gloria Chavalia |
| Gary McIntyre | 24 Florence Bristol |
| Walt Norton | Robin Crocker |
| 10 Mildred Blitz | Scott Dieringer |
| Steven Vondruska | Bridgette Necker |
| 11 Adam Gottschling | Alice Paul |
| 13 Dylan Balvin | Bob Wilhelm |
| Gail Murphy | Jean Williams |
| 14 Julie Busch | Rosa Yaremko |
| Cole Eichenlaub | 25 Ken Mundorf |
| Beverly Gardner | Suzanne Webb |
| Ryan Novak | 26 Steve McCall |
| 15 Marlie McNulty | Megan Shafer |
| Chris Trunk | 27 John Grogan |
| Zach Anderson | Cheryl McKenna |
| Hildred Edwards | 28 Heidi Coffman |
| 17 Shirley Yost | 29 Katie Contreras |
| | 30 Mark Lauffer |
| | Caitlyn Osborn |
| | 31 Joe Wargo |
| | Gerald Western |

CALENDAR

- Thu., 12/20: - Sarah Circle holiday luncheon at the home of Pastor Janet, 356 Georgia Ave., 12 noon.
- Fri., 12/21: - Diana's last day in the office for 2007 (vacation ends 1/2/08).
- Sun., 12/23: - Fourth Sunday of Advent (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 12/24: - Service of Carols and Celebration, 4:30 p.m.
- Light supper and luminary lighting (Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF), 5 p.m.
- Service of Candlelight and Carols, 7:30 p.m. (Diaconate Team II serving.)
- Service of Candlelight and Communion, 11:30 p.m. (Diaconate Team I serving.)
- Tue., 12/25: - Merry Christmas!
- Fri., 12/28: - Advance Conference Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 12/30).
- Sun., 12/30: - First Sunday of Christmastide (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Tue., 1/1: - Happy New Year! Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 1/2: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 1/3: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Helen Farrar, 298 Longford Ave., 7 p.m.
- Sun., 1/6: - Epiphany (children-focused worship, 10:45 a.m.; lunch and undecorating, 12:00 noon).



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Recent anniversary couples include Mike & Jody Kostohryz (12/17, #13) and John & Karen Davis and Jason & Lisa Ward (12/18, #31 and #8, respectively). Our best wishes to all!

Thank You

To Our WACC Family,
 Thank you all so much for keeping Mom (Helen Krugman) in your thoughts and prayers. "Thank you" to those who came to the visitation, service, luncheon or sent a card. She was truly blessed with good friends and WACC family. She loved all of you and her church.

Love,
 The Sally Shields Family and
 Bud & Chris Krugman

New Address

Shirley Shubert now resides at 5430 Goldenrod Cir., Sheffield Village, OH 44035-0945 (phone: 934-0945).

Our target date to receive the new pictorial directory is mid-February, so you'll want to take note of all published address changes between now and then.

Prayer Focus

Please pray to receive the gift of the Christ Child anew.

Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround Adelle Baker and family in George's death (Saturday morning). Service arrangements are pending.

May God's blessing of peace surround all who mourn.

Hospitalized

At Wesleyan Village: Anne Prentice
In rehab in Florida: Mildred Wainwright
At Home: Helen Farrar
 Bruce Siffert