

October 11, 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. **CLOSER:** Keith Western
OPENER: Dan Clark
GREETERS: Gary & Carol McIntyre
ACOLYTES: Bradley Thimke and Tyler Schneider
WORSHIP LEADER: Tim Haywood
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Dan Clark and Tim Haywood
ELDER (8:30):

Bill Clark

ELDERS (10:45):

Janet Stevens-Brown

Becky Thompson

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

PIANIST (8:30):

Rosalie Gainer

HOME COMMUNION:

Don Hange, Jr.

Karen Schneider

YOUTH NEWS

TOTALLY EXCITED ABOUT MINISTRY?

High School students interested in learning about the field of ministry are invited to a FREE event at Transylvania University (Lexington, Kentucky) November 13-14. Registration forms for "Transy & TEAM" are available on our main bulletin board. Please note that participants must arrange their own transportation.

HALLOWEEN OVERNIGHT DEADLINE SUNDAY

CYF members, remember to R.S.V.P. by THIS SUNDAY (October 11) if you plan to attend the Districts 2, 3 and 15 Halloween overnight at Westlake Christian Church October 17-18. If you plan to tour the haunted house, you'll need to bring \$17. (Not a haunted house fan? Then just bring \$5 to cover your portion of the event's food costs.) Every CYF member will need a signed permission slip (available on the bulletin board outside Tony's office). Please also bring a snack to share, and don't forget your bedding and appropriate sleep attire. Finally, each church group attending must provide at least one chaperone. R.S.V.P. by October 11 to ohiocyfdis@yahoo.com or to Tori at 216-543-7164.

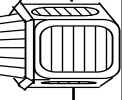
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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

My friend and colleague, Bob Hill, himself a poet, quotes a wonderful line from Abraham Heschel's poem, "People's Eyes Wait". It is a statement of determination to live the life of faith: ... *And I, with stubborn boldness, have promised that I will increase tenderness in the world...*

It takes stubborn boldness to hold fast to a resolve to increase tenderness in the world. After all, we live in a country at war. Today marks the beginning of the ninth year of our involvement in the war in Afghanistan. The trouble with the word "casualties" is that its meaning can become "casual" to us. Regular reports of deaths and injuries make us immune to the actual cost of war. To increase tenderness, we pledge to remember that each statistic is a son or daughter, brother or sister, and friend.

We live in a country at war with ideologies. The "talking heads" incite hatred and venom; politicians invite divisiveness and dissension. Respect is sorely lacking. Civil discourse is seemingly lost. Into that mix of distrust and discord, people of faith are called to speak a word of tenderness.

Who will receive your tenderness today? Your spouse or child or parent or friend needs the quiet assurance of your love. Your coworker or neighbor needs the strength of your friendship. The stranger in line with you at the grocery store needs the blessing of your smile. The bereaved, the sick, the lonely, the unemployed, the poor, the victim, the soldier, the enemy, and the hopeless need your prayers. The tenderness of understanding, acceptance and grace is needed at all levels, by all people. Seek to be a provider of such tender mercies.

Human beings were designed to care for each other. Those who seek the face of Jesus know his tenderness: "Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling..." May our response to his tenderness be increased tenderness in the world.

Love,

Janet

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Trunk or Treat October 25

Whatever your age, you won't want to miss Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25. The Church Life & Growth Committee is again sponsoring this whole-church, all-ages night of costumes, fun, food, and campfire (weather permitting).

The event will start at 6 p.m. with a parade of costumed trick-or-treaters collecting candy and snacks from decorated cars in our parking lot. After that, participants will enjoy food, stories and songs around a campfire. The event will end by 7:30 p.m.

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.

Art Auction Just Weeks Away

The November 8 Outreach Autumn Art Auction is coming up fast on the calendar. We're now accepting donations of various arts and crafts (home décor items, wearable art, etc.) as well as store and restaurant gift certificates, collectibles, sports memorabilia, movie tickets, jewelry, service coupons (catering, yard work, babysitting, etc.). Contact the church office (323-4213 or office@waccelyria.org) with your questions, or to drop off donations.

