

June 14, 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. Camp Christian-style Worship Service
 12:00 noon Flag Day Summerfest
 3:00 p.m. Camp Otter Partnership Camp at
 Camp Christian begins (ends 6/20)
OPENER: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: Taylor Novak and Halley Novak
ACOLYTES: Samantha Moore & Nautica Walker
MESSENGERS: Tony Hampton, Katie Kostohryz and
 Briquelle March

TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak
ELDER (8:30): PIANIST (8:30):
 Nancy Huller Carolyn Long
ELDERS (10:45): HOME COMMUNION:
 Tony Hampton Carol McIntyre
 Mark Mathes Dennis Jackson

DIACONATE:

8:30 - Teri Hayes and Bob Maxwell
10:45 - Youth Team (Jessica Hoover, Daniel March,
 Tommy March, and Romeo Walker)

YOUTH NEWS

Youth to Hold Car Wash This Saturday

The youth groups of WACC will hold a car wash in our parking lot this Saturday, June 13, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. We'll need ALL youth as well as some adults to help supervise and scrub. Can't help? Please bring your car/s in to be washed—and ask your friends and neighbors to support this event!

Camp Christian-Style Worship This Sunday

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

Camp Season Begins!

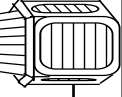
Nautica Walker will attend Partnership Camp Otter June 14-20 at Camp Christian. You can write to her (early in the week, please) at: Camp Christian, Magnetic Springs, OH 43036-9999.

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

In a place known as “sanctuary”, Dr. George Tiller was shot to death. This act of violence occurred on Pentecost in a Lutheran church in Wichita, Kansas. The great irony is that the perpetrator claimed to be “pro-life”.

In the sanctity, safety and security of sanctuary, we gather each Sunday to come face-to-face with our Creator and to gather with others on the journey toward God. We see the realities of our lives, complete with incongruities.

We don't live fully-integrated lives—lives that reflect our faith and our desire to become more faithful. Worship is an important part of the walk of discipleship, blessing us with the possibility of becoming more authentic.

“Sanctuary” was needed by those traveling the underground railway in search of freedom from slavery. We, too, need a respite of grace from all that binds us—constant and instant communication, hectic schedules, life's demands.

School is out. Summer is here (not officially, but practically speaking). While you're planning get-aways, reunions, vacations, and “stay-cations”, remember to tend to your spirit: Plan for moments of sanctuary in the sanctuary of WACC.

A camp song we will be singing this Sunday is a worthwhile prayer:

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
 With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Love,

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You "Auto" Come to Our Car Wash!

WACC's youth groups will hold a car wash this Saturday, June 13, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Flag Day Summerfest This Sunday

Join our WACC family for a fun-filled picnic this 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 encouraged. Don't forget to bring those yard games. (In case of rain, we'll picnic in Fellowship Hall.)

Summer Church School Goes Green

WACC's Elders will again take turns facilitating our combined session summer Church School classes. This year, the focus will be on our care of God's creation—how the ripples of our daily choices affect the larger pool of life.

We will again use curriculum from www.thethoughtfulchristian.com, which provides a forum for enlightened discussion about current events and spiritual disciplines.

This Sunday, June 14, Debby Willets will lead a session on,

Water: Precious Gift and

Endangered Resource. The

class will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the youth rooms and is open to all ages. Childcare will be provided for very young children.

June 14 Lectionary Corner

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17*

Mark 4:26-34*

*Sermon foci

Book Club To Meet June 25

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, June 25 at 7 p.m. in the Elders' conference room. The group will discuss, *The Shack* by William P. Young.

Elders Workshop: Carpool Available

Those planning to attend the Elders Workshop on Saturday, September 26, at Central Christian Church, Wooster, have been invited to carpool with Elders from North Eaton Christian Church.

Dick Hamm, former General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be the featured speaker at the workshop which will take place 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration is \$20 per person (\$25 after August 1). Call 330-262-4652 or email kevin@cccwooster.org to register. To arrange a ride with the North Eaton group, call 748-2230.

Shirley Shubert and Lauri Warfield are planning to attend and would welcome riders who are interested in adding on a possible visit with Jim & Lil Collier.

Salvation Army Tea Nears

Time is running out to purchase your tickets for The Salvation Army's Heart-to-Heart Tea on Monday, June 22. The event will take place 1-3 p.m. at Elyria Country Club and will feature singer Debra Rose. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from Barbara Terrell through June 21.

Violin Recital at WACC June 28

Mari Foisy, a violin student of Amy King, is presenting her senior violin recital at WACC on Sunday, June 28 at 2 p.m. A reception will follow the concert. All members and friends of WACC are invited to attend.

Permanent Funds Update

While the recent economic downturn has seriously damaged the endowment funds of churches, colleges and community and corporate foundations, the decline in our congregation's investments with the Christian Church Foundation has been considerably less than the performance of the S&P 500 (one of the market's benchmarks). The first quarter losses for WACC funds were -6.219%, compared with -11.01% for the S&P 500. The 12-quarter losses were -27.038% for WACC; -38.08% for the S&P 500.

The better news is that the market is beginning to turn, gaining ground in 11 of 13 weeks in the quarter beginning March 9 and posting the best 3-month performance in 76 years. April returns on WACC funds totaled +7.5%, with May being a positive month as well (performance numbers are not yet available).

The WACC Permanent Funds Trustees—Mike Weinhardt, chair, Bruce Siffert and Barbara Terrell, along with the WACC treasury team, meet regularly to review the performance of our church's permanent funds, to report to the Board and to remind the congregation of the opportunity to remember the church family through legacy gifts.

Thu., 6/11: - Church office closed Thursday and Friday (vacation days).

Sat., 6/13: - WACC youth car wash, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sun., 6/14: - See back page for the day's schedule.

Tue., 6/16: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Thu., 6/18: - Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Sat., 6/20: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 5 (Keith Western, captain).

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Lukas Daniel Walker was born to Jeff & Ausra on Tuesday, June 2. Excited grandparents Dan and Nancy are in Connecticut to welcome the newest member of their family. Best wishes and blessings!

Recent anniversaries include those of Chuck & Chris Baumgartner, Mike & Sandy Yanick, and Pat & Sandee Murphy (6/6, #39, #17 and #16, respectively), and Dick & Arlene Burch (6/10, #48). Congratulations!

Correction

Our graduates insert in Sunday's order of worship listed Lynn Obechi as working towards a Bachelor degree. She is, in fact, pursuing an Associate degree at LCCC in Administrative Office Information Systems. Good luck, Lynn!

Family Leadership

A congregational meeting will be held immediately following the 10:45 Service on Sunday, June 28. The proposed slate of officers, committee chairs and other church leadership will be presented at that time.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for our youth as they attend Partnership Camp/Chi Rho Camp/CYF Conference throughout the summer at Camp Christian (and Templed Hills).

Hospitalized

At Home: Laverne Stroup (in-and-out)

