

May 24, 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
OPENER: Bud Simmons **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: To be announced
ACOLYTES: Samantha Moore & Nautica Walker
WORSHIP LEADER: Janet Stevens-Brown
SPEAKER: Debby Willets
TELLERS: John McKenna and Dan Walker
ELDER (8:30): **PIANIST (8:30):**
 Becky Thompson Carole Weinhardt
ELDERS (10:45): **HOME COMMUNION:**
 Nancy Huller Don Hange, Jr.
 Debby Willets Wayne Walker
DIACONATE: Team IV

8:30 - Linda Adkins and Jason Higgins
10:45 - Arlene Burch, Dick Burch, David Eby, Nicole Eby, Gail Haywood, Jane Hutson, Brenda Keenan, Jody Kostohryz, Gary McIntyre, and Sharon Siffert

YOUTH AND CAMP NEWS

YOUTH TO MEET ON PENTECOST

Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will meet on Sunday, May 31 for our all-church Pentecost luncheon honoring our Inquirers and other new members.

Afterwards, grades 3-12 will continue planning and rehearsing for the June 14 Camp Christian-style Worship Service.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Although the early-bird deadline has passed, WACC will still pay 1/2 of that rate for all active members to attend Camp this summer. Find your camp dates below:

- June 14-20** Partnership Camp Otter (grades 3-5)
- June 15-19** Adult Conference (ages 19 and older)
- June 21-27** Hiram Conference (grades 9-12)
- July 5-11** Chi Rho Camp Portahoga (grades 6-8)
- July 5-11** Adventure Camp—Bicycling (all ages; children younger than grade 9 must attend w/parent)
- July 12-18** Partnership Camp Badger (grades 3-5)
- July 26-August 1** Partnership Camp Beaver (grades 3-5)
- August 9-16** Advance Conference (ages 19-29)

For complete information on any of the above, stop by our main bulletin board, visit www.ccinoh.org online or call the church office (440-323-4213).

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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

...you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth (Jesus, quoted by Luke in Acts 1:8)

When I was in grade school, we hosted Victor and Violet Vaca, missionaries to Ecuador, in our home. I was entranced by Violet's stories of their work. It was an exciting way to learn about another place in the world, about others of God's children and about the church's witness a long way away from Crooksville, Ohio.

That expansive view of ministry has been central to my faith ever since those days of interacting with Violet Vaca at our kitchen table. (I can't say for sure why Victor didn't make the same impression on me, other than to note that Violet was the more vivacious one of the pair.) I learned that outreach really matters.

Twice next week there will be wonderful opportunities here at Washington Avenue Christian Church to hear stories of the church's ministry beyond Elyria, Ohio. This Sunday, May 24, our own Debby Willets will share reflections on her recent mission trip to Honduras. Debby will provide the message at both morning services.

On Thursday, May 28, Global Ministries missionary Scott Couper will share about his work in South Africa at a 7 p.m. ice cream social. His efforts, jointly sponsored by Disciples and the United Church of Christ, are supported by our contributions to Disciples Mission Fund. There will be time for interacting with Scott and for asking questions.

Whether a person spends days or decades in the mission field, responding to the call to witness to the ends of the earth is a life-changing, life-shaping experience. Please be present to hear of these efforts in our behalf. After all, most of us will spend our lives witnessing "from our doorsteps", leaving others to go "to the ends of the earth"...



Love,

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Chillin' with Missionary Friends

Don't miss Global Ministries missionary Scott Couper when he visits WACC on Thursday, May 28 at 7 p.m. We'll hear about his work in South Africa and also enjoy an ice cream social.

Pentecost to Bring Winds of Change

On Pentecost, May 31, children will depart the 10:45 a.m. Service at the usual time, but will meet in Mrs. Mathes' Grades 3-5 classroom. After receiving activity bags, the children will proceed to the balcony to witness the baptisms/confirmations of the 2009 Inquirers Class.

