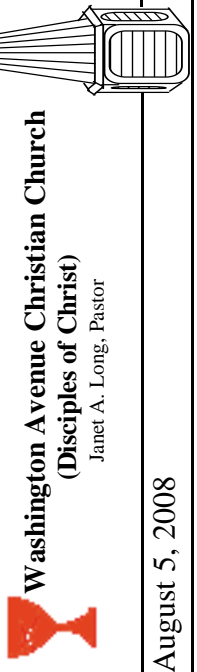


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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.  
Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

Last week, children of our congregation "traveled" around God's world. They explored the cultures of several countries where we are engaged in mission efforts. First, they received their passports and boarded a "plane". Their tour guides met them after their "flight". Then, they spent parts of the Vacation Bible School Day Camp in rooms set up to represent the various countries. Bible verses set the stage for their visits. The teachers were outfitted appropriately. Foods were sampled and games were played. New songs and foreign words were learned.

God's world is good. Part of the goodness is the diversity of people and places. Not everything is familiar to us. Exploring our differences—and our commonalities—is a way of recognizing that God is everywhere.

That important lesson must be taken to heart if we have any hope of living peacefully in this pluralistic world. Evidently, that lesson was never learned by Jim Adkisson. He walked into a church in Knoxville, Tennessee a week ago Sunday carrying a guitar case. Unfortunately, the case did not contain a guitar; it held a 12-gauge shotgun. He also carried a bag with a great deal of ammunition. He proceeded to shoot up the congregation, killing two and seriously injuring five. The reason? The Unitarian Universalists believe differently than he does and he hates them for it.

Despite such violence, God's world is good. It was created to be good—and diverse. And while not everything is familiar to us, everything—everyone—belongs to the one God who is everywhere.

May we join Jesus in praying for the world...

Love,

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### August 10, 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 Worship Service
- 12:00 noon Celebration in honor of Becky Papenbrock's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday; Advance Conference campers depart for Camp Christian (ends 8/17)

**OPENER:** Bud Simmons **CLOSER:** Keith Western  
**GREETERS:** Lisa Diedrick and Carol Mosher  
**ACOLYTES:** Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Gary McIntyre  
**PREACHER:** The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long  
**TELLERS:** Cheryl McKenna and Mark Mathes  
**ELDER (8:30):** Rosalie Gainer  
**ELDERS (10:45):** Don Hange, Jr. Bill Clark  
**DIACONATE:** Team II

**8:30 -** Teri Hayes and Bob Maxwell  
**10:45 -** Karen Davis, Linda Dull, Thomas Dull, Jean Kennedy, Kay Mundorf, Jack Price, Bob Rieth, Jordan Stephenson, Jeni Sweeten, and Elliot Wainwright

### **Camp Close-Up**

**The Ohio Disciples Women's Fall Retreat**  
 September 12-14 at Camp Christian will examine how we are, "Unique but United in Prayer."  
 Workshops will include, "Change and Transition," "What Is Prayer? Why Do We Pray?," "Models of Prayer," Inward and Upward Approach," and, "Retreat Choir."

Those attending are asked to bring combs, washcloths, deodorant, tissues, shampoo, razors, shaving and body lotions, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste for those affected by recent floods in Ohio.  
 The Retreat will include craft tables (\$25, with rental proceeds benefiting the Quadrennial fund), a Bible character costume night, Cokesbury bookstore, and gift basket silent auction (proceeds benefiting the Ohio Women's Scholarship Fund).  
 Registration (\$75 by Aug. 22; \$85 if received later) includes lodging Friday and Saturday nights and meals Saturday-Sunday. Saturday-only registration is \$40 (\$50 after Aug. 22). Register via the forms posted on our main bulletin board or on-line ([www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org)).

**So—What Do You Want to Know?**  
*"If we build it...will they come?"*



Disciples Women's Ministries is gearing up for Quadrennial, an every-fourth-year gathering of Disciples women across the globe. The next Quadrennial ("Awake! Awake!") will take place in Greensboro, North Carolina in 2010.

Your input is needed. We are looking for workshops that fit the following themes:

- ❖ Awake to the Body of Christ
- ❖ Awake to the Treasure of Wisdom
- ❖ Awake to the Song of Praise
- ❖ Awake to the Dance of Mission
- ❖ Awake to Awaken the World

Are there classes or sessions you would like to see offered? Can you recommend a gifted speaker or presenter to provide one of the 100+ interest areas which will inform and uplift those who attend? Please contact the WACC office today for a copy of the workshop proposal and/or workshop leader recommendation forms; **deadline for submissions is September 30.**

Thanks for helping Women's Ministries make this the best Quadrennial ever!

