

May 3, 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 Youth groups lunch and gatherings
OPENER: Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas
GREETERS: Jack & Audrey Price
ACOLYTES: Katie Kostohryz & Sammie Kostohryz
WORSHIP LEADER: Becky Thompson
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak
ELDER (8:30): **PIANIST (8:30):**
 Dan Clark Carolyn Long
ELDERS (10:45): **HOME COMMUNION:**
 Ken Mundorf Mark Mathes
 Janet Stevens-Brown Sharon Siffert
DIACONATE: Team I
8:30 - Mike Crocker and Robin Crocker
10:45 - Fauna Griffiths, Dennis Jackson, Cindy Knapp,
 Gary Knapp, Steve McCall, Sue McKain, Chris
 Thomas, Dan Walker, Nancy Walker, and Keith
 Western

YOUTH AND RETREAT NEWS

Youth in grades 3-12 will meet with Allie and Tony this Sunday following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. Lunch will be provided.

Ohio Disciples Men will meet for their annual Spring Retreat at Camp Christian May 15-16. This mission event will include indoor and outdoor projects to help ready Camp Christian for another summer of ministry. 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 of all ages will gather at Camp Christian May 22-24 for another semi-annual Disciples Fellowship Camp retreat. 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!).

Forms for all the above are posted on our main bulletin board, outside the office workroom. You may also register online at: www.ccinohio.org.

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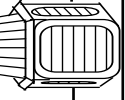
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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Last year at this time we were gearing up for the "Miracle Month of May." We were preparing to make commitments to Covenant for a Miracle – our effort to retire the debt on our building and pipe organ. We surpassed our goal!

At the end of next month, we will take stock of how well we are honoring those commitments. Now is the time to check the status of your own pledge. Are you current? Are you able to make an extra gift to make this May a miracle month?

In addition to financial covenants, I invite you to consider your commitment to participate fully in the life of the church. Step up your attendance at Worship Services and fellowship events. Invite a friend to join you here at WACC.

Special occasions this month include....

☸ *Celebrations of Christian women:* All Daughters Dinner on Thursday evening, May 7; Mother's Day observance on May 10 with breakfast served by our Disciples Men between the Services;

✠ *Mission experiences:* Debby Willets sharing reflections on her Mission Trip to Honduras during both Services on May 24; Global Ministries missionary to South Africa, Scott Couper, visiting with us on Thursday evening, May 28; and,
 🍷 *Pentecost:* Confessions of Faith and Baptisms/Confirmations during the 10:45 Service; dinner to honor our Inquirers and 2008-09 new members afterwards.

I hope you will be part of the "Miracle Month of May" here at Washington Avenue Christian Church!

Love,

 Janet Long

May 3 Last Day for Tickets

This Sunday, May 3, will be your final opportunity to purchase tickets for our May 7 All Daughters Dinner. The event will feature a delicious Swiss steak dinner and musical entertainment by Rosalie Gainer, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets (\$7 for ages 13 and older; \$3 for ages 2-12; free for children younger than age 2) will be on sale in the hallway of the new building. *Remember: There will be no ticket sales the night of the dinner.*

Board Bits

A big, “Thank you” to all who ventured out in the pouring rain (April showers) to attend the most recent Board meeting. Questions about special offerings were answered, an update on the possibility of participating in the Vanderbilt Congregational Immersion Project was presented and staff reported on their activities. The Board also offered prayers on behalf of those in need.

Lauri Warfield,
Board Chair

CROP \$\$ Due May 10

Our thanks to all of you who pledged to the CROP Walk. The final date for pledges to be collected is Sunday, May 10. Please give your contributions to Keith Western or direct them to the church office. Thank you for your generosity!



May 3 Lectionary Corner

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23*

* *Sermon foci*

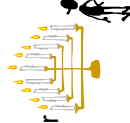
A Vision for the Future

On Sunday, April 19 WACC members and friends gathered for Vision 2009. Don Hange, Jr., Lauri Warfield and Debby Willets led the inspired gathering as we shared ideas and feelings about the direction, growth and development of our congregation. Many members—including our youth, led by Tony and Allie—voiced their joys, concerns and hopes for the future of WACC. The insights from this meeting will be shared at the next Elders’ meeting where the Elders will discuss plans for implementing some of the suggestions brought forth. Special thanks to Val Collins, Audrey Price and their team for providing lunch, and to Jane Hutson and Cheryl & Pete Majewski for their invaluable supportive efforts during the event.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

MAY ACOLYTES

- 3 Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz
- 10 Aaron Kuzela and Jacob Kuzela
- 17 Tyler Schneider and Romeo Walker
- 24 Samantha Moore and Nautica Walker
- 31 Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- | | | | |
|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Troy Piazza | 19 | Susan Mathes |
| 4 | Briant Diedrick | 20 | Gerry Higgins |
| 5 | Karen McMahan | 21 | Tim Haywood |
| | Katie Mizen | | Halley Novak |
| 6 | Kay Mundorf | 22 | Chad Anderson |
| | Kate Matolich | | Don Harold |
| | Tyler Schneider | 23 | Alex McKenna |
| | David Shafer | | Nick Schaffer |
| 7 | Teri Hayes | 24 | Tommy March |
| 10 | Bob Clark | 25 | Elliot Wainwright |
| | Kathy McDowell | 26 | Laurie Figueroa |
| 12 | Sammi Wilhelm | | Florence Herrle |
| 13 | Chuck Lance | 28 | Linda Adkins |
| | Courtney Maddock | | Deanna Forbush |
| | Bradley Thimke | 29 | Kurt Huller |
| 15 | Phyllis Burke | | Jody Kostohryz |
| | Don Hange, Sr. | 30 | Tom Williams |
| 16 | Wayne Knapp | 31 | John Davis |
| 17 | Dan Clark | | Joe Vondruska |
| | Jodi Higgins | | |

Empower Yourself: Get Disciples 411

Did you know that Disciples news communiqués are available on our main bulletin board? Each issue contains news of our wider church, including information about scholarship opportunities, faith-building and educational events and discounts, church-wide ministry developments, and more.

CALENDAR

- 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.
- Sun., 5/3: - See back page for the day’s schedule.
- Tue., 5/5: - WACC serves as polling place.
- Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders’ conference room, 6 p.m.
- Daisy Troop 232 gathering in an upstairs classroom, 7 p.m.
- Tuesdays Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 5/6: - Inquirers Class gathering in the Elders’ conference room, 3:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 5/7: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- All-Daughters Dinner in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., 5/9: - Inquirers Class heritage trip to Bethany, WV (depart WACC at 6:29 a.m.).



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Hannah Eichenlaub and Jason Bender were united in marriage in the sanctuary on Saturday, April 25, with Pastor Janet Long officiating. The couple will live at Fort Lewis, Washington, where Jason is stationed with the U.S. Army. Best wishes and blessings, Hannah & Jason!

End-of-April anniversaries include those of John & Pam Henry (4/28, #30), Lee & Narelle Peden (4/28, #59) and Ken & Kathy Oblak (4/30, #15). Continued blessings to all!

CELEBRATING NEW POSSIBILITIES?

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.

Chancel Flower Tributes Available

Honor a loved one or commemorate a special event by requesting flowers for WACC’s Worship Services. A sign-up sheet is posted on the main bulletin board in the hall outside the office workroom. You may also call 323-4213 or e-mail the church office (office@waccelyria.org) to make your request. Your \$20 payment (checks payable to *Botamer Florist & More*) should be directed to the church office.

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for those battling illness—especially cancer and the flu.

HOSPITALIZED

At Cleveland Clinic: Daryll Meng