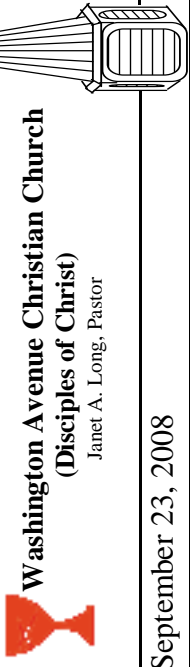


# THE SPREE



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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

The thought of a church board meeting is not universally pleasant. But here at Washington Avenue, board meetings are lively—filled with hopeful reports, humorous retorts and the Holy Spirit. The members of the board are genuinely interested in building up the body of Christ we know as Washington Avenue Christian Church. There is a shared commitment to making a difference from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

Last week's meeting—the first of the new program year—included two very significant reports. **An update about our recent Covenant for a Miracle campaign included this piece of good news: Our goal of \$600,000 was surpassed, with pledges and gifts totaling \$624,250!** In the midst of uncertain economic times, such a response is very heartening. It speaks of a deep and abiding trust in God's providence. (It is not too late to join the effort to retire our building debt within four years, as "replacement monies" are always needed to cover the commitments of those unable to fulfill theirs due to death or difficulty.)

The other excitement stems from a report from the Elders' subcommittee on staffing. In response to the committee's—and the Elders'—recommendation, the following action was taken: **The Board extended a call to Tony Hampton to serve as WACC's Youth Minister.** Tony lives in Maple Heights and is active in the life of Bethany Christian Church, Cleveland. He has served as a CYF counselor at Camp Christian's Hiram Conference for a number of years. His day job is with the Nestlé Company in Solon; he also coaches high school girls' basketball at Warrensville and is finishing his degree at Ashland University. He plans to continue his education by attending seminary. An avid athlete, Tony is recovering from knee surgery to repair a torn ACL. He plans to be present in Worship at the 10:45 Service this Sunday. Please be present to welcome him!

Can you tell that the Spirit is alive and well, directing our mission and ministry in wondrous ways? Thanks be to God!

Love,

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### September 28, 2008

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service  
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
**OPENER:** Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre  
**GREETERS:** Thomas & Linda Dull  
**ACOLYTES:** Samantha Moore and Nautica Walker  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Sean Kersey  
**PREACHER:** The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long  
**TELLERS:** Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak

**ELDER (8:30):** PIANIST (8:30):

Nancy Huller DiAnne Schmidt

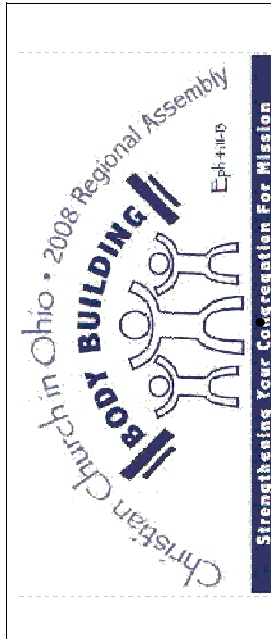
**ELDERS (10:45):** **HOME COMMUNION:**

Betty McIntyre Tim Widman

Don Hange, Jr. Chris Thomas

**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



Friday, October 17-Saturday, October 18  
Crowne Plaza, Dublin (Columbus)

- **State of the Region address** by the Rev. Dr. William Edwards, Regional Pastor and President of the Christian Church in Ohio
- **Laity Luncheon address** by the Rev. Dr. Glenn Thomas Carson, President, Disciples of Christ Historical Society
- **Women's and Men's Luncheons**
- **Special activities for youth** at Camp Christian
- **Dinner Theatre** with entertainment by the youth of the Ohio Region
- **Worship** • **Ministry Fair** • **Blood Drive**

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

## Reconciliation Offering This Sunday Why have a Reconciliation Offering?

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a history dating from the 1960s of sharing our resources to address the racism of our society and the racism within our own church. We have called this process the Reconciliation Mission.

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

We receive this offering in the fall and use the funds throughout the year to give grants to the anti-racism initiative to organize to dismantle racism and to offer grants to address the effects of racism.

The 2020 Vision adopted by our church names this work as one of the four priorities of our mission together as a whole church. This voluntary annual offering is the only source of funding for this ministry. The form of this ministry may be changing, but the need for addressing racism has never been more obvious.

As our church grows and becomes more diverse, our mission of reaching people with the saving good news of Jesus will be compromised if we have not addressed the racism in our own church and in our communities.

This is not a time to pull back from this mission just when our church has begun to add so many new ethnic congregations. This is a time to leap forward in this work and reach deep in prayer and organizing to stretch toward the new church we are becoming together.

To offer your gift, please use the enclosed envelope, the designated one from your personalized packet of offering envelopes, or a specially-marked one from the pew rack this Sunday. Thank you for giving generously!

