

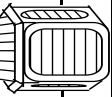
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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

The season of Eastertide reminds us that the Christian faith is lived in the present with an eye on the future. The past need no longer define us. But the past can serve to inform us and inspire us to a new and different and better way of living.

Nine years ago, our congregation made a collective decision to embark on a **Covenant with the Future**. More than a capital campaign, our **Covenant** involved far-reaching choices to enhance God's house for ministry long into the future. As a church family, we agreed to take on a mortgage—and a mission of growth and hospitality.

In fact, the new building – and the subsequent addition of a pipe organ – fulfilled long-held hopes and dreams of those who had a vision of the future needs of our church, those who were involved in the move from Second Street to Washington Avenue.

We have seven weeks left in our third and current campaign cycle, **Renewing Our Covenant**. The contributions of each person and each family are important in fulfilling our commitment. Is your giving up-to-date? Is your pledge complete?

As we close out this campaign, we prepare for the next: **Covenant for a Miracle**. We are in the advance gifts phase of seeking commitments from those whose past giving indicates a willingness to make leadership gifts of \$10,000 or more over three years.

Could this effort include you? Perhaps your situation has changed. Or perhaps the time has come for past patterns of behavior to give way to a new and different and better way of living – and giving. If you are open to such an opportunity to grow spiritually by allowing God to work a miracle through your increased commitment, please call our Advance Gifts Chair, Mike Weinhardt (748-2218), or me.

Regardless of the dollar amount of your pledge, please know that every commitment is a sacred covenant holding the potential for a miracle that will bless both the present and the future life of Washington Avenue Christian Church. To God be the glory!

Love,

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April 13, 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
12:15 p.m. Appreciation Luncheon for Jefferson
United Methodist Church Youth

OPENER: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Keith Western
GREETERS: Don & Glendora Hange
ACOLYTES: Halley Novak and Taylor Novak
WORSHIP LEADER: The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Dan Clark and Tim Haywood

ELDER (8:30):
Nancy Huller

ELDERS (10:45):
Ken Mundorf
Tim Widman
HOME COMMUNION:
Barbara Terrell
Joan Wilhelm

DIACONATE: Team II

8:30 - Teri Hayes and Bob Maxwell
10:45 - Peggy Haywood, John Henry, Debby Lance,
Jack Price, Karen Schneider, Jim Stephenson, Jordan
Stephenson, Sue Stephenson, and Jeni Sweeten

Youth News

Hiram Conference Benefit Skate THIS Sunday
The D.I.G. benefit skate for youth in grades
6-12 is this Sunday, April 13, 4-6 p.m., at Springfield
Roller Rink (1220 S. Main St., Lakemore, OH).
Admission is \$5; skate rental is \$2. Please arrange
your own transportation.

Camp Close-Up

Did you know that there are Camp opportunities for
the after-high school crowd? **Advance Conference**
is for adults beyond high school and under age 30.
This year's theme, "Divinity & Diversity," is providing
many unique opportunities for study and growth.
The Spring Retreat is April 18-20 at Camp Christian
and will feature Melissa Lopez, Sacred Movement
Director at First Congregational United Church of
Christ, Elyria. Prepare to step outside the box as
participants enter into open conversation about
human sexuality and religion. The Reverend Margot
Connor will lead Bible study. Registration info. is
available on our main bulletin board.

***A fundraising concert for Advance Conference
scholarships will take place Friday, April 25 at Tylersville
Road Christian Church. Can't attend? Contact the church
office (323-4213) to find out how to donate. ***

Youth Tour at WACC April 13
**** Host Homes Still Needed ****

The youth of Jefferson United Methodist Church will lead our Sunday Worship Services with music and drama this Sunday, April 13.

We still need accommodations for 12 youth. Responsibilities are few: pick up “your” kids at WACC at 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, 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. Contact the church office to help.

All-Daughters Dinner May 1

Joanna Circle will host the annual All-Daughters Dinner on Thursday, May 1. A Swiss steak dinner (with “kid-friendly” meal options), catered by Sheila Smith and company, will be served at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by singer/songwriter/guitarist (and WACC Office Administrator!) Diana Tyler with sing-along fun for adults and children alike.

Suggested donation is \$7 per adult; \$3 for children ages 3-12 (the meal is free for children ages 2 and younger).

