

THE SPREE



Washington Avenue Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

I am in the midst of three things having to do with finances. I am preparing to lead workshops for fellow pastors on Thursday and Friday at the North American Conference on Christian Philanthropy. I am wrapping up some financial filing at home related to our annual date with the IRS. And, I am working with the advance gifts leadership to complete that portion of the Covenant for a Miracle capital campaign that Chuck Baumgartner explained on Sunday.

I am seeking to approach all of these efforts from the unique perspective of Christian stewardship. Indeed, Jesus spoke about money more often than any other topic except one: God's kingdom. My working definition of Christian stewardship revolves around using the resources entrusted to one's care for the sake of God's kingdom. The three things I'm involved with address that desire for faithfulness on three different levels: pastoral, personal and congregational.

After this week's advance giving phase is completed, the month of May will provide the timeframe for the full congregation's consideration of and commitment to the challenge to retire our building debt. I am excited about the possibility that we can work together to achieve this goal as we continue to be blessed by all of the gifts—prayer, vision, skill, money, faith, and trust—that made possible this space for mission and ministry.

Lynne Twist, author of *The Soul of Money*, shares this insight:

No matter how much or how little money you have flowing through your life, when you direct that flow with soulful purpose, you feel wealthy.

You feel vibrant and alive when you use your money in a way that represents you, not just as a response to the market economy, but also as an expression of who you are. When you let your money move to things you care about, your life lights up.

That's really what money is for.

I've witnessed the miracle of lives lighting up as people grow in caring about this church. May God be glorified in all we do—and in all we give!

Love,

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April 27, 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: Steve Woosley **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: Sheila Smith and Lisa, Lydia and Marisa Ward

ACOLYTES: Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz

WORSHIP LEADER: Nancy Huller

PREACHER: The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak

ELDER (8:30): Betty McIntyre

PIANIST (8:30): Chris Trunk

ELDERS (10:45): HOME COMMUNION:

Dan Clark Lauri Warfield

Becky Thompson Keith Western

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

Young/Young Adult Events

WANEW* Overnight May 2-3

Chi Rho and CYF (grades 6-12) will meet at Westlake Christian Church by 7 p.m. on Friday, May 2 for a fun overnight that includes worship, pizza and a trip to Extreme Lazer Tag. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, a snack to share, and \$15. Parents should be prepared to pick up their youth at Westlake by 9 a.m. on Saturday.

*WANEW is Washington Avenue, North Eaton, and Westlake Christian Churches.

Young Adult Bible Study Offered

Young adults 18-29 years old (Advance Conference) are invited to a Bible study on Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the home of Nanci Ickes, 6965 Chadbourne Dr., North Olmsted. Nanci, a member of North Eaton Christian Church, is opening the study to all young adults in our region. Questions? Call Nanci at 440-235-8956.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Last Call for Tickets!

This Sunday, April 27, is the final day to buy tickets for the May 1 All-Daughters Dinner. The 6:30 p.m. meal, catered by Sheila Smith and company, will include Swiss steak and "kid-friendly" food



options. Entertainment will be provided by singer/songwriter/guitarist 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 must be paid for when received (checks payable to Sheila Smith); none will be sold the night of the dinner. Please contact Beverly Gardner, Susan Mathes or the church office (323-4213) if you have questions.

Disciples Women Aim for "Selective Hearing"

Disciples women will want to attend the Ohio Women's Ministries Spring Gathering May 17 at High Street Christian Church, Akron. The event theme is, "Listening to God's Voice, Listening with God's Word." Disciples women of Districts 2, 3, 4, 7, and 15 will be in attendance. Registration is \$10 per person and includes lunch. **R.S.V.P. by Sunday, May 10** to Donna Van Boxel, 440-255-7926 or donna5119@yahoo.com. The church is located at 131 South High Street in Akron.

APRIL 27 LECTONARY CORNER

Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
Psalm 66:8-20
John 14:15-21*

*Sermon focus

Camp Close-Up

1. **Disciples men** are invited to the annual Spring Retreat at Camp Christian May 16-18. "Operation Camp Christian: Ohio Disciples Men's Mission to Our Youth" is an opportunity to connect with Disciples men of all ages while readying Camp Christian for another season of ministry. Come prepared to paint, mow, rake, weed whack, sweep, etc. But there still will be plenty of opportunities for worship, Bible study and fun, including a performance by "His Embrace", a musical group from Gender Road Christian Church. Registration rates are \$25.50-\$75 depending upon participation level, scholarship opportunities, etc.

