

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

I'll be home for Christmas, the famous song lyrics say. Well, I was home for Christmas. My song would have to go, *I'll be home for Lent*. I know, it fits neither the mood nor the meter of the tune. But it's true...

I'll be home for Lent. In fact, I'll be home for the Sunday before Lent (this Sunday, February 22): Transformation Sunday. It's a day when we travel up the mountain to catch a glimpse of greatness and grandeur and grace.

The imagery is impressive. The cast of characters reads like a biblical "Who's Who". The meaning is magnificent, miraculous even. The experience is extravagant in its depth and dimension. Everything is different; everything has changed!

The challenge is to allow ourselves to be similarly transformed. It can happen. It does happen. And, if we let God have the divine way with us, it will happen. We, too, will be changed—changed for the better, changed for God's glory.

Once we've witnessed Jesus' transformation, we embark on the Lenten path to Jerusalem. Once there, we will see him transformed yet again. And, in his transformations, we find the power to be transformed into faithful disciples.

I look forward to sharing the Lenten journey with you once again. As we travel, I invite you to share in some of the "oases" along the way—the Ash Wednesday Service, Monday Supper & Study, Wednesday Vespers, and Sunday Worship.

May God bless—and transform—us...

Love,


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February 22, 2009

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: Bud Simmons **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: Gary Knapp and Chris Thomas
ACOLYTES: Deanna Forbush & Sarah Turner
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Dan Clark and Tim Haywood
ELDER (8:30):
Lauri Warfield
ELDER (10:45):
Debbly Willets
DIACONATE: Team IV
Ken Mundorf
Cheryl Grapes

8:30 - Gail Haywood and Jane Hutson
10:45 - Arlene Burch, Dick Burch, David Eby, Nicole Eby, Gail Haywood, Jane Hutson, Brenda Keenan, Jody Kostohryz, Gary McIntyre, and Sharon Siffert

YOUTH NEWS

DIG This!

Chi Rho and CYF members from across the Hiram Conference area will take part in a roller skating fundraiser on Sunday, March 1 for Dividends In Growth, an Ohio youth outreach program for those in need. The skating party will be held at Springfield Lake Roller Rink, 1220 S. Main St., Lakemore, Ohio, 4-6 p.m. Admission is \$5; skate rental is \$2. All proceeds will be presented at this summer's Hiram Conference week at Camp Christian. Invite all your friends to help make this our best offering yet!

Camp and Conference Dates Announced

Make plans now to schedule some summertime faith-building fun at these great camps:
June 5-6 Grandparent and Me Camp (grades 1-2)
June 14-20 Partnership Camp Otter (grades 3-5)
June 21-27 Hiram Conference (grades 9-12)
July 5-11 Adventure Camp (Bicycling—all ages; children younger than grade 9 must attend w/parent)
July 5-11 Portahoga Chi Rho Camp (grades 6-8)
July 12-18 Partnership Camp Badger (grades 3-5)
July 26-August 1 Partnership Camp Beaver (grades 3-5)
August 9-16 Advance Conference (ages 19-29)



Are You Ready?

Lent begins next Wednesday (February 25). Below are a few things you'll want to do to ensure a more meaningful Lenten experience:

- 1. Pick up a free copy of the Lenten devotional booklet, *Fellowship of Prayer*,** from the rack near the stairs leading to the sanctuary. (Free copies of the daily devotional, *The Upper Room*, can also be found there.)
- 2. Attend the February 25 Disciples District 2A Ash Wednesday Service** at Christian Temple, 540 Fifth St., Lorain. The service will start at 7:30 p.m. (choir members will assemble there at 6:30 p.m.)
- 3. Attend the Monday Lenten Supper & Study Series** at WACC beginning March 2. Supper will begin at 5:55 p.m., followed by a session on "Finding Faith at the Movies." Each session will feature an important biblical theme illustrated with film clips. The series will continue each Monday through April 6.
- 4. Attend Wednesday evening Vespers Services** here at WACC beginning March 4. Each Service will last approximately 25 minutes and will feature the sharing of the Lord's Supper. Vespers will be held each Wednesday evening through April 8.

