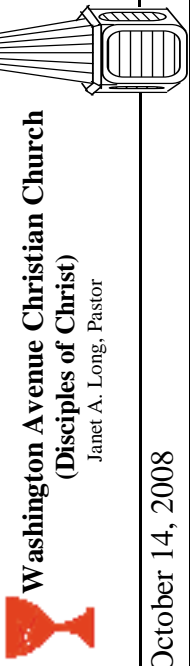


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## Janet's Jottings

*To Pastor Janet, the Board and Property Committee: I will be retiring on October 31. It has been nice working for you these twenty years. You are good people to work for. I would recommend anyone to work for you. I will miss you all and pray God's blessings on everyone. Thanks for everything.*

– Custodian Dave

Dear Friends,

Dave Smith has served Washington Avenue Christian Church faithfully and well for twenty years. His quiet and unassuming presence, his willingness to do whatever needed to be done, his strong commitment to Christ and the church, and his kind and caring ways will be missed.

Dave Smith approached his job as WACC custodian as his ministry. His efforts have been noticed by many as comment after comment is received about the condition of our buildings and grounds. A recent visit from our builder, Steve Ross, captured the appreciation of all of us for Dave's work: "This place still looks brand new."

Dave Smith will not be easy to replace. His tenderness toward sick preschoolers, his grace toward Church School teachers who use glitter in craft projects, his understanding of ministry as special services are arranged, his cooperative attitude toward all, and his dedication to WACC will be difficult (maybe impossible) to replicate.

- There are four things you can do as we mark the end of "the Dave Smith era":
- 1 – You can contribute to a retirement love gift (checks to the office, payable to WACC).
  - 2 – You can write a note or send a card of appreciation (c/o the church office).
  - 3 – You can stop by the farewell party for Dave on Friday, October 31, 10:30 a.m.-noon.
  - 4 – You can encourage someone you know (must be a non-church member: Can you imagine having to choose between/among the great folks of WACC who might apply?) to consider the position. Applications are being received through Friday, October 24. Top requirements: trustworthiness, dependability, self-motivated, willing and able to clean.

Thanks be to God for Dave Smith and his 20 years of faithful service to WACC!

Love,

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### October 19, 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 Month of the Ministry Coffee Hour;  
Chi Rho and CYF gathering

**OPENER:** Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.

**GREETERS:** Gary & Cindy Knapp

**ACOLYTES:** Cody Schneider and Tyler Schneider

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Carolyn Long

**PREACHER:** The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long

**TELLERS:** Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan

**ELDER (8:30):**

Bill Clark  
Lauri Warfield

**ELDERS (10:45):**

Betty McIntyre  
Janet Stevens-Brown

Becky Thompson  
Arlene Burch

**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

## YOUTH NEWS

**Chi Rho** (grades 6-8) and **CYF** (grades 9-12) will meet with our new youth minister, Tony Hampton, this Sunday, October 19 at noon. Bring friends!

Get ready for **Trunk or Treat**, to be held on Sunday, October 26, at 6 p.m. in our parking lot.

Have you made your reservation for the **Districts 2, 3 and 15 CYF Halloween Overnight at Westlake Christian Church** (October 25-26)? Contact Jordan Stephenson (396-9708) or email [ghiocydis2@yahoo.com](mailto:ghiocydis2@yahoo.com) TODAY. Reservations are needed by October 22. A \$20 per person fee covers food and haunted house admission.

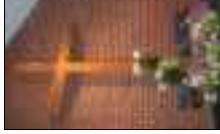
**Sprouts** (grades 3-5) will have their first gathering with new leader Allie Lundblad on Sunday, November 2 at noon. (**Chi Rho** and **CYF** will meet with Tony at that same time.)

### Special Offering to Benefit Seminary Students & Retired Pastors

This Sunday, October 19, we will conclude our "Month of the Ministry" focus with a special offering. Your gifts to this offering will benefit students who are preparing to enter Christian ministry, as well as former pastors whose "retirement packages" may be non-existent or grossly inadequate.

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!

*Our Month of the Ministry emphasis comes to an end this Sunday with a coffee hour in honor of our committees. Please be sure to visit the displays in Fellowship Hall while enjoying some refreshments.*



### Vacation Days to Alter Routine

Please note that our Office Administrator will be away from the office on the following days while she enjoys some vacation time: Friday, October 17  
Monday, October 20  
Friday, October 24

As Pastor Janet may be called away from the office, please phone ahead to be sure someone will be available to assist you if you plan to stop by. Voice mail will be checked while Diana is away, so please leave a telephone message.

