

### November 2, 2008—All Saints Sunday

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  
12:00 noon Luncheon in honor of Jacob Eby's  
dedication; Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF  
meetings

**OPENER:** Bruce Siffert   **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas

**GREETERS:** Jack & Audrey Price

**ACOLYTES:** Aaron Kuzela and Jacob Kuzela

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Gary McIntyre

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

**TELLERS:** Cheryl McKenna and Gerald Western

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

Becky Thompson   Carolyn Long

**ELDERS (10:45):**

Janet Stevens-Brown

Betty McIntyre

**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**

What a great turnout and what a good  
time we had at last Sunday's "Trunk or Treat"!

You can continue the fun by bringing  
your friends to **this Sunday's youth group  
meetings** (12 noon, immediately following our  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service).

Sprouts (grades 3-5) will have their first  
gathering with new leader Allie Lundblad. Chi  
Rho (grades 6-8) and CYF (grades 9-12) will  
meet with Tony.

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Don't forget the **"Salt & Light" Rally for  
Chi Rhoers** on Saturday, November 15,  
10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Camp Christian.

Registration is now \$25 per person. Adult  
volunteers are needed to help lead some of the  
activities. Registration forms are posted on the  
bulletin board outside of Tony's office.

# THE SPIRE



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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Next week's edition of *The Spire* will be published on Election Day. The first Tuesday after the first Monday of November is hallowed in these United States—it is a day set aside to exercise one of our most cherished freedoms, the right to vote. I encourage you to get out and vote!

As residents of a "swing state", we are bombarded with political advertising. Most of us will be relieved to have next Tuesday arrive so that such commercials will cease. It will be good to have the campaigning finished and to watch the outcome of our participation in the grand experiment of democracy.

One way or another, history will be made. If the McCain/Palin ticket prevails, we will have elected a woman to the office of vice president for the first time ever. If the Obama/Biden ticket prevails, we will have elected a person of color to the office of president for the first time ever.

There are those who will choose not to vote. They don't believe either candidate is a good choice, they don't want to bear any responsibility for our country's future, they don't want to bother. Please don't land in this camp. Please don't refuse your right to vote. Please don't relinquish your responsibility.

President Kennedy wisely reflected, "*We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people.*"

I am grateful to be a citizen of a country that is not afraid of its people. I look forward to the opportunity to cast my vote and claim my voice, echoing the long-cherished hope of Abraham Lincoln: "*that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.*" Please join me at the polls!

Love,

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### This Sunday...

...we will observe All Saints Sunday by remembering those of our congregation who have entered the realm of eternal rest during this past year and reflecting on the call to faithful living. We will share in an act of faithfulness as Jacob Robert Eby is brought for dedication during the 10:45 a.m. Service. A luncheon for the entire church family, provided by the McIntyres, will follow.

### Grounds Clean-up This Saturday

An outdoor clean-up of the lawn and flower beds will take place this Saturday, November 1, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Wear gloves, bring a rake and join us for an hour or two. Rain date is Saturday, November 8.

### Election Day News:

**You've Been Nominated...to Bake Treats!**  
Volunteers are needed to make and bring baked goods to the church by 4 p.m. Monday, November 3 for the Election Day bake sale on November 4. Church Life & Growth Committee members are reminded to meet at the church that Monday at 4 p.m. to help set up for the following day's sale.

### Joanna Circle

will meet on Thursday,  
November 6, at 7 p.m., at  
the home of Sue McKain,  
3 Canterbury Circle,  
Oberlin.

### November 2 Lectionary Corner

Joshua 3:7-17  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12\*

\*Sermon focus

### November 2 is Tools/ Blanket Sunday

This Sunday, we will have the opportunity to help others by giving to Church World Services' Tools of Hope/Blankets offering.

Through this offering, blankets which are used as bedding, as shelter from wind and rain, for carting supplies, and more may be purchased for just \$5 each. These blankets are a blessing to those who have lost their homes due to war or natural disasters.

Your gift might also be used to buy tools for these same people to dig wells for much-needed fresh water, help rebuild homes or create businesses that may assist people in becoming economically self-sufficient.

To offer your gift, please use the enclosed envelope or a specially-marked one from the pew rack this Sunday. Checks should be payable to WACC, with "Blankets/Tools" written on the memo line. Thank you for giving generously!

### Save The Date

*Tuesday, November 25, 7 p.m.*  
Community Thanksgiving Service at the Wesleyan Village, sponsored by the Elyria Ministerial Alliance and the Elyria Ministerial Association.

### Habitat Home Construction

Want to work on the Habitat for Humanity home in Elyria that's being co-sponsored by WACC? Call Keith Western (935-4036).

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

### "Trunk or Treat": Terrific!

Sunday's "Trunk or Treat" event, sponsored by the Church Life & Growth Committee, was a smashing success! Over 70 individuals enjoyed the parade of costumed children and youth going car-to-car to get candy. Cold temperatures and high winds cancelled the planned bonfire, but our building provided safe shelter and a good place for conversation and laughs as we enjoyed hot dogs, cider, s'mores, and the warmth of friendship.

### NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

#### Congratulations!

Mike & Tina Bakos are celebrating their 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary (10/24), Ty & Heather Shirley are celebrating their 13<sup>th</sup> (10/28) and Bill & Glenda Clark are celebrating their 64<sup>th</sup> (10/29)! Continued blessings and best wishes to all.

#### Church Family Future Events

Don't miss any of the important events in the life of WACC in the weeks ahead. In addition to weekly Sunday Worship and Church School, we're looking forward to Consecration Day and our All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner (November 23), Hanging of the Greens (November 30) and Christmas caroling (December 14), as well as other special outreach activities. Check each upcoming issue of *The Spire* for details as we approach the holiday season.

#### Prayer Focus

Please pray for the process of electing new leaders and deciding important issues.

#### Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround the Wiles family in the death of Marion's mother, Virginia Cummings, on Thursday. Services were held in West Virginia.  
May God's peace comfort all who mourn.

#### Hospitalized

*At EMH:* George ("Bob") McNulty  
*At Life Care of Elyria:* Harold Rickel  
*At Parkside Villa:* Steve Kistner  
*At Home:* William Boggs  
Kathryn Carter (in-and-out)  
Jane Schuster

## CALENDAR



- Fri., 10/31: - Retirement party for Dave Smith, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon.
- Sat., 11/1: - Fall grounds clean-up, 9 a.m.-12 noon. (*Rain date is 1/8.*)
- Sun., 11/2: - Daylight Saving Time ends (set clocks one hour behind before retiring).
- Mon., 11/3: - All Saints Sunday (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Tue., 11/4: - CL&G Committee members to set out baked goods for 11/4 sale, 4 p.m.
- Wed., 11/5: - Worship Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Wed., 11/5: - WACC serves as Election Day host (bake sale).
- Wed., 11/5: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Thu., 11/6: - Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:15 p.m.
- Thu., 11/6: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Fri., 11/7: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Fri., 11/7: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Sue McKain, 3 Canterbury Circle, Oberlin, 7 p.m.
- (Sat., 11/8: - Elyria Area Church Women United's World Community Day observance at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 9715 East River Rd., 10 a.m.
- (Sat., 11/8: - Rain date for church grounds clean-up, 9 a.m.-12 noon)