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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

You cannot serve God and wealth. - Jesus

News from Wall Street has been anything but good. The stock market has dropped precipitously. Many financial institutions are in freefall. Reputable companies have declared bankruptcy. Investments are precarious. Everything connected to the U.S. dollar has been devalued. There is a combination of volatility and vulnerability afoot.


The financial picture, coupled with the barrage of political campaign attacks, leads to negativity, hopelessness and anxiety. We know that we will be finished with the fault-finding and finger-pointing of the presidential campaign on November 4. We don't know when the financial mess will begin to show signs of reversal.

It may happen between the time this article is written and the time it is read. I hope so! But, then again, it may take awhile. We are told that some correction is necessary. Market excesses need to be stopped. Risk management needs to be stepped up. Credit risks need to be minimized. Due diligence needs to be maximized. It will take time.

In the meantime, the church offers a word of hope and perspective. We, of all people, know the folly of placing our trust in treasure. We belong to God and know that God alone is our source of true security. A reminder is even printed on our money: *In God We Trust*. Will we allow ourselves to believe the power of that proclamation?

I tell you, do not worry about your life...do not worry about tomorrow... - Jesus

Love,


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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: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Keith Western
GREETERS: Dick & Phyllis Burke
ACOLYTES: Bradley Thimke and Romeo Walker
WORSHIP LEADER: Barbara Terrell
PREACHER: The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Dan Clark and Tim Haywood

ELDER (8:30):

Lauri Waifield

ELDERS (10:45):

Tim Widman

Dan 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

YOUTH NEWS

Chi Rho (grades 6-8) and **CYF** (grades 9-12) are invited to their first meeting with our new youth minister, Tony Hampton, on Sunday, October 19 at noon. Bring friends!

Sprouts (grades 3-5) will have their first gathering with new leader Allie Lundblad on Sunday, November 2 at noon. (Chi Rho and CYF will meet with Tony at that same time!)

Trunk or Treat will be held in the church parking lot on Sunday, October 26. Look inside for details!

Don't forget the **Districts 2, 3 and 15 CYF Halloween Overnight at Westlake Christian Church October 25-26**. R.S.V.P. by October 20 to ohiocyfdis2@yahoo.com or

Jordan Stephenson (396-9708). Estimated cost is \$20 per person. One adult chaperone will be needed for every ten youth. Contact the WACC office (323-4213) for more information and an emergency medical form.



Strengthening Your Congregation For Mission

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

Have you registered yet? Forms are available on the main bulletin board, outside the office workroom.

Fun Fall Tradition to Continue

We had so much fun at last year's "Trunk or Treat" that the Church Life & Growth Committee is sponsoring this all-ages event again this year. Adults are invited to don costumes, decorate their car trunks and hand out treats to kids in our church parking lot. Children and youth are encouraged to dress in costume and take part in a parade past these four-wheeled candy stations. Hot dogs, S'Mores, beverages, and a bonfire will also be part of the festivities. The fun will take place on Sunday, October 26, at 6 p.m.

Board Bits

Question: How are investments handled?
Answer: Three Board-elected Trustees monitor WACC's investment accounts based on quarterly reports from the involved institution/s. WACC's financial officers and Stewardship Co-Chairs also meet with the trustees, but do not have voting power.
- *Lauri Warfield, Board Chair*

October 12 Lectionary Corner

Exodus 32:1-14
Philippians 4:1-9
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Matthew 22:1-14

Have you remembered the church in your will?



I'd like to thank the Hospitality Committee and others who have pitched in at recent events at WACC—especially Cheryl Majewski, my best WACC friend, whom I forgot to mention in my recent Hospitality Moment for Ministry.

It was Cheryl who, as Hospitality Co-Chair years ago, asked me to help with a church dinner shortly after I had quit teaching Church School. I've helped with church meal events ever since—despite two efforts to give it up! And, although she hasn't been an official member of the Committee these past few years, Cheryl still pitches in to help with prep cooking.

I'm grateful, too, for the help of my Co-Chair, Carol McIntyre, and for the addition of Joan Wilhelm to the Committee. We all share lots of laughs as we work, and I consider myself blessed to have so many good helpers.

In Christ's service,
Sheila Smith

CWU Fall Mission

Elyria-Area Church Women United will hold its Fall Mission event on Thursday, October 16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Second Baptist Church, 427 16th St. at Chapman Lane. Featured speaker will be Sabrina Jones, of Lorain County Alcohol Drug Abuse Services. Participants will also hear an update on the CWU chapter's mission to the Lorain County Detention Home. Those attending the event are asked to contribute \$1 for the program and an additional \$4 for the luncheon. Reservations are need by Monday, October 13; call Joyce Phillips (371-8978) to register.

Sarah Circle

will meet on Thursday, October 16, at 10:45 a.m. in the youth rooms. Pastor Janet Long will present the program, "SEASONS: Encouragement for Life." Lunch will be provided by Dorie Hendricks and Shirley Shubert. All women of the church are invited to attend.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

This week's anniversary couples include Calvin & Sally Shields (10/5, #41), Barry & Paula Wilson (10/7, #14), Vic & Ann Grindle (10/8, #3), and Jim & Sue Stephenson (10/9, #15). Continued blessings to all!

Closed Disciples Church to Continue Ministry through the CCH

A church building, formerly home to a Disciples congregation, will now house the Cleveland Christian Home's Transitional Youth Center. West Boulevard Christian Church, in Cleveland, will also be the site of the Home's Fall Fundraiser, "A Celebration of History" on Saturday, November 15, 6-8:30 p.m. Photographs and historical notes about the Home will be on display while guests enjoy gourmet food samples, soft drinks, beer, and wine. Call 216-476-0333 for tickets (\$75 per person).

Did you know that you can purchase holiday cards designed by CCH residents, which benefit the work of the Home? Ten cards and envelopes are just \$10. Call 216-476-0333 to order yours.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for those who are struggling financially.

Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround the Mathes family in the death of Mark's stepfather, Ed Sherck, of Wooster.

Hospitalized

At EMH: Jane Schuster
At Home: Pam Henry

CALENDAR

- Thu., 10/9: - Girl Scout Troop 524 meeting in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Sat., 10/11: - First workday on our Habitat for Humanity build, 727 W. 19th St., 8 a.m.!
- Sun., 10/12: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 10/13: - Northwood Service Group Girl Scout Leaders' meeting in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue., 10/14: - Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Elders' supper meeting in the Elders' conference room, 5:30 p.m.
- General Board meeting in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.
- Wed., 10/15: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 10/16: - Sarah Circle gathering and luncheon in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.
- Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., 10/17: - Church office closed (vacation day).
- Christian Church in Ohio Regional Assembly in Dublin, OH begins (ends 10/18).
- Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 2 (Barbara Western, captain).