

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Easter was a glorious celebration here at Washington Avenue Christian Church! The sun was shining, the flowers were blooming and the congregation was reveling in the great Good News: *The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!*

Many thanks to our musicians—Rosalie Gainer, John Henry, the Chancel Choir (directed by Alan Petersen with assistance from DiAnne Schmidt), and the Children of WACC (led by Debbie Walker)—for the uplifting music. The hymns were inspired, too!

A number of our congregation's youth helped lead the 8:30 Celebration Worship Service. Appreciation is extended to Deanna Forbush, John Henry, Taylor Novak, Katie Kostohryz, Sammie Kostohryz, Nautica Walker, and Romeo Walker.

The WACC Disciples Men cooked and served a delicious breakfast between the two Services. We are grateful to the whole team who made that event possible. The proceeds will benefit Disciples outreach efforts for children.

Easter is the first day of the season known as Eastertide. It lasts for 50 days, ending on Pentecost. I like it that we have the Great 50 Days of Easter to celebrate our Risen Lord—longer than the 40-day season of Lent which precedes Easter.

Lent is hard work: It calls for self-examination and self-reflection, for seeing ourselves as we truly are in relation to God and neighbor, for confessing our sinfulness and sacrificing our willfulness, for recognizing our need for God's forgiveness and grace.

Easter is hard work also: It calls for standing in the light while the world embraces darkness, for allowing hope to permeate while things seem hopeless, for believing that love wins out over hate, for proclaiming life in the midst of death.

Easter—the Church's season of celebration—calls us to band together, to be together, to believe together. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. May Eastertide fill you with joy!

Love,

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March 30, 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
12:00 noon Reception in honor of Shirley Shubert's
80th birthday, hosted by her family
OPENER: Bud Simmons **CLOSER:** Jim Gainer
GREETERS: Steve & Joy Bond
ACOLYTES: Deanna Forbush and Samantha Moore
WORSHIP LEADER: Sean Kersey

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak

ELDER (8:30): Becky Thompson

Barbara Terrell

ELDERS (10:45): Nancy Huller

Jane Hutson

Becky Thompson

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

MORE WANTS!

Host Homes Needed for April 13

Youth Concert at WACC

The youth of Jefferson United Methodist Church will be visiting WACC April 12-13! They will lead our Sunday Worship Services by providing music and drama. Hosts are needed to house the 30 young people for one night. Responsibilities are few: pick up "your" kids at WACC at the assigned time on Saturday evening, offer them a bedtime snack, give them a place to sleep and shower, feed them a light breakfast, and bring them back to the church at the appointed time on Sunday morning. Please contact the church office if you can help.

Hiram Conference Benefit Skate

Youth in grades 6-12 will take part in a benefit skate on Sunday, April 13, 4-6 p.m. at Springfield Roller Rink (1220 S. Main St., Lakemore, OH). Proceeds after expenses will benefit Hiram Conference's annual Dividends in Growth (D.I.G.) offering for outreach efforts in the Ohio Region and beyond. Admission is \$5; skate rental is \$2. You'll need to arrange your own transportation.

Flowers Adorning Our Sanctuary This Easter Were Provided...

...In Loving Memory Of

Rev. Bela & Ida Bacso
 George A. Baker
 Harold & Pearl Baker and
 George & Margaret Nemeth
 Ruth Baker
 Martha Baumgartner
 Robert Baumgartner
 Mary Jane Berens
 James F. Borthwick
 James & Elizabeth Borthwick
 Ernest Braden
 Ford and Gary Lee Brown and
 Jeremy and Jerry Murphy
 Russell & Mona Brown
 Mr. & Mrs. Haller Callahan and
 Mr. & Mrs. William McDonald
 Ed & Ida Clark
 Willis & Sara Clawson