Afterwards, the entire church is invited to attend a luncheon in Fellowship Hall in honor of our Inquirers and other new members who have joined the WACC family during the past year.

JUNE ACOLYTES

- 7 Halley Novak & Taylor Novak
- 14 Aaron Kuzela & Jacob Kuzela
- 21 Bradley Thimke & Tyler Schneider
- 28 Kaitie Kostohryz & Sammie Kostohryz

Outdoor Games Needed

Our annual Flag Day Summerfest will be held on Sunday, June 14 immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. If you have sports equipment for badminton, volleyball, croquet, corn hole, ladder ball, etc. that we might use, please contact the church office (323-4213).

May 24 Scripture Corner

Psalms 78:1-7
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Have you remembered the church in your will?

*** Charity Events for Children ***

We appreciate the efforts of the 16 men of WACC who helped make this year's Mother's Day breakfast a huge success. They prepared approximately 20 different casserole dishes and fruit, provided flowers and, most important, assisted in the set-up, serving and clean-up. Diner contributions totaling \$200 will be given to Disciples Men's children's mission projects.

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 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 online to register.

- 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).
- Sun., 5/24: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 5/25: - Memorial Day observed; church office closed.
- Tue., 5/26: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 5/27: - Inquirers Class trip to Camp Christian, 3:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 5/28: - Nominating Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 5:30 p.m.
- Scott Couper missionary visit and ice cream social in Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Ken Evans | 15 | Pat Dahm |
| | David Osborn | | Kim Kiser |
| 3 | Paul Dahm | | Aaron Kuzela |
| 2 | Brian Maddock | | Janet Long |
| 4 | John Farrar | 16 | Kathy Matheson |
| 6 | Jacob Kuzela | 17 | Judy Jackson |
| 7 | Dan McGann | 18 | David Stroup |
| | Charlene Plumb | | Tim Widman |
| | Connor Sweeten | 23 | Vivian Balsler |
| 8 | Mildred Wainwright | | Ann Busch |
| 9 | Pearl Sterner | 26 | Dellah Diedrick |
| 10 | Anthony Hitchens | 28 | Val Collins |
| 11 | Collin Fitzgerald | | Sheri Clemmons |
| | Briquette March | | Drew Fitzgerald |
| 12 | Eugene Higgins | 30 | Laurie Dieringer |
| | Kathy Oblak | | Peg Stevens |
| 14 | Sandi Forbush | | |
| | Megan McCall | | |

Board Bits

The May Board meeting was filled with officer and committee news, including financial reports, feedback about the CROP and Cleveland Christian Home fundraising walks, follow-up from the Easter and Mother's Day breakfasts, and information about youth activities. If you were not in attendance, we missed you! "Are you in the flock?" Watch for opportunities to be involved. Our thanks to all who serve!
Lauri Warfield,
Board Chair

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Kurt Huller graduated from Miami University on May 9. He will be moving to the Columbus, Ohio, area to begin his business career. Way to go!

Joe & Bonnie Wargo, who are celebrating their 65th anniversary (5/17) with family in Michigan, sent a gift to the church in celebration of the event. Additional wedding anniversaries this week include those of Frank & Harryette Wargo (5/17, #6), Dan & Tina Maddock (5/20, #20), and Thomas & Linda Dull and Chad & Heather Maxwell (5/22, #16 and #5, respectively). Continued blessings and best wishes to all!

Prayer Focus

Please pray for WACC's Nominating Committee and for those who will be asked to serve the church in the coming program year. (If you have suggestions for the Committee to consider, please fill out a form from the narthex table on Sunday, contact Board Chair Lauri Warfield or call the church office.)

Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers surround the Shirley family in the death of Kathy's mother, DeLauris Shoop, on May 5. Services were held in Berlin Heights. May God's peace be known.

Hospitalized

At EMH: Steve McCall
At Cleveland Clinic: Darryl Meng
At LifeCare: Jan Henning
At Home: Kristen Henry (in-and-out)
Betty McIntyre

CALENDAR

