

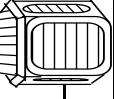
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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

February begins with the observance of "Young Adult Week" in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This observance will begin February 1 and carry over through February 15 at Washington Avenue Christian Church.

On February 1, Melanie Majewski will share reflections of her recent Mission Trip to Chile. Part of a young adult delegation of the Christian Church in Ohio, Melanie spent time at the Shalom Center, the Chilean equivalent of Camp Christian. We have contributed to the building of that special place and the opportunity to hear about its spiritual reach is not to be missed!

On February 15, Allie Lundblad will offer the morning message. Allie, a first-year student at Oberlin College, first visited WACC last spring when she came to explore Oberlin as a prospective student. Finding a church home was nearly as important to her as finding a college home. Allie hails from Asheville, North Carolina, and is a Disciples' Higher Education and Leadership Ministries scholar.

I cannot overstate the importance of having a church family support its children, youth and young adults. Being nurtured in the faith and being valued for having something to offer is very formative in one's spiritual journey. It is out of such experiences of encouragement that many, including this pastor, sense a call to a life of full-time Christian ministry. We are entrusted to call forth the gifts of the young.

During my vacation, I am leaving this mentoring to you. You will be the richer for having heard these young adult voices of energy and commitment. You will be assured that the future of the church is bright because of such leadership...

Love,
Janet

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February 1, 2009

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by 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
GREETERS: John & Helen Fairar
ACOLYTES: Katie Kostohryz & Sammie Kostohryz
WORSHIP LEADER: Deanna Forbush
SPEAKER: Melanie Majewski
TELLERS: Cheryl McKenna and Gerald Western
ELDER (8:30): Bill Clark
PIANIST (8:30): Chris Trunk
HOME COMMUNION: Ken Mundorf
Brenda Keenan
Betty McIntyre
DIACONATE: Team 1
8:30 - Mike Crockor 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

Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will gather for lunch in the youth rooms this Sunday, February 1, at noon. The Sprouts will welcome back Allie Lundblad and Chi Rho and CYF will meet with Tony Hampton.

Afterwards, those interested will go to the Atlas Cinema at Midway Mall to see, "Paul Blart: Mall Cop." Those attending will need \$6 for the movie, plus additional money if they want to purchase snacks.

Early-bird registration for the

March 13-15 State Youth Convention ends

February 15. Disciples youth in grades 9-12 from across Ohio will attend this fun-filled gathering at Hiram College. The early-bird registration rate is just \$60 and covers food, lodging and program components for the weekend event. The Convention theme is, "This Little Energy-Efficient Light of Mine." For complete details, contact the church office (440-323-4213) or visit:

[www.ccinoh.org/admin/assets/
stateyouthconvention.pdf](http://www.ccinoh.org/admin/assets/stateyouthconvention.pdf)



The January 25 Laity Sunday Worship Services were very meaningful and reflected warmth and love. Our thanks to everyone who helped lead them: *Message providers Deanna Forbush, Ken Oblak and Becky Papenbrock (read by Carol McIntyre), the Chancel Choir, Dan Clark, Val Collins, Rosalie Gainer, Tim Haywood, Jason Higgins, Nancy Huller, Dan Maddock, Pete Majewski, Mark Mathes, Gary McIntyre, Ken Mundorf, Bruce Siffert, Janet Stevens-Brown, Elliot Wainwright, Debbie Walker, Lisa Ward, Carole Weinhardt, Keith Western, and Tim Widman.*

We also appreciate everyone who attended—again, as in previous years—on a fine but very cold morning! With the Laity Sunday theme being, “Working for Wholeness in a Fragmented World,” the spirit of Monday’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observation and Tuesday’s historic presidential inauguration lent a special feeling to the Services.

- *The Worship Committee*

Thanks for all your prayers and for all the cards and get-well wishes I have received. I felt surrounded by your care, which helped my recovery. I am very grateful.

- *Shirley Shubert*

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Notes of gratitude have been received by Church World Services and Second Harvest Food Bank for WACC’s year-end donations. Your generosity to WACC helps make this type of community outreach possible. Thank YOU!

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Board Bits

Who is in the FLOCK? Members of the FLOCK have...

- ...Fellowship with each other
 - ...Love of Christ
 - ...Ownership of Christian purpose
 - ...Commitment to service
 - ...Knowledge to share the message
- Are you in the FLOCK? If you are part of the wonderful world of WACC, then, **YES—YOU** are in the flock!

**General Assembly—
A “Hands On” Event**

The theme and logo for the Disciples’ upcoming General Assembly utilize several key words from John’s Revelation text, expressed simply as...

...For the healing of the nations....

The logo was designed by a Disciples layperson and depicts dozens of hands representing the many leaves of the tree. General Assembly organizers stress the hands are intentional, to represent hands raised in prayer, hands poised for work and hands used for healing.

Get YOUR hands on this opportunity for growth, service and fellowship. Visit www.disciples.org for more information.

July 29-August 2
Indianapolis, Indiana



Joanna Circle

will meet on Thursday, February 5, at 7 p.m., at the home of Glenna & Al Knapp, 122 Marshs Lane. Debbie Walker will present a program based on the book, “Children at the Lord’s Table,” which looks at the issue of children and their participation in Worship.

†As this address is not yet available on GoogleEarth or Mapquest, you’ll want to know that the Marsh’s Landing development is located West off of Murray Ridge Rd., ½ mile South of Leo Bullock’s Parkway (a continuation of 2nd St. West out of Elyria) or 1 mile North of the Lorain County Juvenile Detention Center, at the curve on Murray Ridge Rd. Marsh’s Landing has large, well-lit signs. The Knapp home is the 8th site on the left side of the road. You may park on the Knapps’ side of the driveway, on the right side of the street, or in the off-street parking just past the Knapp’s apartment, in front of the mailboxes.

Address Update

Please correct your church directories: Walt & Joan Norton’s new zip code is 40004. We apologize for printing the wrong zip code in last week’s issue of *The Spire*.

February 1 Scriptures

Mark 1:21-28 Psalm 32:8

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Courtney Maddock finished her high school swim career by winning the 200 yard individual medley and the 500 yard freestyle events at Elyria High’s final home meet, held last week. In addition, her team placed first in the 200 yard medley relay, and she helped them break one of the school’s oldest records with a win in the 200 yard freestyle relay. Courtney is also a member of the Pioneers’ record-setting 200 yard medley relay team and currently holds the EHS’ individual records in the 200 and 500 yard freestyle events, 200 yard individual medley and 100 yard fly, as well as in similar distance meter events. Parents Dan & Tina are very proud of Courtney and her achievements.

Aaron & Deanna McNeal and Rick & Jean Kennedy are celebrating recent anniversaries (1/23, #21 and 1/24, #62, respectively). Continued blessings!

Prayer Focus

Please pray for all young adults, that they might find meaningful work, meaningful relationships and meaningful faith.

Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers surround the Baumgartner family in the death of Chris’ uncle. Services were held last week in Baltimore.

May God’s peace surround and sustain all who mourn.

Hospitalized

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time.
At Home: Judy Hook

Diane McCall (in-and-out)
Chuck Warfield (in-and-out)
Marge Wohlever (in-and-out)



CALENDAR

- Thu., 1/29: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Sun., 2/1: - See back page for the day’s schedule.
- Mon., 2/2: - Worship Committee meeting in the Elders’ conference room, 7 p.m.
- Tue., 2/3: - Daisy Troop 232 meeting in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Wed., 2/4: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Thu., 2/5: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Glenna & Al Knapp, 7 p.m.