

May 10, 2009

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

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

OPENER: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Gerald Western

GREETERS: John & Helen Farrar

ACOLYTES: Aaron Kuzela & Jacob Kuzela

WORSHIP LEADER: Carolyn Long

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Larry McIntyre and Dan Walker

ELDER (8:30): **PIANIST (8:30):**

Bill Clark Rosalie Gainer

ELDERS (10:45): **HOME COMMUNION:**

Janet Stevens-Brown Carol McIntyre

Dan Clark Gary Knapp

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

G.A. YOUTH AND RETREAT NEWS

Shadowing Opportunities for Youth at G.A.

Ever wonder what a regional minister or general ministry leader does at General Assembly? Would you like a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to work in a general ministry?

In a program coordinated by the Higher Education & Leadership Ministries, Disciples youth can shadow a Disciples leader July 29-August 2 at the General Assembly in Indianapolis. You'll learn a lot, and have fun, too. Download an application at www.helmdisciples.org or contact the church office. All applications are due no later than June 1.

Men's Spring Retreat Coming Up Fast!

Don't miss your opportunity to do mission work on behalf of Disciples youth of the Ohio Region. The Ohio Disciples Men's Spring Retreat at Camp Christian is May 15-16. 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.

The Disciples Fellowship Retreat

"Family Camp" will take place at Camp Christian May 22-24. There will be worship, great food, lots of singing, games, a talent show, crafts, and more. Adult registration is \$55 (less for children; maximum fee per household is just \$165!).

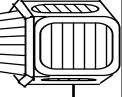
Questions about these events? Call 323-4213.

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

It's Cinco de Mayo. While not as widely celebrated as St. Patrick's Day, today is the occasion for Mexican-themed parades and parties.

Most of the time, our neighbors to the south are not celebrated. Immigration issues, Swine flu (which may have originated in the U.S. after all—or, if not, on a U.S.-owned ranch in Mexico), migrant workers, drug trafficking, and poverty seem to be the topics we connect with Mexico.

As Christians, the question always comes back to this: Are we loving our neighbors? Are we reaching out with care and compassion?

As we approach Mother's Day, it is fitting to reflect on the foundation of faith we have received. Formative lessons most of us learned from our mothers' teaching and example include hospitality, sharing and helping those in need.

Jesus pointed to a new reality of family life that defines one's relatives as those who are seeking to do the will of God.

And so we speak of church as "family". We are related to one another as Christ's brothers and sisters, caring for one another while reaching out in his name to the least of those who are members of his family—and ours.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday—Mother's Day, around tables of fellowship and at the family table of our brother Jesus.

Love,

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Mother's Day Breakfast

Bring Mom to Worship this Sunday... and be sure to take advantage of the delicious Mother's Day Breakfast which will be served by our Disciples Men. Breakfast will be available 9:15-10 a.m., between our 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services.

Your freewill offering will help the ongoing children's mission projects of the Yakama Christian Mission (Washington state), Inman Christian Center (Texas), All Peoples Christian Center (California), and Kentucky Appalachian Ministry. In addition, 2009 funds will help a Florida church playground meet Americans with Disabilities Act's accessibility guidelines, expand the playground for West Virginia's Prestera Center (a residential addictions recovery center for women and children) and repair water-damaged floors in the Georgia Disciples' camp facility.

Mission Event for Women

Church Women United of Lorain County will hold their Spring Mission on Tuesday, May 19, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Fields United Methodist Church. Missionary Martha Wason will be the featured speaker. There will also be an update on the group's support of the Lorain County Juvenile Detention Center.

Suggested donation for the program and lunch is \$5. R.S.V.P. by May 14 to 323-8429. Fields UMC is located at 34077 Lorain Rd., North Ridgeville.

May 10 Lectionary Corner

Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:7-21
Psalm 22:25-31
John 15:1-8*

*Sermon.focus

Board Bits

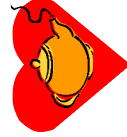
As we celebrate Eastertide, we also celebrate accomplishments and opportunities through many avenues at WACC. For example, the church Board meets every month to review committee work and discuss old and new business. If you are a committee chair, please make every effort to report to the Board; otherwise we miss out on what your group is doing!

Are you in the *FLOCK*? Our next Board meeting is Tuesday, May 12.

Lauri Warfield,
Board Chair

Have a Heart...and Some Tea

The Salvation Army's Heart to Heart Tea will be held Monday, June 22, 1-3 p.m. at the Elyria Country Club. Back by popular



demand, vocalist Debra Rose will take a musical stroll down memory lane with songs made popular by the Andrews Sisters, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, and others. Also included in the event will be a silent auction and plenty of door prizes. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased anytime from Barbara Terrell.

General Assembly— For ALL of Us

At this year's General Assembly (July 29-August 2 in Indianapolis, Indiana), participants will examine what it means to strive to be whole

and to bring healing – not only for ourselves but for all God's creation. The theme of healing will infuse the entire General Assembly, and will be explored through worship, learning track sessions, resource groups, and mission work. Well-informed theologians, clergy, scholars, and lay leaders will share their insights on the General Assembly theme and its implications for our work, our witness and our future.

Call the church office for registration information.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

CROP \$\$ Due This Sunday

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



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Anthony Hitchens is being honored by the Lorain Sports Hall of Fame on Thursday as a first-team All-Ohio football player.

Ron & Beverly Gardner are celebrating their 29th wedding anniversary (5/4) and Tom & Ann Busch are celebrating their 30th (5/5). Continued best wishes and blessings to all!

Missionary "Scoop"

Global Ministries missionary Scott Couper will visit WACC on Thursday, May 28. He will share about his work in South Africa at a 7 p.m. ice cream social.

New Location

You can write to Wayne Knapp, who is serving in the U.S. military and whose birthday is May 16, at:

SPC Knapp Wayne
RIP Hold
6420 Dawson Loop
Ft. Benning, GA 31905

Prayer Focus

Please pray for God's blessing for all mothers.

Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers surround... the McIntyre Family in the death of Larry's sister-in-law, Barb, late last week. Services will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) in Pennsylvania.

...Jeremy & Corinne Willets in the death of Corinne's mother, Marcia Berarducci, this past Wednesday.

May God's peace be known.

Hospitalized

At *EMH*: Betty McIntyre
At *LifeCare*: Daryl Meng

CALENDAR



- 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.).
- Sun., 5/10: - Mother's Day (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Tue., 5/12: - Elders' supper meeting in the Elders' conference room, 5:30 p.m.
- General Board meeting in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 5/13: - Inquirers Class gathering in the Elders' conference room, 3:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Fri., 5/15: - Church office closed (vacation day).
- Disciples Men's Fellowship Spring Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 5/16).
- Sat., 5/16: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 1 (Glenna Knapp, captain).