

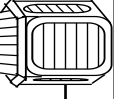
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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Jesus
Show me the money. - Jerry McGuire

The generosity of Washington Avenue Christian Church continues to be a sign of trust in God's abundance, even in the midst of a recession.

During 2008, our congregation gave as follows...

... \$115,852 to outreach causes that reach from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth, including the gift of \$37,437.34 to build a Habitat for Humanity home here in Elyria – the result of 10% of our Renewing Our Covenant being directed to an outreach capital project;

... \$178,993 to Covenant for a Miracle, our new four-year commitment to retiring the debt on our building, including the organ, along with gifts to wrap up our previous Covenant campaign (Renewing Our Covenant) and gifts to our Organ Fund; and,

... \$273,695 to support the mission and ministry we share through the life of our congregation: pastoral care, Sunday Worship, educational opportunities (Church School, youth groups, Lenten Study, Inquirers Class, Camp Christian), sharing the building with our community, and on and on.

Have you added up those numbers? They total \$568,540. Over a half-million dollars was given through our church for Kingdom causes last year! You have shown love for God's people and for Christ's Church by showing such generosity of spirit and substance. You have taken to heart Jesus' words: *It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

Love,
Janet

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March 22, 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
OPENER: Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: John & Helen Farrar
ACOLYTES: Katie Kostohryz & Sammie Kostohryz
WORSHIP LEADER: Ryan Mathes
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak
ELDER (8:30): Pianist (8:30):

Tim Widman
ELDERS (10:45): Becky Thompson
HOME COMMUNION: Bill Clark
Ken Mundorf
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 NEWS

Tony Hampton and approximately 9 of WACC's youth group members attended the Elyria City Council meeting on March 2 to watch local government in action. * * *

Your chance to "Dance with God" at the April 3-5 Advance Conference Spring Retreat is coming up fast! This retreat is open to post-high school adults age 18 (and out of high school for at least a year) through age 29. Keynote speaker Jay Gamelin will help participants listen to the rhythm of God and provide new, uplifting music. (Learn more about Jay at www.jaygamelin.com and www.jacobsporch.com.) Special mission components of the weekend will 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.

Last Sunday to Order Easter Flowers

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
- 6" Single stem (5-8 blooms) \$12
- 8" Double stem (10-12 blooms)

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

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____

Presented By _____

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Habitat "Homecoming"

The Chapman home, which WACC has helped sponsor and build, will be dedicated on Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. Please join us at 727 W. 19th Street, Elyria for the celebration!



Visionary Gathering Needs YOU

From your pew, what do you see? Where are you in the picture of WACC's future? Come to the gathering on April 19 and be part of the vision for the future of Christ's mission at Washington Avenue Christian Church. Come to Vision 2009 to add your voice.

Lauri Warfield,
Chair of the Board

Disciples "Women Acting Out!"

Disciples women from across Ohio will gather on Saturday, April 18 (8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) at Gender Road Christian Church for their annual Convocation. You'll want to be among them to hear keynote Rev. Dr. Diane Lobody, professor at Methodist Theological School in Ohio, address the event theme, "Women Acting Out!"

Special scholarships are available to first-time participants as well as the first 15 women under age 30 to register before the March 27 early-bird deadline. Registration is \$40 (if received by March 27), \$50 (March 28 -April 10) and \$60 (after April 10). Included are all program costs plus a continental breakfast, lunch and childcare if needed.

Use the registration forms posted on our main bulletin board or register online at www.ccinoh.org.

Did you know...that early-bird registration for General Assembly has been extended to March 31? Register online at www.disciples.org or use the forms from our main bulletin board...but do it today!

GOLFERS, GET READY!

June 1—Cleveland Christian Home Scramble for the Kids, Elyria Country Club
June 6—Youth (Camp) Scholarship Golf Outing & Dinner at Scioto Reserve, Powell, OH

MARCH 22 LECTIONARY

Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 John 3:14-21*

**Sermon focus*

- 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).
- Sun., 3/22: - Fourth Sunday of Lent (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 3/23: - Lenten Supper & Study in Fellowship Hall, 5:55 p.m.
- Tue., 3/24: - Daisy Troop 232 gathering in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.
- Wed., 3/25: - Lenten Vespers Service in the sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
- Thu., 3/26: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.
- Property Committee meeting in the Gibbens conference room, 6:15 p.m.
- Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Book Club gathering in the church library, 7 p.m.
- Pastoral Relations Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7:30 p.m.



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

WELCOME!

WACC's new custodian, Phil Smith, will begin taking care of our building and grounds starting Monday. Phil has several years' experience as a school custodian and is already known by a few WACC folks, including DiAnne Schmidt, Barbara Terrell and Shirley Yost.

We are grateful to our recently-retired custodian, Dave Smith, who returned to WACC while we searched for a new staff member. In addition to taking care of our maintenance needs, Dave has spent some time acclimating Phil to the requirements of this position before "passing the mop". Thank you, Dave, and welcome, Phil!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jack & Maggie Ryan are celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary! Continued best wishes and blessings to our long-distance friends!

THANK YOU

Our thanks to Joanna Circle and all who helped with the luncheon following Craig's memorial service. We are also very grateful for the many, many cards and phone calls we have received. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful, caring church family.

With love and appreciation,
Larry & Betty McIntyre and Family

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for the Lakewood Christian Church and for their pastor, John Opsata, who has been called to serve as Senior Pastor of First Christian Church, Frankfort, Kentucky, beginning April 5.

HOSPITALIZED

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time. At Home: Brad Anderson
Chris Trunk (in-and-out)

CALENDAR