

AUGUST 30, 2009

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
 9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by
 Intergenerational Church School
 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by the Hayes Family
 12:00 noon Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night
 5:30 p.m. Bud Simmons **CLOSER:** Jim Gainer
OPENER: Al Knapp
GREETER: Al Knapp

ACOLYTES: Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz

WORSHIP LEADER: Janet Stevens-Brown

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan

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

Chris Baumgartner Becky Thompson

ELDERS (10:45): **HOME COMMUNION:**

Becky Thompson Becky Thompson

Chris Baumgartner Dan Walker

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

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. Saturday; event ends Sunday following the 8:30 a.m. Service (or the 10:45 Service). Questions? Contact WACC Youth Minister Tony Hampton (216-704-0886).

Upcoming Disciples Retreats*

Disciples Fellowship Retreat: September 4-6, for all Disciples, at Camp Christian.

Ohio Disciples Women's Fall Retreat: September 11-13 at Camp Christian.

Ohio Disciples Men's Fall Retreat:

September 18-20 at Camp Christian.

Upcoming Women's Event*

Bloom Where You Are Planted: September 12 at the Elyria Holiday Inn.

*Registration details are posted on our main bulletin board.

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,


Our General Minister & President, the Reverend Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, is encouraging Disciples to get involved in the national conversation regarding health care reform. Certainly, the voice of reason is needed. Civil discourse is not being modeled. Outrageous claims of death panels and tax-funded abortions have ratcheted up the emotion to a fever pitch.

This past Wednesday, 140,000 religious leaders participated in a conference call with President Obama regarding health care reform. While there are a variety of ideas about how such a program should (or should not) be structured and funded, there is a growing consensus that affordable health care for all needs to be a priority in this country.

What should we do? We should become better informed on the issue, we should pray, we should write our members of Congress, we should get involved. Most days, I hear at least one member of WACC lament that s/he can't afford medicine, can't get a needed test because the insurance company is dragging its feet or can't take a sick child to the doctor.

Health care is a matter of justice. I've known insurance companies to pull coverage out from under folks whose lives depended on treatment. I've known people who couldn't get coverage because of a pre-existing condition (even though it was well-controlled or in remission). I've known employers who went out of business because of the cost of health care for their employees.

The system we have now is broken. We who follow the Great Physician need to get involved so that we might respond to his call to heal the sick. Peace to you and health...

Love,


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Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night

Our Christian Education Committee will sponsor another Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night this Sunday, August 30, starting at 5:30 p.m. We'll enjoy pizza and games (please bring a game to share). Be sure to attend—and bring a friend!



Singers Unite!

The WACC Chancel Choir will return soon as the new program year begins. The first rehearsal takes place at 7 p.m. on

Wednesday, September 9 in the sanctuary. The production team is the same with Rosalie at the keyboard, Alan standing in front and DiAnne assisting. We'd love to have you join us. It's always low-impact fun!

Intergenerational Church School

This Sunday, in our Intergenerational Church School class, Ken Mundorf will facilitate a session on, "Land: Conservation and Renewal."

Next Sunday, September 6, Taylor Novak will share her experiences from a mission trip to Michigan.

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

Back-to-School Deadline is Sunday: Please remember the Cleveland Christian Home and the Elyria Hospitality Center as you shop this week. This Sunday is your final opportunity to bring in school supplies and school uniform items. Questions? Contact the church office (323-4213).

August 30 Lectionary Corner

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27

*Sermon focus

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. A cooking fire will be available to those who wish to bring something to grill. Joanna Circle members are also asked to bring their program ideas for the coming year.

Board Bits

Question: How often does the WACC Board meet?

Answer: Every month during the program year (September-June), up to 43 WACC members—along with our pastor and program staff—assemble to learn about each other's program area activities. If you are a Board member, please make every effort to represent your area of church life at our meeting on September 15. Our thanks to all who serve.

Lauri Warfield,
Board Chair

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Adelle Baker	22	Steve Woosley
	Susan Everhard	23	Jan Henning
4	Pat Gohle		Pamela March
	Britney March		Carol Mosher
5	David Wainwright	24	Sheldon Coffman
	Betsy Grapes	25	Pete Majewski
7	Maureen Mattern		Sandy Rieith
8	Shelly Hyder		Sharon Siffert
	Wayne Walker		Keith Western
	Lisa Ward	27	Steve Gottschling
10	Lauren Wainwright	28	Brad Anderson
11	Bob Stevenson		Jean Arndt
16	Halena Bliss		Dick Burch
	Todd Hyder		Tom Busch
	Chad Maxwell		Jess Osborn
	Derrick Stephenson		Marcia Widman
	Tyler Stephenson		Suzanne Wiles-
19	Marianne Majewski		Menhart
	Brad McLaughlin	29	Margi Evans
21	James Washington	30	Karen Davis

SEPTEMBER ACOLYTES

6	Tyler Schneider and Romeo Walker
13	Samantha Moore and Nautica Walker
20	Halley Novak and Taylor Novak
27	Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner

Thank You

Greetings to all my dear friends at WACC. How blessed I am to have so many prayers and so much love expressed by you, to me. I cherish all the beautiful cards and notes and hope to see you in church soon. A special "Thank you" to Pastor Janet.

Thank you all so much! I miss you!
Love,
Lauri Warfield

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Our end-of-August anniversary couples include Todd & Sherry Hyder (8/22, #28); Brad & Amy Anderson and Jack & Sandy Scott (8/25, #14 and #8, respectively); Bill & Chris Myers (8/26, #36); Doug & Teri Hayes (8/28, #16); and, Art & Jane Cleary (8/29, #12). Continued blessings and best wishes to all!

You Are Invited

It would be our joy to have our WACC family witness the dedication of Robbie Hayes on Sunday, August 30 at the 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services. A coffee hour celebrating Robbie's legal adoption as a member of the Hayes family will be held immediately following the 10:45 Service.

- *The Hayes and Rieth Families*

Prayer Focus

Please pray for affordable, accessible health care for all.

Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround Diane & Bill Wallhead and family in the recent death of Diane's Aunt Winnona in Arizona.

Hospitalized

At EMH: Harold Rickel
At Rainbow: Carter McKenna
Peyton McKenna

At University of Michigan Medical Center,

Ann Arbor: Joe Wargo

At Home: Mildred Biltz

Pam Henry

Judy Hook

Judy Jackson (in-and-out)

CALENDAR

Sat., 8/29: - Chi Rho & CYF overnight in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m. (ends 8/30, 12 noon).

Sun., 8/30: - See back page for the day's schedule.

Mon., 8/31: - Worship Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Tue., 9/1: - Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6 p.m.

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

Thu., 9/3: - Washington Avenue Preschool orientation, 10 a.m.

- Joanna Circle family picnic at the home of Susan & Mark Mathes, 1730 Gulf Rd., 6 p.m.

Fri., 9/4: - Disciples Fellowship Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 9/6).