

**May 31, 2009—Pentecost**

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. Festival Worship Service  
12:15 p.m. All-Church Pentecost Dinner in honor of  
our Inquirers and other new members,  
followed by youth worship rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night  
**OPENER:** Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre

**GREETERS:** To be announced  
**ACOLYTES:** Deanna Forbush & Sarah Turner

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Sandy Woosley

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

**TELLERS:** Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan

**ELDER (8:30):** Carol McIntyre  
**PIANIST (8:30):** Becky Thompson

**ELDERS (10:45):** Janet Stevens-Brown and  
Tim Widman

**DIACONATE:** Team III

**8:30 -** Marilyn Bauer and Roger Bauer  
**10:45 -** Jenny Bliss, Cheryl Grapes, Pam Henry,  
Michelle Kazmierczak, Michelle Kersey, Sean Kersey,  
Karen Schneider, Laverne Stroup, Wayne Walker, and  
Joan Wilhelm

**YOUTH NEWS and MEETING ADULTS MIDWAY**

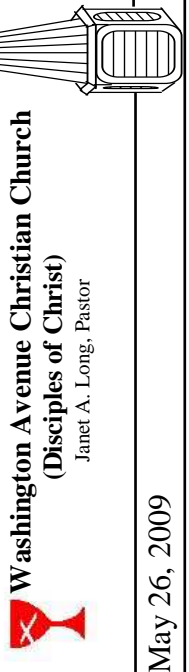
**Youth Gatherings This Sunday**  
Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will attend the  
All-Church Pentecost Dinner this Sunday, followed  
by a rehearsal for the Camp Christian-style Worship  
Service which the youth will lead on June 14.

**Midway College Scholarship Fund  
to Aid Dislocated Workers**  
Midway College has a new scholarship fund  
to assist adults who want to complete academic  
requirements for a bachelor's degree in order to find  
new employment or to advance in a current career.

The program is designed to offer an educational  
alternative to adults facing an unstable job market.  
When combined with other sources of financial aid,  
Midway's new scholarship program could pay the  
total cost of a bachelor's degree for dislocated  
workers. "These funds are substantial, but limited,  
and will be awarded on a first come-first served  
basis," said Midway College President William B.  
Drake, Jr. To find out more, visit:

[www.midway.edu/node/1572](http://www.midway.edu/node/1572)

# THE SPIRE



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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is Pentecost! The occasion for celebrating the Church's birthday by the gift of the Holy Spirit, it is the day when our Inquirers make their confessions of faith and receive the sacrament of baptism—or confirm the infant baptism administered in their behalf.

Pentecost is the perfect time to **remember your baptism**. Whether or not you have a memory of your baptism, it is important to remember that you are a baptized believer who made a commitment to live as a child of God and a follower of Christ. Baptism matters!

The call to live as disciples whose lives reflect their baptisms is brought home to me each Pentecost. I was ordained into the Christian Ministry on Pentecost. I was installed as pastor of Washington Avenue Christian Church on Pentecost. Pentecost signifies covenant.

I hope you will be present this Sunday to witness the most important decision our Inquirers will ever make. I hope you will be present this Sunday to witness to your own baptism or confirmation being the most important decision you ever made. Baptism matters!

Wear some red. Expect the Spirit. **Remember your baptism.**

Love,

P. S. The birthday of the Church will be celebrated at our All-Church Pentecost Dinner following the 10:45 Service at which we will honor our Inquirers and 2008-09 new members and at our quarterly Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night (pizza and games) at 5:30 p.m.

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# Expanding the Table

PENTECOST OFFERING 2009

This Sunday's Pentecost Special Day Offering will support the efforts of our denomination to expand the table by expanding the number of Disciples congregations.

Each year, this special offering is used by Church Extension to support New Church Ministry, which serves the wider church through recruitment, training and coaching of new church planters.

