

THE SPREE



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(Disciples of Christ)

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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

In this space last week, I shared the first four of the "Principles of Identity" defining who we are as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The remaining eight of those principles follow:

5. We structure our community around the biblical idea of covenant, emphasizing not obedience to human authority but accountability to one another because of our shared obedience to Christ.
 6. We participate in God's mission for the world, working with partners to heal the brokenness of creation and bring justice and peace to the whole human family.
 7. We hear a special calling to make visible the unity of all Christians, proclaiming that in our diversity we belong to one another because we commonly belong to Christ.
 8. We witness to the Gospel of God's saving love for the world in Jesus Christ, while continuing to struggle with how God's love may be known to others in different ways.
 9. We affirm the priesthood of all believers, rejoicing in the gifts of the Holy Spirit—which include the gift of leadership—that God has given for the common good.
 10. We celebrate the diversity of our common life, affirming our different histories, styles of worship and forms of service.
 11. We give thanks that each congregation, where Christ is present through faith, is truly the church, affirming as well that God's church and God's mission stretch from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.
 12. We anticipate God's coming reign, seeking to serve the God—Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer—whose loving dominion has no end.
- Living up to—and into—these principles of identity is a lofty goal, requiring love-filled work. I believe we're up to it! The world certainly needs such a thoughtful and thorough approach to the Christian faith. Let's let our light shine...

Love,
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August 3, 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. Blended Worship Service
12:00 noon Light luncheon in honor of Marion Wiles' 75th birthday, hosted by her daughters
1:00 p.m. Open house at the Willets home, 10599 Gifford Rd., Oberlin (ends 5 p.m.)

OPENER: Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas

GREETERS: Dick & Arlene Burch

ACOLYTES: Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz

WORSHIP LEADER: Allison Widman

PREACHER: The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan

ELDER (8:30): Carolyn Long

Don Hange, Jr.

ELDERS (10:45): HOME COMMUNION:

Tim Widman

Bill Clark

Nancy Huller

DIACONATE: Team 1

8:30 - Mike Crocker and Robin Crocker

10:45 - Fauna Griffiths, Dennis Jackson, Cindy Knapp, Gary Knapp, Steve McCall, Sue McKain, Chris Thomas, Dan Walker, Nancy Walker, and Keith Western

Camp Close-Up

Advance Conference Registration Ending

Planning to attend the Disciples' camp for young adults (post-high school through age 29)? Better get your registration in NOW—the event runs August 10-17 at Camp Christian.

Want more information? Visit:

www.myspace.com/advanceconference

or www.facebook.com and run a search for

"advance conference".

Labor Day Weekend Family Camp Is For All

Come to Camp Christian with your family—or just yourself—this Labor Day weekend to "de-stress". You can choose to take part in the many activities...or just use the time for quiet reflection and reading in beautiful, natural surroundings complete with woods and lakes. Registration forms are on our main bulletin board.

