

### March 29, 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  
 2:00 p.m. Chapman Habitat Home dedication at  
 727 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Elyria  
 4:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee meeting  
 5:30 p.m. Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night  
**OPENER:** Bud Simmons **CLOSER:** Jim Gainer  
**GREETERS:** Cameron Hyder and Family  
**ACOLYTES:** Aaron Kuzela and Jacob Kuzela  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Dan Maddock  
**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long  
**TELLERS:** John McKenna and Lauri Warfield  
**ELDER (8:30):**  
 Nancy Huller  
**PIANIST (8:30):**  
 DiAnne Schmitt  
**ELDERS (10:45):**  
 Janet Stevens-Brown  
 Lauri Warfield  
**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

### YOUNG ADULT NEWS

#### Logo Art Contest for Young Adults

The new Disciples Young Adult website, which will be filled with lots of useful information for Disciples ages 18-29, will soon be available online...but it needs a logo. Those submitting artwork for consideration must be a young adult active in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Entry deadline is April 27, 2009. Logo entries may be submitted to Eli Rolon at: [er.iejong@yahoo.com](mailto:er.iejong@yahoo.com).

#### Advance Conference Retreat Almost Here!

If you are age 18-29 and have been out of high school at least one year, YOU can attend the Advance Conference Spring Retreat April 3-5 at Camp Christian. (Advance Conference events are for young adults who have "graduated" from CYF.)

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 at: [www.ccrnoh.org](http://www.ccrnoh.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.

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 (Disciples of Christ)

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### Janet's Jottings

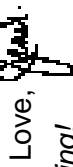
Dear Friends,

One of the hallmarks of Washington Avenue Christian Church is a commitment to outreach. Recognizing that the call of Christ extends "from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth," this congregation seeks to be engaged in many expressions of that mission. Several opportunities over the next few weeks for such involvement include...

- ◆ This Sunday's dedication of the Habitat for Humanity house we helped finance and build at 727 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Elyria. Come out at 2 p.m. to bless this home, take a tour, meet the family who will live there, and be inspired by this grassroots effort to make a difference!
- ◆ The Cleveland Christian Home's annual Spring clean-up day is April 4 and its Walk and Run for the Kids will be held at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on Saturday, April 11\*. Several folks from WACC have signed up to walk or run; would you be willing to join them? Either way, your help as a financial sponsor is needed.
- ◆ The Easter Special Day Offering supports the work of the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). From our witness to the unity of Christ's Church to our work in places around the globe, this offering is critical to the mission we share as North American Disciples.
- ◆ The Elyria Area CROP Walk will take place on Saturday, April 25\*. Supporting efforts to reduce hunger, the proceeds are evenly divided between local programs to feed the hungry and global initiatives to address the problem. Both walkers (or runners) and sponsors are sought.
- ◆ Our weekly collection for the Elyria Hospitality Center continues. Basic food items—cereal, peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti and sauce, canned tuna, chicken, meat, soups, fruits and vegetables—and clothing are needed. Want to know more? See our own Bud & Polly Simmons!
- ◆ Also, we continue to serve monthly Hot Meals at the Salvation Army, collect change for the Cleveland Christian Home, support a variety of important causes through our Sunday offerings, and reach out to the community through our hospitality to Scouts, Alcoholics Anonymous and neighborhood voters.

And all that doesn't begin to include all the individual charitable endeavors of WACC members and friends through Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Neighborhood House Association, EMH, Salvation Army, our schools, and so many other worthwhile causes.

As God reached out to us in Christ Jesus, may we reach out to others in love...



Love,

\*Can't make this date? You can participate at another time of your own choosing!

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### Fun Night This Sunday, March 29

EVERYONE is invited to share in the fun at this Sunday's Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall to enjoy board games, group activities and supper starting at 5:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Christian Education Committee.

### Habitat Dedication This Sunday

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

### Joanna Circle Gathering

Joanna Circle will meet on Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Jackson, 913 Bennett Drive, Elyria. All women of the church are invited to attend.

**Did you know...** that Sue McKain has been providing the nametags we wear each Sunday? We are grateful for her generosity! (If you've lost yours, Sue will be happy to order you another one, but she would appreciate your covering the \$5 replacement charge.)

### Sew-Sew Request for GA

Sewers are need to help create stoles for approximately 300 worship leaders for the upcoming General Assembly. To learn more, visit [www.disciples.org/?tabid=58&itemid=192](http://www.disciples.org/?tabid=58&itemid=192) or call the church office (323-4213).

