

AUGUST 23, 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: Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: Rick & Jean Kennedy
ACOLYTES: Halley Novak and Taylor Novak
WORSHIP LEADER: Glenna Knapp
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Larry McIntyre and Dan Walker
ELDER (8:30): PIANIST (8:30):
 Barbara Terrell DiAnne Schmidt
ELDERS (10:45): HOME COMMUNION:
 Ken Mundorf Mark Mathes
 Don Hange, Jr. Sean Kersey
DIACONATE: Team IV
8:30 - Bud Simmons and Polly Simmons
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 / ALL-CHURCH NEWS

All-Church Talent Show This Saturday

Please plan to attend this Saturday's talent show which will showcase a wide variety of performances from those in our congregation and beyond. The fun will start at 6 p.m. Catered food will be available. Weather permitting, we'll be on the lawn, so please bring a lawn chair or blanket for sitting. (In case of rain, we'll move to Fellowship Hall.) Although our performance roster is set, time permitting, we may be able to accommodate a few "walk-ons" that evening.

District Overnight at WACC August 29-30

Youth entering grades 6-12, from all area Disciples churches, are invited to an overnight at WACC August 29-30. We'll play some outdoor games (weather permitting), watch movies and have a great time. Please DO invite friends who don't attend WACC to join us. Also, please bring a snack to share, bedding and appropriate sleepwear. (*Guest churches are asked to provide at least one adult chaperone.*) Activities will start at 6 p.m. on Saturday; parents may take their young people home on Sunday following either the 8:30 Worship Service or the 10:45 Service. Questions? Contact WACC Youth Minister Tony Hampton (216-704-0886).

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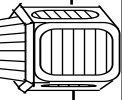
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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

You've heard it said: "Youth are the future of the church." True enough. But I would add: *Youth are the present of the church as well.* Virtually everyone in our congregation wants our church to grow in its ministry to and with youth and children.

Two special events involving our youth and children are on the horizon—and are nearly upon us! The first is the youth-sponsored All-Church Talent Show this Saturday evening at 6 p.m. Bring your lawn chair, your appetite, your friends and family, your sense of humor, and your applause in support of this fun time of fellowship.

Then, on Sunday morning, August 23, we will hold our annual blessing of backpacks, book bags, briefcases, and bus keys as we send our students, teachers, administrators, and support staff members back to school with our love and prayers. From preschool to graduate school, this Sunday is for all who are involved with education.

One of the best ways that we can support our children and youth is by being present with them. That involves attending their events, striking up conversations with them, learning their names, and caring about what is important in their lives. And, of course, parents start all this in motion by bringing their kids to church in the first place.

From acolytes to Children Worship & Wonder, from Vacation Bible School to regular youth group meetings, from Camp Christian to overnights, from youth serving as Diaconate and Worship Leaders to sharing in all-church visioning and strategic planning, children and youth are valued here at Washington Avenue Christian Church.

Your presence this weekend will remind them...

Love,

Back-to-School Items Needed

Please remember the **Elyria Hospitality Center** and the **Cleveland Christian Home** as you shop for school supplies now through August 31.

The EHC needs non-perishable food items as well as school supplies; both may be placed in the EHC shopping cart.

The CCH will benefit from school uniform items as well as general school supplies. Especially 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 your generosity!

From Agua to Terra Firma

Have you tried our Intergenerational Church School Class this summer?

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

Next Sunday, Ken Mundorf will facilitate a session on, "Land: Conservation and Renewal."

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

OUTREACH AUTUMN ART AUCTION

Sunday, November 8
Decorative or wearable art, event admissions, gift certificates, services, etc. are needed.

August 23 Lectionary Corner

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 Ephesians 6:10-20
Psalm 84 John 6:56-69*

**Sermon focus*



Experience

The Marketplace at Camp Christian September 4-6

Step back into the past and experience the sights, sounds, textures, tastes, and aromas of The Marketplace Labor Day Weekend at Disciples Fellowship Retreat at Camp Christian September 4-6.

DFR is an all-ages camp for young families, couples, singles, retirees—anyone who would enjoy fun and fellowship with other Disciples in the beautiful and calming atmosphere of Camp Christian. This year's Bible-times marketplace is sure to be a crowd-pleasing event for everyone.

Registration is a maximum of \$165 for an entire household (\$55 per person for ages 13-adult, \$35 for ages 6-12, \$25 for ages 3-5, and free for those age 2 and younger) and includes all meals and lodging.

Contact the church office (323-4213 or office@waccelyria.org) or visit our main bulletin board for registration forms and complete information.

Women's Retreat September 11-13

"Back to the Future," a look at Women's Ministries of the past and your vision for the years ahead, will take place at Camp Christian September 11-13. All Ohio Disciples women are invited to attend. Stop by our main bulletin board for details and complete registration information.

Joanna Circle's

annual family picnic will take place on Thursday, September 3, at 6 p.m. at the home of Susan & Mark Mathes, 1730 Gulf Road. Those attending are asked to bring their own table service, lawn chair/s and a dish to share. Joanna Circle members are also asked to bring their program ideas for the coming year.

Ohio Disciples Men's Retreat

The Reverend Harry Bolen will be the featured speaker at the Ohio Disciples Men's Fall Retreat at Camp Christian September 18-20. "I Love to Tell the Story," will be an examination of how Jesus' experiences relate to our everyday lives and how we can continue to share his story with others. Other activities will include a movie, fishing, canoeing, corn hole game, and worship.

Registration for the entire weekend is \$100 per person (\$75 for Friday-Saturday evening OR Saturday morning-Sunday; \$60 for Saturday only) and includes all meals and lodging. A \$20 discount is available to men under the age of 30. Registrations received after September 11 will be assessed a \$5 late fee.

Registration forms are posted on our main bulletin board.

CALENDAR

Sat., 8/22: - All-Church Talent Show on front lawn (Fellowship Hall if raining), 6 p.m.
Sun., 8/23: - See back page for the day's schedule.
Tue., 8/25: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
Sat., 8/29: - Chi Rho & CYF overnight in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m. (ends 8/30, 12 noon).

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS AND CONCERN TIMES TWO

Liz Kenyon & Alex McKenna became the parents of twin sons, Peyton and Carter, on August 13. The babies were born at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital where they remain hospitalized with breathing-related difficulties.

Our best wishes and prayers for God's blessings surround the twins, their parents and their grandparents, John & Cheryl McKenna. Also part of the welcoming party is Aunt Tiana.

Darl & Dorie Hendricks are celebrating 58 years of wedded bliss (8/17). Continued happiness!

THANK YOU

I'm blessed to have such a caring church family. Thanks for the prayers, cards and phone calls while I've been dealing with back and foot problems.

- Kay Mundorf

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for those beginning and going back to school.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround Tom & Linda Dull and family in the death of Herman Dull on Saturday. Services will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) with Pastor Janet Long officiating.

May God's presence be a source of comfort and peace to all who mourn.

HOSPITALIZED

At EMH: Pam Henry
At Rainbow: Carter McKenna

At Home:

Peyton McKenna
Judy Jackson (in-and-out)
Liz Kenyon
Bob Maxwell (in-and-out)
Bob McNulty
Lauri Warfield