<p>WACC to Host CW&W Training Host Home Needed for Female Registrant Washington Avenue Christian Church will again host a Children Worship & Wonder Training event, August 8-10. Anyone interested in registering should call the church office or Debbie Walker as soon as possible.</p> <p>Please note: During that weekend, a host home will be needed for a 17-year-old woman who is registered for the event. Please contact Debbie Walker or Chris Baumgartner if you have a room to spare.</p>	<p><i>Have you remembered the church in your will?</i></p> <p>Are You a Thoughtful Christian? Being a thoughtful Christian includes more than simply being kind to others. Truly thoughtful Christians seek to reflect on current events, news stories and spiritual issues in search of Christ-like understanding and responses.</p> <p>Join us each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the youth rooms as we continue our spiritual quest into modern-day issues, while sometimes peeking into our past, through studies from TheThoughtfulChristian.com.</p> <p>Upcoming classes will feature, "Tibet and the Olympics," "Hospitality: Loving the Stranger" and "Meet Martin Luther."</p>	<p>Getting Your Spiritual Bearings In addition to the camps listed on the back page of this issue of <i>The Spire</i>, there are even MORE opportunities for obtaining spiritual enrichment and ministry application ideas, as well as engaging in mission work and simply having fun with our wider Disciples family.</p> <p><u>Now</u> is the time for you to explore how some of these events might transform <i>your</i> Christian vision and purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ohio Disciples Women's Fall Retreat September 12-14, Camp Christian <i>"Prayer and Spirituality"</i> Keynote speaker: Judy G. Turner ❖ Ohio Disciples Men's Fall Retreat September 19-21, Camp Christian <i>"Men of Compassion"</i> Keynote speaker: Rev. Johnny Wray, Director, Week of Compassion ❖ Gulf Region Mission Trip September 20-27, Metairie, Louisiana ❖ Grandparent Camp October 3-4, Camp Christian <p><i>"Let's Take a Trip with Sarah and Abraham"</i> (For children entering grades 1-2 and their treasured adult friend)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Regional Assembly October 17-18, Crowne Plaza, Columbus, OH <i>"Body Building: Strengthen Your Congregation for Mission"</i> (For adults, youth and children) ❖ iMissionworks! October 2-3, Cleveland, Ohio (For everyone interested in supporting or participating in global missions work) <p><i>Register for any of the above by using the sign-up sheets on our main bulletin board, or register online at: www.ccinoh.org. You may also call the church office for more information.</i></p>	<p>NEWS OF OUR FAMILY</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS! Shari and Scott Wesemeyer and big brother Ricky welcomed Stanislaus ("Stanley") Theophilus (which means "lover of God") to their family on July 22. He weighed in at 6 lb., 12 oz. and measured 20½ inches long.</p> <p>A new member of the Wallhead family arrived on July 21. Jennifer and her husband and their daughter Ashley welcomed Ashton Roger Jones, who weighed in at 9 lb., 6 oz. and measures 20 inches long.</p> <p>Stephen & Sarah Bond are celebrating their 6th anniversary (7/27) and Mark & Susan Mathes are celebrating their 29th (7/28). Best wishes and blessings to all!</p> <p>THANK YOU</p> <p>I am grateful to this church family for your thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards during Bob's illness and following his death.</p> <p>Bob and I both appreciated Pastor Janet's many visits to the hospital while he was ill. Pastor Janet also orchestrated a beautiful tribute to Bob's life through his memorial service, and it was comforting to see so many of our friends in attendance. The luncheon afterwards was wonderful, and greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Thank you, all! With love and gratitude, Joan Wilhelm</p> <p>PRAYER FOCUS</p> <p>Please pray for those who have been harmed by someone they should have been able to trust.</p> <p>SYMPATHY</p> <p>Our love and prayers surround the Sweeten family in the death of Tony's stepfather, Edward Thompson, last Wednesday. Services for Eddie were held Monday, with Pastor Janet Long officiating. May God's peace surround all who mourn.</p> <p>HOSPITALIZED</p> <p><u>At EMH:</u> Myra Ball George ("Bob") McNulty <u>At University Hospitals:</u> Steve Kistner <u>At Home:</u> Judy Gleason Shari Wesemeyer and Stanley</p>
