

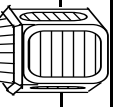
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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Ian Bowman-Henderson just completed his term as State CYF Secretary. The thoughts of this high school senior are worth sharing...

First they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for the Communists and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist.

Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out because I am not a trade unionist.

Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me.

- Pastor Martin Niemoller

Martin Niemoller opposed the Nazification of German churches, and helped found the Confessing Church which strongly fought against Nazism. He spent eight years in the Dachau concentration camp, but survived to become a prominent antiwar activist.

This poem hangs among the tattered and tragic relics of the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. It was written to lament the ease with which the Nazis set up their totalitarian regime by dividing the German people against each other. However, I think it has a deeper meaning for Christians of the Millennial Generation. We live in a pluralistic society, and each and every one of us will be confronted by people who do not believe the things we believe. We will meet people of every different faith, and many people with no faith at all. At this point, we will have to choose how we treat those people. Many generations before ours have chosen paths of hate and combativeness, but the fact that the majority of the world is not Christian pretty much shows how effective hate has been. Who was ever converted to a religion of love through words of hate anyway? The alternative, loving our neighbors as ourselves, seems a novel idea in the face of media, and even ministry, which portrays a world of "us" against "them". However, the problems facing humanity are far bigger than questions of religion. Problems such as rising gas and food prices, racial and social inequality and global warming affect all the world's people, and it will take a coalition of all the world's people to solve them. Today is not the day to fight for Christianity; today is the day to be a Christian fighting for all of humanity. Christians must take the lead in combating the forces working against the human race. Today is the day to fight for all of humanity, and let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

- 2008 Ohio CYF Conference Handbook Morning Watch readings

Love,



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July 20, 2008

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds
9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Church School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service

OPENER: Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.

GREETERS: Jack & Audrey Price

ACOLYTES: Halley Novak and Taylor Novak

WORSHIP LEADER: Kurt Huller

PREACHER: The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Dan Clark and Tim Haywood

ELDER (8:30): Pianist (8:30):

Janet Stevens-Brown Lauri Warfield

ELDERS (10:45): Home Communion:

Mark Mathes Ken Mundorf

Lauri Warfield Jane Hutson

DIACONATE: Team III

8:30 - Linda Adkins and Jason Higgins

10:45 - Jenny Bliss, Cheryl Grapes, Pam Henry,

Michelle Kazmierczak, Michelle Kersey, Sean Kersey,

Karen Schneider, Laverne Stroup, Wayne Walker, and

Joan Wilhelm

Camp Close-Up

Is There "Community" After CYF?

Yes!! Advance Conference is the Disciples fellowship group for post-high school adults through age 29. All who have "graduated" out of CYF are invited to take part in the many Advance Conference activities held each year. These events include Spring, summer and winter camp experiences at Camp Christian. In addition, an annual fundraising concert provides fun, fellowship and scholarship assistance towards camp registration fees.

This year's AC summer camp will be held August 10-17. Plan to attend the entire week (\$280; includes lodging and meals) OR register for only the days you're able to attend (\$50/day).

Allison Widman plans to register—why not join her? Sign up through the church office or on-line at: www.ccinoh.org.

Grounds Clean-Up This Saturday

Our gardening volunteers will be doing some weeding, trimming and mulching at the church this Saturday, July 19 beginning at 8:30 am. If you can spare even an hour, we'd love to have your help!



Free Firewood: WACC members and friends may help themselves to the cut or fallen timber pieces in the church parking lot and side yard.

Thoughtful Christians Gather

TheThoughtfulChristian.com has been a great source of discussion topics for our Intergenerational Church School sessions! On July 20, Elder Jane Hutson will lead a class on, "Atheism: A Christian Response." Elder Ken Mundorf will lead the July 27 session on, "The Gift of Friendship." The August 3 class will feature, "Tibet and the Olympics," led by Elder Lauri Warfield. The class meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the youth rooms.

Yearbook Reports Due

Congratulations to Brenda Keenan, our Parish Visitor, for being the first to get her Yearbook report in before our July 15 deadline! Reports are needed from staff and program Chairs ASAP. (Not sure if you need to turn one in? Need help deciding what to include? Contact the church office for information or assistance.)

