

December 28, 2008—First Sunday of Christmastide

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 Morning Worship Service

OPENER: Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre

ACOLYTES: Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz

WORSHIP LEADER: Shirley Shubert

PREACHER: The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan

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

Debbly Willets Chris Trunk

ELDERS (10:45): **HOME COMMUNION:**

Ken Mundorf Bill Clark

Debbly Willets Glenda Clark

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 and Young Adult Events

Adults ages 18-29 (who are out of high school), don't miss the opportunity to attend the December 26-28 Advance Conference Retreat at Camp Christian. Alcohol use and adult socialization will be featured topics. Registration details are available at www.ccinoh.org.

Chi Rho and CYF (grades 6-12) are invited to take part in the annual WANEWL St. Washington Avenue, North Eaton, Westlake, Lakewood, and High St. Christian Churches) Winter Retreat at Camp Christian January 23-25. More details will be available in January.

The Ohio CYF Convention (for grades 9-12) will take place March 13-15 at Hiram College. Clear your calendars NOW to take part in this fun gathering of high school Disciples. The theme is, "Green Faith: This Little Energy-Efficient Light of Mine." Activities will include small group study sessions, election of district officers, worship, viewing of a display by Disciples colleges and universities, and more! Early-bird registration fee is \$60 (\$70 for late registrations); forms are posted on the youth bulletin board. Make checks payable to "WACC" and turn in all registration materials to the church office by February 15.



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(Disciples of Christ)

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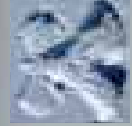
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Alan



Janet

*Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
You who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*



Brenda



Debbie



Rosalie



Teresa



Diana



Tony

A blessed Christmas and New Year
to all, from the WACC staff!

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Fiscal Fun Facts

Did you know...

...that all donations for contribution credit in 2008 MUST be in the church office—or postmarked—by December 31? (The IRS allows no grace period on this rule and, unfortunately, neither can we. Thanks for your understanding!)

...that your envelope number for 2009 may not be the same as it was for 2008? Please discard all unused 2008 offering envelopes and use only 2009 envelopes after January 1.

Save the Date!

Plan to join us for our Epiphany celebration on Sunday, January 11 which will include presentations to our Acolytes and 4th graders during the 10:45 a.m. Service, a luncheon and the clearing of the greens. We'll also hold a congregational meeting between the 10:45 a.m. Service and the luncheon, to vote on the proposed 2009 budget. Watch for more details in the January 6 edition of *The Spire*.

Board Bits

The December Board meeting was well-attended in spite of threatening winter weather. Committees reported on activities vital to WACC and members suggested new ways for us to serve beyond our doors. What a FLOCK! Everyone is excited about the WACC pledge response; see above for news of the congregational meeting to be held on January 11. Many thanks to everyone who serves!

- Lauri Warfield,
Board Chair

DECEMBER 28 LECTIONARY CORNER

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 148

JANUARY 4 LECTIONARY CORNER

Jeremiah 31:7-17
Psalm 147:12-20

**Sermon_foci*

Have you remembered the church in your will?

January 4, 2009—Second Sunday of Christmastide

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 Morning Worship Service

12:00 noon Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF gatherings

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

ACOLYTES: Samantha Moore & Nautica Walker*

WORSHIP LEADER: To be named

PREACHER: The Rev. Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Larry McIntyre and Dan Walker

ELDER (8:30):

Nancy Huller

ELDERS (10:45):

Lauri Warfield

HOME COMMUNION:

Becky Thompson

Don Hange, Jr.

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

+ACOLYTES FOR REMAINDER OF JANUARY

11 Deanna Forbush & Sarah Turner

18 Bradley Thimke & Romeo Walker

25 Halley Novak & Taylor Novak

January Birthdays

1 Terry Payne	18 Scott Dahm
2 Johnny Walker	Caitlin Heginbotham
3 Nancy White	Pauline Wallace
4 Mike Contreras	Myra Ball
5 Amanda Osborn	Barb Boehler
6 Barbara Terrell	Christopher Price
7 Shelley Novak	Tricia Grindle
8 Marge Sansone	Jean Kennedy
9 Scott Ritter	Florence Bristol
10 Dean Forbush	Robin Crocker
11 Gary McIntyre	Scott Dieringer
12 Walt Norton	Alice Paul
13 Mildred Blitz	Jean Williams
14 Adam Gottschling	Ken Mundorf
15 Gail Murphy	Suzanne Webb
16 Beverly Gardner	Steve McCall
17 Ryan Novak	Megan Shafer
18 Marlie McNulty	Cheryl McKenna
19 Chris Trunk	Heidi Coffman
20 Zach Anderson	Katie Contreras
21 Hildred Edwards	Mark Lauffer
22 Shirley Yost	Caitlyn Osborn
	Joe Wargo
	Gerald Western

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Abigail Elizabeth was born to Jason & Christina Lance on Saturday, December 20. She weighed in at 7 lb., 8 oz. and is 18 inches long. Abby's proud grandparents are Chuck & Debby Lance and her great-grandparents are Dick & Phyllis Burke. Best wishes and blessings to all!

Sean Zechman graduated from Cleveland State University last week with a master's degree in Computer Science and Software Engineering. Sean is a Senior Systems Administrator in CSU's Information Technology Department, and he has also recently moved into a new home (please update your church directory):
4068 W. 157th St.
Cleveland, OH 44135
Phone: 216-744-9606

Kurt Huller has landed a job with The Limited at the company's headquarters in Columbus. He will start working in the summer after he finishes his studies at Miami.

Our end-of-December anniversary couples include Sam & Lynn Obechi, (12/21, #20), Steve & Joy Bond and Ken & Kay Mundorf (12/22, #35 for both) and Mike & Katie Contreras (12/24, #2). Abundant blessings to all!

Prayer Focus

Please pray for those who are estranged from family.

Hospitalized

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time.
At Home: Barb Boehler
Liz Tobin

CALENDAR



Wed., 12/24:-	Service of Carols and Celebration, 4:30 p.m.
	- Service of Candlelight and Carols, 7:30 p.m.
	- Service of Candlelight and Communion, 11:30 p.m.
Thu., 12/25:-	Merry Christmas! (Church office closed until January 5, 2009.)
Fri., 12/26:-	Advance Conference Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 12/28).
Sun., 12/28:-	First Sunday of Christmastide (see back page for the day's schedule).
Tue., 12/30:-	Daisy Troop 232 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
	- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
Thu., 1/1/09:-	Happy New Year!
Sun., 1/4:-	Second Sunday of Christmastide (see above for the day's schedule).
Mon., 1/5	- Worship Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
Tue., 1/6:-	Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
Wed., 1/7:-	Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.