

September 20, 2009

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
 9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by Church School
 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 10:45 a.m. Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF gatherings*
OPENER: Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.
GREETER: Carol McIntyre

ACOLYTES: Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner
WORSHIP LEADER: Gary McIntyre
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: John McKenna and Lauri Warfield

ELDER (8:30): Lauri Warfield

Debby Willets

ELDERS (10:45):

Tim Haywood

Barbara Terrell

DIACONATE: Team III

8:30 - Jason Higgins and Tina Maddock

10:45 - Pam Henry, Michelle Kazmierczak, Michelle Kersey, Sean Kersey, Carol Mosher, Karen Schneider, Laverne Stroup, and Wayne Walker

*Lunch will be provided by Elders Janet Stevens-Brown and Debby Willets.

September 27, 2009

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
 9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by Church School
 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 10:45 a.m. Outreach Committee meeting

OPENER: Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre

GREETERS: Larry & Betty McIntyre

ACOLYTES: Halley Novak and Taylor Novak

WORSHIP LEADER: Jane Hutson

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak

ELDER (8:30): Carole Weinhardt

Chris Baumgartner

ELDERS (10:45):

Mark Mathes

Janet Stevens-Brown

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,

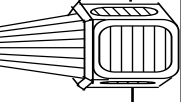
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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

We're half-way through the month of September. Labor Day, 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service, Grandparent's Day, Rosh Hashanah, Citizenship Day, Constitution Day, POW/MIA Recognition Day, VJ Day, Mayflower Day, and Mexican Independence Day are some of the observances held during September.

Did you know that we're in the midst of the month designated for celebrating Classical Music, Hispanic Heritage, Fall Hats, Square Dancing, Blueberry Popsicles, Courtesy, the Piano, Chicken, Baby Safety, Little League, Honey, Self-Improvement, and Better Breakfasts?

In addition, special days this month are designated to focus on...

People: Confucius, Good Neighbors, Johnny Appleseed, Native Americans, Business Women, Women's Friendship, Emma M. Nutt (the first woman telephone operator), Newspaper Carriers, Step-families, Working Parents

Animals: Rabbits, Dogs in Politics, Elephant Appreciation, Teddy Bears, Pet Memorial

Foods: Cherries Jubilee, Punch, Butterscotch Pudding, Cheese Pizza, Date Nut Bread, Chocolate Milkshakes, Fortune Cookies, Peanuts, Cream-Filled Donuts, Apple Dumplings, Cheeseburgers

Activities: Mud Pack, Ask a Stupid Question, Crush a Can, Comic Book, Checkers, Miniature Golf, Be Late for Something, Read a Book, Sewing Machine, Swap Ideas, Video Games, Positive Thinking, Make a Hat, Collect Rocks, Play-Doh, Talk Like A Pirate, Make Your Bed

Off-the-wall: National Beheading Day, Skyscraper Day, Neither Rain nor Snow Day, No News is Good News Day, Uncle Sam Day, and Defy Superstition Day

While most of the above are not worth the time of day, several September occasions—Literacy Day, Gratitude Day, Pardon Day, and the International Day of Peace—are very worthwhile. But at the top of my list is our **Reconciliation Offering Day** (September 27). Please give generously to this important mission.

Love,

 Janet Long

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Children and Parents Worship & Wonder

Parents are invited to worship with their children in the Children's Sanctuary this Sunday, September 20, as our Children Worship & Wonder program explores, "The Story of The Light." CW&W takes place after our young worshipers depart from the WACC sanctuary shortly after the start of the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.

The Free Health Program and Salad Buffet registration deadline is Monday, September 21. The event will take place on Thursday, September 24, at 6 p.m. at DeLuca's Place in the Park. R.S.V.P. to lcmcd@centurytel.net or 934-6825.

Reconciliation Offering September 27

Join the effort to end racism with a gift to Reconciliation Ministries next Sunday. Donations to this special offering will help develop and support programs which seek to improve personal relationships among people of different races, as well as repair systemic inequities of power and opportunity.

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. Checks should be payable to WACC, with "Reconciliation" written on the memo line. Thank you for giving generously!

September 20 Lectionary Corner

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1

September 27 Lectionary Corner

Esther 7:1-6, 9:10
Psalm 124

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37*

James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50*

*Sermon foci

CCH Homecoming Day September 26

The Cleveland Christian Home will have its Homecoming Day on Saturday, September 26. The event will begin at 12 noon and will feature tours and speakers on the history of CCH, as well as information about the Home's current programming throughout the Greater Cleveland area. In keeping with the tradition of Homecoming Day, there will be reunion and alumni activities for former residents of the Home.

To participate in the Homecoming activities, or to volunteer time to help the CCH prepare for the big day, call (216) 476-0333 or email dryant@ccnworks.org.

Joanna Circle

will meet on Thursday, October 1, at 7 p.m. at the home of Sue McKain, 3 Canterbury Circle, Oberlin. The group will begin the study of *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*.

Preschool Year Off to Good Start

The Washington Avenue Preschool has begun another school year with 9 students, lead teacher Sheila Smith, aide Michelle Kersey, and Director Laverne Stroup ("Town Clown"). Marion Wiles is planning to join the staff later this year.

Many thanks to Peggy Haywood for donating a computer. (*Still needed is a child's table which will safely hold the equipment.*) Additional thanks to WACC Custodian Phil Smith for refinishing the table tops. Debbie Walker helped reorganize the Preschool room to better facilitate both mid-week and Church School learners, Michelle Kersey helped clean a lot of toys, and Phil Smith and Sean Kersey hauled furniture. Thanks, too, to the Property Committee for its support. Nancy White will be reorganizing the supply room (for both Preschool and Church School) this Fall.

Finally, your prayers are requested for last year's lead teacher, Gayle Darmstadt, as she faces surgery and a lengthy recuperation time. Hopefully, she will be able to return to teach later this year.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Couples celebrating September 11 wedding anniversaries include Bill & Vivian Gibbens (#61), Larry & Danielle Kramer (#10) and Mark & Shelley Novak (#16). Bert & Amy Fitzgerald are celebrating their 18th anniversary (9/14). Continued blessings and best wishes to all!

Office Administrator Diana Tyler will be on vacation September 21-25 preparing for her son's wedding. The office phone will be checked regularly for messages while Diana is away.

Prayer Focus

Please participate in "A Million Minutes for Peace" by praying for peace for one minute on September 21, the International Day of Peace.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

What can I say except, "Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!" to all of you who have shown and are showing still such kindness these last long months? You are living out the faith and giving glory to God in many practical, helpful ways. Thank you!

Love, Pat Gohle

Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround Jim & Rosalie Gainer in the recent death of Jim's brother, Herbert. May God's peace comfort all who mourn.

Hospitalized

At EMH: George ("Bob") McNulty
At Home: John Davis

CALENDAR



- Thu., 9/17: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.
- Property Committee meeting in the Gibbens conference room, 7 p.m.
- Book Club gathering in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Fri., 9/18: - Ohio Disciples Men's Fellowship Fall Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 9/20).
- Sat., 9/19: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 6 (Gail Haywood, captain).
- Sun., 9/20: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 9/21: - Office Administrator away on vacation through 9/25; please call before dropping by.
- Tue., 9/22: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 9/23: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 9/24: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., 9/26: - Elders' Workshop at Central Christian Church, Wooster, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Cleveland Christian Home Homecoming Day, 12 noon.
- Sun., 9/27: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Tue., 9/29: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 9/30: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 10/1: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Sue McKain, 3 Canterbury Circle, Oberlin, 7 p.m.