Tickets will be available after each Worship Service April 13, 20 and 27, and must be paid for when received (checks payable to Sheila Smith). There will be no ticket sales the night of the dinner. Please contact Beverly Gardner, Susan Mathes or the church office if you have questions.

Take a beautiful Spring walk AND raise funds for a good cause:

Saturday, April 19 at the Lorain County Metroparks’ Bur Oak Picnic Area. Proceeds fight hunger locally and globally. Contact Keith Western for CROP Walk sponsor sheets.



Have you remembered the church in your will?

Sarah Circle

will gather for its annual Spring Luncheon at the home of Carolyn Long on Thursday, April 17 at 12 noon. Pastor Janet Long will provide a memorial tribute. Reservations, which are required, may be made by calling the church office (323-4213).

“The Memory Keeper’s Daughter”

will air on the Lifetime channel on Saturday, April 12 at 9 p.m. The novel on which the movie is based was a much-enjoyed selection of the Book Club which meets at WACC each month.

The Book Club’s next gathering will be Tuesday, April 22, at 7 p.m. in the Elders’ conference room. They will continue in their discussion of, “The Journey of Crazy Horse: A Lakota History,” by Joseph M. Marshall III.

Spring clean-up of WACC grounds is Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m. All hands welcome!!

- Thu., 4/10: - Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders’ conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., 4/11: - WeekEnd of Compassion begins in Nashville, TN (ends 4/13).
- Sat., 4/12: - Ohio Region Work Day at the Cleveland Christian Home, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Sun., 4/13: - See back page for the day’s schedule.
- Mon., 4/14: - Northwood Service Unit Girl Scout Leaders’ meeting in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue., 4/15: - Church Life & Growth Committee meeting in the Elders’ conference room, 7 p.m.
- Wed., 4/16: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Thu., 4/17: - Inquirers Class gathering in the Elders’ conference room, 3:30 p.m.
- Thu., 4/17: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 4/17: - Sarah Circle gathering at the home of Carolyn Long, 420 Park Ave., 12 noon.
- Fri., 4/18: - Brownie Troop 524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Sat., 4/19: - Advance Conference Spring Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 4/20).
- Sat., 4/19: - Inquirers Class trip to Bethany, West Virginia (depart WACC 6:29 a.m.)
- Sat., 4/19: - Ohio Women’s Ministries Convocation at Gender Road Christian Church, Canal Winchester, 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., 4/19: - Spring clean-up of WACC grounds, 9 a.m.
- Sat., 4/19: - CROP Walk at Black River Reservation’s Bur Oak Picnic Area, 9 a.m.
- Sat., 4/19: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 2 (Barbara Western, captain).

Last Call for Registration

The Ohio Women’s Ministries Convocation is Saturday, April 19 at Gender Road Christian Church (near Columbus). Registration is \$50 if received by April 11; \$60 if received later.

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

Featured speaker is the Reverend Dr. Brenda Webster, Regional Program Minister. You will enjoy this day of fellowship and spiritual renewal. Register today...and invite a friend to accompany you. Complete information is available on our main bulletin board, or call the church office (323-4213) for assistance with registering on-line.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

WELCOME!

Pat Stevens united with our congregation by transfer of membership on April 6. Pat is related to the Rieth/Hayes/Sweeten family. (She is Sandy’s sister.)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Allie Aviles and Wayne Knapp were united in marriage on Saturday, April 5. The service took place in the sanctuary with Pastor Janet Long officiating. Best wishes and blessings!

Brad & Heidi Thimke have a new nephew, Owen Paul Thimke, who was born last week.

Jack Ryan will be celebrating his 90th birthday on April 22. Please help his family and friends celebrate his remarkable life with a shower of cards. While Jack and Margaret attend the First Christian Church of Wheeling, West Virginia, they dearly miss their home church. Cards to Jack may be sent to: James Ryan, Elmhurst, 1228 National Rd., Wheeling, WV 26003.

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for those in chronic pain.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround Linda & Tom Dull in the death of Linda’s father, Richard Sutter, on Sunday. Services will be held Thursday at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Clyde.

HOSPITALIZED

- EMH/Amherst: Carol McIntyre
- At Autumn Aegis: Robert Wenzel
- At Life Care Elyria: Jim Borthwick
- Marilyn Hadaway
- Marion Wiles
- At Wesleyan Village: Anne Prentice
- In Rehab in Florida: Mildred Wainwright
- At Home: Dick Hadaway

CALENDAR

