

October 4, 2009—World Communion Sunday

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. Alternative Gifts Fair coffee hour hosted by the Outreach Committee, followed by Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF gatherings
Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas
OPENER: Arlene Knepper and Pat Schwarz
GREETERS: Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz
ACOLYTES: Gail Haywood
WORSHIP LEADER: Dr. Janet A. Long
PREACHER: Larry McIntyre and Dan Walker
TELLERS: **PIANIST (8:30):** Carolyn Long
ELDERS (10:45): **HOME COMMUNION:** Ken Mundorf Lauri Warfield
Tim Haywood Thomas Dull

DIACONATE: Team I

8:30 - Mike Crocker and Robin Crocker
10:45 - Dennis Jackson, Cindy Knapp, Gary Knapp, Jan Moore, Kay Mundorf, Elliot Wainwright, Kathy Wainwright, Mark Wainwright, Dan Walker, and Nancy Walker

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP GATHERINGS THIS SUNDAY

Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will gather this Sunday following the coffee hour. Lunch will be provided by Elder Don Hange, Jr.

CYF HALLOWEEN OVERNIGHT

CYFs from Districts 2, 3 and 15 will enjoy a Halloween overnight on Saturday, October 17-Sunday, October 18 at Westlake Christian Church. Those attending will take part in a costume contest (tasteful, appropriate themes and attire, please), visit a haunted house, watch scary movies, play games, and more. The event will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday and end at noon on Sunday, following worship.

Event admission will be \$17 for those going through the haunted house; \$5 for those who do not. A signed permission slip (available on the bulletin board outside Tony's office) is needed for each CYF member attending. Please also bring a snack to share, bedding and appropriate sleep attire and worship attire. Each church group attending must provide at least one chaperone. **R.S.V.P. by**

October 11 to ohiocyfdis2@yahoo.com or to Tori at 216-543-7164.

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

The church of Jesus Christ is essentially, intentionally and constitutionally one. So wrote Thomas Campbell in his "Declaration and Address" 200 years ago. That belief is the foundation for World Communion Sunday, initiated by Disciple Jesse Bader in 1940. An example of our unity in Christ is shared by Rick Spleth, Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana.

It was my privilege to share in hosting our Congolese guests, Rev. Ilumbe and Rosette, in their five-week journey around the Region. Over that period of time they visited 27 congregations, Christian Theological Seminary, two church camps, and a hospital and participated in the General Assembly. We threw in visits to four Indiana farms and a baseball game for good measure.


My favorite story from the month was an unexpected one. Attending a banquet at a downtown Indianapolis hotel with Ilumbe and Rosette, I was surprised with the greeting of our banquet waiter. "I know you," he said to Ilumbe. "You came to my church."

He introduced himself as José. He indicated that he had been in Indianapolis just one month, moving here from Mexico City. He immediately found the Disciples congregation his sister had been attending for a year. That first Sunday, Rev. Ilumbe was the guest preacher. "Your preaching touched my heart that day," he said.

José landed a job at the Marriott a few weeks after that encounter, and during his first week on the job, the hotel was helping to host the General Assembly—of his church. He said that as he heard the banquet speakers talk about the growth of Hispanic Disciples in our church, he wanted to say, "That is me."

On Sunday afternoon, August 2, the whole Assembly gathered for a closing concert and communion service. As I entered the plenary hall there was José, no longer in his waiter's uniform, but dressed for worship with his new church, thankful for the welcome he had received as a new immigrant.

This Sunday—World Communion Sunday—and every Sunday, we celebrate our unity in Christ at his table. What an extravagant, exquisite gift of grace!

Love,

Janet

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Alternative Gifts Fair This Sunday

Most of us, at one time or another, have been asked, "What do you want for... (...Christmas?) ...your birthday?" etc.) Often, we struggle with a response.

With essential resources, financial wealth and life-improving opportunities available unequally across our planet, many of us realize that we (and most of our family and friends) already have everything we need...and more. And, while we truly appreciate the loving intent of those who want to grace us with a gift, we also remember Jesus' teachings about loving our neighbor and helping "the least of these".

This Sunday, October 4, the Outreach Committee will give you the opportunity to explore ways to honor loved ones and commemorate special occasions through charitable giving and responsible shopping which supports economic development efforts of those whose very lives depend upon a more equitable balance of this world's abundance. What an especially appropriate Sunday to invite family, friends and neighbors to visit WACC! Please join us this Sunday for Worship (at 8:30 or 10:45 a.m.) and also for this very special coffee hour which will take place in Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 a.m. Service. *(Can't make it to the coffee hour? Alternative gift information will be available and on display over the next several weeks.)*

CWU Fall Mission October 13

Church Women United's Fall Mission event will take place on Tuesday, October 13, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 185 S. Pleasant St., Oberlin. Program donation is \$1; \$4 additional for lunch. R.S.V.P. by October 9 to Pauline Wallace, 323-8429.