October 11 Lectionary Corner

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Psalm 22:1-15
Mark 10:17-31*

* *Sermon focus*

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 this 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.*)

CCH Work Day This Saturday

Join other Ohio Disciples in a work day at 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.

Sarah Circle

will gather on Thursday, October 15, at 10:45 a.m. in the youth rooms. Pastor Janet Long will present the program, "Hearts Blessed..." Brenda Keenan, Audrey Price and Shirley Yost will provide lunch. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Upcoming Retreats at Camp Christian

SILENT RETREAT: *Paths to the Holy*

The Christian Church in Ohio is offering a "silent" retreat October 26-30. Participants will experience quiet meditation, Taizé-style worship, reflection through creative arts, and more. The retreat leader is The Reverend Dr. Carol Vaccariello, a "pastor's pastor" who holds a Doctor of Ministry, M. Div., MBA, MSE, and BA. Registration is \$295. Massage and reiki therapy, and additional spiritual direction sessions, are available at additional charge.

MEN'S MINI-RETREAT:

"And the Disciples Said, 'Teach Us to Pray.'"
Disciples men will gather for a mini-retreat about prayer November 13-14. Leaders are the Reverend Harry Bolen and the Reverend Nik Donges. Registration is \$45 (if received by November 1; \$50 after).

WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT:

Breath of Heaven, Pour Over Me
Disciples women will meet for a day of Advent reflection, prayer, conversation, and crafts on Saturday, December 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration is \$35 if received by November 29 (\$40 after). A Friday night pre-event slumber party (additional \$25) is an added option.

Registration for the above events includes lodging and meals. Complete information is posted on our main bulletin board.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brian Maddock has been nominated for the Northeast Ohio Youth Orchestra. Hello, cello! Mike Weinhardt has been named the Nonprofit Board Executive of the Year for his work with the Hattie Larlham organization. Mike will receive a Pillar Award in early December for his efforts to enhance life in Northeast Ohio.

Calvin & Sally Shields are celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary (10/5), Barry & Paula Wilson are celebrating their 15th (10/7), and Vic & Ann Grindle are celebrating their 4th (10/8). Continued blessings and best wishes!

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray and work for increased tenderness in the world.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround...
...Pauline Wallace and Fauna Griffiths and their family in the death of Lynn, Pauline's son and Fauna's brother. As word was received at Spire press-time, details of a memorial service are not yet known.

..the McIntyre family in the death of Betty's sister, Edith White. Services will be held Wednesday.

Calling hours for long-time WACC member Mildred Wainwright will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2-4 p.m. at Bauer-Laubenthal-Mercado Funeral Home. A committal service will be held on Tuesday, October 13 at 10 a.m. at Brookdale Cemetery with Pastor Janet Long officiating.
May God's presence bring comfort and peace to all who mourn.

HOSPITALIZED

At EMH:
Barb Boehler
Pat Gohle

George ("Bob") McNulty
Dick Burch (in-and-out)

Carrie Chariton
Delilah Diedrick

John Henry, Sr.

Evelyn Hollis (in-and-out)

Pete Majewski (in-and-out)

Becky Thompson

Editor's note: We apologize that some of the above names were accidentally left off of last week's list of those hospitalized.

CALENDAR

- Thu., 10/8: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.
- Sat., 10/10: - Ohio Disciples Work Day at Cleveland Christian Home, 11401 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, 9 a.m.
- Sun., 10/11: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 10/12: - Northwood Service Unit Girl Scout Leaders' gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue., 10/13: - Program staff meeting in Pastor Janet's office, 4:15 p.m.
- Elders' supper meeting in the Elders' conference room, 5:30 p.m.
- General Board meeting in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 10/14: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 10/15: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.
- Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Sat., 10/17: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 2 (Barbara Western, captain).
- Districts 2, 3, and 15 CYF Halloween Overnight at Westlake Christian Church, 6 p.m.

