

JULY 26, 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 Fellowship Hall in use
OPENER: Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: Val Collins and Pat Schwarz
ACOLYTES: Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner
WORSHIP LEADER: Allison Widman
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak
ELDER (8:30):
Tim Haywood
Carole Weinhardt
ELDERS (10:45):
Barbara Terrell
Janet Stevens-Brown
DIACONATE: Team IV
8:30 - Mike Crocker and Robin Crocker
10:45 - Arlene Burch, Dick Burch, David Eby,
Nicole Eby, Deanna Forbush, Gail Haywood,
Peggy Haywood, Jane Hutson, Brenda Keenan,
and Jody Kostohryz

YOUTH NEWS

Next Youth Gathering August 2

The next gathering of youth entering/leaving grades 6-12 will be Sunday, August 2 following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.

District 2 CYF Picnic August 16

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 Hiram Conference 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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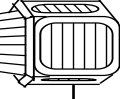


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

It has been fascinating to watch the replay of the blurry video of the moon landing as the 40th anniversary of that momentous event is celebrated this week. It is a marvel of human ingenuity—a feat of rocket science combined with insatiable curiosity about the universe.

Several insights about the moon landing four decades ago should continue to instruct us:

- The Apollo 11 mission was undertaken as a way of demonstrating our national commitment to accomplishing things that seem impossible. *What if we were challenged to end war or world hunger or water issues?*
- The technology available in 1969 was far less than is contained in most of today's cell phones. *What if we stopped making excuses for what we don't have and started making the most of what we do have?*
- The majority of Americans were not alive at the time of the moon landing. *What if we recognized that we have different life experiences but a shared history and that, despite all evidence to the contrary, we inhabit the same universe?*
- The words of Neil Armstrong, "one small step for [a] man; one giant leap for mankind", continue to offer a perspective that is often forgotten. *What if we realized that our actions affect the whole human family?*

The psalmist who gazed upon the same moon was inspired to write this reflection of awe:
O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?*

*Yet you have made them a little lower than God (or "angels"),
and crowned them with glory and honor.*

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands...

Love, Janet

Is Your Family Registered for VBS?

You won't want your child (grandchild, nephew, niece, neighbor, etc.) to miss WACC's Vacation Bible School August 11-13.

This summer's VBS will be a "moving" experience as participants "Hike Around Town" to three different places in the Elyria area. They'll be at St. Paul United Church of



Christ on August 11, here at WACC on August 12 and at First Congregational United Church of Christ on August 13.

The fun will start at 6 p.m. and will include crafts, games, music, and learning about Jesus. VBS will end at 8 each evening.

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 assist families in need).

Participants are asked to bring a white T-shirt (to be painted) on Tuesday night. Contact the WACC office (office@waccelyria.org or 323-4213) to register your child. Want to get in on the fun yourself? Contact Debbie Walker to see how you can help!

A Visit to The Shack

This Sunday's Intergenerational Church School Class will comprise a look at Wm. Paul Young's, *The Shack* and will be led by Elder Mark Mathes. The book is a work of fiction which explores our relationship to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

The August 2 class will be on Alternate Transportation, and will be led by Dan Maddock. The all-ages class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the youth rooms. Childcare is provided for very young children.

July 26 Lectionary Corner

2 Samuel 11:1-15 Ephesians 3:14-21
Psalm 14 John 6:1-21*

**Sermon focus*

Report Deadline Approaching

Our thanks to the Worship Committee for turning in its annual report for our 2008-2009 Yearbook. Congregational leadership, program areas and staff need to submit reports by July 31.

Reports may be emailed (preferred submission method) to office@waccelyria.org or left in the office mail slot in the Elders' conference room. If you'd like to see a copy of last year's report for your program area, please contact the church office (323-4213).