*‡ Please note: Workshop leaders are not reimbursed or provided any financial incentives for sharing their gifts and talents; they give of their time and expertise solely out of a desire to help nurture and grow Christ's Church.*

**Attending Advance Conference**

Claire Huller and Melanie Majewski will spend next week (August 10-17) at Camp Christian. Allison Widman will join them for three days of the week-long Advance Conference.

**August 10 Lectionary Corner**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Romans 10:5-15  
 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45 Matthew 14:22-33\*

\* *Sermon focus*

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

**Board Business**

**Board Meeting**  
 A special meeting of the WACC General Board will be held on Sunday, August 17 at 12 noon.

**Board Bits**

**Question:** How often does the Board meet?

**Answer:** According to WACC's By-Laws, the Board shall hold at least ten regular meetings a year. Special meetings may be called by the Chair (see above), or at the request of ten members of the Board. All Board meetings are announced one week (or more) prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend Board meetings; our next regular meeting is September 16 at 7 p.m.  
 - Lauri Warfield, Board Chair

**Join Us for a Celebration!**

Becky Papenbrock will be feted with a luncheon in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this Sunday, August 10, following the 10:45 a.m. Service. (Cards only, please.)



**Thoughtful Christians Gather**

This Sunday's Intergenerational Church School class will feature Elder Dan Clark leading a discussion of, "What Does the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Believe?" The August 17 class will feature Steve Bond helping us, "Meet Martin Luther." The class meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the youth rooms.

**Disciples Workouts for Spiritual Strength and Ministry Muscle**

*Attend one or more of the following to connect with other Disciples and find direction in your Christian walk:*

**Ohio Disciples Women's Fall Retreat** at Camp Christian September 12-14 (see the back page of this week's issue of *The Spire* for more info.).

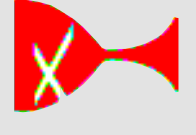
**Ohio Disciples Men's Fall Retreat** at Camp Christian September 19-21. Keynote speaker Rev. Johnny Wray (Director, Week of Compassion) will speak about being, "Men of Compassion." A men's chorus, slide show of "Sessions 2008," work projects benefiting Camp Christian, and lots of fun and fellowship are all part of the planned activities.

**Gulf Region Mission Trip** to Metairie, Louisiana September 20-27 will benefit Hurricane Katrina flood victims. Registration is \$100/person and includes the week's food and lodging, plus transportation from Columbus and back. Additional personal expenses will include approximately \$125 for a two-night hotel stay (double occupancy) and food expenses on the trip to and from Metairie. Limited to 25 people.

**iMissionworks!** will be held at Cleveland's Hilton Garden Inn October 2-5. Participants will learn how to connect congregations to our Disciples mission partners and missionaries, and educate others about global justice issues and advocacy efforts. Registration deadline is August 29.

**Grandparent Camp** at Camp Christian October 3-4. Children entering grades 1-2, and their significant adult friend, will "Take a Trip with Sarah and Abraham." The \$100 registration will cover both the child's and adult's Friday night lodging and snack, and Saturday meals and activities.

**\*\*Call 440-323-4213 for more information.\*\***



- Fri., 8/8: - WACC hosts Children Worship & Wonder Training event (ends 8/10).
- Sun., 8/10: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 8/11: - Staff meeting at 12 noon.
- Tue., 8/12: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 8/13: - Staff outing to Progressive Field.
- Sat., 8/16: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 3 (Barbara Terrell, captain).

**NEWS OF OUR FAMILY**

**Congratulations!**

Early August anniversaries include those of Walt & Joan Norton, Jeremy & Heidi Smith, and Mark & Kathy Wainwright (8/1, #10, #10 and #21, respectively); Randy & Mary Mizen-Bruce and Tim & Marcia Widman (8/2, #5 and #23, respectively); Al & Glenna Knapp (8/5, #30); Chris & Liz Tobin (8/6, #3); and, Don & Glendora Hange (8/7, #54). Continued blessings to all!

**Thank You**

Many, many thanks to you *all* for your support, prayers and cards during our pregnancy and following Jacob's birth! We feel blessed by Jacob's presence in our lives, and we are grateful to know that a loving church family will be surrounding us with care and spiritual direction for Jacob as he grows.  
 - *Dave & Nicole Eby*

**College Addresses Sought**

Having the mailing (and/or email) addresses of our college students helps us keep in touch with them while they're away from home. Whether off for the first time or returning to college, please be sure we know where to send *your* college student's mail. (Contact us at [office@waccelyria.org](mailto:office@waccelyria.org) or 440-323-4213.)

**Prayer Focus**

Please pray for the congregation of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church as they deal with the aftermath of violence.

**Hospitalized**

- At EMH: Myra Ball
- At Home: Pat Gohle
- Steve Kistner
- Bob McNulty