

## AUGUST 9, 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

**OPENER:** Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Keith Western

**GREETERS:** Larry and Betty McIntyre

**ACOLYTES:** Bradley Thimke and Romeo Walker

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Arlene Burch

**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

**TELLERS:** Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan

**ELDER (8:30):** **PIANIST (8:30):**

Debby Willets

**ELDERS (10:45):** Rosalie Gainer

Bill Clark **HOME COMMUNION:**

Debby Willets Don Hange, Jr.  
Dick Burch

**DIACONATE:** Team II

**8:30 -** Teri Hayes and Bob Maxwell

**10:45 -** Karen Davis, Linda Dull, Thomas Dull, Sue

McKain, Cheryl McKenna, John McKenna, Lynn

Obechi, Bob Rieth, Sandy Rieth, and Jeni Sweeten

## YOUTH NEWS / ALL-CHURCH NEWS

### Change of Location for 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 Horseshoe Lake Park, 1799 S. Park Blvd., Shaker Heights (note change of location). Hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers will be provided by the District 2 Advisors; each church attending is asked to provide a beverage or side dish to share, as well as at least one adult chaperone. **R.S.V.P. by August 11 to** [ohiocyfd2@yahoo.com](mailto:ohiocyfd2@yahoo.com) or 216-543-7164 with the number attending and the food item you will share.

### Wanted: Your Talent—and Your Presence

Please plan to attend WACC's District 2, all-ages talent show which will be hosted by our youth groups on Saturday, August 22 at 6 p.m. A sign-up sheet is posted on the window of the Elders' conference room. (You may also sign up by contacting the church office [[office@waccelyria.org](mailto:office@waccelyria.org) or 323-4213] or Tony Hampton [216-704-0886]). Come to entertain or simply be entertained! Catered food will be available; a freewill offering will help WACC's youth groups plan their 2009-2010 activities.

**Ahead: Grades 6-12 overnight at WACC August 29-30**

# THE SPIRE



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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

*We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.*

*As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.*  
—Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting July 29-August 2 in Indianapolis, was challenged to live out this high calling. We were formed to witness to the unity of the Church. Barton Stone, one of our church's founders, referred to Christian unity as our "polar star".

The oneness in which we are created by God is referred to by the Apostle Paul in writings composed nearly 2,000 years ago: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

The oneness in which we are created by God is referred to by Thomas Campbell, another of our church's founders, in his "Declaration and Address" which was written 200 years ago: "The Church of Christ upon earth is essentially, intentionally, and constitutionally one." Our lack of recognition of this gift does not make it any less real.

The recognition of the reality that we are created as one sometimes finds expression in the life of a congregation. Oftentimes not, as other churches are viewed with suspicion and feared as competition. This summer, a glimpse of the unity of the Church of Christ will be experienced through Vacation Bible School.

In partnership with First Congregational United Church of Christ and St. Paul United Church of Christ, we will be part of a multi-site caravan next week. Each evening of the three nights of VBS will be spent in each of the three participating congregations. God will travel with our children who will lead us in ways of oneness...



Love,

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### VBS "Walkabout"

Our ecumenical Vacation Bible School ("Let's Hike Around Town") will be held August 11-13 at three different churches in the Elyria area. Participants will 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](mailto:office@waccelyria.org) or 323-4213) to register your child. Want to help? Contact Debbie Walker.

### To Australia...and Back to The Shack

This Sunday, August 9, Elliott Wainwright will talk to our Intergenerational Church School Class about his recent ambassadorial trip to Australia.

The following Sunday, Becky Thompson will lead the class in a theological discussion of William P. Young's, *The Shack*. This is a follow-up session to the July 26 gathering which was led by Mark Mathes.

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

### August 9 Lectionary Corner

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
Psalm 130 John 6:35, 41-51\*

\*Sermon focus

### Back-to-School Items Needed

Two organizations which receive ongoing support through WACC's outreach efforts have asked for help collecting back-to-school items.

