

JULY 19, 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 Chi Rho and CYF gathering
OPENER: Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.
GREETERS: Jack & Audrey Price
ACOLYTES: Halley Novak and Taylor Novak
WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Keenan
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: John McKenna and Lauri Warfield
ELDER (8:30):
Bill Clark
ELDERS (10:45):
Lauri Warfield
Becky Thompson
DIACONATE: Team III
8:30 - Jason Higgins and Brian Maddock
10:45 - Pam Henry, Michelle Kazmierczak, Michelle Kersey, Sean Kersey, Dan Maddock, Tina Maddock, Carol Mosher, Karen Schneider, Laverne Stroup, and Wayne Walker

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Gathering This Sunday

Youth entering/finishing grades 6-12 will meet this Sunday, July 19 with Youth Minister Tony Hampton following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. The group will enjoy lunch and then an outing at the park. Please note that this activity will end at 3 p.m.

Save the Date: District 2 CYF Picnic

Youth entering/finishing grades 9-12 are invited to the District 2 CYF picnic on Sunday, August 16, 3-7 p.m. at Edgewater Park, Cleveland. Meat will be provided by the District 2 Advisors; each church attending is asked to provide a dish to share.

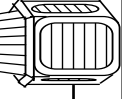
The picnic will kick off a year-long PENNY COLLECTION COMPETITION for the DIG (Dividends in Growth) offering which benefits the Disciples' Hocking Valley Parish, and the Interfaith Hospitality Network, an outreach program to help the homeless of Northeast Ohio.

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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Mid-summer is supposed to be a slow time. It's time for vacations, reunions, relaxation, outdoor activities, and special projects. Around Washington Avenue Christian Church, each season has its rhythms and work. I thought you might like to know a bit more about some of the things that are happening this summer...

- Planning for Vacation Bible School is underway. We will share in a VBS partnership with First Congregational United Church of Christ and St. Paul United Church of Christ. Each congregation will host an evening session for the children of all three churches during the second week of August.
- Moving forward with our visioning for the future is in the care of a subcommittee of Elders. This small group is developing strategies that will allow for the establishing of priorities for our life together as we reach out into the community and beyond with the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Evaluating several property-related issues is nothing new. Current concerns center on worn drainage pipes and an air conditioning unit that is on its last legs. Maintaining a facility that contains aging components is challenging—but worthwhile in light of the ministry that the building makes possible.
- Ongoing worship, learning and fellowship take slightly different forms in the summer. We are experiencing a surge in Early Service attendance and enjoying special summer music at the 10:45 Service. Intergenerational Church School is broadening our faith perspective and friendship patterns.

All of that—and so much more (like pastoral care, program planning, communication, and outreach)—is taking place throughout the summer months. If you would like to become more involved in the life of our church, please ask. We'll gladly point you in the right direction!

Love,

Janet

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Interesting and Unusual Items Needed

The Outreach Committee is seeking a variety of items for its November 8 Art Auction. Desired items include:

Works of Art—paintings, sculpture, woodworking, stained glass, jewelry, handmade clothing or other fabric items, etc.
Food Items—bakery, home-canned goods such as jellies and jams, specialty meats and seafood, etc.

Tickets/Gift Certificates—for restaurants, hairstyling services or makeovers, theatre performances, movies, sporting events, etc.

Collectibles—Sports memorabilia, nostalgia items, antiques (furniture, glassware, toys, jewelry), etc.

Talents/Services—catering, musical entertainment, household repair, cleaning or shopping services, boat rides, etc.

Have questions or need more ideas? Contact Pastor Janet, a member of the Outreach Committee or the church office.

Two In—More Needed

Our thanks to Gary McIntyre (Property) and Teri Hayes (Memorial) for turning in their annual reports for the 2008-2009 program year. If you are a WACC staff member or program Chair/Co-Chair, your report is needed in the church office by July 31. Contact Diana if you need to see a copy of the previous year's report. Reports may be submitted via email or left in the church office mail slot in the Elders' conference room.

July 19 Lectionary Corner

2 Samuel 7:1-14a Ephesians 2:11-22
 Psalm 89:20-37 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

*Sermon focus

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner

A benefit spaghetti dinner will be held in WACC's Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, July 21, 5-7 p.m. The dinner is being hosted by a community fellowship group for two of its members injured in recent traffic accidents. Door prizes and a 50/50 raffle will be available. Suggested dinner donation is \$4 per person.

“The Shack”, not Shaq

WACC Elder Mark Mathes invites you to the July 26 Intergenerational Church School discussion of the book, *The Shack*, a work of fiction which explores our relationship to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. (Mark says that any discussions about Shaq and the Cavs will be on your own time!) A limited number of copies of the book are available for loan in the Elders' conference room.

This Sunday's Intergenerational Church School Class will be led by Elder Bill Clark as he asks the question, “*Are You Guilty?*” Don't miss this session about, “Bullying—from Parenting to Jingoism.”

This all-ages class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the youth rooms. Childcare is provided for very young children.

Grounds Clean-Up Rescheduled

Due to last Saturday's rain-out of our scheduled grounds clean-up, we'll hold a weeknight clean-up on Thursday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. All hands are welcome!

Are You Up for the Challenge?

Anne Sowell, Co-Chair of the Ohio Region's Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Commission, is asking all

Disciples to help increase this year's Reconciliation offering. She is asking that we save our change through the months of August and September, and dedicate it to this year's offering. WACC will receive the Reconciliation offering on September 27.

Funds from the Reconciliation offering help fund anti-racism programs and training throughout our denomination as well as throughout our Ohio Region. Are you up for the challenge?



VBS to “Hike” Around Town

This summer's Vacation Bible School will be an ecumenical experience with activities taking place at multiple sites. The fun will take place 6-8 p.m. on Aug. 11 at St. Paul UCC, on Aug. 12 at WACC and on Aug. 13 at First Congregational UCC. Those attending will enjoy crafts, games, music, and learning about Jesus.

VBS is open to children age 3-grade 6. Registration is \$5 per child (or a maximum of \$10 per family; some scholarship funds are available to families in need). Participants are asked to bring a white T-shirt (to be painted) on Tuesday night. Contact the WACC office (323-4213 or office@waccelyria.org) to register.

CALENDAR

Sat., 7/18: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 4 (Mark & Susan Mathes, captains).

Sun., 7/19:- See back page for the day's schedule.

Tue., 7/21:- Benefit spaghetti dinner in Fellowship Hall, 5-7 p.m.

- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Thu., 7/23:- WACC grounds clean-up, 6:30 p.m.



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Continued best wishes and blessings to our early-July anniversary couples: Jason & Jodi Higgins (7/1, #9); Bud & Polly Simmons and William & Cheryl Grapes (7/2, #38 and #32, respectively); Gary & Cindy Knapp and Eric & Ashley Csata (7/5, #29 and #1, respectively); and, Andy & Melissa Knight (7/12, #6).

Lauren Wainwright is a cast member of *A Chorus Line* now being staged at the Palace Theatre in Lorain. Performances will be held this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Thank You

Dear WACC Friends,

Thank you so much for helping me get to General Assembly! You have once again amazed me with your generosity. I can't wait to see you in September!

- Allie Lundblad

Editor's note: Ali received a grant from the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to cover her registration for General Assembly.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for children who are bullied—and for those who do the bullying.

Hospitalized

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time.

At Home: Jean Arndt

Carolyn Edwards

Jan Henning

Ken Oblak

Marion Wiles (in-and-out)