

April 26, 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
3:00 p.m. Metropolitan Chorus Concert
OPENER: Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: Sue McKain and Bruce Siffert
ACOLYTES: Halley Novak & Taylor Novak
WORSHIP LEADER: Mark Wainwright
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Cheryl McKenna and Gerald Western
ELDER (8:30): **PIANIST (8:30):**
Carol McIntyre DiAnne Schmidt
ELDERS (10:45): **HOME COMMUNION:**
Debby Willets Becky Thompson
Mark Mathes Michelle Kersey
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

Retreat and Camp Information

Disciples Men's Fellowship Spring Retreat,
May 15-16: This men's mission retreat includes indoor and outdoor projects to help ready Camp Christian for the approaching season of activities. Registration is \$55 for Friday and Saturday (\$40 for Saturday only). The event ends at 7 p.m. on Saturday. For late registrations (after May 8), add an extra \$5.
Disciples Fellowship Retreat ("Family Camp"),
May 22-24: For all ages, from individuals to couples and families of all sizes. Dr. John Bolen will portray Disciples founding father Alexander Campbell. Also included will be worship, great food, lots of singing, games, a talent show, crafts, and more. Adult registration is \$55 (less for children; maximum registration per household is just \$165!).
Adventure Camp—Bicycling, July 5-11: High school youth and adults will travel the network of bicycle trails surrounding Xenia, Ohio while visiting local points of interest. (Younger riders are welcome if accompanied by a parent.) \$275 registration includes meals and lodging; \$295 after May 1. Diana Tyler will be going—contact her with questions.

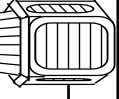
Forms for all the above are posted on our main bulletin board, outside the office workroom.

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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Since we are a church which practices baptism by immersion, a relatively new program for new pastors is aptly titled: *The Congregational Immersion Project*. A partnership between the Disciples House at Vanderbilt Divinity School and the Lilly Foundation, the Project links seminary seniors with strong congregations and seasoned pastors.

The WACC Elders' subcommittee on staffing has been interested in this possibility for the past eighteen months. It provides for a graduating seminarian to be called to a two-year ministry with a congregation which has been accepted into the program. Washington Avenue Christian Church has met the criteria for participation and telephone interviews have been held.

This weekend, a residency candidate will be visiting our church to determine if "a fit" exists. Such a decision is a matter of mutual discernment. As we pray for God's voice to be heard and God's vision to be seen, so the candidate will pray for such direction. All the while, we will become better acquainted with each other to see if that all-important "fit" exists.

At both Sunday Services this week, you will have the opportunity to meet this individual. It is exciting to consider that we might provide an immersion into congregational life for a newly-ordained pastor—that we might provide the mentoring for a future of ministry. Please be prayerful regarding this opportunity and please be present on Sunday to welcome the candidate.

New life and new opportunities abound during Eastertide. Thanks be to God!

Love,

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Concert This Sunday

Return to WACC at 3 p.m. this Sunday to hear the Metropolitan Chorus sing a variety of sacred music.

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.

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Elders' conference room to continue its discussion of Barack Obama's, *The Audacity of Hope*. The group's next reading selection is, *The Shack* by William P. Young. All are welcome.

Sing for Your Supper!

Do you like to hear and sing favorite songs (especially hymns)? Do you like to eat (silly question for Disciples of Christ)? You can combine both "likes" by attending WACC's annual Sing-for-Your-Supper Lasagna Dinner and Hymn Sing on Monday, April 27 at 5:55 p.m.

A freewill offering will help defray expenses. There will be delicious lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and lots of singing led by our own Alan Petersen. Please join us—it will be "A Grand Night for Singing!"

April 26 Lectionary Corner

Acts 3:12-19
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48*

* *Sermon.focus*

Thank You

My thanks to...all who helped in the preparation, serving and cleanup of the Easter breakfast: John Farrar, Don Hange, Jr., Don Hange, Sr., Sean Kersey, Al Knapp, Dan Maddock, Pete Majewski, Mark Mathes, Gary McIntyre, Bruce Siffert, Dan Walker, Wayne Walker, and Gerald Western; Chris Thomas and Chris Trunk for providing the ham; and, all those who enjoyed the breakfast.

Sincerely,
Dan Clark

Have you remembered the church in your will?



NetResults and the Christian Church in Ohio invite you to a one-day seminar on "the E-word" on Tuesday, May 12 in Cincinnati. Topics will include *Conversion-vs.-Conversation, Evangelism Behind Your Desk, Building a Church of Evangelists*, and more! For more info, visit: www.21stcenturystrategiesinc.com or call the WACC office.

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 Sunday, April 26 and Sunday, May 3. The event will start at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Friendship Day Program

All women are encouraged to attend a Friday, May 1 Friendship Day observance at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 523 E. Broad Street. This annual event is sponsored by the Elyria Area chapter of Church Women United, an ecumenical group dedicated to advocacy, friendship and service. The event will begin at 10 a.m. and will feature the theme, "Building On Our Stories." Breakfast will be available.

Storage Containers Sought

The Preschool is in need of large boxes, shoe boxes, storage tubs, and a bookcase for their supply room. These items may be brought in and left in the preschool room. Thank you!

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Rick & Jean Kennedy welcomed a great-grandson, Cohen Michael Brandenburg, on Easter morning. He weighed 5 lbs., 13 oz. and measured 19 inches long. Best wishes and blessings to all!

Anniversary couples this week include Mike & Robin Crocker (#10, 4/16), Bill & Diane Wallhead (#56, 4/18), Gerry & Debby Higgins (#8, 4/19) and Jim & Lil Collier (#65, 4/23). Continued best wishes!

Samantha Moore's ad for a local car dealership was one of several featured in a recent, "Newspapers in Education" insert of *The Chronicle-Telegram*. The ad is on display on our main bulletin board.

THANK YOU

Many thanks for all the cards and prayers on my behalf during my recent health concerns. You are a wonderful church family!
Love,
Kay Mundorf

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for God's will regarding WACC's possible participation in the Congregational Immersion Project. (See front page...)

HOSPITALIZED

At Cleveland Clinic: Daryl Meng
At Home: Vivian Balsler (in-and-out)
Peggy Haywood
Judy Jackson
Betty McIntyre
Don Mosher

CALENDAR

- Thu., 4/23: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.
- Fri., 4/24: - Church office closed (vacation day); Advance Conference Scholarship Concert at Northwest Christian Church, Columbus, 7 p.m.
- Sat., 4/25: - Lorain-Elyria CROP Walk at Day's Dam, 8 a.m.
- Hannah Eichenlaub and Jason Bender wedding and reception, 1:30 p.m.
- Sun., 4/26: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 4/27: - Sing-for-Your-Supper Lasagna Dinner and Hymn Sing, 5:55 p.m.
- Tue., 4/28: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 4/29: - Inquirers Class gathering in the Elders' conference room, 3:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 4/30: - Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Book Club gathering in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.
- Fri., 5/1: - Elyria Area Church Women United's May Friendship Day observance at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 523 E. Broad St., 10 a.m.

