

June 7, 2009—Baccalaureate Sunday

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by
9:30 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. Breakfast for our graduates and their families
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
12:00 noon Coffee hour in honor of our graduates, followed by youth group gatherings
OPENER: Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Gerald Western
GREETERS: Dick & Arlene Burch and Deanna Forbush

ACOLYTES: Halley Novak & Taylor Novak
WORSHIP LEADER: Dick Burch
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Cheryl McKenna and Gerald Western
ELDER (8:30):
Dan Clark
ELDER (10:45):
Don Hange, Jr.
Nancy Huller
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 NEWS

Youth Gatherings This Sunday
Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will gather this Sunday following the coffee hour in honor of our graduates.

WACC Car Wash Needs Youth and Adults
The youth groups of WACC will hold a car wash in our parking lot on Saturday, June 13, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. We'll need ALL hands to help with this fundraiser, including some adults to help supervise and scrub. Please contact the church office (office@waccelyria.org or 323-4213) or Tony Hampton if you can help.

Camp Christian-Style Worship June 14
Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will lead Camp Christian-style Worship at the 10:45 a.m. Service on Sunday, June 14. Youth should plan to arrive at the church by 10:15 a.m.

THE SPREE

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Janet's Jottings


Dear Friends,

Pentecost was a Spirit-filled day of celebration here at Washington Avenue Christian Church! We witnessed the confessions of faith and the confirmations/baptisms of eight young persons. Our best wishes and prayers for God's blessings encircle this year's Inquirers and their families: **Jordan Anthony Collins, Jessica Renae Hoover, Daniel Joseph March, Halley Elizabeth Novak, Nicholas William Schaffer, Emily Taylor Siffert, Bradley Steven Thimke, Jr., and Michelle Marie Thimke.** May they live in faithfulness to Christ and the Church all of their days, guided and shaped by the Holy Spirit.

An important component of the Inquirers Class is the time spent with Study Buddies. **Tony Hampton, Shirley Shubert, Ken Mundorf, DiAnne Schmidt, Don Hange, Jr., Chris Baumgartner, Mark Mathes, and Brenda Keenan** were paired with the Inquirers in the order listed above. Thank you!

At the All-Church Pentecost Dinner, for which we thank Sheila Smith and the Hospitality Committee, we welcomed those new members who have joined our congregation during the past year. They are: **Val Collins, Marilyn Landes, Dan, Tina, Courtney and Brian Maddock, Jan Moore** (and future Inquirer Samantha ["Sam"]), **Lois Schmidt, and Pat Schwarz.**

May we be open to the gift of one another and to the gift of the Holy Spirit. May Pentecost signal the beginning of a season of spiritual growth for us as we contemplate the wonder and mystery of the Divine. The season of Pentecost is referred to as "Ordinary". May it be anything but as we discern God's call and deepen our commitment of faith.

Love,


P. S. For the next two Sundays, our emphasis will be on our youth and young adults:
June 7 – Baccalaureate Service for our graduates at 10:45 a.m., followed by a coffee hour;
June 14 – "Camp Christian-style" Worship Service led by Tony Hampton and our youth at 10:45, followed by Flag Day Summerfest on the front lawn. Please dress casually.

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Flag Day Summerfest

Join our WACC family for a fun-filled picnic on Sunday, June 14, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. We'll have games, food and lots of fun for everyone—so be sure to invite family, friends and neighbors! Casual dress is welcome! (In case of rain, we'll picnic in Fellowship Hall.)



Do you have some great ideas for large-group games for all ages? Do you have outdoor game equipment to share? Contact the church office (323-4213) or a member of the Church Life & Growth Committee if you can lend us your croquet set, volleyball or badminton set-up, ladder ball equipment, corn hole game, hula hoops, etc.

Elders Workshop Offered

Those serving as Elders (or those wanting to learn about this church leadership position) are invited to attend an Elders Workshop on Saturday, September 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Central Christian Church, 407 N. Market St., Wooster. Dick Hamm, former General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be the featured speaker. Registration is \$20 per person (\$25 after August 1). Call 330-262-4652 or email kevin@cccwooster.org to register.

June 7 Lectionary Corner

Isaiah 6:1-8*
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17*

**Sermon foci*

A "Tea-mendous" Way to Help Others

Enjoy a wonderful afternoon while helping the mission of The Salvation Army at the organization's Heart-to-Heart Tea 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.

Board Bits

Question: What is June 9th?

Answer: The last day of school (for some)! But it's also the final Board meeting before summer break. If you are a Board member, please be sure to attend this important review of WACC's activities and preview of future plans. If you are *not* a Board member, please come to find out first-hand what is going on! Are you in the flock? "Thank you" to all who serve!

Lauri Warfield,
Chair of the Board

U.S. Mission Trip Opportunities

Openings have just become available in the Faithful Advocates Serving Together (F.A.S.T.) Mission Trips in Appalachia. Hosted in Whitesburg, Kentucky by the local partner organization HOMES, groups participate in housing rehab projects, meet local people and engage in reflection on issues of economic justice and faith. Openings are available July 5-11, July 19-25, July 26-August 1, and August 3-8. Call Brenda Tyler (888-346-2631) for more information.

Party Panic?

Tables and chairs for graduation parties, family reunions, picnics, etc. are available for loan through our church office to participating WACC members. You'll want to contact our Office Administrator well in advance of your event to help ensure that your needs can be accommodated. Diana can be reached at office@waccelyria.org or 323-4213. (While there is no cost for loan of these items, donations to the church are always appreciated.)

Church Camp—Not Just "Kid Stuff"

Don't miss out on these fun and spiritual events for adults:

June 15-19 Adult Conference (ages 19 and older)
July 5-11 Adventure Camp—Bicycling (all ages; children younger than grade 9 must attend w/parent)
August 9-16 Advance Conference (ages 19-29)
Registration forms and complete information are posted on our main bulletin board.

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.
Sun., 6/7: - Baccalaureate Sunday (see back page for the day's schedule).
Tue., 6/9: - Staff meeting in Pastor Janet's office, 4:15 p.m.
- 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., 6/10: - Worship Committee supper meeting at Nine Bistro, Gray Hawk Golf Course, LaGrange, 6 p.m.
Thu., 6/11: - Church office closed Thursday and Friday (vacation days).

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Ashleigh Arndt, Courtney Maddock and Sammi Wilhelm received their diplomas from Elyria High School on Saturday. Courtney is featured in a *Chronicle-Telegram* photo of the event, which is posted on our main bulletin board.

Our recent anniversary couples include Dean & Sandi Forbush and Herschel & Nancy White (5/29, #16 and #10, respectively) and Gary & Carol McIntyre (5/30, #32). Continued best wishes to all!

Prayer Focus

Please pray for all those graduating: from preschool, from grade school, from middle school/junior high, from high school, from college, and from graduate programs.

We've Got Mail!

Sue McKain sends greetings from Colorado where she is helping her daughter-in-law who is recuperating from a recent surgery. Sue will return home on June 22.

Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers surround...
...Debbie, Jack, Emily, and Lauren Siffert in the May 24 death of Debbie's grandfather, Pete Simashkevich. Services were held last week.

...Sharon Siffert and other loved ones of Daryl Meng who died last Wednesday. Services were held Monday.

May God's peace surround and sustain all who mourn.

Hospitalized

At Home: Florence Hastings (in-and-out)

CALENDAR

