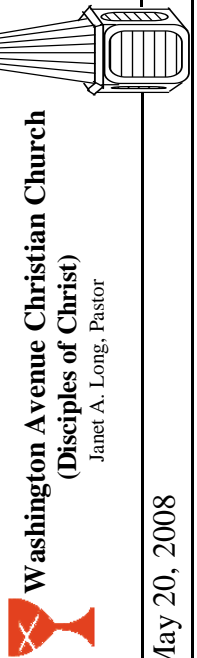


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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

The weather does not contribute to the sense that summer is imminent. But the calendar doesn't lie: Memorial Day weekend—the traditional start of the summer season—is on the horizon. In fact, it's more than “on the horizon”; it's staring us in the face!

Memorial Day is about memories. It is a time to remember those whose lives were given in service to our country. My own memories take me back to Crooksville, Ohio, and the many Memorial Day parades in which I marched in the band. The parade route was uphill, ending at the town cemetery. A short service was led by one of the “war daughters” groups. The same elderly woman always began the service in the same way: She would step to the microphone, lower it to match her height and speak in her quivering voice, “Would you all move a little closer, please?” Except she said it, “closter”. The band members were listening for it. And she never let us down.

I had a role in the Memorial Day observance: reciting Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. It was a challenge to memorize those beautiful words which President Lincoln purportedly penned on the back of an envelope as he viewed the expanse of the Civil War cemetery at Gettysburg. If you have been to such a place—Arlington Cemetery, West Point Cemetery, a veterans' cemetery anywhere—you likely reacted with awe, reverence, sadness, and heartache that so many young lives were sacrificed in our country's wars. And the sacrifices continue to this day. I am still haunted by those prayerful words: *we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain...*

This Memorial Day, it is time to move a little closer to that resolve – that no member of our nation's military shall have died in vain. It is time to restore our commitment to a *new birth of freedom*. It is time to remember the peace God intends...

Love,  
*Janet*

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### May 25, 2008

- 8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Common Grounds
- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 12:00 noon Church Life & Growth Committee meeting
- OPENER:** Steve Woosley **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
- GREETERS:** Thomas & Linda Dull
- ACOLYTES:** Cody Schneider and Tyler Schneider
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Dick Burch
- PREACHER:** The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long
- TELLERS:** Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan
- ELDER (8:30):** PIANIST (8:30):  
Jane Hutson DiAnne Schmidt  
**ELDERS (10:45):** HOME COMMUNION:  
Barbara Terrell Steve Bond  
Becky Thompson Cheryl Grapes
- 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

## Camp Close-Up

**“Grandparent and Me” Camp**  
“And God Said: IT IS GOOD!”  
Grandparent and Me Camp is an overnight camp experience for young children entering grades 1 and 2, and their special adult friend (grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.). Crafts, stories and special activities will help develop spirituality as well as celebrate some special one-to-one time between the generations. Dates this year are June 6-7 and October 3-4.

**Adventure Camp—Canoeing**  
Canoe Michigan's Au Sable River July 6-12 while learning about biblical boat stories. Although designed for those in high school and older, this trip is not considered rigorous; the river current will provide most of the needed forward motion. Registration is \$300 per person and includes transportation, tent, canoe, paddle, life preserver, campground fees, and food. Registration is limited to the first 20 people to sign up.

Contact the church office for complete information on the above events and other wider-church retreats and activities.

## Graduate Responses Needed NOW



Our thanks to those graduates who have already responded to our invitation to WACC's Baccalaureate.

We still need to hear from the remainder of our graduates (or their parents) regarding a printed bio and their planned attendance at the June 1 breakfast, 10:45 Worship Service and coffee hour during which we'll recognize their achievements. We'd hate to have a too-late response keep their accomplishments out of our Baccalaureate booklet of honor.

Call 440-323-4213

(or email [office@waccelyria.org](mailto:office@waccelyria.org)) today!

## Men to Gather for Sessions 2008

Have you reserved your spot on the Ohio Region's bus to Sessions 2008 (July 17-20 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)? The event will bring together Disciples men from across the United States and Canada for fellowship, education and spiritual renewal.

Sessions 2008 will include 300+ men singing God's praise (a definite highlight of the event); it will present mission work opportunities (with power tools!); it will help men discover more about themselves through various workshops; it will present opportunities to get away from the everyday and to hear the still, small voice of God in some quiet moments; it will allow mentoring opportunities for both spiritual guides and recipients.

