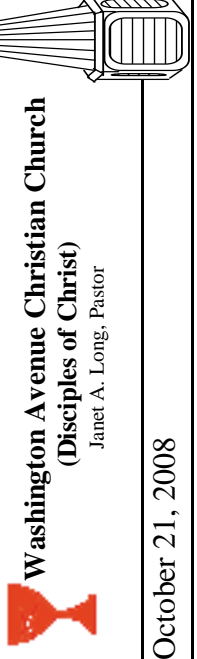


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

I don't know what people do if they don't have a church... I hear that remark, or a similar comment, every few days.

Studies show that people who do participate regularly in the life of a faith community are healthier, happier and more hopeful.

Studies also show that people are most likely to visit a faith community if a family member, friend or neighbor extends an invitation.

Some congregations seek to grow so that there will be more people to shoulder the burden of church life. I believe we should grow so that there will be more people to share the blessing of the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ. The result will be an expansion of our mission and ministry.

Five things you can do to help our congregation grow...

- Smile at people you don't recognize and speak words of welcome to them.
- Sit with newcomers in Worship and at fellowship events.
- Wear your nametag so that others will begin making connections.
- Invite a family member, friend or neighbor to come to church with you.
- Pray that God's Spirit would be a palpable presence at WACC to lead others to Christ.

Sharing life together here at Washington Avenue Christian Church is a joy. I invite and encourage you to share that joy with others.

Love,

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October 26, 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
 6:00 p.m. "Trunk or Treat" in the WACC parking lot
OPENER: Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: Don & Glendora Hange
ACOLYTES: Halley Novak and Taylor Novak
WORSHIP LEADER: Ken Mundorf
PREACHER: The Rev. Dr. G. Russell Goldner
TELLERS: Mark Mathes and John McKenna
ELDER (8:30): PIANIST (8:30):
 Debby Willets DiAnne Schmidt
ELDERS (10:45): HOME COMMUNION:
 Don Hange, Jr. Tim Widman
 Ken Mundorf Dan Walker
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

YOUTH NEWS

How great it was to have 12 WACC youth at Sunday's first meeting with Tony!

The R.S.V.P. deadline for the Districts 2, 3 and 15 **CYF Overnight** October 25-26 has been extended to this Saturday morning. Contact Jordan Stephenson (396-9708) or email ohiocyfdis2@yahoo.com. Cost is \$20 per person. Meet at Westlake Christian Church at 7 p.m. Saturday for a trip to a haunted house, followed by an evening of snacks, scary movies and games.

"Trunk or Treat" takes place this Sunday, October 26, at 6 p.m. in our parking lot. Wear a costume and bring a sack for treats. This event is for the **WHOLE FAMILY**.

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” This Sunday
 Come to WACC this Sunday evening, October 26, for “Trunk or Treat.” The 6 p.m. event is sponsored by the Church Life & Growth Committee and will include costumed children trick-or-treating in our parking lot, as well as treats, hot dogs, s’mores, beverages, and a bonfire. Adults are encouraged to take part in the fun by donning costumes and decorating their car trunks as treat stations. This event is for EVERYONE, so bring friends!

Harvest Decorating to Start
 Harvest decorations in and around the WACC sanctuary may be put in place beginning this Sunday, October 26, following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. All decorations should be set up before the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service on 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.
 To volunteer, please contact Sharon Siffert (365-0870) who is coordinating this effort.

Election Day Bake Sale Help Needed
 Volunteer bakers are asked to make and bring baked goods to the church by 4 p.m. Monday, November 3 for the Election Day bake sale. Church Life & Growth Committee members are reminded to meet at the church that Monday at 4 p.m. to help set up for the next day’s sale.

October 26 Lectionary Corner
 Deuteronomy 34:1-12
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
 Matthew 22:34-46*

*Sermon.focus

Thank You
 It is often said that “many hands make light work.” This truism was demonstrated during the last seven weeks. We thank everyone who participated in our extended Month of the Ministry emphasis, including the various standing committees for presenting “90-second commercials” during Worship and providing displays at our coffee hour, the volunteers who assisted at the coffee hour and especially those who have indicated their willingness to serve through one or more of the many activities highlighted by the committees.
 - *The Worship Committee*

Have you remembered the church in your will?