Thanks to generous financial support, Disciples have been able to start 602 new churches since 2001. More than 40,000 new Disciples have been reached through these new churches, and the momentum continues to grow. The goal for Disciples is to start 1,000 new churches by 2020. By supporting the Pentecost Offering, we can help expand the efforts of the whole church to reach that goal.

To offer your gift, please use the enclosed envelope, the designated one from your personalized packet of offering envelopes, or a specially-marked one from the pew rack this Sunday. Checks should be payable to WACC, with "Pentecost Offering" written on the memo line. Thank you for giving generously to *Expanding the Table!*

### May 31 Lectionary Corner

Acts 2:1-21\* Romans 8:22-27  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

\**Sermon focus*

### Tee 'N' Tea

Don't miss these rapidly-approaching—and fun—charity events:

#### 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, call 216-476-0333.

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#### The Ohio Region's Youth Scholarship

**Golf Outing** will be held 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](http://www.ccinoh.org) online to register.

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#### The Salvation Army Heart-to-Heart Tea

will take place on Monday, June 22, 1-3 p.m. at Elyria Country Club. Singer Debra Rose will take guests on a trip down memory lane with songs made popular by the Andrews Sisters, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, and others. A silent auction and door prizes will also be part of this event. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from Barbara Terrell.

### Joanna Circle

will meet on Thursday, June 4 at 6 p.m. at the home of Barbara Terrell, 39900 Hope Court. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish or salad to share, and their own silverware. Beverages and plates will be provided.

### Thank You!

Our thanks to Becky and Sandy Boggs, Arlene Burch, Dan Clark, Deanna Forbush, Fauna Griffiths, Al & Glenna Knapp, and Gary Knapp, and their generous sponsors for raising \$1,165 to fight hunger through the April 25 CROP Walk. Fifty percent of each Walk's proceeds are donated to local food programs. Great job, all!

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My thanks to the Hospitality Committee, Joanna Circle and the men of the kitchen crew who helped make the All Daughters Dinner a success. I also appreciate those who helped provide the luncheon for the Visioning Event. It was wonderful to be able to rely on so many capable and caring people while I enjoyed some travel time!

Many thanks, too, for your prayers for Smitty's cousin, Jen, after her second surgery. She is now home and doing great! The power of prayer...

- Sheila Smith

## CALENDAR

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.

Sat., 5/30: - Fellowship Hall in use.

Sun., 5/31: - Pentecost (see back page for the day's schedule).

Mon., 6/1: - CCH Scramble for Kids golf outing at Elyria Country Club.

Tue., 6/2: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Thu., 6/4: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Barbara Terrell, 39900 Hope Ct., 6 p.m.

Sat., 6/6: - Camp Christian Youth Scholarship golf outing at Scioto Reserve, Powell, Ohio.



## NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

### Congratulations!

Celebrating May 26 anniversaries are Dick & Marilyn Hadaway (#58) and Don & Carol Mosher (#50). Mike & Laurel Hoover are celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary (5/28). Continued blessings and best wishes to all!

### Memorial Moment

A generous gift from the estate of Letha Alexander has been received for our congregation's Permanent Fund. Letha was the widow of long-time WACC member Bruce Alexander who served as church treasurer and who also chaired the 1950 capital campaign for the construction of our sanctuary.

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

### Prayer Focus

Please pray for this year's Inquirers Class.

### Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround...  
...the Collier family in the death of Lil's sister, Ruth Barchfeld, today (Tuesday). Services will be held later this week in Amherst.

...the Collins, Knepper, Price, Smith, and Wallhead families in the death of 95-year-old family member Mary Toth last Tuesday.

Services were held on Saturday in Amherst...  
...the Lesesky family in the death of Dale's brother in North Carolina last week.

May God's presence bring comfort and peace.

### Hospitalized

**At Cleveland Clinic:** Darryl Meng

**At Home:** Pat Gohle

Steve McCall

Pauline Wallace

Jean Williams (in-and-out)