To learn more, visit:

[www.sessions2008.org](http://www.sessions2008.org)

## May 25 Lectionary Corner

Genesis 22:1-4\*  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

\*Sermon *foci*

Have you remembered the church in your will?

### Joanna Circle

will have its end-of-year picnic on Thursday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Jackson, 913 Bennett Dr. Bring a covered dish to share and your own table service.

### CCH Benefit Golf Outing

The Cleveland Christian Home's annual Scramble for Kids will take place on Monday, June 2 at the Elyria Country Club. The event includes lunch, golf, a putting contest, dinner, a silent auction, and more. Golfers pay \$250 for the entire event. Sponsor packages range from \$250-\$7,500 and come with perks like web and print recognition, tickets and more. Registration forms are posted on our main bulletin board.

### Elders' Workshop June 14

Norwood Christian Church is hosting an Elders' Workshop on Saturday, June 14. The Rev. Bill McConnell, author of the book, "Renew Your Congregation," will be the featured speaker. Registration is \$15 per person. Contact Rev. Heather Schimmel for more information (513-631-5366 or [pastorncc@fuse.net](mailto:pastorncc@fuse.net)).

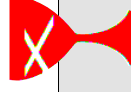
## June Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Ken Evans           | 13 Stacey Cruzado |
| 2 David Osborn        | Hannah Eichenlaub |
| 3 Dick Schall         | Sandi Forbush     |
| 4 Paul Dahm           | Megan McCall      |
| 5 Shane McNeal        | Pat Dahm          |
| 6 Shelley Holtz       | Kim Kiser         |
| 7 Jacob Kuzela        | Aaron Kuzela      |
| 8 Dan McGann          | Janet Long        |
| 9 Charlene Plumb      | Kathy Matheson    |
| 10 Connor Sweeten     | 17 Judy Jackson   |
| 11 Mildred Wainwright | 18 David Stroup   |
| 12 Heather Lopez      | 20 Allison Draper |
| Pearl Sterner**       | 23 Vivian Balsler |
| 10 Anthony Hitchens   | Ann Busch         |
| 11 Collin Fitzgerald  | 28 Sheri Clemmons |
| Melissa Knight        | Drew Fitzgerald   |
| Briquette March       | Laurie Dieringer  |
| Eugene Higgins        | 30 Peg Stevens    |
| Kathy Oblak           |                   |

\*\*You are invited to a celebration of Pearl Sterner's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, June 7, 2-4 p.m. in the Activity Room of the Canton Christian Home, 2550 Cleveland Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44709. Cards and written remembrances or tributes will be the most treasured gifts you can bring or send. A map is posted on our main bulletin board.

### June Acolytes

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| 1 Britney March and Nautica Walker      |
| 8 Aaron Kuzela and Jacob Kuzela         |
| 15 Halley Novak and Taylor Novak        |
| 22 Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz |
| 29 Sarah Turner and Nautica Walker      |



## CALENDAR

- Thu., 5/22: - Church Office closed (vacation day).
- Nominating Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Fri., 5/23: - Disciples Fellowship Retreat (Family Camp) at Camp Christian begins (ends 5/25).
- Sun., 5/25: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 5/26: - Church office closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- Tue., 5/27: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 5/28: - Chancel Choir rehearsal (the last one of this program year) in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 5/29: - Brownie Troop 524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Sat., 5/31: - Camp Christian Youth Scholarship Golf Outing at Scioto Reserve, Powell, 12:30 p.m.

## NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

### Congratulations!

Jon Bond graduated from George Washington University Law School on Sunday. He finished #1 in his class of over 500! Best wishes and blessings.

Recent anniversary couples include: Joe & Bonnie Wargo and Frank & Harryette Wargo (5/17, #64 and #5, respectively), Brian & Shelley Holtz (5/19, #7), and Paul & Ruth Ables, Thomas & Linda Dull and Chad & Heather Maxwell (5/22, #35, #15 and #4, respectively).

Congratulations to all!

### Prayer Focus

Please remember those who lost their own lives and those who lost loved ones to war.

### Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers surround Cindy & Gary Knapp and family in the death of Cindy's aunt, Mary Warren, on Saturday in Arizona. May all who mourn know the peace of Christ.

### Hospitalized

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time.  
At Home: Marilyn Hadaway

### Covenant Corner

The congregational phase of our capital campaign, **Covenant for a Miracle**, is well underway. Over \$95,000 has been pledged by 28 giving units toward the goal of \$200,000. Have you made *your* four-year commitment?