

April 19, 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 Worship Service
 12:00 noon All-Church Visioning Event (with lunch),
 followed by youth group meetings

OPENER: Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.

GREETERS: Ken & Kathy Oblak

ACOLYTES: Samantha Moore & Nautica Walker

WORSHIP LEADER: Barbara Terrell

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan

ELDER (8:30):

Dan Clark

ELDERS (10:45):

Becky Thompson

Nancy Huller

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 News and All-Church Educational Opportunities

Youth Groups to Add Voice

WACC's Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will share their ideas in this Sunday's Visioning Event. Afterwards, they'll enjoy a snack and some fellowship time.

Congregational Leaders Equipping Conference: Christian Education & Stewardship

Everyone interested in Christian Education and/or stewardship issues is invited to attend an event on Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gender Road Christian Church. C.E. workshops will include *Crossing Boundaries of Age: Intergenerational Worship and Learning; Where Two or Three Are Gathered*; and, *Youth Ministry Checkpoints*. Stewardship workshops will include *Give Me the Money; Planned Giving*, and, *Faith and Fundraising*. Registration is \$40 if received by April 17 (\$50 after that date). Complete information and registration forms are on our main bulletin board.

THE SPREE



Washington Avenue Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Janet A. Long, Pastor



301 Washington Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035-5124

Phone: 440-323-4213 Fax: 440-323-4214

Web Site: www.waccelyria.org

E-mail: office@waccelyria.org

April 14, 2009

Vol. 09, No. 15

Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Easter morning was a glorious time of celebration here at Washington Avenue Christian Church! From the spirited youth participation in the 8:30 Service to the delicious breakfast prepared and served by our Disciples Men to the delightful Easter egg hunt on the front lawn to the beautiful music during the 10:45 Service, the day was wonderful! Many thanks to all who made it so.

This year, more than ever before, I've heard people comparing the importance of Easter to the importance of Christmas. While Jesus' birth is worthy of celebration, it is his resurrection that makes him Lord and Savior of our lives and of our world. Without the events of Easter, there would be no reason for any other holy days/holidays focusing on Jesus.

The wisdom of those setting the church's liturgical calendar is reflected in beginning the year with the season of Advent to prepare for the coming of our Lord. Christmas Day is the first of the twelve days of Christmastide when we revel in the gift of Christ. Then comes Epiphany with its light, followed by Lent and its penitence as we walk with Jesus to the cross.

And, now, it is Easter! It is *still* Easter – and will be for a period of 50 days. While the birth of Christ is celebrated for 12 days, the resurrection of Christ is celebrated for 50 days! It is the perfect time to worship, to wonder and to witness. And, it is the perfect time to seek God's vision for our future as those redeemed by Christ and called to represent him to the world.

This Sunday, a Visioning Event will be held at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Please be present for this important time to share your love for Washington Avenue Christian Church, your commitment to its future mission and ministry, your ideas about strengthening its witness, and your insights and inspirations about its call to be and to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Easteride blessings!

Love,

Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



301 Washington Avenue
 Elyria, OH 44035-5124
 Janet A. Long, Pastor
 Phone: (440) 323-4213

DATED MATERIAL
 PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

Nonprofit Org.
 U.S.
 POSTAGE
 PAID
 Elyria, OH
 Permit No. 332

Metropolitan Chorus Concert April 26

Save this date on your calendar for a 3 p.m. concert at WACC by the Metropolitan Chorus.

For more than 40 years, the message of Christ has been shared through music with people of various racial, ethnic, economic, and denominational backgrounds. The Chorus currently consists of approximately 20 members from churches across the Greater Cleveland Area.

A freewill offering will be taken at the concert to assist the Chorus in fulfilling its mission. A reception will follow.

Warm Up Your Voice and Appetite IT'S "SING-FOR-YOUR-SUPPER" TIME!

Join us in Fellowship Hall on Monday, April 27 for a delicious lasagna meal and a rousing, fun-filled hymn sing. This is a great event to share with friends, so please invite a few. Your freewill offering will help cover the evening meal costs.

For Artists, Crafters and Collectors

Start your projects NOW! Our November 11 Outreach Autumn Art Auction will need quality arts and crafts, heirloom collectibles and curios, WACC memorabilia, sports or arts/entertainment tickets, gift cards, etc. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

Step Up: Support the CROP Walk

It's not too late to register for the April 25 Lorain-Elyria CROP Walk (or be a sponsor). Contact Keith Western today!

April 19 Lectionary Corner

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133

*Sermon focus

...IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Rev. Bela & Ida Bacso
George A. Baker
Harold & Pearl Baker and Ruth Baker
George & Margaret Nemeth
James & Elizabeth Borthwick
James F. Borthwick
James T. Borthwick
James T. Borthwick
Dan Boyd
Ford and Gary Lee Brown
Russell E. & Mona Brown

Mr. & Mrs. Haller Callahan and Mr. & Mrs. William McDonald
Ed & Ida Clark
Marjorie Clark, Christine Little and Robert W. Clark, Jr.
Agnes Crowder
Bert Fitzgerald, Sr.

