

March 2, 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
 3:30 p.m. District 2 Disciples Men's Fellowship
 Spring Rally at Parma Christian Church
OPENER: Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas
ACOLYTES: Daniel March and Romeo Walker
WORSHIP LEADER: Don Hange, Jr.
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Dan Clark and Tim Haywood

ELDER (8:30):

Dan Clark

PIANIST (8:30):

Carolyn Long

ELDERS (10:45):

Gerald Western

HOME COMMUNION:

Steve Bond

Mark Mathes

Carol Mosher

DIACONATE: Team 1

8:30 - Bud and Polly Simmons

10:45 - Liz Everhard, Jim Gainer, Pam Henry, Judy Jackson, Steve McCall, Sue McKain, Chris Thomas, Dan Walker, Nancy Walker, and Keith Western

Wider Church Opportunities

Men's Rally This Sunday

The District 2 Disciples Men's Fellowship Spring Rally will be held this Sunday, March 2 at Parma Christian Church, 7000 Ridge Road. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. A \$5 charge (payable at the door) includes dinner.

CW&W Training Just Around the Corner

The "Children Worship & Wonder" training event at WACC will take place March 7-9. Registration is \$140 per person. Contact the church office for details.

Women's Lenten Retreat March 8

Disciples women will gather at Camp Christian for the Spring Lenten Retreat, "Praying Our Way to the Cross." Participants will learn about—and experience—a variety of prayer methods. Registration is \$30 (\$50 if staying overnight on Friday). Registration forms are available on our main bulletin board.

THE SPREE



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(Disciples of Christ)

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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight...

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

— Psalm 51:1-4b, 6-7, 10-12, 15

The words of Psalm 51, attributed to David, form the basis for appropriate reflection and repentance during the season of Lent. It seems that self-examination involves a process. Following the psalmist, we begin by calling on the mercy of God, recognizing our dependence on divine grace and love. We ask for forgiveness, acknowledging our sin against God. Then comes the plea for wisdom to know the will of God and to be transformed by it. Seeking newness of heart and spirit, we allow ourselves to be changed. Ultimately, this results in lives that reflect praise of God.

As we are surrounded by the beauty of pristine snow with its stark brightness, may we offer ourselves to Grace that will make us that pure and lovely. God bless us with mercy and meaning throughout our Lenten journey – and beyond...

Love,

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EASTER FLOWERS: DEADLINE SUNDAY

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" Single stem (5-8 blooms) \$ 6
- 8" Double stem (10-12 blooms) \$12
- 10" Triple stem (15-20 blooms) \$18

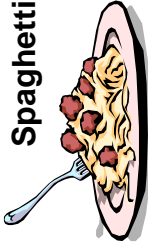
FLOWER	QTY.	COLOR OR SIZE	COST
Tulips			
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Hydrangeas		—	
Lilies		—	
TOTAL			\$

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____

Presented By _____

Have you remembered the church in your will?



Spaghetti Dinner This Friday

Please support the Leap Year Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the Church Life & Growth Committee. Serving will take place in Fellowship Hall this Friday, February 29, 6-7:30 p.m.

The freewill offering that evening is intended to cover meal expenses and also provide additional funds for an outdoor sign to advertise WACC events to the community, aiding church growth. The Committee is still several hundred dollars short of the amount needed to purchase the sign.

Please plan to attend the dinner, bring friends and family...and give generously.

Toys Available

After reorganizing the Church School classrooms, the Christian Education Committee is now offering some gently-worn toys for purchase. Your donations (check payable to "WACC") will help us purchase new ones. Payment may be directed to the church office, Chris Baumgartner or Joy Bond. Sale items are located in the youth rooms.

Joanna Circle

will meet on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m., at the home of Polly Simmons, 10455 E. River Rd. Pastor Janet Long will lead the program. All women of the church are invited. (If you've never attended before, this is a great way to get to know other women of the church while learning about faith issues.)

Whereabouts Unknown

The purple drape for the cross, used for our Maundy Thursday Service, is missing. If you were the one who put it away last year, please contact the church office (440-323-4213) ASAP as we need the drape before March 20. Thanks!

March 2 Lectionary

1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14
Psalm 23 John 9:1-41*

*Sermon focus

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Bob & Gloria Hood are celebrating 26 years of marriage (2/27).

World Day of Prayer March 7

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who meet annually to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March. The World Day of Prayer worship materials are provided by a different country each year. The WDP Committee of Guyana developed this year's theme, "God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding."

The event will be observed locally with worship at Second Baptist Church, 427 Chapman Lane, at 10 a.m. Elyria Area Church Women United is the sponsoring organization and invites ALL women of the church to participate.

Prayer Focus

Pray for "a clean heart" and "a new and right spirit."

Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround...
...the Lance family in the death of Chuck's father, Jack Lance, earlier this month. A memorial service will be held at a later time.
...Jim Porterfield and other loved ones of Ruth Porterfield, who died Saturday. The funeral service will take place on Thursday in Lebanon, PA, with the committal being held at North Ridgeville Center Cemetery this Saturday at 11 a.m. Pastor Janet Long will officiate.

Hospitalized

At EMH: Jim Borthwick
At Life Care Elyria: Marilyn Hadaway
At Wesleyan Village: Anne Prentice
In rehab in Florida: Mildred Wainwright
At Home: Adelle Baker

CALENDAR

- Fri., 2/29: - "F.R.O.G." Leap Year Spaghetti Dinner in Fellowship Hall, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Sat., 3/1: - "Equipping the Saints" Workshop at First Congregational Church, Columbus, 9 a.m.
- Committal service for Ruth Porterfield, North Ridgeville Center Cemetery, 11 a.m.
- Sun., 3/2: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 3/3: - Lenten Supper & Study Series in Fellowship Hall, 5:55 p.m.
- Tue., 3/4: - WACC serves as Election Day polling place (hosts/greeters needed).
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 3/5: - Lenten Vespers Service in the sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 3/6: - Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 4 p.m.
- Brownie Troop 524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Fri., 3/7: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Polly Simmons, 10455 E. River Road, 7 p.m.
- Elyria Area Church Women United observance of World Day of Prayer, Second Baptist Church, 427 Chapman Lane, 10 a.m.
- Women's Lenten Retreat overnight at Camp Christian (ends 3/8).
- WACC hosts "Children Worship & Wonder" training, 6-9 p.m.
- Sat., 3/8: - WACC hosts "Children Worship & Wonder" training, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Daylight Saving Time begins (set clocks one hour ahead before retiring).

