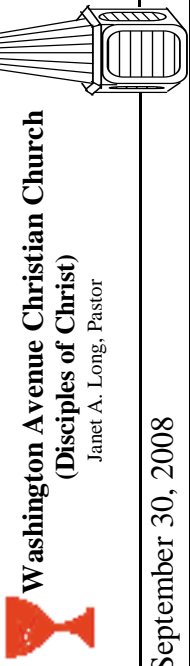


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,


I kept looking for him to appear on Sunday morning. Tony Hampton, our new youth minister, that is. He was planning on coming over to Elyria following the early morning service at Bethany Christian Church, Cleveland. When he wasn't visible at the start of the 10:45 Service, I kept thinking he would walk in any minute.

But, alas, there was no "Tony sighting" at the beginning of, or anytime during, our Service. I was concerned, knowing that he was recovering from knee surgery. Had he developed a problem? Suffered a setback? Worse yet, had he changed his mind about joining the WACC staff?

I called Tony soon after the service. When we connected later in the day on Sunday, he was apologetic. He had planned on making the trip to Elyria – right up to the last minute. He had a driver lined up to bring him. Unfortunately, the pain was too severe for him to travel. Because he arrived at this realization near the start of our Sunday morning schedule, he hadn't wanted to risk calling and disturbing our morning Worship Services; he was waiting until later in the day to call to explain his absence.

What I found out was that his first outing since surgery had been the previous day. He had attended the funeral of a church friend on Saturday. He even went to the cemetery. And when he got up on Sunday, he realized that he had overdone it. His leg was letting him know. He didn't have the strength for another excursion the very next day.

So, this Sunday will be the day! Tony will be present at the 10:45 Service and will meet with our Chi Rho and CYF youth (grades 6-12) immediately following. It will be worth the wait! Come out on Sunday and see what I mean as we welcome Tony Hampton to WACC...

Love,


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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

October 5, 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
12:00 noon Chi Rho and CYF gathering with our new Youth Minister, Tony Hampton
OPENER: Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas
GREETERS: Jack & Audrey Price
ACOLYTES: Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner
WORSHIP LEADER: Ken Mundorf
PREACHER: The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Larry McIntyre and Dan Walker
ELDER (8:30): PIANIST (8:30): Carolyn Long
Becky Thompson
ELDERS (10:45): HOME COMMUNION:
Lauri Warfield Nancy Huller
Ken Mundorf David Eby

DIACONATE:

Team I
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

YOUTH NEWS

CYF (Grades 9-12) Halloween Overnight

District 2 (which includes WACC) will host this year's Christian Youth Fellowship Halloween Overnight for Districts 2, 3 and 15—and other invited friends—October 25-26.

Participants will meet at Westlake Christian Church, 25800 Hilliard Blvd., at 7 p.m. After a gathering time, the group will go to a haunted house and then return to WCC to play games and watch scary movies.

Estimated cost is \$20 per person (watch this space for actual cost as the event nears).

You'll need to R.S.V.P. by October 20 to ohiocyfdis2@yahoo.com or Jordan Stephenson (396-9708).

Please note that one adult chaperone will need to be present for every ten youth attending; parents may call the WACC office (323-4213) to volunteer. In addition, each CYF member must bring a completed emergency medical form (available through the WACC office).

Last Chance to R.S.V.P.

Friends Return to CCH

This Saturday, October 4, is Homecoming Day at the Cleveland Christian Home, as well as the Disciples' Ohio Region Workday there. Join us 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for some Fall clean-up of the building and grounds. In addition, special homecoming activities will take place 9 a.m.- 7 p.m.

The Cleveland Christian Home has a long history of helping children suffering issues of abuse and neglect.

Call 216-476-0333 TODAY to R.S.V.P. for the work session and/or homecoming activities.

What Do Church Elders Do?

A workshop for Elders (and future Elders) will be held on Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Central Christian Church, 407 N. Market St., Wooster. The Rev. Dr. William Edwards, Regional Pastor and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ohio, will be the featured speaker. Registration is \$25 per person and includes lunch. To register, call 330-262-4652 or email cccwooster@embarqmail.com.

Garden Walk This Saturday

You are invited to tour the home gardens of Chris Thomas & Chris Trunk this 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).

October 5 Lectionary Corner

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Philippians 3:4b-14
Psalm 19
Matthew 21:33-46*

**Sermon focus*

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Plastic Bags Needed

Please recycle your extra plastic shopping bags by placing them in the grocery cart located near the cross in the new building hall; the Elyria Hospitality Center can use them to distribute items to its clients. The EHC is grateful for your continued donations of non-perishable food, paper products, toiletries, and clothing.

Board Bits

Who is in the FLOCK?
Fellowship with each other
Love of Christ
Ownership of Christian purpose
Commitment to service
Knowledge to share the message
Are you in the FLOCK?
If you are part of the wonderful world of WACC, then yes! You are in the flock!
- Lauri Warfield, Board Chair

“Trunk or Treat” Date Announced

Save Sunday, October 26, 6 p.m. for the Church Life & Growth Committee’s “Trunk Or Treat” event. Adults, kids—and even cars—take part in the costumed fun. Food and a bonfire will also be part of the evening’s festivities. Don’t miss it!

Alternative Vacations Help Others

The Office of Disciples Volunteering helps coordinate direct disaster response opportunities for Disciples. Mission trip volunteers must be 18 years of age or older due to health and safety issues.

Response stations are currently operating in the Beaumont/Port Arthur and Houston, Texas areas, as well as in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Additional mission opportunities include:

- ⌘ Flood recovery in Marion, Coralville and Cedar Rapids, Iowa;
- ⌘ Tornado recovery in Greensburg, Kansas*;
- ⌘ Hurricanes Katrina and Rita recovery across the Gulf Coast*;
- ⌘ Habitat Blitz Build November, 2008 in Beaumont, Texas; and,
- ⌘ Alternative Spring Break March 8-April 11, 2009 at Cedar Christian Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

For more information, or to register for a mission trip, visit www.discipleshome.org/Volunteer/ODV.htm or call Anne Marie Moyars or Brenda Tyler in the Office of Disciples Volunteering (888-346-2631).

*These projects to end December, 2008.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Celebrating anniversaries are Ron & Donna Lauffer (9/28, #52) and Brad & Erin McLaughlin (10/1, #3). Many happy returns of the day!

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
We want to thank our church family for all the support you have extended us during this past year and at the time of our loss.

Our thanks especially to Pastor Janet Long for the lovely service remembering Jim, to Sheila Smith and the Hospitality Committee for the delicious luncheon, to Rosalie for her beautiful music, and to Joshua Henry for his two vocal tributes.

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

- Diane Borthwick
Scott & Linda Borthwick
Pam & John Henry
Laurie Figueroa
and their families

Prayer Focus

Please pray for the family and friends of Capt. Michael Medders, Jr. in their loss.

Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround Paul Dahm and family in the death of his father, Robert, in Ravenna on Sunday. Services will be held on Wednesday in Rittman.

Hospitalized

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time.

At Home: Cameron Hyder (in-and-out)
Jean Kennedy
Lois Schmidt
Jane Schuster (in-and-out)

CALENDAR

- 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.
- Sun., 10/5: - See back page for the day’s schedule.
- Mon., 10/6: - Worship Committee meeting in the Elders’ conference room, 7 p.m.
- Tue., 10/7: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 10/8: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 10/9: - Girl Scout Troop 524 meeting in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.

