

## May 17, 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 gathering;

Church Life & Growth Committee meeting

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

**GREETERS:** To be announced

**ACOLYTES:** Tyler Schneider & Romeo Walker

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Dan Clark

**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

**TELLERS:** Dan Clark and Tim Haywood

**ELDER (8:30):** Lauri Warfield

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**ELDERS (10:45):** Ken Mundorf

**ELDERS (10:45):** Debby Willets

**ELDERS (10:45):** Elliot Wainwright

**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 AND RETREAT NEWS

### Youth Meetings This Sunday

Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will meet this Sunday at noon for lunch and some fun faith-building activities, including preparing for our Camp Christian-style Worship Service on June 14. Don't miss it! Friends welcome! (An extra gathering will be held on May 31 after the Pentecost dinner, to help us get ready!)

### Last Call for

### 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!). Registration forms are posted on our main bulletin board.

# THE SPREE



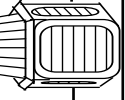
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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

As your pastor, I am asked an interesting array of questions. These come from within the congregation and from beyond. Here are the current “most-frequently asked questions” and my answers to them.

**From within: Are we getting a pastoral resident from the Vanderbilt Congregational Immersion Project?** No, not in 2009-10. The candidate we interviewed discerned that God was calling her to another church. The process was a helpful experience for all of us and we trust that God will lead our congregation in another exciting direction.

**From within: How many Inquirers are in this year's class?** Eight – four boys and four girls. Six are in sixth grade, one is in seventh and one is in ninth. They had a wonderful trip to Bethany last Saturday and are looking forward to an outing to Camp Christian. They will meet their Study Buddies soon. Their big day—Pentecost—is May 31.

**From beyond: How is your church's giving and attendance these days?** Giving is up about \$10,000 over the same period last year; attendance is holding fairly steady, though we miss some of our regulars who have moved away or have experienced health problems that prevent their regular attendance. The early Service continues to grow in numbers.

**From beyond: Do you have a problem with cell phones going off in your Worship Services?** Yes, from time to time, cell phones ring during Worship. I wish people would leave them in the car when they come to church and make themselves available only to the call of God during that hour or so each week. Everyone needs peace and sanctuary.

Do you have a question about the life of our church? If so, please ask! Most questions are better answered in dialogue, discussion and discernment. I look forward to continuing to share the life of faith with you.

Love,

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## General Assembly

Those attending this wider-church gathering will engage in discussions on the Church's future and what it means to be a mission-driven and priority-focused church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The theme of the Assembly ("...for the Healing of the Nations") underscores the Church's desire to create church-wide events that are "green" and ecologically responsible. The emphasis on "greening" the Assembly means the event will serve as a model for the ways Disciples and other people of faith can create meetings and moments of worship that minimize negative impacts on the environment. Practices learned and shared at the '09 Assembly will assist congregations, regions and individuals in becoming better stewards of the earth.

As always, the thousands of Disciples who will gather in Indianapolis for the Assembly will seek to affirm and declare the gospel with faith, energy and commitment. Attendees will learn spiritual and practical skills that allow each of us to become part of the movement for wholeness in the world.

**Are you registered?**  
**Contact the church office for assistance.**

### May 17 Lectionary Corner

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17\*

\* *Sermon.focus*

## "Fore" Kids and Youth

### The Cleveland Christian

**Home's Scramble for Kids** will take place on Monday, June 1 at Elyria Country Club. Lunch, a shotgun start for the scramble, games, gifts, and hole-in-one prizes will all be part of the day's events. Dinner and a silent auction and raffle will follow in the Club's formal dining room. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, volunteering or to register, please call 216-476-0333.

### The Ohio Region's Youth Scholarship

**Golf Outing** will take place on Saturday, June 6 at Scioto Reserve, near Columbus. The golf and dinner package (at Scioto Reserve) is \$125. An additional \$20 will reserve lodging Friday night at Camp Christian. Dinner (no golf) is \$50 per person. A hole sponsorship is \$200. Proceeds help provide scholarship money for youth to attend Camp Christian each summer. Stop by our main bulletin board, contact the church office (323-4213) or visit [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org) online to register.



## The "Scoop" on Missionary Work

Global Ministries missionary Scott Couper will visit WACC on Thursday, May 28. We'll have the opportunity to hear about his work in South Africa and also enjoy an ice cream social. The event will begin at 7 p.m.

### Have you remembered the church in your will?

### Walk...and Miracle Support = WOW!

WACC walkers (Becky and Laurie Boggs; Fauna Griffiths; Glenna Knapp; Heidi and Michelle Thimke; Debbie, Wayne, Nautica, and Romeo Walker; and, Barbara and Keith Western) and runner Brad Thimke—along with their generous sponsors (which included employers who matched funds)—raised \$2,473 for the children of the Cleveland Christian Home in the Home's April 11 Walk at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo!

Other news includes a recent letter from the Home which read, in part, "Your noble contribution of \$14,000 from Washington Avenue's congregation's capital campaign will help us begin the Lorain Avenue building exterior renovation right away. This donation will assist us in continuing our commitment and mission of service. Many thanks for your trust in the Cleveland Christian Home." The \$14,000 was from the Outreach portion of our Covenant for a Miracle capital campaign.

# CALENDAR

- 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).
- Sun., 5/17: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 5/18: - Permanent Funds Trustees meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue., 5/19: - Church Women United of Lorain County's Spring Mission gathering at Fields United Methodist Church, 34077 Lorain Rd., North Ridgeville, 9 a.m.
- Daisy Troop 232 meeting in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.
- Wed., 5/20: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Inquirers Class gathering in the Elders' conference room, 3:30 p.m.
- Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 5/21: - Church office closed (vacation day).
- Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.
- Fri., 5/22: - Church office closed (vacation day).
- Disciples Fellowship Retreat at Camp Christian begins, 7:30 p.m. (ends 5/24).



## NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

### WELCOME!

Marilyn Landes united with WACC on Sunday, May 10, by reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership. She has been worshipping with us for some time now and wanted to make the relationship official. Welcome, Marilyn, and God's blessings on your renewed commitment to Christ and the church.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Sammi Wilhelm was inducted into the National Honor Society last Wednesday evening in a ceremony at Elyria High School.

David & Terri Osborn are celebrating their 4<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (5/14). Continued blessings and best wishes!

### PARISH VISITOR INFORMATION

If you need to contact Brenda Keenan, our Parish Visitor, please use her cell phone number: 440-225-6051.

### PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for all who are unemployed and underemployed.

### SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround...  
...Myra Ball in the death of her daughter, Joyce Warner, Wednesday in Florida. A memorial service is being held today (Tuesday) in Port Charlotte. Burial arrangements are pending.

...Shirley Yost in the death of her daughter, Susanne Prophet, on Friday. Services will be held today (Tuesday) in Ashville, New York.  
May God's presence bring comfort and peace.

### HOSPITALIZED

At EMH: Jan Henning

At Cleveland Clinic: Darryl Meng

At LifeCare: Betty McIntyre

At Home: Vivian Baiser (in-and-out)

Bob McNulty

Debbie Walker

Tom Williams (in-and-out)

**COVENANT CORNER:** Please check your recent giving statement to ensure that your first year's commitment to Covenant for a Miracle is complete. The initial 12-month period ends May 31 (Pentecost). Supporting our building fund is a great way to celebrate the birthday of the Church!