March Acolytes

- 1 Samantha Moore & Nautica Walker
- 8 Tyler Schneider & Romeo Walker
- 15 Halley Novak & Taylor Novak
- 22 Katie Kostohryz & Sammie Kostohryz
- 29 Aaron Kuzela & Jacob Kuzela

Strength in Numbers

Ohio Disciples Men of District 2 will gather for fellowship and inspiration at a Spring Rally on Sunday, March 1 at Bethany Christian Church. Registration is \$6 and includes supper. A car caravan will leave the WACC parking lot at 1:45 p.m.
R.S.V.P. to Mark Mathes by Wednesday, February 25.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Board Bits

Technical difficulty. We all experience it. Our last Board meeting was held without some of our reports due to technical difficulty (now resolved) with our accounting software. But the Board convened and heard Committee and Staff reports.

WACC goes on in spite of technical difficulty. Isn't that the way it should be? In spite of the technical difficulties in our daily lives and in the world, Christ expects us to draw from Him, and continue his work. Many thanks to all who serve!

- *Lauri Warfield,*
Chair of the Board

February 22 Lectionary

2 Kings 2:1-12
 Psalm 50:1-6
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
 Mark 9:2-9*

**Sermon focus*

March Birthdays

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Ben Willets | 15 Oriyana Hale |
| 3 Ron Lauffer | Ashley Walker |
| Dan Russell | Bill Wallhead |
| 4 Dick Zechman | 17 Terri Osborn |
| Pam Henry | Pat Worcester |
| Mary Lou | 18 Linda Grogan |
| Wainwright | Jillian Kazmierczak |
| 6 Kathryn Carter | 20 Richard Brown |
| Allie Lundblad | Bud Simmons |
| 7 Brad Thimke | Denise Zechman |
| Liz Everhard | 22 Peggy Haywood |
| Savana | Joan McNulty |
| Hollingsworth | 23 Kristen Henry |
| 8 Judy Beatty Hook | Mike Weinhardt |
| 9 Jack Price | Carrie Wyatt |
| David Smith | Chris Zechman |
| 10 Colton Anderson | 24 Hilma Farmer |
| Glendora Hange | 26 Claire Huller |
| Evelyn Hollis | 28 Mitch Hyder |
| 11 Alan Paul | 30 Amanda Passerello |
| 12 Gloria Hood | 31 Hayden Coffman |
| Janet Stevens-Brown | Shirley Shubert |
| 14 Mike Adkins | |
| Will Konko | |



We care! If you don't see your birthday listed, we may not know your special date! Please contact us and help us complete our records.

A second possibility may be that, due to space considerations, we have had to trim our birthday lists to include only those persons who have been actively involved in this congregation within the last two years.

We appreciate your understanding. But, even more, we hope that you'll again join us in worship and claim your place in the many outreach and service opportunities available through this congregation as we strive to live as faithful followers of Christ.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Bob & Joan McNulty are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary (2/13); Alan & Alice Paul are celebrating their 28th anniversary. Continued blessings to these wonderful couples!

Thank You

What a great response to the Elyria Hospitality Center's plea for cereal! WACC is truly a generous and caring congregation!

In addition to the ongoing need for cereal, we've recently learned of the Center's need for tuna and toiletries. Please know that your donations in the name of Christ are very much appreciated.

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Notes of thanks for some of WACC's other outreach donations have recently been received from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Elyria Salvation Army, Family Promise of Lorain County, Haven Center, Neighborhood House Association, and Second Harvest Food Bank. These are posted on our main bulletin board for your viewing.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for faithfulness and openness as we move through the season of Lent.

Hospitalized

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

CALENDAR



- Thu., 2/19: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.
- Sat., 2/21: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 3 (Barbara Terrell, captain).
- Sun., 2/22: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Tue., 2/24: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 2/25: - Disciples District 2A Ash Wednesday Worship Service at Christian Temple, 7:30 p.m.
- Thu., 2/26: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.