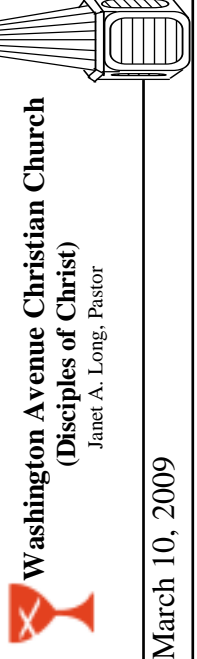


THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

I hope that by the time you read this, the sun will be shining. The forecast claims that the chance of rain is 100% today. It is a cloudy, blustery, rainy day. Sometimes it is pouring down, then it subsides. The projection is that this will continue all day and night and into tomorrow (Wednesday).

In the meantime, the Black River is swollen and flooding is a possibility. Already, Cascade Park is under water. So, too, sections of land along the river are submerged. The Weather Service is calling for a couple more inches of rain before this weather system leaves our area.

On this, the 12th day of Lent, I can't help but draw some parallels. Though overwhelmed by the duration and difficulty of this season of penitence and preparation, Easter is on the horizon. The self-examination that is inherent in a well-observed Lent gives way to glimpses of grace.

We receive God's forgiveness and mercy in varying ways, from trickles to torrents. We know that God's love floods into our lives if we will accept it. The brokenness and evil in our lives can be washed away by God's healing and grace. Will we allow God's goodness to flow?

This Lent, be open to God's presence—sometimes gentle, sometimes forceful; sometimes soothing, sometimes churning; sometimes cleansing, sometimes challenging; always nourishing and replenishing us for the work of discipleship to which we are called. The peace of the Lord be with you...

Love,

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March 15, 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:** Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.
- GREETER:** Don Hange, Jr.
- ACOLYTES:** Halley Novak & Taylor Novak
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Gerald Western
- PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
- TELLERS:** Dan Walker and Gerald Western
- ELDER (8:30):** Lauri Warfield
- ELDERS (10:45):** Carol McIntyre
- Dan Clark
- Janet Stevens-Brown
- 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 NEWS

Sprouts (grades 3-5), **Chi Rho** (grades 6-8) and **CYF** (grades 9-12) will meet for lunch, fun and faith-building this Sunday, March 15 at 12 noon in the youth rooms.

"Dance with God" is the theme of the April 3-5 Advance Conference Spring Retreat (for post-high school adults ages 18-29). Keynote speaker Jay Gamelin (www.jaygamelin.com) and www.jacobsporch.com will help participants listen to the rhythm of God and provide new, uplifting music. Special mission components of the weekend include a collection for the Cleveland Christian Home* and a Walkathon to benefit the work of the Ohio Region's Anti-Racism Team. Visit the youth bulletin board for registration forms, or register online (and obtain complete information) at: www.ccinoh.org.

* Please bring new socks, women's underwear and men's boxer shorts, t-shirts, boys' shoes, and gift cards from McDonald's, Target, and WalMart to the event.

EASTER FLOWERS: Order by March 22
 Easter flowers given to the glory of God and in honor or memory of a loved one may be ordered now through March 22. The flowers will adorn the sanctuary on Easter morning and may be taken home following the Worship Services.
 Orders may be placed in the office mail slot, phoned in, e-mailed, or sent via U.S. mail to the church office. (If using U.S. mail, please order early.) All orders must be **RECEIVED** in the church office **by SUNDAY, MARCH 22** (checks payable to WACC).

Spring flower availability can be affected by many issues; please note that some substitutions may be necessary.

Tulips (Yellow, Pink, Purple) \$ 6
 Hyacinths (Pink, White, Blue) \$ 6
 Hydrangeas (Pink, Blue) \$12
 Martha Washington Geraniums (Rose, Light Lavender Splash, Purple & White bi-color) \$ 7
 Lilies (White only)
 6" Single stem (5-8 blooms) \$ 6
 8" Double stem (10-12 blooms) \$12

FLOWER	QTY.	COLOR OR SIZE	COST
Tulips			
Hyacinths			
Hydrangeas			
Geraniums			
Lilies			
TOTAL			\$

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____

Presented By _____

Looking Ahead

- March 29⁺ Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night (5:30 p.m.)
- April 3-5 Advance Conference Spring Retreat w/Anti-Racism Team Walkathon (at Camp Christian)
- April 4 Cleveland Christian Home Work Day (at Cleveland Christian Home)
- April 5⁺ Seder Meal experience (12 noon)
- April 9⁺ Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae (7:30)
- April 10 Community Good Friday Service (12 noon at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church)
- April 11 Cleveland Christian Home Walk & Run for the Kids (8 a.m. at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo)
- April 12⁺ Easter (breakfast between Services)
- April 18 Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation (at Gender Road Christian Church, Canal Winchester)
- April 19⁺ WACC Visioning Event (12 noon)
- April 24 Advance Conference Fundraising Concert (7 p.m. at Northwest Christian Church, Columbus)
- April 25 Congregational Leaders Equipping Conference (for Christian Education and Stewardship, at Gender Road Christian Church)
- April 26⁺ WACC hosts Metropolitan Chorus concert (3 p.m.)
- April 27⁺ Sing-for-Your-Supper (5:55 p.m.)

⁺Denotes event at WACC

- Thu., 3/12: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.
- Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:15 p.m.
- Fri., 3/13: - Ohio CYF Convention at Hiram College begins (ends 3/15).
- Sat. 3/14: - Elders' Retreat at Mueller-Parker Funeral Home, Mason, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Sun., 3/15: - Third Sunday of Lent (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 3/16: - Lenten Supper & Study in Fellowship Hall, 5:55 p.m.
- Tue., 3/17: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 3/18: - Lenten Vespers Service in the sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 3/19: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.
- Sat., 3/21: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 6 (Gail Haywood, captain).

Sarah Circle

will meet on Thursday, March 19, at 10:45 a.m. in the youth rooms. Pastor Janet Long will present the program, Sins: Encroachments on Life, and Linda Dull will provide lunch. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Your Vision—Your Choice!

Feed fear or faith? Times are difficult; some are fearful. We choose to "feed" faith at our Vision 2009 gathering on April 19. Please bring your "recipe" ideas to the meeting!

Lauri Warfield,
 Chair of the Board

Did you know... our monthly mortgage payment is \$10,242.00? *Do you know...* if your giving to Covenant for a Miracle is up-to-date?

MARCH 15 LECTIONARY

Exodus 20:1-17* 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
 Psalm 19 John 2:13-22*

*Sermon foci

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Thank You

Dear Christian Education Committee,
 Thank you for the basket full of wonderful baby girl items! We use the bib all the time and Abby loves falling asleep to the CD. It was so thoughtful of you. We really appreciate your kindness!

Sincerely,
Jason & Christina Lance

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the welcome basket for our little Sarah! We've already used the receiving blanket—it matches one of her preemie outfits perfectly. Sarah continues to improve daily—her weight is back up, she's eating better and her jaundice is under control.

Thank you, too, for all of your prayers throughout the difficult pregnancy—they were much needed and very welcome.

Best,
Liz, Chris, Benjamin, and Sarah Tobin

WACC Directory Update

Peg Haywood's phone number is now 567-3299. Please update your directory.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for those affected by domestic violence.

Hospitalized

At EMH: Brad Anderson
At Home: Delilah Diedrick
 Ryan Feierabend (Peoria, AZ)
 Shirley Shubert

CALENDAR

