

February 24, 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: Steve Woosley **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: Tim & Gail Haywood
ACOLYTES: Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz
WORSHIP LEADER: Cheryl McKenna
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: John McKenna and Lauri Warfield
ELDER (8:30):
Betty McIntyre
ELDERS (10:45):
Dan Clark
Nancy Huller
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

Wider Church Opportunities

The Early Bird Gets the...Reduced Rate

This is your last chance for early-bird registration for the March 7-9 "Children Worship & Wonder" training event at WACC. The \$120 rate increases to \$140 after February 22.

You may register on-line (<http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/familyandchildren/cwww.htm#events>) or contact the church office (440-323-4213) for a registration form.

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.**

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

The Elyria Rotary Club and the Lorain County Chamber of Commerce gathered earlier today in a joint meeting to hear Mayor Bill Grace's annual "State of the City" address. I had the privilege of offering the invocation.

I don't need to reiterate the dismal headlines of late regarding our fair city. I was curious to see how the mayor would characterize the challenges facing us as a community. Others were curious, too: the meeting room was crowded!

There were some bright spots: the passage of Issue 7 to build a new high school, the opening of some new businesses, the hiring of some new police officers, the dedication of the new Judge John A. Howard Municipal Courthouse.

There were some bleak spots: the loss of some businesses, the budget impact of increased energy costs, the crisis in home foreclosures (we have 21% of the County's households and 23% of the foreclosures, totaling over 500), the condition of city streets.

It seems that the state of the city carries over into the life of the church. We can choose to respond to the circumstances around us by being reactive or by being proactive. Being reactive generally results in excuses; being proactive leads to excellence.

I hope we will grow in our proactive work of being a beacon of hope to the community, being a bearer of eternally good news in the midst of temporarily bad news, and being faithful disciples of Christ—from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

Love,

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EASTER FLOWERS: EARLY DEADLINE

Easter flowers given to the glory of God and in honor or memory of a loved one may be ordered now through March 2. The flowers will adorn the sanctuary on Easter morning and may be taken home following the Worship Services.

Orders may be placed in the office mail slot, phoned in, e-mailed, or sent via U.S. mail to the church office. (If using U.S. mail, please order early.) All orders must be RECEIVED in the church office **by SUNDAY, MARCH 2** (checks payable to WACC).

Spring flower availability can be affected by many variables; please note that some substitutions may be necessary.

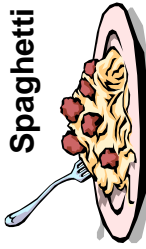
Tulips (5 blooms)			\$ 6
(Yellow, Pink, Purple)			\$ 6
Daffodils (Yellow only)			\$ 6
Hyacinths (Pink, White or Blue)			\$12
Hydrangeas (Pink only)			
Lilies (White only)			\$ 6
6" Single stem (5-8 blooms)			\$12
8" Double stem (10-12 blooms)			\$18
10" Triple stem (15-20 blooms)			

FLOWER	QTY.	COLOR OR SIZE	COST
Tulips			
Daffodils			
Hyacinths			
Hydrangeas			
Lilies			
		TOTAL	\$

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____

Presented By _____



Spaghetti Dinner February 29

The Church Life & Growth Committee will host a *Leap Year* Spaghetti Dinner next Friday, February 29, 6-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The Committee is hoping that a freewill offering that evening will cover all meal expenses and also provide additional funds for an outdoor sign to advertise WACC events to the community, aiding church growth. Several hundred dollars need to be raised before the sign can be purchased. Please plan to attend the dinner.

Please bring friends and family. And, please give generously.

Donations of spaghetti, sauce...and help will be gratefully accepted! Please contact David & Nicole Eby or the church office ASAP.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

March Acolytes

- 2 Daniel March and Romeo Walker
- 9 Deanna Forbush and Skye Stephenson
- 16 Dan McGann and Bradley Thimke
- 23 Cody Schneider and Tyler Schneider
- 30 Deanna Forbush and Britney March

February 24 Lectionary

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42*

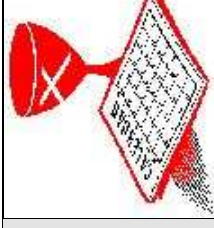
*Sermon focus

- Thu., 2/21: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.
- Christian Education Committee work session, 4:30 p.m.
- Brownie Troop #524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Sun., 2/24: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 2/25: - Lenten Supper & Study Series in Fellowship Hall, 5:55 p.m.
- Tue., 2/26: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 2/27: - Lenten Vespers Service in the sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Fri., 2/29: - "F.R.O.G." Leap Year Spaghetti Dinner in Fellowship Hall, 6-7:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday!

(March)

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Shelley Konko | 15 Ashley Walker |
| 2 Ben Willets | Bill Wallhead |
| 3 Natasha Knowlton | 16 Jacob Holtz |
| Ron Lauffer | 17 Terri Osborn |
| Dan Russell | Jeff Vondruska |
| Dick Zechman | Pat Worcester |
| 4 Pam Henry | Linda Grogan |
| Mary Lou Wainwright | 18 Jillian Kazmierczak |
| 6 Kathryn Carter | 19 Colleen Wheeler |
| Lyndsey Novak | 20 Richard Brown |
| Brad Thimke | Matt Holtwick |
| 7 Liz Everhard | Dave Knowlton |
| Shirley Ewry | Summer Shirley |
| Savana Hollingsworth | Bud Simmons |
| 22 Nick Dahm | Denise Zechman |
| Chris Mundorf | Peggy Haywood |
| 8 Kris Anderson | Joan McNulty |
| Judy Beauty Hook | 23 Kira Borthwick |
| 9 Jack Price | Kristen Henry |
| Tristian Siglin | Mike Weinhardt |
| David Smith | Carrie Wyatt |
| 10 Colton Anderson | Chris Zechman |
| Glendora Hange | 24 Jordan Eichenlaub |
| Evelyn Hollis | Hilma Farmer |
| 11 Alan Paul | 26 Claire Huller |
| 12 Mandy Heginbotham | 27 Debbie Hunt |
| Gloria Hood | 28 Mitch Hyder |
| Janet Stevens-Brown | 29 Nick Cleary |
| 14 Mike Adkins | Grace Stephenson |
| Art Cleary | Amanda Passerello |
| Will Konko | 30 Hayden Coffman |
| | Shirley Shubert |



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Best wishes to Shelley Konko on her recent marriage. The wedding took place in Las Vegas.

John Henry received a I rating (superior) at his state music contest last Saturday. He performed a vocal solo, singing his selection in Italian.

---And All That Jazz

Mark Wainwright is playing in concert this Sunday evening at 7:30 with the Baldwin-Wallace Alumni Jazz Band. The program, which will take place in B-W's Kulas Hall, will feature music by Gershwin. Tickets are available at the door.

Thank You

Warm thanks for donating \$893 to Church World Service's Tools & Blankets program in 2007. Your compassion and commitment to sharing is appreciated!
- *Pauline Wallace*

Prayer Focus

Please pray for those affected by the recent school shooting at Northern Illinois University.

Hospitalized

- At EMH: Jim Borthwick
- At Fairview: Adelle Baker
- At Life Care Elyria: Marilyn Hadaway
- At Wesleyan Village: Anne Prentice
- In rehab in Florida: Mildred Wainwright
- At Home: Pat Gohle
- Jean Kennedy
- Brenda Turner
- Marion Wiles (in-and-out)