

# THE SPREE

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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

What does it mean to be a Disciple? What does our church stand for? What does the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) believe? What makes us unique?


Our General Minister and President, Sharon E. Watkins, established a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Vision Team to update an identity statement for Disciples and to create guiding principles for achieving that vision. Approved by our denomination's General Board, I'd like to share the Team's important work with you.

Statement of Identity: ***We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.***

Principles of Identity:

1. We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world, requiring nothing more—and nothing less—as a basis of our life together.
2. We hold the centrality of scripture, recognizing that each person has the freedom—and the responsibility—to study God's Word within the community of the church.
3. We practice the baptism of believers, which emphasizes that God's grace demands a response of faith and discipleship, while also recognizing the baptism performed in other churches.
4. We gather for the Lord's Supper, as often as possible, experiencing at this table the gracious, forgiving presence of Jesus Christ.

To be continued next week...

Love,  


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### July 27, 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:** Steve Woosley **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre  
**GREETERS:** Jane Schuster and Kathryn Carter  
**ACOLYTES:** Aaron Kuzela and Jacob Kuzela  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Ashley Walker  
**PREACHER:** The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long  
**TELLERS:** John McKenna and Lauri Warfield

**ELDER (8:30):**

Ken Mundorf

Rosalie Gainer

**ELDERS (10:45):**

Becky Thompson

Lauri Warfield

Dan Clark

**DIACONATE:** Team IV

**8:30 -** Marilyn Bauer and Roger Bauer  
**10:45 -** Arlene Burch, Dick Burch, David Eby, Nicole Eby, Gail Haywood, Jane Hutson, Brenda Keenan, Jody Kostohryz, Gary McIntyre, and Sharon Siffert

## Camp Close-Up

Camp: **NOT** for only the young!  
DON'T MISS these opportunities:

### ❖ Advance Conference

August 10-17

For post-high school adults through age 29.

### ❖ Disciples Fellowship Retreat

August 29-31

Camp Christian

For all ages, and families of all sizes.

Keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. William Edwards,  
Regional Pastor and President,  
Christian Church in Ohio

### ❖ Ohio Disciples Women's Fall Retreat

September 12-14

Camp Christian

### ❖ Ohio Disciples Men's Fall Retreat

September 19-21

Camp Christian

Keynote speaker: Rev. Johnny Wray,  
Director, Week of Compassion

Register using the sign-up sheets on our main bulletin board, or online at: [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org).

## VBS "World Tour" Next Tuesday

Children age 3-grade 6 are invited to, "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 the day's experiences.



Register your child (\$1 per student) through the church office or by using the forms available this Sunday in the hallway of the new building. ***Our VBS is open to all children, so please invite extended family as well as children in your own neighborhood.***

## Host Home Needed August 8-10

A host home is needed for a 17-year-old woman who will be attending the Children Worship & Wonder training event at WACC August 8-10. Please contact Debby Walker or Chris Baumgartner if you have a room to spare that weekend.

## Blessings of Beauty

Many hands lightened the load last Saturday as a hardy crew braved the heat and humidity to do a summer clean-up of the church grounds. Our thanks to: *Val Collins, Don Hange, Jr., Don Hange, Sr., Glendora Hange, Dennis Jackson, Mark Mathes, Audrey Price, Jack Price, Barbara Terrell, Brad Thimke, Chris Thomas, Nancy Walker, and Tim Widman.* Your efforts are appreciated by all!

## July 27 Lectionary Corner

Genesis 29:15-28 Romans 8:26-39  
 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52\*

\*Sermon focus

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

## Food for Thought

Join us each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the youth rooms for our Intergenerational Church School. We've been exploring many thought-provoking faith topics from [TheThoughtfulChristian.com](http://TheThoughtfulChristian.com).

Elder Ken Mundorf will lead the July 27 session on, "The Gift of Friendship." Upcoming classes will feature, "Tibet and the Olympics" and "Hospitality: Loving the Stranger" (dates to be announced).

## Yearbook Reports Due July 30

Many thanks to our Parish Visitor, Diaconate Chair, and Christian Education and Worship Committee Co-Chairs for turning in their Yearbook reports!

We're currently awaiting reports from our 2007-2008 Board Chair, Director of Church School Education, Chair of the Elders, Permanent Funds Trustees, and Joanna and Sarah Circles, as well as our Church Life & Growth, Hospitality, Outreach, Property, and Stewardship Co-Chairs.