<p>All Friends Welcome</p> <p>1. Please join the family of Marion Wiles this Sunday, August 3, for a light luncheon in Fellowship Hall in honor of Marion's 75th birthday. The luncheon will follow the 10:45 a.m. Service.</p> <p>2. Mike and Debby Willets look forward to seeing you this Sunday at their open house, 10599 Gifford Rd., Oberlin. Guests will be welcomed 1-5 p.m.</p>	<p>Fundraising Tea for Salvation Army</p> <p>Please remember 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 are available from Barbara Terrell.</p> <p>Board Bits</p> <p><i>Question:</i> Do you know who is on our current WACC General Board? <i>Answer:</i> Members of our congregation who were elected to Board positions during the congregational meeting on June 29, 2008 as well as those previously elected whose multiple-year terms have not yet ended. Stay tuned for more Board Bits! Lauri Warfield, Board Chair</p>	<p>CALENDAR</p> <p>Sun., 8/3: - See back page for the day's schedule. Tue., 8/5: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m. Fri., 8/8: - WACC hosts Children Worship & Wonder Training event (ends 8/10).</p>	<p>NEWS OF OUR FAMILY</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS! Shari and Scott Wesemeyer and big brother Ricky welcomed Stanislaus ("Stanley") Theophilus (which means "lover of God") to their family on July 22. He weighed in at 6 lb., 12 oz. and measured 20½ inches long.</p> <p>A new member of the Wallhead family arrived on July 21. Jennifer and her husband and their daughter Ashley welcomed Ashton Roger Jones, who weighed in at 9 lb., 6 oz. and measures 20 inches long.</p> <p>Stephen & Sarah Bond are celebrating their 6th anniversary (7/27) and Mark & Susan Mathes are celebrating their 29th (7/28). Best wishes and blessings to all!</p> <p>THANK YOU</p> <p>I am grateful to this church family for your thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards during Bob's illness and following his death.</p> <p>Bob and I both appreciated Pastor Janet's many visits to the hospital while he was ill. Pastor Janet also orchestrated a beautiful tribute to Bob's life through his memorial service, and it was comforting to see so many of our friends in attendance. The luncheon afterwards was wonderful, and greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Thank you, all! With love and gratitude, Joan Wilhelm</p> <p>PRAYER FOCUS</p> <p>Please pray for those who have been harmed by someone they should have been able to trust.</p> <p>SYMPATHY</p> <p>Our love and prayers surround the Sweeten family in the death of Tony's stepfather, Edward Thompson, last Wednesday. Services for Eddie were held Monday, with Pastor Janet Long officiating. May God's peace surround all who mourn.</p> <p>HOSPITALIZED</p> <p><u>At EMH:</u> Myra Ball George ("Bob") McNulty <u>At University Hospitals:</u> Steve Kistner <u>At Home:</u> Judy Gleason Shari Wesemeyer and Stanley</p>
<p>Chancel Flower Tributes Available</p> <p>Honor a loved one or commemorate a special event by requesting flowers for WACC's Worship Services. A sign-up sheet for the remainder of 2008 is posted on the main bulletin board in the hall outside the office workroom. You may also e-mail the church office (office@waccelyria.org) or call 323-4213 to make your request. Your \$20 payment (checks payable to <i>Botamer Florist & More</i>) should be directed to the church office.</p>	<p>CALENDAR</p> <p>Sun., 8/3: - See back page for the day's schedule. Tue., 8/5: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m. Fri., 8/8: - WACC hosts Children Worship & Wonder Training event (ends 8/10).</p>	<p>CALENDAR</p> <p>Sun., 8/3: - See back page for the day's schedule. Tue., 8/5: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m. Fri., 8/8: - WACC hosts Children Worship & Wonder Training event (ends 8/10).</p>	<p>NEWS OF OUR FAMILY</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS! Shari and Scott Wesemeyer and big brother Ricky welcomed Stanislaus ("Stanley") Theophilus (which means "lover of God") to their family on July 22. He weighed in at 6 lb., 12 oz. and measured 20½ inches long.</p> <p>A new member of the Wallhead family arrived on July 21. Jennifer and her husband and their daughter Ashley welcomed Ashton Roger Jones, who weighed in at 9 lb., 6 oz. and measures 20 inches long.</p> <p>Stephen & Sarah Bond are celebrating their 6th anniversary (7/27) and Mark & Susan Mathes are celebrating their 29th (7/28). Best wishes and blessings to all!</p> <p>THANK YOU</p> <p>I am grateful to this church family for your thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards during Bob's illness and following his death.</p> <p>Bob and I both appreciated Pastor Janet's many visits to the hospital while he was ill. Pastor Janet also orchestrated a beautiful tribute to Bob's life through his memorial service, and it was comforting to see so many of our friends in attendance. The luncheon afterwards was wonderful, and greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Thank you, all! With love and gratitude, Joan Wilhelm</p> <p>PRAYER FOCUS</p> <p>Please pray for those who have been harmed by someone they should have been able to trust.</p> <p>SYMPATHY</p> <p>Our love and prayers surround the Sweeten family in the death of Tony's stepfather, Edward Thompson, last Wednesday. Services for Eddie were held Monday, with Pastor Janet Long officiating. May God's peace surround all who mourn.</p> <p>HOSPITALIZED</p> <p><u>At EMH:</u> Myra Ball George ("Bob") McNulty <u>At University Hospitals:</u> Steve Kistner <u>At Home:</u> Judy Gleason Shari Wesemeyer and Stanley</p>
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