



**April 20, 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  
**OPENER:** Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.  
**GREETERS:** Sean, Michelle, Rachel, and Paul Kersey

**ACOLYTES:** Sarah Turner and Nautica Walker  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Jenny Bliss  
**PREACHER:** The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long  
**TELLERS:** Cheryl McKenna and Gerald Western  
**ELDER (8:30):** Lauri Warfield  
**ELDERS (10:45):** Steve Bond, Jane Hutson, Jim Stephenson

**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**

**Camp Close-Up**

A **Camp Christian Reunion** for you and your family is coming up May 3-4! Re-live those wonderful Camp memories. Bring your Camp photos and memorabilia to share. Remember the old buildings—and check out the new ones. It's a time to celebrate Camp Christian's 50 years and your own special times there! Registration is \$60 for adults, \$50 for children ages 6-12, and \$40 for children ages 3-5 (ages 2 and younger attend free)—OR pay a maximum of \$180 per family (same household, please). \* **R.S.V.P. by April 21.** Registration may be done online at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org) or by utilizing the forms displayed in the staff offices hallway.

\* *All children must attend with a parent or adult guardian.*

**Music, Music, Music...for a Good Cause**  
 Don't forget that fundraising concert for Advance Conference scholarships on Friday, April 25 at Tylersville Road Christian Church. Featured will be Disciples musicians from the Ohio Region. Can't attend? Contact the church office (323-4213) to find out how to donate.

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**Janet's Jottings**

Dear Friends,

*What's new at the church?* That question is posed to me when I visit homebound members of our congregation, when I meet with colleagues, when I communicate with non-resident members and friends of WACC.

*What's new at the church?* That question can be answered in so many ways. It can be answered by looking at the present moment: "We have a wonderful group of Inquirers this year. Their field trip to Bethany is this Saturday, starting at 6:29 a.m." "We hosted 35 youth from Jefferson (in Ashtabula County) this past weekend. They led us in a very different style of worship." "Tickets are on sale for our annual All-Daughters Dinner, featuring Sheila Smith's cooking and Diana Tyler's singing."

*What's new at the church?* That question can be answered in so many ways. It can be answered by looking to the future: "We are gearing up for a capital campaign, **Covenant for a Miracle**. We are trying some new and innovative approaches and are hoping that everyone will be involved in our congregation's effort to be open to God's miracle in our midst." "We are studying how our church should be staffed for future ministry, especially for ministry to and with youth and young adults."

*What's new at the church?* That question can be answered in so many ways. Most importantly, it can be answered by looking to the resurrection: "We are celebrating the presence of our Risen Lord. We are seeking to grow in faithful witness and service in his name. We are praying for an increased commitment to discipleship as we respond to his call, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. We are growing in hope and joy at the Good News of Christ's life and love for all creation."

*What's new at the church?* That question can be answered in so many ways. How would you respond? What would you offer? "See," says God, "I am making all things new." May we be open to the new life we are offered!

Love,  
*Janet*

**Many Thanks...and a Call for Help**

Our thanks to Brad Thinke and his crew from Mould's Plantation for the BEAUTIFUL job they did last week ridding our lawn and flower beds of leaves and other debris. What a difference their work made!

We'll complete the effort this Saturday, April 19. Dress for the weather and bring appropriate tools for spreading mulch. Contact Barbara Terrell if you have any questions.



**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.

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

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

**April 20 Lectionary Corner**

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 John 14:1-14\*

\*Sermon focus

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

**Play Golf—Fund Camp Scholarships**

Join Disciples from the Ohio Region on Saturday, May 31 at Scioto Reserve (near Columbus) for the Third Annual Youth Scholarship Golf Outing. Golfers and hole sponsors are needed. Overnight lodging and a celebration dinner will be at Camp Christian. Call 614-433-0343 or visit [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org) for complete information.

**Copies of the 2006-2007 WACC Yearbook** are available. Contact the church office to request one.

**Need a Lift?**

If you need transportation to church—regularly or occasionally, on Sundays or for special events—please contact the church office. We'd love to arrange a ride for you if you'll let us know you'd like one

- *The Elders*

**Women's Friendship Day Breakfast**

Elyria Area Church Women United will observe May Friendship Day with a breakfast and worship service on Friday, May 2 at 10 a.m., at First United Methodist Church, 312 Third Street. All participating church women's groups will turn in their "Least Coin" offerings from their 2007-2008 meetings. All women of the church are invited to participate. Questions may be directed to Pauline Wallace.

**WACC Raises \$2,380 for CCHI!**

Our thanks to walkers Heidi Thinke, Barbara Western and Keith Western, and runners (WACC's first in this event) Britney March, Pamela March and Brad Thinke, for their efforts in the April 5 Walk/Run for the Kids of the Cleveland Christian Home. Special thanks to their sponsors—personal and corporate—for donating a total of \$2,380 in this event. What a wonderful outpouring of love and support! We thank you all!

**CALENDAR**



- Thu., 4/17: - Sarah Circle gathering at the home of Carolyn Long, 420 Park Ave., 12 noon.
- Brownie Troop 524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Fri., 4/18: - 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.)
- Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation at Gender Road Christian Church, Canal Winchester, 8:30 a.m.
- Spring clean-up of WACC grounds, 9 a.m.
- CROP Walk at Black River Reservation's Bur Oak Picnic Area, 9 a.m.
- Sun., 4/20: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 2 (Barbara Western, captain).
- See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 4/21: - Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Tue., 4/22: - Church Life & Growth Committee meeting in the Gibbens conference room, 7 p.m.
- Book Club gathering in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Wed., 4/23: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Elyria Schools scholarship committee meeting in the youth rooms, 9 a.m.
- Fri., 4/25: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Advance Conference Scholarship Fundraising Concert, Tylersville Road Christian Church, 6771 Tylersville Rd., Mason, 6 p.m.

**NEWS OF OUR FAMILY**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

D.A. & Arlene Knepper recently celebrated their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (4/6). Warren & Evelyn Hollis will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 4/17. Continued best wishes and blessings to both couples!

**THANK YOU**

I wanted to let all of you know how much your cards, prayers and food meant to us after Linda's father's passing. What a blessing this church family is! Our thanks to Pastor Janet Long & Dan Clark for the funeral home visit. It's so nice to have the support of our church.

Bless you all,  
*Thomas & Linda Dull*

I just wanted to take the time to thank all of you for your wonderful hospitality! I know I have heard great things from the kids as far as their homes that they stayed in. They all had a great time! I hope that your congregation enjoyed having the teens there and thank you again for letting us come! May God bless you!

*Stacey McConnell  
Youth Pastor  
Jefferson UMC*

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Please pray for college students who are facing difficult challenges.

**HOSPITALIZED**

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