

February 17, 2008

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

OPENER: Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.

GREETERS: Jack & Audrey Price

ACOLYTES: Halley Novak and Taylor Novak

WORSHIP LEADER: Keith Western

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak

ELDER (8:30):

Becky Thompson

ELDERS (10:45):

Lauri Warfield

Tim Widman

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

Camps & Retreats for Children-Young Adults

Most of us know about the great, week-long summer Camps and Conferences available to our older children and junior high and senior high youth. But did you know that our Region also offers:

- ❖ "Grandparent and Me" camps? (Favorite aunts, uncles or other significant adults are also invited to spend one-to-one quality time with their special young person.)
- ❖ "Camp Good Hope" for children and youth grieving the loss of someone significant to them?
- ❖ Canoe Camp for older youth and adults?
- ❖ Advance Conference activities for post-high school adults (ages 19-29)?
- ❖ Twice-yearly family retreats?

Did you also know that mission work can be part of your summer experience? Or that high school students can connect with CYF members internationally?

Well, now you do! Contact the church office (440-323-4213) or visit the church website (www.waccelyria.org/eventspecial) or our main bulletin board to learn more.

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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

It's 74 here in Phoenix. Don't you wish you lived here? I answered my sister, "We love it here!" Yeah, right, she replied.

But it's true.

Since our return from temperate climes, people keep mentioning the weather we came home to: fog and rain, followed by a wind chill advisory and frigid temperatures, followed by a winter storm warning and snow.

It's February – the month that's short on days but long in duration. And this year we get a bonus day! This year, February also ushered in the season of Lent earlier than usual and the season of political campaigning in advance of our earlier primary election. And, as always, February means love—Valentine's Day and the Week of Compassion.

The two occasions are special celebrations of love. Valentine's Day, of course, provides an opportunity to express loving care to those we hold most dear (those who "rock our world", some would say). We sometimes forget the importance of doing that, and Valentine's Day prods us to do something we should have been doing all along.

Week of Compassion is the logical extension of that: expressing loving care to those most dear to God in their time of need, those whose world has been rocked by storm or disaster—natural or human-inflicted. We sometimes forget the importance of doing that, and Week of Compassion prods us to do something we should have been doing all along.

So, this week, I encourage you to send some valentines—and to write a generous check for the life-saving ministry of Week of Compassion. And to do both with much love.

Love, Janet

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This Sunday: Your Gift to WOC Can Bring Hope in Christ's Name

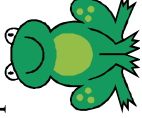
This Sunday, February 17, offers an opportunity to share Christ's love—in tangible ways—to those most in need. Gifts to Week of Compassion help provide prompt, year-round humanitarian response to disasters in the United States and around the world. Whether suffering the effects of floods, droughts, earthquakes or other environmental catastrophes, or experiencing relocation due to war and organized persecution, people in need of emergency aid receive help and hope through your gifts used in partnership with the efforts of reputable relief organizations such as Church World Service.

You can help sustain this network of caring by offering your gift in the enclosed envelope, the designated one from your personalized packet of offering envelopes, or a specially-marked one in the pew rack this Sunday. Checks should be made payable to **WACC** with "Week of Compassion" written on the memo line.

Thank you for giving generously!

Spaghetti Dinner February 29

The Church Life & Growth Committee is asking you to "F.R.O.G" * this year as we concentrate on church growth. To help with this goal, the Committee will host a *Leap Year* Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 29, 6-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering is intended to cover dinner expenses and help purchase an outdoor sign to advertise WACC events. Please plan to attend with family and friends!



*Fully Rely On God

February 17 Lectionary Corner

Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Psalm 121 John 3:1-17*

*Sermon focus

Have you remembered the church in your will?

District 2 Men's Spring Rally Set

This year's District 2 Disciples Men's Fellowship Spring Rally will be held Sunday, March 2 at Parma Christian Church, 7000 Ridge Road. The theme will be, "Has the Church Changed... ..Or Should It?" Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. The \$5 charge (payable at the door) includes dinner.

R.S.V.P. by February 25 to 842-1614.



DISCIPLES MEN

CW&W Early-Bird Ends February 22

Registration for the March 7-9 "Children Worship & Wonder" training event at WACC is just \$120 through February 22 (\$140 if received afterwards). The training sessions will take place 6-9 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. on Sunday.

You may register on-line (<http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/familyandchildren/cww.htm#events>) or use one of the registration forms on our main bulletin board. If you would like more information, please call the church office (440-323-4213).

OWM Convocation Offers 50% Savings

The Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation, to be held Saturday, April 19 at Gender Road Christian Church (near Columbus), is offering a 50% discount to the first 15 women under age 30 to register.

The one-day Convocation will bring together Disciples women of all ages from throughout the Ohio Region. The event theme, "Reality Check: Unleashing the Power Within!" aims to help participants focus on how God is working in their lives now, while also calling them to consider how they are to serve God in this 21st century.

Featured speaker will be the Reverend Dr. Brenda Webster, Regional Program Minister. (Dr. Webster's dynamic preaching was a blessing to all who attended this year's District 2A Ash Wednesday Worship Service.)

Early-bird registration (by March 14)

is \$40 per person; registration is \$50 if received by April 11 and \$60 thereafter. Register on-line at www.ccinoh.org or use the form posted on our main bulletin board.



Summer Mission Intern Positions and Volunteer Mission Opportunities Abound

Disciples and United Church of Christ students are invited to apply for volunteer mission opportunities as "Partners in Service", or as interns in the Appalachian region as part of Faithful Advocates Serving Together. Check our main bulletin board or call the church office (440-323-4213) for possible areas of service and complete information. You may also find information on-line at www.discipleshomemissions.org/volunteer/specialprojects/interns.htm and www.ucc.org/ministries/volunteer. **Application deadline is April 1.**

CALENDAR

- Sat., 2/16: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 3 (Barbara Terrell, captain).
- Sun., 2/17: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 2/18: - Lenten Supper & Study Series in Fellowship Hall, 5:55 p.m.
- Tue., 2/19: - Church Life & Growth Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Wed., 2/20: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Lenten Vespers Service in the sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 2/21: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.
- Brownie Troop #524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Bob & Joan McNulty are celebrating 53 years of marriage (2/13) and Alan & Alice Paul are celebrating their 26th anniversary (2/14). Continued blessings to both couples!

Free Band Concert This Sunday

Mark Wainwright will conduct the Lorain County Community College Civic Concert Band this Sunday, February 17, at 3 p.m., at Stocker Center. Also appearing at this free concert will be the Brookside High School Wind Ensemble.

Sarah Circle

will gather in the youth rooms on Thursday, February 21, at 10:45 a.m. Please bring a sandwich; dessert and beverages will be furnished. Pastor Janet Long will provide the program; Linda Dull will host the meeting.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for those affected by last week's tornadoes in Tennessee and Arkansas.

Hospitalized

- At Cleveland Clinic: Brenda Turner
- At Fairview: Adelle Baker
- At Life Care Elyria: Jim Borthwick
- Marilyn Hadaway
- At Wesleyan Village: Anne Prentice
- In rehab in Florida: Mildred Wainwright
- At Home: Clara Borthwick
- Helen Farrar
- Bob McNulty