In addition to the canned and boxed food listed on our grocery cart in the hall of the new building, the Elyria Hospitality Center would like school supplies for its client families. Food items and school supplies both may be placed in the EHC shopping cart.

A bin for school uniforms for the children of the Cleveland Christian Home will be in the narthex beginning this Sunday (through August 30). Needed are khaki or navy slacks and blue or white polo (or button down) shirts (no logos or insignias of any kind), all in boys' size 12-men's XXL. Also needed are new dress (or tennis) shoes in men's sizes. Monopoly games and school supplies will also be appreciated.

Please keep the above items in mind as you shop over the next few weeks. Thank you for caring and sharing!

### Mission Trip to Galveston, TX

Last September, Hurricane Ike caused the flooding of several Disciples churches in Louisiana and Texas. Disciples Volunteering's annual Fall Blitz Build will complete the restoration of Galveston's Second Street Christian Church November 7-22. Cost for the Build is \$175 per person and includes all meals and housing for one week, a t-shirt, accident insurance, building materials and project costs, AND what might be a life-changing experience!

Disciples Volunteering remains committed to bringing hope and healing to those who are affected by disaster and to letting people know that they are not forgotten. Now is the time to answer God's call to mission, and to schedule your first—or your next—mission trip. Register for the Fall Blitz Build in Galveston (or any of the ongoing Mission Stations) at:

[www.discipleshomemissions.org/Volunteer/DisasterResponse/Register.htm](http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/Volunteer/DisasterResponse/Register.htm).



Call 888-346-2631 today to find out how to partner in this important mission.

### Children Worship and Wonder Training Dates Nearing—Register NOW!

WACC will host a Children Worship and Wonder training event August 14-16. If you haven't yet registered, pick up a form from our main bulletin board, or register online by following the link at: [www.discipleshomemissions.org/FamilyandChildren/CWW.htm](http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/FamilyandChildren/CWW.htm).

- Sun., 8/9: - See back page for the day's schedule (Advance Conference at Camp Christian begins; ends 8/16. Melanie Majewski will be attending.)
- Mon., 8/10: - EHS Fiddlers rehearsal in the sanctuary, 1-4 p.m.
- Tue., 8/11: - Vacation Bible School; host is St. Paul UCC, 9715 E. River Rd., 6 p.m.
- Wed., 8/12: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Thu., 8/13: - Vacation Bible School; host is First Congregational UCC, 330 Second St., 6 p.m.
- Fri., 8/14: - WACC hosts Children Worship and Wonder training event, 6 p.m. (ends 8/16).
- Sat., 8/15: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 3 (Barbara Terrell, captain).

### NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

#### Congratulations!

Our early-August anniversaries include those of Walt and Joan Norton, Jeremy and Heidi Smith and Mark and Kathy Wainwright (8/1, #11, #11 and #22, respectively); Tim and Marcia Widman and Randy and Mary Mizen Bruce (8/2, #24 and #6, respectively); Al and Glenna Knapp (8/5, #31); and, Chris and Liz Tobin (8/6, #4). Continued blessings and best wishes to all!

Recent retirements include those of...  
...Pete Majewski, from Chemical Solvents, Inc.;  
...Janet Stevens-Brown, from Lorain County Community College;

...Nancy Walker, from teaching at Prospect Elementary (Elyria Public Schools); and,  
...Gerald Western, from the Forestry division of First Energy.

Best wishes and blessings to all! (Are there other new retirees out there?)

#### Always a Hit!

WACC's Quartiff will sing the national anthem before the Lake Erie Crushers game this Sunday at Avon's All Pro Freight Stadium. Game time is 5:05 p.m.

#### College Bound?

If you (or your son/daughter) are going away to school, please contact the church office (323-4213) with the new address info., including email, so we can keep in touch!

#### Prayer Focus

Please pray for the unity of the Church and for next week's Vacation Bible School.

#### Hospitalized

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

Marilyn Landes  
Sue McKain  
Kay Mundorf (in-and-out)

### CALENDAR