

June 28, 2009

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
 9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by
 9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Church School
 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 12:00 noon Congregational meeting
 2:00 p.m. Mari Foisy Senior Violin Recital
OPENER: Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: Sean, Michelle, Rachel, and Paul Kersey
ACOLYTES: Katie Kostohryz & Sammie Kostohryz
WORSHIP LEADER: Courtney Maddock
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Larry McIntyre and Dan Walker
ELDER (8:30): **PIANIST (8:30):**
 Tim Widman Carole Weinhardt
ELDERS (10:45): **HOME COMMUNION:**
 Don Hange, Jr. Bill Clark
 Becky Thompson Glenda Clark
DIACONATE: Team IV
8:30 - Marilyn Bauer and Roger Bauer
10:45 - Arlene Burch, Dick Burch, David Eby, Nicole Eby, Gail Haywood, Jane Hutson, Brenda Keenan, Jody Kostohryz, Gary McIntyre, and Sharon Siffert

CONGRATULATIONS! (cont'd.)

Recent anniversaries include those of Mike & Amanda Passerello (6/22, #7); Jim & Rosalie Gainer and Ralph & Becky Thompson (6/23, #47 and #36, respectively); Scott & Phyllis Ritter (6/24, #9); and, John & Cheryl McKenna and David & Nicole Eby (6/25, #21 and #4, respectively).
 Continued best wishes and blessings to all!

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER TRAINING

Washington Avenue Christian Church will host another Children Worship & Wonder training event August 14-16. Registration is \$120 per person if received by July 31 (\$140 for late registrations). In addition, participants are required to purchase—and bring—the course book (\$24.95). Call 440-323-4213 for details.

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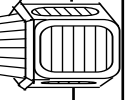
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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this article on Friday, June 19 because on next week's *Spire* day, I'll be at Camp Christian. Serving as a counselor at Hiram Conference is a significant commitment for a congregation to make in sharing its pastor.

It sends an important message: Our youth, and the youth of all congregations of the Christian Church in Ohio, are worth the time and investment represented by this week at Camp. Our church cares about youth.

The week is challenging on a number of levels: the time and energy required are nearly endless; trading a Tempur-Pedic mattress for a bunk, and central air for heat and humidity, test my ability to endure without the creature comforts of which I am quite fond.

However, the rewards far outweigh the challenges: the blessing of being involved in building the "beloved community" lifts my spirits; the opportunity of spending a week on holy ground strengthens my faith.

A week at Camp Christian is a week at home. Three weeks as a Chi Rho Camper, four weeks as a youth at CYF Conference, three summers as a member of the Camp Staff, and dozens of weeks as a counselor add up to several years of my life. And there's the family tradition...

I am grateful for the trust you place in me. I am grateful for the time and resources and prayers you are investing. I am grateful for the treasure that is Camp Christian and for the generations that grow closer to God there.

Love,


THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Special Offering for Camp Christian: Camp Christian is the retreat center of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ohio. It is the holy ground on which thousands of youth, adults and families have reflected upon their relationship with God and creation's extended family. It's where many have sensed a greater spiritual connectedness, strengthened their commitment to service, or discerned a call to Christian ministry as a vocation.

Your support of this Sunday's special offering will help Camp Christian continue its long history of providing spiritual and personal growth opportunities for all. 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 "Camp Christian" written on the memo line. Thank you for giving generously!

Intergenerational Church School: Elder Don Hange, Jr. will lead this Sunday's class in a session entitled, "*The Earth: Mine or Thine?*" The class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the youth rooms. Childcare is provided for very young children.

Congregational Meeting: A congregational meeting will be held immediately following Sunday's 10:45 Service. The proposed slate of Board officers, committee chairs, Elders, and Diaconate will be voted on at that time.

Violin Recital: Mari Foisy, a violin student of Amy King, will present her senior violin recital at 2 p.m. in our sanctuary, with a reception following in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Lectionary Corner

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Psalm 130 Mark 5:21-43*

**Sermon focus*

A Working "Garden Party"

Join our gardening group on Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m.-noon for a trimming and weeding party. Bring your hedge clippers, weed whackers, hoes, trowels, garden weasels and claws, etc. and help us keep WACC's grounds looking their best.