### October 19 Lectionary Corner

Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm 99  
Matthew 22:15-22\*

\*Sermon focus

Have you remembered the church in your will?



### "Thank You Note"

Gee, you're swell!

The Worship Committee is grateful to all who have provided special music for our Worship Services this year:

Laura Advey; Blended Worship leaders (Claire Huller, Jordan Stephenson and Ashley Walker); the Contemporary Worship Ensemble (Stephen Born, Ashley Dunckel, Janelle Hamrich, Dawson Oliver, Elliot Wainwright, Kathy Wainwright, Lauren Wainwright, Mark Wainwright, and Allison Widman); the Elyria High Fiddlers (Kathy Wainwright, Director); Rosalie Gainer; John Henry; Amy King; the Liston Family (Amy, Bob, Curtis, and Renee); Carolyn Long; Janet Long; Quartific (Mark Mathes, Ken Mundorf, Alan Petersen, and Bob Rieth); DiAnne Schmidt; the Sorg Family (Sherry Arcuri, Kevin Sorg and Sandy Sorg); Chris Thomas; Becky Thompson; Kathy Wainwright; Lauren Wainwright; Carole Weinhardt; the Whitechapel Ringers (Sandy Woosley, Director); and, the Youth Vocal Trio (Katie Kostohryz, Sarah Turner and Shellabee Turner).

The Chancel Choir, led by Alan Petersen, is grateful to all of the talented and generous musicians who performed during the summer, allowing them to take a break.

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).

Sun., 10/19:

- See back page for the day's schedule.

Mon., 10/20:

- Church office closed (vacation day).

Tue., 10/21:

- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Wed., 10/22:

- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Thu., 10/23:

- Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.

Fri., 10/24:

- Church office closed (vacation day).

### Harvest Decorators Sought

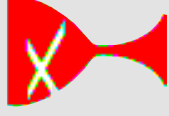
As in years past, we are seeking the help of those who would like to decorate a sanctuary window or other area of the church in a harvest theme.\* Decorations may go up anytime after the close of the October 26, 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, but before Sunday, November 2. (Decorations will need to be removed after the 10:45 a.m. Service on November 23, before the start of Advent on November 30.) Please contact Sharon Siffert (365-0870) or the church office (323-4213) to volunteer your talents.

\*Please note: If you've already volunteered through the Worship Committee survey form, you will be contacted about this opportunity.

### Trunk or Treat—it's Getting Closer!

Join friends and neighbors at this year's "Trunk or Treat," sponsored by the Church Life & Growth Committee. This all-ages event will take place on Sunday, October 26, at 6 p.m. 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.

## CALENDAR



## NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

### WELCOME!

This past Sunday, we rejoiced as two new members were received by confession of faith and confirmation of baptism. **Lois Schmidt**, remembered by some as Lois Rose from her childhood connection with our congregation at its former location on Second Street, came forward at the early Service. **Jan Moore**, who came to WACC at the invitation of her neighbor and friend, Barbara Terrell, came forward at the close of the 10:45 Service. Jan's daughter, Samantha ("Sam"), is active in our children's programs. We are delighted to have both Lois and Jan make their relationship with WACC "official"! Welcome—and blessings! **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Continued blessings and best wishes to Wayne & Carol McMullen who are celebrating anniversary #41 (10/14)!

### THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to my church family for all the cards, prayers and concern during my brother's long illness and his recent death. Your care is always a blessing in troubled times.

Love, *Kate Matolich*

### PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for Dave Smith as he retires from the WACC staff.

### SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround Bill & Glenda Clark in the death of their nephew, John Babyak, last Monday. Services, led by Bill, were held in Newton Falls on Friday.

We remember the loved ones of Kellie Griggs Knapp who died at age 34 this past Saturday. Services will be held in our sanctuary on Wednesday with Pastor Janet Long officiating.

### HOSPITALIZED

**At EMH:** Harold Rickel  
**At University Hospitals:** Steve Kistner  
**At Cleveland Clinic:** William Boggs  
**At Northridge (rehab):** Jane Schuster  
**At Home:** Zach Anderson  
Kristen Henry (in-and-out)