Board Bits

Please note these meeting date changes: Due to the "late" arrival of Labor Day this year, our September Elders' and Board meetings have been moved to Tuesday, September 15. Similarly, the December Elders' and Board gatherings have also been moved to the third Tuesday (the 15th), to allow time to prepare and submit program area budgets following November's Consecration Day celebration. All other Elders' and Board meetings for the 2009-2010 program year will follow our usual schedule—the second Tuesday of each month.

August Acolytes

- 2 Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz
- 9 Bradley Thimke and Romeo Walker
- 16 Samantha Moore and Nautica Walker
- 23 Hailey Novak and Taylor Novak
- 30 Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Linda Dull
- 2 Laurel Hoover
- 2 Fauna Griffiths
- 3 Joshua Henry
- 3 Stacey Hoover
- 3 Romeo Walker
- 3 Dawna White
- 4 Don Hange, Jr.
- 4 Erin McLaughlin
- 5 Tyler Chariton
- 5 Bill Clark
- 5 William Grapes
- 5 Linda Necker
- 6 Harvey Barbee
- 6 Jack Siffert
- 6 Marion Wiles
- 6 Mike Willets
- 7 Mary Comstock
- 7 Becky Papenbrock
- 10 Lauri Warfield
- 11 Nicole Davis
- 11 Theresa Smith
- 11 Chuck Warfield
- 12 Lennard Wahn
- 13 Debby Willets
- 14 Kaelynn Higgins
- 15 Allison Widman
- 16 Lee Peden
- 17 Allie Knapp
- 18 Thomas Dull
- 18 Cheryl Grapes
- 18 Mike Kostohryz
- 19 Carol Edwards
- 19 Brice Necker
- 19 Cory Necker
- 21 Cheyenne Remley
- 23 Rosalie Gainer
- 24 Rachel Kersey
- 24 Mathew Kostohryz
- 24 Sue McIntyre
- 25 Sandee Murphy
- 25 Lil Collier
- 25 Jane Herrington
- 25 Cameron Hyder
- 26 Emily Mathes
- 26 Karen McCall
- 26 Kim Wilhelm
- 27 Doris Edwards
- 27 Ryan Mathes
- 27 Cody Schneider
- 29 Jordan Collins
- 29 Shannon Murphy
- 29 Deanna McNeal

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Ken & Margi Evans will celebrate 50 years of marriage on August 9. Their children and grandchildren invite you to help them celebrate this happy occasion by sending a greeting along with special memories. The cards and remembrances will be presented to Ken and Margi on their anniversary. Cards may be sent to:

Jolynne Francis
788 English Oak Ct.
Westerville, OH 43081

Continued best wishes and blessings to this week's anniversary couples: Michelle & Geof Kazmierczak (7/19, #23); Roger & Marilyn Bauer and Wayne & Stacy Collins (7/20; #24 and #12, respectively); and, Jack & Audrey Price (7/22, #51).

Apology and Appreciation

We regret the omission of Carol McIntyre's name from the recent issue highlighting those whose leadership terms were concluding. Carol finished out several months of Betty McIntyre's term as Elder. Thank you, Carol, for your willingness to serve!

Prayer Focus

Please pray for Dennis Rodinas, a lay church worker in the Philippines, who is missing after being arrested by police and turned over to the military.

Hospitalized

At EMH: George ("Bob") McNulty
At Home: Diane Borthwick (in-and-out)

Invitation to a Tiger Sighting

What do Tiger Woods, VJ Singh, Greg Norman, and the Cleveland Christian Home have in common? They all will be participants in this year's Bridgestone PGA Golf Tournament at Firestone Country Club in Akron, August 4-9. CCH will receive 75% of the net proceeds from each ticket purchase naming the CCH as the charity of choice. See the brochure on our main bulletin board for more details.

CALENDAR

- Thu., 7/23: - WACC grounds clean-up, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun., 7/26: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Tue., 7/28: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 7/29: - General Assembly in Indianapolis begins (ends 8/2).
- Sat., 8/1: - Fellowship Hall in use.