Arthur & Marion Foss and Bob Foss
Lee & Ola Gainer
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Grapes
Thomas Harmon

Christopher & Dorothy Harrison and Albert & Julia Hirzel
Thomas & Jeanne Hayward
Louise P. Henry
Brian Hirzel

Joe Hochenedel
Marye Hochenedel
Lyle Kleinlein
Anna Kluska and Ryan Zechman
Adelbert & Isabelle Knapp
Art Long
Arthur E. Long
J.A. Long

PRESENTED BY

Jim & Rosalie Gainer
Adelle, Karl and Esta Baker
Adelle, Karl and Esta Baker
James Baker
Diane Borthwick
Diane Borthwick
Diane Borthwick
The John Henry Family
Polly Maier
John & Helen Farrar
Richard E. Brown and Janet Stevens-Brown

Patricia Callahan Gohle
Dan Clark & Janet Long

Bob Clark, Sr.
Peg, Tim & Gail Hayward
Bud & Polly Simmons
The Fitzgerald and Jorgensen Families

Polly Maier
Jim & Rosalie Gainer
The William Grapes Family
Tim & Julie Harmon

Lynn Hirzel Obechi
Peg, Tim & Gail Hayward
The John Henry Family
Lynn Hirzel Obechi

Jane Hutson
Jane Hutson
Gerald & Barbara Western
Dick & Dolores Zechman
Gary & Cindy Knapp
Janet Long & Dan Clark
Barbara Long
Barbara Long

FLOWERS ADORNING OUR SANCTUARY THIS EASTER WERE PROVIDED...

...IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Mabel Miller
Amy Leann Mundorf
Jeremy and Jerry Murphy
Chester E. Page

Frank Papenbrock
Fred & Evelyn Smith
Fred & Evelyn Smith
Bradford & Adela Stevens

Orv Terrell
Perry & Arlene Wacker
Warren Wallace
Emil & Ann Wendorf

Robert Wilhelm
Robert Wilhelm
Grandpa & Grandma Wilson
Grandpa & Grandma Wilson
Scott David Worcester
Jean R. Worcester
Lloyd R. Worcester
Lloyd & Jean Worcester
Scott David Worcester
Marie Wyatt

...IN LOVING HONOR OF

The Borthwick Family
Daughters Reanette & Donna
Our Families

My Family
My Family
Pauline Harmon
The Henry Family
Carolyn Long
Carolyn Long
Janet A. Long
Loved Ones

PRESENTED BY

Marge Sansone
Dan & Nancy Walker
Gerald & Barbara Western
Ken & Kay Mundorf
John & Helen Farrar
Pearl Wendorf
Sterner and Lois Page McMullen

Becky Papenbrock
Diane Borthwick
Brenda Keenan
Richard E. Brown and Janet Stevens-Brown
Barbara Terrell

Barbara Terrell
Pauline Wallace and Family
Pearl Wendorf
Sterner and Lois Page McMullen

The William Grapes Family
Joan Wilhelm
Jean Hutson
Brenda Keenan
The Widmans
The Widmans
David & Pat Worcester
David & Pat Worcester
Barbara Terrell

PRESENTED BY

The John Henry Family
Becky Papenbrock
Bud & Polly Simmons
Diane Borthwick
Brenda Keenan
Tim & Julie Harmon
The John Henry Family
Janet Long & Dan Clark
Barbara Long
Barbara Long
Dan & Nancy Walker

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Grace Paige McLaughlin has been joyfully welcomed by Erin and Brad. She was born March 27.

Ryan Lane Brewer is Joan Wilhelm's newest great-grandchild. He was born in Texas on April 10.

Best wishes and blessings to all!

THANK YOU!

Dear Pastor Long,

Thank you for your congregation's gift; it is greatly appreciated. Most of all, thank you for the wonderful seeds you sowed into my family's lives; we are all changed.

I look forward to seeing you and being with your congregation in the near future.

Bless you all in Jesus Christ's name,
Chantay Chapman and Family

Editor's Note: Chantay is the owner of the Habitat house which WACC helped sponsor and build. Photos of the dedication celebration are posted on the bulletin board across from the Elders' conference room.

ALL-DAUGHTERS DINNER

A delicious Swiss steak dinner and musical entertainment by Rosalie Gainer will be featured at our May 7 All-Daughters Dinner. Tickets (\$7 for ages 13 and older; \$3 for ages 2-12; free for children younger than age 2) will be on sale on Sundays, April 19 and 26 and May 3. The event will start at 6:30 p.m.

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for clarity of God's vision for our congregation, and openness to fulfilling it.

HOSPITALIZED

At EMH: Judy Jackson
At Allen Community Hospital: Don Mosher
At Cleveland Clinic: Daryll Meng
At Home: Kay Mundorf
Becky Papenbrock
Heidi Smith (in-and-out)

CALENDAR



Thu., 4/16: - Regional Development Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 9 a.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.

Sun., 4/19: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 2 (Barbara Western, captain).
- See back page for the day's schedule.

Mon., 4/20: - Youth rooms and Gibbens conference room in use (8 a.m.-2 p.m.).
Tue., 4/21: - Daisy Troop 232 gathering in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.

Wed., 4/22: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Initial Inquirers Class gathering in the Elders' conference room, 3:30 p.m.

Thu., 4/23: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.

Fri., 4/24: - Church office closed (vacation); Advance Conference Scholarship Concert at Northwest CC, Columbus, 7 p.m.
- Church office closed (vacation); Advance Conference Scholarship Concert at Northwest CC, Columbus, 7 p.m.

Sat., 4/25: - Lorain-Elyria CROP Walk at Day's Dam, 8 a.m.
- Congregational Leaders Equipping Conference at Gender Road Christian Church, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Hannah Eichenlaub and Jason Bender wedding and reception, 1:30 p.m.