July 20 Lectionary Corner

Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

*Sermon focus

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Fundraising Tea for Salvation Army

You are invited to attend the Lorain County Salvation Army "Heart to Heart" Tea on Monday, August 4, 1-3 p.m. at the Elyria Country Club. There will be women's health awareness presentations, entertainment, door prizes, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 each and may be obtained from Barbara Terrell.

Help Us F-I-L-L Our VBS

Help spread the word about WACC's Vacation Bible School Day Camp by inviting family and neighborhood children age 3-grade 6 to attend. Our VBS will help

participants, "Take a Trip Around God's World" on Tuesday, July 29, 1:30-8 p.m. They'll learn about cultures and customs of Christians around the globe through songs, stories, scripture, snacks, arts and crafts, and games. Families are invited to join us at 6 p.m. for a pizza supper as we share our experiences of the day. Registration is only \$1 per student.



Contact Debbie Walker through the church office (office@waccelyria.org or 323-4213) to register...or to help!

Please add Glenna Knapp's new cell phone number (281-1220) to your church directory.

You Are Invited

We are delighted to welcome our church friends to an open house to share our new home on Sunday, August 3, 1-5 p.m. We're at 10599 Gifford Rd., approximately ½ mile south of State Route 113, on the east side of the road. (Go west through South Amherst, across Baumhart Rd., and turn left on Gifford Rd. which is marked as a cross intersection.) We look forward to seeing anyone who would like to check out our new residence and the many "growing things" in our yard.

- Debby and Mike Willets

Did You Know...

...that your freewill offerings for the 2008 Easter and Mother's Day Breakfasts served by our Disciples Men are now benefiting Disciples children's ministries in three states? WACC's \$200 contribution is:

- ❖ helping First Christian Church (Huntsville, Alabama) renovate its playground to meet the National Program for Playground Safety standards and Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility requirements;
 - ❖ aiding the Memorial Christian Church Men's Ministry (Rock Island, Illinois) in bringing 10 laptop computers and portable, inflatable playground equipment to its Discovery Land Children's Ministry; and,
 - ❖ assisting in the construction of a 30' x 40' building for the Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries (Bayview, Texas) for counseling mothers and children of the Christian Church in the Southwest Region.
- Thank you for your generosity!

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Deillah Marie Diedrick was in church for the first time on Sunday! Born to Tanya on June 26, she weighed in at 7 lbs., 7 oz. and measured 19½ inches. Big brother Isaiah, grandma Lisa and great-grandparents Don & Carol Mosher share in the joy of Deillah's birth.

Jacob Robert Eby was born on July 14 to Nicole and Dave. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 4 oz. and measured 20 inches. Jacob's welcoming committee includes first-time grandparents, Gary & Carol McIntyre and great-grandparents, Larry & Betty McIntyre.

Dylan Scott Quinones arrived to Danielle Davis and Bryan Quinones on July 11. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 6 oz. and measured 20½ inches. John & Karen Davis are first-time grandparents. Karen had pictures of the baby with her on Sunday!

Ashley Dieringer and Eric Csata were united in marriage on July 5 in Oregon, Ohio. Pastor Janet Long officiated.

Gary & Cindy Knapp are celebrating their 28th anniversary (7/5); Andy & Melissa Knight are celebrating their 5th (7/12).

Best wishes and blessings to all!

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for families with (or expecting) new babies.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround the Wilhelm and Grapes families in Bob's death on July 4. A memorial service was held in the sanctuary on Friday, July 11, with Pastor Janet Long officiating. May God's peace comfort all who mourn.

HOSPITALIZED

At EMH: Nicole Eby and Jacob Steve McCall

At Hannah House, University Hospitals:

Steve Kistner

At Cleveland Clinic: John Davis

At Center Ridge: Jim Borthwick

At Home: Danielle Davis and Dylan

Tanya Diedrick and Deillah

John Farrar

Joan Schwarz

Steve Woosley

CALENDAR



Thu., 7/17: - Sessions 2008 in Oklahoma City begins (ends 7/20).

Sat., 7/19: - WACC grounds clean-up, 8:30 a.m.

Sun., 7/20: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 4 (Mark & Susan Mathes, captains).

Mon., 7/21: - See back page for the day's schedule.

Tue., 7/22: - Book Club gathering in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.

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