Thanks, in advance, for getting these reports to the church office by July 30.

## Fundraising Tea for Salvation Army

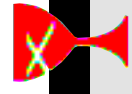
You are invited to attend the Lorain County Salvation Army "Heart to Heart" Tea on Monday, August 4, 1-3 p.m. at the Elyria Country Club. There will be women's health awareness presentations, entertainment, door prizes, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 each and may be obtained from Barbara Terrell.

## August Birthdays

- |    |                  |    |                  |
|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | Linda Dull       | 16 | Lee Peden        |
| 2  | Laurel Hoover    | 17 | Drew Schneider   |
|    | Fauna Griffiths  |    | Allie Knapp      |
|    | Joshua Henry     |    | Kevin Reisinger  |
|    | Stacey Hoover    | 18 | Danielle Rourke  |
|    | Max Kunze        |    | Thomas Dull      |
|    | Romeo Walker     |    | Cheryl Grapes    |
| 3  | Dawna White      |    | Mike Kostohryz   |
| 4  | Don Hange, Jr.   | 19 | Carol Edwards    |
|    | Erin McLaughlin  |    | Brice Necker     |
| 5  | Tyler Charlton   |    | Cory Necker      |
|    | Bill Clark       | 20 | Cheyenne Remley  |
|    | William Grapes   | 23 | Rosalie Gainer   |
|    | Linda Necker     |    | Rachel Kersey    |
| 6  | Harvey Barbee    | 24 | Mathew Kostohryz |
|    | Jack Siffert     |    | Sue McIntyre     |
|    | Marion Wiles     |    | Sandee Murphy    |
|    | Mike Willets     | 25 | Lil Collier      |
| 7  | Mary Comstock    |    | Jane Herrington  |
|    | Becky Papenbrock |    | Cameron Hyder    |
| 8  | Greg Crist       | 26 | Randy Bruce      |
|    | Tim Figueroa     |    | Emily Mathes     |
|    | Mike Bakos       |    | Karen McCall     |
| 10 | Kennedy Loughner | 27 | Kimberly Wilhelm |
|    | Lauri Warfield   |    | Doris Edwards    |
|    | Gale Winningham  |    | Ryan Mathes      |
| 11 | Nicole Davis     |    | Tim Matheson     |
|    | Warren Hollis    |    | Cody Schneider   |
|    | Theresa Smith    | 29 | Jordan Collins   |
|    | Chuck Warfield   |    | Shannon Murphy   |
| 12 | Len Wahn         | 30 | Deanna McNeal    |
| 13 | Debby Willets    |    | Steven Stroup    |
| 14 | Kaelynn Higgins  | 31 | Scott Anderson   |
| 15 | Allison Widman   |    |                  |

## August Acolytes

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|----|--------------------------------------|
| 3  | Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz |
| 10 | Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner      |
| 17 | Samantha Moore and Nautica Walker    |
| 24 | Bradley Thimke and Romeo Walker      |
| 31 | Cody Schneider and Tyler Schneider   |



# CALENDAR

- Sun., 7/27: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Tue., 7/29: - Vacation Bible School Day Camp in the new building, 1:30-8 p.m. (supper at 6 p.m.)
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

## NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

### Congratulations!

Continued blessings and best wishes to this week's anniversary couples: Geof & Michelle Kazmierczak (7/19, #22), Roger & Marilyn Bauer and Wayne & Stacy Collins (7/20, #23 and #11, respectively) and Jack & Audrey Price (7/22, #50).

### You Are Invited

Mike and Debby Willets are holding an open house in their home (10599 Gifford Rd., Oberlin) on Sunday, August 3, 1-5 p.m. Everyone in our WACC family is invited.

### Thank You

"Thank you" to everyone for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits. Everything you did was greatly appreciated.

Love,  
*Phyllis Burke*

### Prayer Focus

Please pray for next week's Vacation Bible School Day Camp.

### Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers surround Diane McCall and family in the death of her sister-in-law, Diane Smith. Services were held on Friday in Lorain. May God's peace be known.

### Hospitalized

*At Lerner Tower, University Hospitals:*

Steve Kistner

*At Home:* John Davis

Nicole Eby and Jacob

Steve McCall