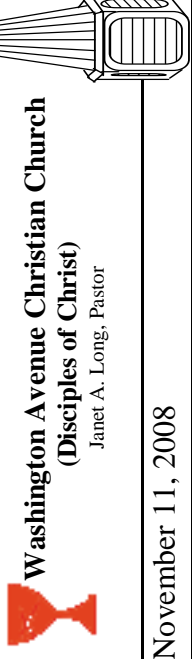


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Every charitable organization I know is strapped right now, struggling to meet the needs it seeks to address. Fundraising efforts are being stepped up in an effort to stop the downward trends in giving.

Washington Avenue Christian Church is not simply another charitable organization. It is the body of Christ in this place; it is the church family with whom we share life and love as we live out our faith.

We are moving towards Consecration Day and the sacred opportunity to commit to giving back to God a portion, a percentage, of what we've received of God's good gifts poured into our care in trust.

This is not fundraising. This is faith-raising. In the midst of difficult economic times, we recognize that we continue to be blessed in ways large and small that call forth a response of gratitude.

Gratitude motivates generous giving. Stewardship is much more than supporting the church's needs, far more than giving a "fair share". Stewardship is a concrete way of demonstrating our thanks.

To whom much is given, much is required. Jesus said those words nearly 2,000 years ago. They continue to resonate with his call to share, to love, to give, to bless, and to strive first for God's kingdom.

If you want to strengthen the roots of your faith and to harvest the fruits of a life of discipleship, consider how you can grow in your giving. Your heart will bless you; your spirit will thank you...

Love,

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November 16, 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 Youth group meetings
CW&W luncheon and training session
OPENER: Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.

GREETERS: Gary & Carol McIntyre
ACOLYTES: Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner
WORSHIP LEADER: Sue McKain
PREACHER: The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Larry McIntyre and Dan Walker
ELDER (8:30): Lauri Warfield
ELDERS (10:45): Don Hange, Jr.
Janet Stevens-Brown Nicole Eby
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 "Salt & Light" Retreat Saturday
Please pray for all Chi Rhoers who will be attending this Saturday's Rally at Camp Christian as they learn how to be "salt & light" in the world.

Youth Groups to Meet This Sunday
Sprouts will meet on Sunday, November 16, at 12 noon with Allie Lundblad.
Chi Rho (grades 6-8) and CYF (grades 9-12) will meet with Tony Hampton that Sunday, also at noon.

Wider Church Events

Dec. 13: Advent Retreat (women)
Dec. 26-28: Advance Conference Retreat (post-high school adults 18-29)
Date TBD: WANEW St. Retreat (grades 6-12)
Feb. 20-28: United Nations International Affairs Seminar (grades 11-12)
Mar. 13-15: State CYF Convention (grades 9-12)

Contact the church office for complete information.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Honor or remember a loved one with a poinsettia in our sanctuary this Christmas.

- M** 6" (5-8 blooms) \$ 5.50
- L** 7 1/2" (10+ blooms) \$ 9.50
- XL** 8 1/2" (15+ blooms) \$13.75

(If ordering for shut-ins, please consider that the 6" plant fits best in their rooms.)

Orders and payment must be in to the Church Office by **Sunday, November 23.**

(Orders placed in the offering plate must be in a sealed envelope marked, "Poinsettias.") Checks may be made payable to: Washington Avenue Christian Church.

SIZE	No. of Red	No. of White	No. of Jingle Bell (Red & White mix)	No. of Marble (Pink & White mix)	\$ Total
M					
L					
XL					
GRAND TOTAL					\$

Please specify in Honor or Memory of:

(Name) _____

From: _____

(Name) _____

Distribution: _____

(Number/color/size to be picked up) _____ / _____

(Number/color of 6" plants for shut-in delivery) _____

Additional Clean-Up Scheduled

A second clean-up of our church grounds has been scheduled for this Saturday, November 15, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Rain date is November 22. Please consider helping for even an hour or two. Thank you!

Community Thanksgiving Service

Worship with us at the Community Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 25, at 7 p.m., at Wesleyan Village. This annual event is sponsored by the Elyria Ministerial Alliance and the Elyria Ministerial Association.

CW&W Greeter Training This Sunday

Those who have signed up to serve as greeters for Children Worship & Wonder sessions (and those who have not yet signed up but would like to take part) are asked to meet at the church this Sunday, November 16, 12 noon-4 p.m. for lunch and a training session.

The Book Club will meet on Thursday,

November 20, at 7 p.m. in the Elders' conference room. They will discuss Audrey Niffenegger's, *The Time Traveler's Wife*.

November 16 Lectionary

Judges 4:1-7
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Psalm 123
Matthew 25:14-30*

**Sermon focus*

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- Chi Rho "Salt & Light" Rally at Camp Christian, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 1 (Glenna Knapp, captain).

Sun., 11/16: - See back page for the day's schedule.

Tue., 11/18: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Wed., 11/19: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Thu., 11/20: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.

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

- Book Club gathering in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.

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Sarah Circle

will meet on Thursday, November 20, at 10:45 a.m., in the youth rooms. Pastor Janet Long will present the program, "Saints: Inspiration for Life." Pauline Wallace and Joan Wilhelm will provide lunch. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Bake Sale Raises Dough

Wow! Your wonderful efforts and the appetites of voters helped the Church Life & Growth Committee raise \$288 towards the future purchase of an outdoor sign to advertise WACC events. Thank you!

Job Openings for U.S. Census

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring long-term, temporary personnel for the 2010 Census. There are openings in office and field positions, at rates of \$8.25-\$19.50 per hour. Applicants will need to pass a test for hiring consideration. For more information, check the posting on our main bulletin board, visit www.census.gov/detroit on-line or call the church office (323-4213).

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jason & Lisa Ward and Marisa and Lydia welcomed Jackson Ryan Palmer to their extended family on November 4. He was born to Jason's sister, Emily, and her husband, Jonathan. God's blessings!

CCH COLLECTION ENDS DECEMBER 7

Please place the following items in the Cleveland Christian Home collection box which will be in the narthex this Sunday through December 7: school clothes in sizes 5 children-2XL men/women (button-down or polo shirts in navy, light blue or white; pants or skirts in navy, khaki, black, or tan; sweaters or turtle-necks in navy, black or white), learning toys, action figures, art supplies, teen books and age-appropriate comics, personal care items, twin bedding, and store gift cards. A more-detailed list is posted on our main bulletin board.

GIVING TREE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 11

WACC will once again take part in the Neighborhood House Association giving tree program. WACC members and friends are asked to remove a tag or two from the tree in the office, shop for gifts for the child whose name appears on the card/s, wrap the gifts, and return the bundle of presents (now labeled with the card/s from the tree) to the church office by December 11. Thanks for helping provide a more cheerful Christmas for the NHA children!

THANK YOU

Our thanks to John Farrar and Jack & Audrey Price for painting the fence surrounding the parking lot. John has also spent many hours sanding and painting the "dungeon" below the office workshop.

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for the Haitian village experiencing the loss of the lives of many of its children due to the collapse of a school building.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround Gina DeSilver in the recent death of her sister, Clara Petro. May God's peace comfort all who mourn.

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