Presented By

Jim & Rosalie Gainer
 Adelle Baker
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 James Baker
 Chuck & Chris Baumgartner
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 Gina DeSilvester
 Jim & Diane Borthwick
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 Irene Braden
 John & Helen Farrar
 Richard E. Brown and Janet Stevens-Brown
 Patricia Callahan Gohle
 Dan Clark & Janet Long
 Doris Dohrill and Linda, Megan and
 David Shafer
 Peggy, Tim & Gail Haywood
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 David Shafer
 Bud & Polly Simmons
 Jane Hutson
 Marge Sansone
 Jim & Rosalie Gainer
 The Alan Petersen Family
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 Tim & Julie Harmon
 Peggy, Tim & Gail Haywood
 John & Pam Henry and Family
 The Hirzel Family
 Lynn Obechi
 Jane Hutson
 The Alan Petersen Family
 Gary & Cindy Knapp

...In Loving Memory Of

Mark Kurtz
 Art Long
 Rev. Arthur E. Long
 Rev. J.A. Long
 Chester E. Page
 Frank Papenbrock
 Michael J. Pappas
 Alice Patton
 Raleigh Patton
 Russell Petersen
 Dona Schmidt
 Henry Shafer
 Fred & Evelyn Smith
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 Bradford & Adela Stevens
 Emil & Ann Wendorf
 Grandpa & Grandma Wilson
 Jean Worcester
 Lloyd Worcester
 Lloyd & Jean Worcester
 Scott David Worcester
 Scott David Worcester

...In Loving Honor Of

Sam and Oliver Brown
 Our Families With Us
 Church Family
 My Family
 Our Family
 Our Family
 Our Family
 Carolyn Long
 Carolyn C. Long
 Rev. Janet A. Long
 The Olear and Wainwright
 Families
 Mary Petersen
 Bill & Carol Western



Save the Date

Monday, April 7, 5:55 p.m.
 Sing-for-Your-Supper Lasagna Dinner and Hymn
 Sing will benefit Week of Compassion

March 30 Lectionary Corner

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
 Psalm 16
 John 20:19-31*

- See back page for the day's schedule.
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Brownie Troop 524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Debbie Walker, 236 Sumner St., Oberlin.
- Wedding rehearsal in the sanctuary, 5 p.m.
- Cleveland Christian Home Walk/Run for the Kids at the Cleveland
 Metroparks Zoo, 8:45 a.m.
- Allie Aviles and Wayne Knapp wedding in the sanctuary, 3 p.m.



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 Edi Pappas
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NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brady Thomas Gallagher was born to parents Brian & Marcy and big sister Caera on March 18. Brady weighed 9 lbs., 1 oz. and is 21 in. long. Named after his great-grandfather, Thomas Haywood, Brady's proud grandmother is Peggy Haywood; his great-uncle and -aunt are Tim & Gail Haywood.
 Tim & Gail are also celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary (3/23). Drew & Karen Schneider are celebrating anniversary #14 (3/26). God's blessings to all!

COLLIER RECEPTION POSTPONED

As Jim & Lil Collier will be gone on April 6, we will reschedule their farewell reception. Watch *The Spire* for the date.

JOANNA CIRCLE TO MEET APRIL 3

Joanna Circle will meet on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m., at the home of Debbie Walker, 236 Sumner St., Oberlin.

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for all who are struggling to make ends meet.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround the Knepper family in the death of Agnes Knepper on Tuesday in California. She was the sister-in-law of D.A. Knepper and Pat Schwarz.

The Schneider family invites you to a benefit for the family of Jacob Freed, the little brother of classmates of Cody and Tyler, who died suddenly earlier in March. The spaghetti dinner and raffle will be held on Saturday, March 29, 4-7 p.m. at the Sheffield Township Fire Hall on Clinton Avenue.

May God's peace surround and sustain all who mourn.

HOSPITALIZED

At Community Health Partners: Robert Wenzel
At Life Care Elyria: Jim Borthwick
 Marion Wiles

At Wesleyan Village: Anne Prentice
In Rehab in Florida: Mildred Wainwright

At Home: Samantha Hafer
 Joan Wilhelm

CALENDAR