October 4 Lectionary Corner

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Psalm 26
Mark 10:2-16*

* *Sermon focus*

CCH Work Day October 10

Join other Ohio Disciples in a work day at the Cleveland Christian Home on Saturday, October 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Please call 216-476-0333 to register in advance. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Wear appropriate, comfortable clothing for both indoor and outdoor work.

Harvest Display Time

The Worship Committee is once again seeking help in decorating sanctuary windows and other areas of the church in harvest themes.

Displays may go up anytime between noon on Sunday, October 11 and Saturday, October 17. Please call Sharon Siffert (365-0870), Joan Wilhelm (365-6154) or the church office (323-4213) to help. *(Decorations will need to be removed after the 10:45 a.m. Service on November 22.)*

Board Bits

The first Board meeting of the program year took place on September 13. We heard about summer program highlights, future plans and progress made on WACC's Visioning project. Committees are gearing up for many Fall and Advent activities. Our staff continues to support the WACC family in numerous and wonderful ways (they do not take the summer off!). I invite you to follow and share in the many varied and exciting opportunities listed in each issue of *The Spire*, and also to ask how you can be more involved. "Thank you" to all who serve!
Lauri Warfield, Board Chair



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 | Robbie McIntosh | 20 | Liz Baumgartner |
| | Nancy Walker | | Gina DeSilvester |
| 3 | Chuck Baumgartner | | Linda Wahn |
| | Ashley Kordek | 22 | Kathy Greer |
| 6 | Jessica Hoover | | Dennis Jackson |
| 7 | Ken Roberts | 23 | Glenda Clark |
| | Nautica Walker | | Todd Laufer |
| 9 | Karen Schneider | 24 | Lynn Obechi |
| 10 | Danielle Davis | | Jim Gainer |
| 11 | Bruce Siffert | | Isaiah Green |
| 12 | Benjamin Tobin | | Sheila Smith |
| 15 | Steve Huller | 25 | Al Knapp |
| | Joni Roberts | 27 | Harold Rickel |
| 16 | Jeremy Willets | 28 | Bert Fitzgerald |
| 17 | Diane Wallhead | 29 | Grant Higgins |
| 18 | Ashleigh Arndt | 30 | Johnny Henry |
| | | | Amy Paul |
| | | 31 | Clifford Smith |

October Acolytes

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| 4 | Katie Kostohryz |
| 11 | Bradley Thimke and Tyler Schneider |
| 18 | Samantha Moore and Nautica Walker |
| 25 | Halley Novak and Taylor Novak |

Chancel Choir Oktoberfest

Members of WACC's Chancel Choir are invited to the group's annual Oktoberfest dinner on Wednesday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Center (off Chestnut Ridge Road). **Please let Alan Petersen know in advance if you plan to attend.**

Needed for Preschool supply room: Plastic storage tubs and containers (small, medium and large) and shelves. Items may be left in the coat room across from the office.

CALENDAR

Thu., 10/1: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Sue McKain, 3 Canterbury Circle, Oberlin, 7 p.m. (*Having a Martha Heart in a Mary World* study book available in the Elders' conference room).

Sun., 10/4: - World Communion Sunday and beginning of Month of the Ministry (see back page for the day's schedule).

- Mon., 10/5: - Stewardship Committee meeting in the Gibbens conference room, 6 p.m.
- Worship Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue., 10/6: - Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 10/7: - Chancel Choir Oktoberfest at the Greenbriar Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Thu., 10/8: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.
- Sat., 10/10: - Ohio Disciples Work Day at the Cleveland Christian Home, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Welcome!

Darl & Dorie Hendricks brought joy to our congregation on Sunday by uniting with WACC through transfer of membership. Next-door neighbors of Shirley Shubert, they were Herman Dull's friends and have been attending for some time. Welcome, Darl & Dorie!

Congratulations!

Steve Tyler, son of WACC Office Administrator Diana Tyler, and Jenny Williams were married on Saturday in Oberlin. Best wishes and blessings!

End-of-September anniversaries include those of Jim & Robbie McIntosh (9/19, #50); Scott & Laurie Dieringer and Ben & Ashley Wahn (9/20, #29 and #6, respectively); Dan & Megan Sparks (9/21, #5); and, Ron & Donna Laufer (9/28, #53). Brad & Erin McLaughlin are celebrating their 4th anniversary (10/1). Continued best wishes and blessings to all!

Prayer Focus

Please pray for the church to reflect its God-given unity in Christ.

Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround...
...Becky Papenbrock in the death of her sister-in-law, Stella Rea, on Monday in the Painesville area. Services will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) at Ridge Hill Memorial Park.

...David Wainwright and the Wainwright family in the death of David's wife, Mildred, in Leesburg, Florida on Monday. Funeral arrangements are being finalized.

Hospitalized

At EMH: Carrie Charlton
John Henry
Bob McNulty
At Home: Jim Collier