Board Bits
Question: What’s going on at WACC?
Answer: In addition to the busy program areas, the Outreach Committee is exploring a recipient of capital funds generated by the outreach portion of the Covenant for a Miracle campaign, the Board endorsed Debby Willets’ mission trip, Bruce Siffert was appointed Permanent Funds Trustee, and WACC’s Habitat home construction* is underway! THANK YOU to all who serve!
 Lauri Warfield,
 Board Chair

+ Six people from WACC worked on the home on October 18. To help on a future Saturday, call Keith Western (935-4036).

Thu., 10/23: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
 Fri., 10/24: - Church office closed (vacation day).
 Sat., 10/25: - Districts 2, 3 and 15 CYF Overnight at Westlake Christian Church, 7 p.m. (ends 10/26).
 Sun., 10/26: - See back page for the day’s schedule.
 Tue., 10/28: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
 Wed., 10/29: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
 Fri., 10/31: - Retirement party for Dave Smith, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon.
 Sat., 11/1: - Fall grounds clean-up, 9 a.m.-noon. All hands are welcome!
 - Daylight Saving Time ends (set clocks one hour behind before retiring).

- November Birthdays**
- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Barb Gottschling | 12 Debbie Siffert |
| Michelle Kersey | 13 John McKenna |
| Vivian Moussa | 14 Roger Bauer |
| 3 Julie Dodd | 15 Tony Hampton |
| Carole Weinhardt | 16 David Bakos |
| 4 Craig Hange | Sam Obechi |
| Logan Hollingsworth | 17 Josiah Nasipak |
| Charles Majewski | 18 Diane McCall |
| Sally Shields | P.J. March |
| Dennis Wilhelm | 19 J.W. Grindle |
| 5 Arlene Knepper | 20 Trevor Lauffer |
| Nicholas Osborn | 21 Mary Mizen Bruce |
| Brian Western | Jim Collier |
| Barry Wilson | Cindy Knap |
| 6 Larry Kramer, Jr. | 22 Jim McIntosh |
| Mary Lou Petersen | 23 Wendy Knapp |
| 8 Gary R. McIntyre | Carol Lauffer |
| Jake Remley | Marshall Ritter |
| 9 Becky Boggs | 26 Oksana Yaremko |
| Nate Collins | 27 Julia Mattox |
| John Henry, Sr. | Erik Smith |
| 10 Jane Barbee | 28 Tammi Cosentino |
| Wayne Grindle | Melanie Majewski |
| Tiana McKenna | 29 Bonnie Jackson |
| Don McMahan | Samantha Lauffer |
| Michael Passerello | Sean Zechman |
| 11 Marilyn Bauer | 30 Katie Kunze |
| Barbara Long | |
| Connie Osborn | |
| Elliot Necker | |
| David Worcester | |

NOVEMBER ACOLYTES

 2 Aaron Kuzela and Jacob Kuzela
 9 Katie Kostohyz and Sammie Kostohyz
 16 Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner
 23 Samantha Moore and Nautica Walker
 30 Bradley Thimke and Romeo Walker

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!
 October 21 anniversaries are being celebrated by Brad & Heidi Thimke (#19) and Ryan & Sarah Feierabend (#2). Continued best wishes and blessings!

NEW ADDRESS
 Addie Buczek now resides at Keystone Pointe, 383 Opportunity Way, LaGrange, OH 44050.

GROUNDS CLEAN-UP NOVEMBER 1
 An outdoor clean-up of the lawn and flower beds will take place on Saturday, November 1, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Even an hour of your time will help. If you have a rake, bring it, along with gloves. Rain date is Saturday, November 8.

THANK YOU
 Thanks to everyone for your recent love and support following the death of my stepfather, Ed Sherck.
 - *Mark Mathes and Family*

PRAYER FOCUS
 Please pray for those dealing with tragic deaths.
SYMPATHY
 Our prayers surround the Boggs family in the death of Laurie’s aunt, Marguerite Csutoras. Services were held last Thursday in Amherst.

HOSPITALIZED
 At *Cleveland Clinic*: William Boggs
 At *University Hospitals*: Steve Kistner (scheduled to be moved to Parkside Villa on Wednesday, October 22)
 At *Great Lakes Rehab*: Harold Rickel (scheduled to be moved to Life Care of Elyria on Wednesday, October 22)
 At *Home*: Bob McNulty (in-and-out) Kay Mundorf (in-and-out) Jane Schuster (scheduled to go home on Wednesday, October 22) Clifford Smith
 Bill Wallhead (in-and-out)

CALENDAR