Baccalaureate Thanks

Thank you for all the congratulations and best wishes—they mean a lot! And thank you for the candle holder—I will cherish it forever.

Love,
Lynn Obechi

Sing Me Out to the Ball Game

WACC's Quartet will sing the National Anthem on July 7 (7 p.m.) and August 9 (5 p.m.) at Avon's new All Pro Freight Stadium, home of the Lake Erie Crushers.

"Our" quartet has performed its four-part arrangement of The Star Spangled Banner at Jacobs Field, Quicken Loans Arena, Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center, Baldwin-Wallace College, Canal Park (Akron), Classic Park (Eastlake), and Elyria Country Club.

We thank Mark Mathes, Ken Mundorf, Alan Petersen, and Bob Rieth (and frequent accompanist Rosalie Gainer) for representing us so well as they provide music for special occasions and sporting events across Northeast Ohio.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Brad Dieringer | 14 Bill Myers |
| 2 Deanna White | Jacob Eby |
| 3 Don Mosher | Skye Stephenson |
| Sue Stephenson | Katie Kostohryz |
| Joan Wilhelm | 17 Steve Paul |
| 3 D.A. Knepper | 18 Becca Lauffer |
| Brenda Turner | 19 Spencer Anderson |
| Wilma Yanick | Joy Bond |
| 4 Dan Coffman | 20 Jon Bond |
| 5 Lisa Diedrick | Carol McIntyre |
| Sherry Hyder | 21 Eric Shubert |
| 6 Jeanne Smith | 22 Alexandra Barbee |
| 7 David Eby | Ben McDowell |
| 8 Nicole Eby | Narelle Peden |
| 9 Mark Mathes | 23 Mike Hoover |
| Jen Hale | Danielle Kramer |
| Katie Hyder | Corrie Loughner |
| Kathy Shirley | Gabrielle |
| Bonnie Wargo | Passerello |
| 11 Ruth Ables | Christen Wilhelm |
| Dylan Quinones | 25 Chris Baumgartner |
| Dorothy Schenfield | Stephen Bond |
| 12 Kristopher | Abe Edwards |
| Kostohryz | 27 Sancy Boggs |
| Jacob Osborn | 28 Sam Edwards |
| 13 John Collier | 28 Jordan Stephenson |
| Helen Farrar | 29 Lauren Siffert |
| Sarah Turner | 30 Emily Gottschling |
| | Polly Simmons |



JULY ACOLYTES

- 5 Samantha Moore and Nautica Walker
- 12 Romeo Walker and Tyler Schneider
- 19 Halley Novak and Taylor Novak
- 26 Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Trey Robert Feierabend was born to Sarah & Ryan on Friday, June 19. Happy grandparents Bob & LaDonna Maxwell are in Arizona to welcome the newest member of their family. Vivian Baiser is the great-grandma. Best wishes and blessings to all! Frank & Harryette Wargo are celebrating...

...the birth of a new great-grandchild, Cole Thomas Simon, who arrived on April 26; ...the marriage of granddaughter Marcy Hoyt to Clint Johnson on May 8;

...the return of grandson Timothy Hoyt from Iraq after a second tour of duty there;

...the return of grandson Gordon Simon from Iraq on leave;

...the graduation of grandson Ryan Wargo from Ohio Northern University with a Doctor of Pharmacy; and,

...the graduation of granddaughter Julie Busch from OSU with a B.A.

More good news is on the back page of The Spire!

Thank You

In sincere appreciation for all the cards, phone calls and visits from my church family after my daughter's death, I say, "Thank you." What would I do without you?

Love,
Shirley Yost

Prayer Focus

Please pray for traveling mercies for Elliot Wainwright who is on his adventure in Australia.

Hospitalized

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time. At Home: D.A. Knepper
Marilyn Landes (in-and-out)

CALENDAR

- Sun., 6/28: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Tue., 6/30: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Fri., 7/3: - Church office closed in observance of Independence Day.

