

December 21, 2008—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds (narthex), followed by
9:45 a.m. Christmas Pageant (sanctuary)
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with EHS
Madrigal Singers
12:30 p.m. Open House at the home of Pastor Janet
(ends 2:30) Long and Dan Clark, 356 Georgia Avenue;
Chi Rho and CYF ice skating at North Park
OPENER: Pete Majewski CLOSER: Don Hange, Sr.
GREETERS: Larry & Betty McIntyre

ACOLYTES: Aaron Kuzela and Jacob Kuzela

WORSHIP LEADER: Jane Hutson

PREACHER: The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: John McKenna and Lauri Warfield

PIANIST (8:30): Lauri Warfield

ELDER (8:30): Nancy Huller

ELDERS (10:45): Tim Widman and Mark Mathes

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 and Young Adult Events

The Junior and Senior High Church

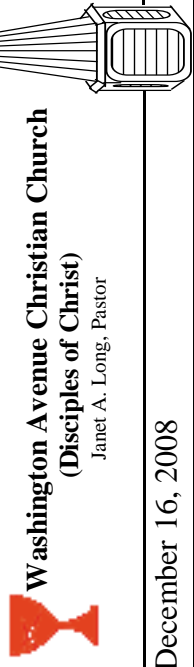
School Classes will take part in a dress rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant this Saturday, December 20, at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. The pageant, "You Can't Cancel Christmas!" will be enjoyed by the congregation on Sunday, December 21, at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will go ice skating at the North Park Ice Arena this Sunday, December 21 at 12:30. Admission is \$3; skate rental is \$2.50. You will need a permission form (available on the youth bulletin board) signed by your parent or guardian.

Adults ages 18-29 (who are out of high school) will enjoy the December 26-28 Advance Conference Retreat at Camp Christian. Alcohol use and adult socialization will be featured topics.

Contact the church office (323-4213)
for complete details about the above events.

THE SPREE



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(Disciples of Christ)

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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

This Sunday—the Fourth Sunday of Advent—will be a highlight of the church year. We will light all four of the Advent wreath candles, representing God's gifts of hope, peace, love, and joy. We will edge closer to Bethlehem, following the star to the stable. We will listen for the joy of the angels and the shepherds.

Several very special events coalesce on this Fourth Sunday of Advent...

☆ The annual Children's Christmas Pageant, produced and directed by our Junior and Senior High Church School Classes will be held in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. Prior to that, a time of sharing goodies and greetings will take place in the narthex, beginning at 9:15 a.m.

☆ During the 10:45 a.m. Service, the Elyria High School Madrigal Singers will provide our special music. And special it will be! This is one of the most uplifting services of the year to which you could invite a family member or friend. Offer the blessing of WACC to someone you love!

☆ Following that Service, Dan and I look forward to welcoming you into our home for our annual Holiday Open House. It is our Christmas gift to our church family.

☆ Looking ahead to Christmas Eve, we will celebrate the birth of the Christ Child... in a 4:30 p.m. Service of Carols and Celebration—a tender and charming service which is family-friendly;

☆ in a 7:30 p.m. Service of Candlelight and Carols—a traditional and cherished service which is filled with music; and,
☆ in an 11:30 p.m. Service of Candlelight and Communion—a touching and quiet service which is filled with expectation.

I look forward to sharing together the joy of Christmas!

Love,

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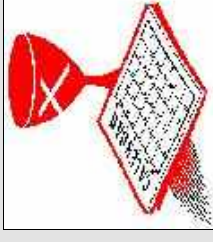


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Thank You!

What a wonderful caroling party we had on Sunday! Many thanks to all 30 participants, especially hosts Mark & Susan Mathes who invited us into their home for our after-party.

Congratulations!

Katie Majewski Contreras graduated from LCCC last Friday with a degree in nursing. She and Mike will be reunited this week following his deployment to Iraq! Best wishes and blessings...

This week's anniversary couples are Mike & Jody Kostohryz (12/17, #14) and John & Karen Davis and Jason & Lisa Ward (12/18, #32 and #9, respectively).

Office Closing and Final Spire of 2008

The church office will be closed Christmas Day-January 4. Telephone messages will be checked regularly.

The final 2008 edition of *The Spire* will be published December 23. *All committee meeting dates and event information (including Epiphany) through January 17 will need to be relayed to the church office by December 22.*

Prayer Focus

Please pray for those who are struggling this holiday season.

Hospitalized

At Cleveland Clinic: Bob McNulty (in-and-out each day this week for radiation treatments)

At University Hospitals: Liz Tobin
At Home: Pam Henry (in-and-out)

*Sermon focus