


# THE SPREE

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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

The aftermath of Sunday's powerful storm continues to be felt. Some are still without electricity. Some are still cleaning up debris from the damaging winds. Some are still coping with injuries sustained. One Lorain family will feel the storm's effects forever as they mourn the loss of a family member, a 12-year-old boy killed when a limb fell on him.

Hurricane Ike wreaked a path of destruction from the Gulf of Mexico to Lake Erie. The Galveston, Texas area was devastated. And, while most of us are not able to travel there to provide help, we are there through Week of Compassion. Did you know that every cent given through Week of Compassion for disaster relief goes to provide direct help?


God's grace is lived out in and through community. When the storms of life—emotional, relational, physical, financial, spiritual—buffet you about, the church offers sanctuary. When the storms of life affect our neighbors, we reach out through our prayers for comfort and through our tangible gifts of support. There is strength in our compassion.

While we expect that God's grace will come to us in the calming gentle breeze of the Holy Spirit, sometimes a mighty Wind takes our breath away. Sometimes there is a powerful gust that cleanses us of "dead wood" and leaves us better and stronger, recognizing the Source of life and love—and the Power that can move mountains – and human beings.

May we sense God's power in our lives and in the life of our church...

Love,



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### September 21, 2008

- 8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by Church School
- 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- OPENER:** Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Jr.
- ACOLYTES:** Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Tim Widman
- PREACHER:** The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long
- TELLERS:** Cheryl McKenna and Gerald Western
- ELDER (8:30):** Lauri Warfield
- ELDERS (10:45):** Betty McIntyre, Jack Price
- 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

## Disciples Gatherings for YOU

### FOR ELDERS...

New and currently serving Elders—or those interested in the work of Elders—are invited to attend a workshop on Saturday, October 11 at Central Christian Church, Wooster. This one-day event will cover spiritual and practical aspects of Elder service. Registration is \$20 per person by October 1 (\$25 afterwards, space allowing) and includes lunch.

### ...AND "YOUNGERS" WITH "ELDERS"

"Grandparent and Me" Camp is for children entering grades 1-2 and a significant adult friend. The Fall camp will be held October 3-4 at Camp Christian and will have participants "Taking a Trip with Sarah and Abraham." Call the church office for details.

Register online at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org) or by using the forms posted on the bulletin boards outside the office workroom.

## Ohio Disciples Regional Assembly “Body Building” for EVERYONE

What is the Regional Assembly?

It’s a gathering of Disciples of all ages, from all corners of the Ohio Region. Participants attend to greet old friends and meet new ones. But more important, it is the Church coming together to strengthen the mission of their congregations and enhance individuals’ faith connections.

Regional Assembly offers plenty of fellowship times, including meal opportunities among the various groups that make up Disciples congregations (i.e., pastors, laity, men, women, and youth). In addition, there are workshops to help church members and congregations develop spiritual skills, find resources and network with other Disciples who can assist them in their faith journeys.

A particularly intriguing segment of this year’s Assembly will be a Saturday night dinner theatre, with the youth of our Region providing music and drama. (Youth will work on their program while staying nearby at Camp Christian.)

Also included will be a ministry fair and outreach opportunities, including a blood drive. And, of course, there will be worship!

This year’s theme is, “*Body Building: Strengthen Your Congregation for Mission.*”

The Ohio Regional Assembly will be held October 17-18 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dublin. Register on-line at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org) or by using the forms posted on the bulletin boards outside the office workroom.

### September 21 Lectionary Corner

Exodus 16:2-15  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45  
Matthew 20:1-16\*

\* *Sermon focus*

Have you remembered the church in your will?

### Free Legal Advice

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is offering two opportunities to receive free legal advice.

A clinic for low-income individuals needing advice on civil (non-criminal) matters will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2-4 p.m., at the Thomas O. Shores Recreation Center, 101 South Park Drive, Elyria.

A second clinic, geared towards older adults, will focus on living wills, health care power of attorney and wills/financial power of attorney. It will be held on Saturday, October 18, 12 noon-4 p.m., at the Avon Senior Center, 36784 Detroit Rd., Avon. Participants of this seminar will need to pre-register by calling 323-8240. They will also need to bring all pertinent documents with them to their appointment.

### Poverty Symposium September 25-27

A symposium on ending poverty in our communities will be held in Oberlin September 25-27. A schedule of events and locations is posted on our main bulletin board. Admission to the symposium is free. Visit [www.oberlin.edu/poverty](http://www.oberlin.edu/poverty) or call 775-8103 to register.

### Board Bits

*Question:* What is being considered at today’s Board meeting?

*Answer:* The Habitat for Humanity home ground blessing and our \$37,437.34 contribution, Covenant for a Miracle update, youth ministry developments, sanctuary window outside painting, and more! “Thank you” to all who serve!

- Lauri Warfield, Board Chair

### CCH Homecoming and Ohio Regional Fall Work Day

Join Disciples friends from the Ohio Region on Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., as we undertake some “housekeeping” at the Cleveland Christian Home. Special homecoming activities will also be taking place that day until 7 p.m. Call 216-476-0333 to R.S.V.P.

### Thank You

What a wonderful morning Sunday, as I was greeted with smiles and hugs! Thank you so much for the love and prayers during my Clinic stay and recuperation. Our WACC family is a great blessing to me!  
Love,  
Lauri Warfield

## NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

### Congratulations!

Wayne Knapp graduated from Boot Camp at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, on September 4. Proud family includes wife Allie and parents Gary & Cindy Knapp. Wayne is now stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Ryan Feierabend, who pitches for the Seattle Mariners, recently won against the New York Yankees. Proud family includes wife Sarah and her parents, Bob & LaDonna Maxwell.

Bert & Amy Fitzgerald are celebrating anniversary #17 (9/14) and Jim & Heather Schult are celebrating anniversary #10 (9/19). Continued best wishes and blessings to both couples!

### Prayer Focus

Please pray for those recovering from, and bringing relief from, recent storms.

### Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround Kate Matolich in the death of her brother, Mel Rice, last Thursday. Services will be held locally on Wednesday.

May God’s peace bring comfort to all who mourn.

### Hospitalized

*At LifeCare:* Esther (“Addie”) Buczek  
*At Home:* Dick Burch (in-and-out)

Bob McNulty  
Clifford Smith (in-and-out)  
Lauri Warfield

## CALENDAR

Thu., 9/18: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.

- Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders’ conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Fri., 9/19: - Ohio Disciples Men’s Fall Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 9/21).

Sat., 9/20: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 6 (Gail Haywood, captain).

Sun., 9/21: - See back page for the day’s schedule.

Tue., 9/23: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Wed., 9/24: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Thu., 9/25: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.

- Book Club gathering in the Elders’ conference room, 7 p.m.