### September 28 Lectionary Corner

Exodus 17:1-7  
Philippians 2:1-13\*  
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Matthew 21:23-32

\*Sermon focus

Have you remembered the church in your will?

### A Walk in the Garden

Chris Thomas & Chris Trunk invite the WACC family and friends to a garden walk at their home on Saturday, October 4, 1-4 p.m. Admission is a non-perishable food item or paper product for the Elyria Hospitality Center. Light refreshments will be served. Winterberry Lodge is located at 37690 Eagle Nest Dr., in Flint Ridge (off State Route 57, north of Grafton).

### 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 take place that day until 7 p.m. Call 216-476-0333 to R.S.V.P.

### Joanna Circle

will meet on Thursday, October 2, at 7 p.m., at the home of Debbie Walker, 236 Summer St., Oberlin. The program will be *Inquirers Class 101: Discovering the Disciples*. All women of the church are invited to attend.

## October Birthdays

|    |                   |    |                  |
|----|-------------------|----|------------------|
| 2  | Robbie McIntosh   | 20 | Liz Baumgartner  |
|    | Nancy Walker      |    | Gina DeSilvester |
|    | Katie Wittenbrook |    | Aaron McNeal     |
| 3  | Chuck Baumgartner |    | Frank Rhodehamel |
|    | Ashley Kordek     |    | Jacob Terrell    |
| 6  | Michelle White    | 22 | Linda Wahn       |
|    | Paul Greer        |    | Kathy Greer      |
| 7  | Jessica Hoover    | 23 | Dennis Jackson   |
|    | Ken Roberts       |    | Glenda Clark     |
|    | Nautica Walker    |    | Todd Lauffer     |
| 9  | Karen Schneider   | 24 | Lynn Obuchi      |
|    | Benjamin Wahn     |    | Jim Gainer       |
| 10 | Danielle Davis    |    | Isaiah Green     |
|    | Annette Obuchi    |    | Danielle Sigin   |
| 11 | Bruce Siffert     |    | Sheila Smith     |
| 12 | Benjamin Tobin    |    | Bob Szeliga      |
| 14 | Bob Winingham     | 25 | Al Knapp         |
| 15 | Steve Huller      | 26 | Dale Henes       |
|    | Joni Roberts      | 27 | Harold Rickel    |
|    | Ty Shirley        | 28 | Bert Fitzgerald  |
| 16 | Jeremy Willets    | 29 | Grant Higgins    |
| 17 | Diane Walhead     | 30 | John Henry, Jr.  |
| 18 | Ashleigh Arndt    |    | Amy Paul         |
| 19 | Blake Stroup      |    | Sandy Scott      |
|    |                   | 31 | Clifford Smith   |

### October Acolytes

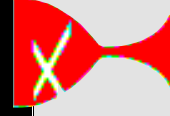
- 5 Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner
- 12 Bradley Thimke and Romeo Walker
- 19 Cody Schneider and Tyler Schneider
- 26 Halley Novak and Taylor Novak

### Last Call for Grandparent & Me Camp

This October 3-4 event is for children in grades 1-2, accompanied by a significant adult friend. Contact the church office for details.

# CALENDAR

- 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.
- Sun., 9/28: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Tue., 9/30: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 10/1: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 10/2: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Debbie Walker, 236 Summer St., Oberlin, 7 p.m.
- Fri., 10/3: - Grandparent and Me Camp at Camp Christian begins (ends 10/4).
- Sat., 10/4: - Ohio Region Fall Workday and Homecoming at the Cleveland Christian Home, 9 a.m.
- Fellowship Hall in use.



## NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Laverne Stroup is a grandma again! Mason Patrick Stroup was born to Steve & Kristin on September 10. The family resides in Arizona. Best wishes and blessings to all! Jillian Kazmierczak was a member of the Midview High School Homecoming court this past weekend.

Celebrating anniversaries this week are Scott & Laurie Dieringer, Juanita & Runnels Marquez and Benjamin & Ashley Wahn (9/20, #28, #5 and #5, respectively) and Dan & Megan Sparks (9/21, #4). Congratulations to all!

### AWAY AT COLLEGE

John Henry is now living at:  
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Crawford Hall 319  
Athens, OH 45701-3141  
Email: [jh329308@ohio.edu](mailto:jh329308@ohio.edu)

### PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for Tony Hampton and the youth ministry of WACC.

### SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround...

Marilyn & Roger Bauer in the death of Marilyn's mother, Mary Louise Thompson, on Sunday morning. Services will be held on Thursday in Pennsylvania.

...Betty Kuzela and other loved ones of Robert Wenzel who died last Wednesday. Services were held Saturday in Amherst.

...Sam & Noel (Shubert) Weaver in the death of Sam's mother, Dorothy Weaver, last week. Services will be held in Montana.

May God's presence offer comfort and peace to all who mourn.

### HOSPITALIZED

At EMH: Jean Kennedy