2. **"Family Camp"** (Disciples Fellowship Retreat) will take place May 23-25 at Camp Christian. Participants of all ages are invited to investigate "God's Vision for You." Registration ranges from \$31 per adult-\$165 maximum per household, depending upon participation level and number in household.

Complete information on the above events may be obtained through the church office (323-4213), our main bulletin board or on-line at www.ccinohio.org.

Fri., 4/25:

- Advance Conference Scholarship Fundraising Concert, Tylersville Road Christian Church, 6771 Tylersville Rd., Mason, 6 p.m.

Sun., 4/27:

- See back page for the day's schedule.

Tue., 4/29:

- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Wed., 4/30:

- Inquirers Class gathering in the Elders' conference room, 3:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Thu., 5/1:

- Brownie Troop 524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.

Fri., 5/2:

- All-Daughters Dinner in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Church office closed for attendance at "Gigabytes for the Gospel" conference.

Sat., 5/3:

- Elyria Area Church Women United's Friendship Day Breakfast, First United Methodist Church, 312 Third St., 10 a.m.
- WANEW Overnight at Westlake Christian Church, 7 p.m. (ends 5/3, 9 a.m.)
- Camp Christian Reunion and Open House begins, Magnetic Springs, OH (ends 5/4).

May Birthdays

2 Troy Piazza	20 Gerry Higgins
4 Bryant Diedrick	21 Elizabeth Busch
5 Heather Shirley	21 Tim Haywood
5 Karen McMahan	22 Halley Novak
6 Katie Mizen	22 Chad Anderson
6 Kay Mundorf	22 Steven Charlton
6 Liz Cruzado	23 Don Harold
6 Kate Matolich	23 Alex McKenna
6 Tyler Schneider	23 Lauren Necker
7 David Shafer	23 Nick Schaffer
7 Teri Hayes	24 Tommy March
10 Bob Clark	25 Adrienne
10 Kathy McDowell	25 Eichenlaub
12 Sammi Wilhelm	Audrey Lauffer
13 Brandon Cruzado	Elliot Wainwright
13 Amy Filbert	Laurie Figueroa
13 Chuck Lance	Florence Herrle
13 Bradley Thimke	Pat Szeliga
15 Phyllis Burke	Linda Adkins
15 Don Hange, Sr.	Deanna Forbush
16 Wayne Knapp	Kurt Huller
17 Dan Clark	Jody Kostohryz
17 Jodi Higgins	Andy Wainwright
17 Ian Knowlton	Tom Williams
17 Sabrina Knowlton	John Davis
18 Caleb Ross	Joe Vondruska
19 Susan Mathes	
19 Mark Siegmund	

MAY ACOLYTES

- 4 Daniel March and Romeo Walker
- 11 Dan McGann and Bradley Thimke
- 18 Deanna Forbush and Skye Stephenson
- 25 Cody Schneider and Tyler Schneider

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Logan Lee Anderson was born to Rob & Channon on March 24. He weighed in at 8 lb., 8 oz. Logan is welcomed by grandparents Bud & Kris Anderson and uncle and aunt, Rick & Sylvia Anderson. Baby Logan and his parents live at 15823 Watermill Court, Clermont, FL 34711.

Logan's picture is posted on our bulletin board. Best wishes and blessings to all!

Continued blessings and best wishes to the following anniversary couples: Bill & Diane Wallhead (4/18, #55), Gerry & Debby Higgins (4/19, #7) and Jim & Lil Collier (4/23, #64).

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for those who live in poverty—and for we who don't, to make a difference.

SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kari and Charles Majewski in the recent death of their grandfather, Perry Cornell, in New York. May God's presence offer peace.

HOSPITALIZED

At EMH: Myra Ball
David Bruce
Marlene Walker

At Wooster Community Hospital:

Virginia Pegler (Marion Wiles' daughter)

At Autumn Aegis: Robert Wenzel

At Life Care Elyria: Jim Borthwick

At Wesleyan Village: Anne Prentice

In Rehab in Florida: Mildred Wainwright

At Home: Doris Edwards (in-and-out)

Helen Farrar

Marilyn Hadaway

Doug Hayes (in-and-out)

Ken Mundorf (in-and-out)

CALENDAR

