

## AUGUST 16, 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  
3:00 p.m. District 2 CYF picnic, Horseshoe Lake Park  
**OPENER:** Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.  
**GREETERS:** Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan  
**ACOLYTES:** Samantha Moore and Nautica Walker  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** John Davis  
**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long  
**TELLERS:** Dan Clark and Tim Haywood  
**ELDER (8:30):** PIANIST (8:30):  
Janet Stevens-Brown Carolyn Long  
**ELDERS (10:45):** HOME COMMUNION:  
Gerald Western Tim Haywood  
Bill Clark Jeni Sweeten  
**DIACONATE:** Team III  
8:30 - Jason Higgins and Dan Maddock  
10:45 - Pam Henry, Michelle Kazmierczak, Michelle  
Kersey, Sean Kersey, Carol Mosher, Karen Schneider,  
Laverne Stroup, and Wayne Walker

## YOUTH NEWS / ALL-CHURCH NEWS

### Chi Rho/CYF Gathering and District 2 CYF Picnic

Our Chi Rho and CYF will meet with Youth Minister Tony Hampton this Sunday, August 16, following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.

Then, at 3 p.m., youth entering/finishing grades 9-12 are invited to the District 2 CYF picnic at Horseshoe Lake Park, 1799 S. Park Blvd., Shaker Heights. 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. today to** 216-543-7164 or [ohiocyfdis2@yahoo.com](mailto:ohiocyfdis2@yahoo.com).

The picnic will end at 7 p.m.

### All-Church (and More) Talent Show August 22

Area Disciples congregations have been invited to be part of WACC's all-ages talent show, hosted by our youth groups, on Saturday, August 22 at 6 p.m. Performers and an audience are both needed. To sign up, use the sheet posted on the window of the Elders' conference room or contact the church office or Tony Hampton [216-704-0886].

### Chi Rho & CYF Overnight at WACC August 29-30

Youth from area Disciples churches, grades 6-12, are invited to an overnight at WACC August 29 (6 p.m.)-August 30 (12 noon). More details to come.

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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

The annual summer ritual of "back-to-school" is underway. School clothes are being supplemented after deciding what is needed. School supplies are being stockpiled after determining what is required.


While running a quick errand at Target over the weekend, I witnessed a couple of "back-to-school" shopping excursions in progress. One involved a father and daughter with arms linked, perusing the store's offerings and making careful choices of what to buy. The other involved a tired kid, legs linked through the shopping cart seat, letting the world know of his unhappiness.

Some kids go back to school with eager anticipation, looking forward to a year filled with adventures in learning and growing. Some kids go back to school kicking and screaming, dreading the challenges and changes that will be required.

It sounds a lot like life. Though we adults try to disguise our childlike—and childish—reactions, they are there. There is the childlike wonder at everyday moments when the world seems brand new or when the depth of a loving relationship seems unfathomable. And there is the childish impatience when our progress to get where we are going is impeded or when our plans are thwarted.

This summer's news seems to be filled with more examples of "melt-downs" than mature behavior. It's time for the adults of this country to become the role models of civility that our children so desperately need. They are watching us.

Responding with temper tantrums and silent treatments, with road rage and slammed doors—personal expressions of hostility and hatred that are related to war—is not the example of respect and reason that our world needs. By being in communion with Christ and one another, we are given the pathway to peace. May we seek to live in ways that encourage this "back-to-school" time to be "back-to-civility" as well...

Love,  


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### From Our Doorsteps...

This Sunday, August 16, you'll have the opportunity to support WACC's own local outreach program, "From Our Doorsteps..." The idea came from (literally) found money. The cash was donated to begin a fund which could help local people known to folks in our congregation, who could use a financial boost due to an unexpected emergency.

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 "From Our Doorsteps" written on the memo line.

If you know of a deserving potential recipient, please contact Pastor Janet Long. Thank you for giving generously!

### Upcoming Retreats at Camp Christian

For Everyone—Disciples Fellowship Retreat featuring a Bible-times marketplace for all ages, September 4-6.

For Women—"Back to the Future," a look at Women's Ministries of the past and a vision for the years ahead, September 11-13.

For Men—"I Love to Tell the Story," an examination of how Jesus' experiences relate to our everyday lives and how we can continue to share his story with others; led by Rev. Harry Bolen; September 18-20. Registration information and complete details for these events are on our main bulletin board.

### August 16 Lectionary Corner

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Ephesians 5:15-20  
Psalm 111 John 6:51-58\*

\* Sermon focus

### Back-to-School Items Needed

Please remember to support the two school supplies drives taking place at WACC: In addition to our ongoing collection of nonperishable food, 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 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. Thank you for caring and sharing!

### The Shack is Back; Weighty Water

This Sunday, August 16, Becky Thompson will lead the Intergenerational Church School 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.

Next Sunday, August 23, Nancy Huller will lead a discussion of, "What's in Your Water Bottle?"

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

### Yukon River Project Needs You

Severe flooding this past winter has decimated northeast Alaska towns along a 3,000-mile stretch of the Yukon River. Residents of these remote Native American communities survive primarily by subsistence living. To rebuild their homes, the residents would be required to forego their hunting and winter preparations.

Together with Disciples Home Missions' Disciples Volunteering, First Christian Church of Anchorage, the Northwest Region of the Christian Church, North Alaska Disaster Response, and Week of Compassion, you can help:

Disciples volunteers will spend three weeks (August 21-September 14) in the affected area, working 10-12 hours each day to help rebuild homes. Volunteers will be responsible for airfare to and from Anchorage; all other expenses will be covered.

If you can participate physically, please contact Carl Zerweck (317-289-5061). If you would like to help by making a monetary response, please make your check payable to "WACC" with "Yukon River Project" on the memo line. Your concern for others will be most appreciated!

### Art for Heart's Sake

Please remember to be creating or collecting items (paintings, handicrafts, jewelry, etc.) for our November 8 Outreach Art Auction.

### NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

#### Welcome!

Scott Reed has moved back to Elyria and has moved his church membership back to WACC. He came forward at the early Service this past Sunday. Welcome home, Scott!

#### Congratulations!

Rachel Schmidt and Jim Sagona were united in marriage on Saturday, August 8 in Tipp City, Ohio. Rachel is the daughter of DiAnne and Dennis Schmidt.

Bud & Polly Simmons are the proud great-grandparents of Ava Elizabeth Hughes who was born on August 8 in North Carolina.

This week's anniversary couples include Don & Glendora Hange (8/7, #55), Dan & Heidi Coffman (8/8, #11), Ken & Margi Evans (8/9, #50), and Wayne & Debbie Walker (8/11, #30).

Best wishes and blessings to all!

#### Garden Walk Invitation

Chris Thomas and Chris Trunk extend an invitation for a summer garden walk at their home (37690 Eagle Nest Drive, Grafton [Flint Ridge]) this Saturday, August 15, 1-4 p.m.

#### Prayer Focus

Please pray for cooler heads and calmer hearts to prevail in our national conversations over health care reform, that informed minds might carry the day and lead to civil discourse.

#### Hospitalized

At EMH: George ("Bob") McNulty  
At Hillcrest: Lauri Warfield  
At Metro: Herman Dull

## CALENDAR

Thu., 8/13: - Vacation Bible School; host is First Congregational UCC, 330 Second St., 6 p.m.

Sat., 8/15: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 3 (Barbara Terrell, captain).

Sun., 8/16: - See back page for the day's schedule.

Tue., 8/18: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Sat., 8/22: - All-Church Talent Show in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.