### MARCH 29 LECTONARY CORNER

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
Psalm 51:1-12  
John 12:20-33\*

\*Sermon focus

### Have you remembered the church in your will?

#### A Vision for Our Future

Does fear have you tied up in knots? Release those thoughts, and weave your faith, ideas, gifts, and talents into a tapestry of God's purpose for the years ahead. God can lead us to do great things! Come to Vision 2009 on April 19 and see!

*Lauri Warfield,*  
Chair of the Board

#### CCH Walk/Run Funds Due April 11

If you are participating in the April 11 Walk/Run for the Kids of the Cleveland Christian Home, please remember that you'll need to turn in all collected donations on the day of the event.

#### Ohio Region Spring Work Day to Benefit the CCH

Join Disciples from across the Ohio Region on Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., for a "Spring clean-up" of the Cleveland Christian Home. Lunch and snacks will be provided but you'll need to R.S.V.P. to 216-476-0333 ASAP. You'll want to dress comfortably for indoor and/or outdoor tasks.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Jacob Anderson    | 17 Addie Buczek   |
| Jordan Anderson     | Wayne Collins     |
| Arlene Burch        | Larry McIntyre    |
| Doris Dodrill       | 18 Stacy Collins  |
| Paul Fridenstine    | 19 Chuck Necker   |
| Claudia             | Heather Schult    |
| Heginbotham         | 20 Gordon Higgins |
| 2 Sandy Woosley     | 22 Nancy Huller   |
| 3 Jane Hutson       | Jack Ryan         |
| 5 Ashley Csata      | Paula Wilson      |
| Eleanor Stevenson   | 24 Kevin Matheson |
| 6 Gary Knapp        | Erin Sweeten      |
| Debby Lance         | Lydia Ward        |
| 7 Audrey Price      | 25 Bev Lehman     |
| Pat Schwarz         | Becky Thompson    |
| 10 Missy Vitullo    | Kathy Wainwright  |
| 11 Jason Ward       | 26 Benny Greer    |
| 12 Ken Oblak        | Betty McIntyre    |
| 13 Amy Fitzgerald   | Linda Shafer      |
| 15 Jason Higgins    | Tony Sweeten      |
| Alan Petersen       | Marissa Ward      |
| 16 Stephanie Thimke | Bethany Willets   |
|                     | 27 Pat Murphy     |

### WACC Benefit Art Auction Coming

**This Fall!** Start your projects now!!

#### April Acolytes

|                                    |
|------------------------------------|
| 5 Deanna Forbush & Sarah Turner    |
| 12 Bradley Thimke & Romeo Walker   |
| 19 Samantha Moore & Nautica Walker |
| 26 Halley Novak & Taylor Novak     |

### NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

#### Congratulations!

Tim & Gail Haywood are celebrating their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (3/23). Continued blessings!

Marilyn & Roger Bauer announce the arrival of a great-niece, Emily Lynne Kemper. She was born on March 16 in Cincinnati. Best wishes and blessings!

#### Membership Class for Youth Forming

The Inquirers Class for young people in grades 6 and higher will begin shortly after Easter. If your child (grandchild, niece, nephew, neighbor child, etc.) wants to learn about the Disciples of Christ or is considering becoming a member of Washington Avenue Christian Church, please call 323-4213 or email [office@waccelyria.org](mailto:office@waccelyria.org) within the week to ensure an invitation.

#### Are You Graduating?

If you are a graduating high school senior, obtaining a college degree or completing vocational certification, please contact the church office ASAP so we may include you in our Baccalaureate celebration.

#### Prayer Focus

Please pray for all of the outreach efforts of our congregation and its members.

#### Hospitalized

*At Yavapai Regional Medical Center,*

*Prescott, AZ:* Steve Weinhardt

*At Home:* Cheryl Majewski (in-and-out)  
Wayne McMullen

## CALENDAR



- Thu., 3/26: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.
- Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:15 p.m.
- Pastoral Relations Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun., 3/29: - Fifth Sunday of Lent (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 3/30: - Lenten Supper & Study in Fellowship Hall, 5:55 p.m.
- Tue., 3/31: - Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 4/1: - Lenten Vespers Service in the sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 4/2: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Bonnie Jackson, 913 Bennett Dr., 7 p.m.
- Fri., 4/3: - Advance Conference Spring Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 4/5).
- Sat., 4/4: - Ohio Regional Work Day at the Cleveland Christian Home, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Fellowship Hall in use.