

April 12, 2009—Easter

8:30 a.m. Celebration Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Breakfast served by our Disciples Men
9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Festival Service of the Resurrection

OPENER: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Keith Western

GREETERS: Gerald & Barbara Western

ACOLYTES: Bradley Thimke & Romeo Walker

WORSHIP LEADER: Don Hange, Jr.

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Larry McIntyre and Dan Walker

ELDER (8:30): Bill Clark

PIANIST (8:30): Rosalie Gainer

ELDERS (10:45): Carol McIntyre and Ken Mundorf

DIACONATE: Team II

8:30 - Teri Hayes and Bob Maxwell

10:45 - Karen Davis, Linda Dull, Thomas Dull, Jean Kennedy, Kay Mundorf, Jack Price, Bob Rieth, Jordan Stephenson, Jeni Sweeten, and Elliot Wainwright

Youth, Young Adult and Camp News

Youth to Help Lead Early Easter Worship

Any youth willing to participate in the 8:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service are asked to report to the Elders' conference room by 8:15 that morning.

Get These Dates On Your Calendar

A variety of Camp opportunities are presented by the Ohio Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) each summer.

Forms for the following are now available on our bulletin boards, with some event registrations also available online (www.ccinoh.org):

June 14-20 Partnership Camp Otter (grades 3-5)

June 15-19 Adult Conference (ages 19 and older)

June 21-27 Hiram Conference (grades 9-12)

July 5-11 Chi Rho Camp Portahoga (grades 6-8)

July 5-11 Adventure Camp—Bicycling (all ages;

children younger than grade 9 must attend w/parent)

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)

Don't miss out!!

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

The weather forecast for this Holy Week is as widely divergent as the emotions of these days. On Palm Sunday morning, we enjoyed parade-worthy weather. The sun was shining and the temperatures were warming. By late afternoon, the clouds had begun to settle, warning us of approaching storms. Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem was followed by stern teachings and warnings.

A minimum of sunshine is predicted for this week. Instead, we will endure the harsh realities of snow, sleet and rain. Such weather seems to reflect the gathering gloom of the impending denial and death of Jesus and the dimness of understanding of his disciples of all times and places regarding his message. The call to discipleship comes at a cost. We must love, forgive and serve.

Thankfully, Easter is projected to be filled with sun and warmth. That is as it should be! After all, Easter is the day when light wins over darkness, truth overtakes fear, love conquers hate, and life triumphs over death. Without Easter, there would be no Christian faith. The Resurrection of our Lord is the victorious event that defines who we are and what we believe.

After joining Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem and walking with him through the events of these days—his Last Supper, his denial and betrayal, his trial, and his crucifixion, we will celebrate his rising from the dead. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Forever and ever.

I look forward to sharing this glorious morning with you!

Love,

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Your Gifts = Blessings for Many

This Sunday—Easter—you have the opportunity to spread God’s love to others through your relative financial abundance.

One opportunity comes with the Easter Special Day Offering. This annual offering helps support the many ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Our gifts join with those from across the U.S. and Canada to provide outreach assistance and develop leadership through men’s, women’s, youth, and young adult ministries. They help make resources available for worship and personal growth, and to help illuminate faith and justice issues. Our treasure—combined with that of other Disciples congregations—helps provide ministries in a scope that no individual church can accomplish alone.

To offer your gift, please use the enclosed envelope, the designated one from your personalized packet of offering envelopes, or a specially-marked one from the pew rack this Sunday. Checks should be payable to WACC, with “Easter Offering” written on the memo line.

Another opportunity will be presented at our Easter Breakfast. Pooled contributions from Disciples Men’s events such as this one support the work of children’s ministries, including the Yakama Christian Mission Center (White Swan, WA), Inman Christian Mission Center (San Antonio, TX), All Peoples Christian Center (Los Angeles, CA), and the Kentucky Appalachian Ministry. *Thank you for generously supporting the freewill offering that will be part of our Easter morning meal.*

April 12 Lectionary Corner

Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 John 20:1-18*

* *Sermon.focus*

Limitless Vision

“Argue for your limitations, and sure enough, they’re yours.”
 Richard Bach, 20th century author

We will not argue our limitations; we will celebrate the possibilities. Just as surely as your eye helps you to see, and your foot moves your body, each of us contributes vital gifts to God’s work.

Your gifts are vital as we gather for Vision 2009 on Sunday, April 19 at noon. We will continue the process we began two years ago, exploring our vision for the future of WACC. This meeting is an opportunity for everyone to pool ideas and broaden horizons.

A light lunch will be part of the event which will end around 2 p.m. Please plan to share this time with our church family!

Sarah Circle

will meet on Thursday, April 16 for a noon luncheon hosted by Carolyn Long in her home, 420 Park Avenue. Pastor Janet Long will present the program, “Salvation: Indwelling of Life.” R.S.V.P. to 323-4213 by April 13 if you will be attending.

“SHAKE A LEG” TO HELP OTHERS

Two upcoming events will help put some Spring in your step while benefiting important local causes.

The Cleveland

Christian Home will hold its annual **Walk & Run for the**

Kids on Saturday, April 11, at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Contact Keith Western or call 216-476-0333 to register.



The Lorain-Elyria

CROP Walk is one of a series of Walks to help eradicate hunger locally and abroad. Half of the money raised in each area is distributed to local hunger centers, with the remaining funds benefiting international food programs geared towards improving self-sufficiency.

Can’t participate in either event?

Your support will be appreciated by one of our WACC walkers. Contact Keith Western or the church office (323-4213) to help.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Wayne & Allie Knapp are celebrating their 1st wedding anniversary (4/5), and D.A. & Arlene Knepper are celebrating their 57th (4/6)! Continued blessings!

Last Call for Youth Membership Class

The Inquirers Class for youth in grades 6 or higher will start on April 22. The class will meet each Wednesday afternoon up until Pentecost (May 31), the day on which class members will be baptized or confirm their infant baptisms. In addition, the class will enjoy a Disciples heritage trip to Bethany, West Virginia on Saturday, May 9.

If your child meets the grade level requirement but has not yet received a letter of invitation, please contact the church office (323-4213 or office@waccelyria.org) to assure his or her inclusion in this year’s class.

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 those affected by the violent death of a loved one.

Hospitalized

At EMH: Kay Mundorf
At LifeCare: Pat Gohle
At Home: Larry McIntyre (in-and-out)
 Megan McNulty
 Steve Weinhardt (in-and-out, AZ)

CALENDAR

- Thu., 4/9: - Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae, 7:30 p.m.
- Fri., 4/10: - Community Good Friday Worship Service at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 300 Third Street, 12 noon.
- Sat., 4/11: - Worship Committee work session (Easter flowers), 9 a.m.
- Walk & Run for the Kids of the Cleveland Christian Home, at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 8 a.m.
- Sun., 4/12: - Easter (see back page for the day’s schedule).
- Tue., 4/14: - Staff meeting in Pastor Janet’s office, 4:15 p.m.
- Elders’ supper meeting in the Elders’ conference room, 5:30 p.m.
- General Board meeting in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 4/16: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Sarah Circle luncheon at the home of Carolyn Long, 420 Park Ave., 12 noon.
- Sat., 4/18: - Worship Committee meeting in the Elders’ Conference room, 7 p.m.
- Ohio Women’s Ministries Convocation at Gender Road Christian Church, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 2 (Barbara Western, captain).

