

## October 25, 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 gathering  
12:00 noon Trunk or Treat  
6:00 p.m. Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre  
**OPENER:** Kathryn Carter and Jane Schuster  
**GREETERS:** Kathryn Carter and Jane Schuster  
**ACOLYTES:** Halley Novak and Taylor Novak  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Cheryl McKenna  
**SPEAKER (8:30):** Debbie Walker  
**SPEAKER (10:45):** Diana Tyler  
**TELLERS:** Cheryl McKenna and Lauri Warfield  
**ELDER (8:30):** PIANIST (8:30): DiAnne Schmidt  
Mark Mathes  
**ELDERS (10:45):** **HOME COMMUNION:** Chris Baumgartner  
Tim Haywood Laverne Stroup  
Gerald Western

**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 Six

## YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT NEWS

### YOUTH MEETINGS THIS SUNDAY

Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will meet this Sunday, October 25. Elder Chris Baumgartner will provide lunch.

### INTERESTED IN THE FIELD OF 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" (Totally Excited About Ministry) are available on our main bulletin board. Please note that participants must arrange their own transportation.

### CAMP FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-29)

Advance Conference (aka "Adult Ministry", ages 18-29, post-high school) will have a Winter Retreat at Camp Christian January 1-3. The theme is "Get Personal with Each Other: Diving into Personal Relationships." Registration is just \$80 if received by November 15. Details are posted on our main bulletin board. You may also register online at: [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org).

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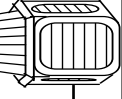


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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

We live in times of high mobility and low commitment. Relationships are treated as disposable; remaining connected is viewed as optional.

My uncle, Walter Gillespie, was a notable exception to this trend. He was born and died in the same town — Dayton, Ohio. He met his future wife, Mary Long, when her father was called to serve as the pastor of his family's church. Walter was a sophomore in high school; Mary was in eighth grade. It sounds like "love at first sight." For eight years, their relationship grew stronger and deeper. In 1940, they married. Sixty-nine wedding anniversaries; seventy-seven years of love. I asked my Aunt Mary about this, commenting that 77 years is a long time to love someone. Her response? "Not long enough."

Perhaps even more unusual is the fact that my Uncle Walter was part of the same church family for the entirety of his 92 years. The congregation went through several name changes and relocations during his lifetime. There was a long line of pastors over those nine decades. He didn't always agree with the decisions made or the directions set, but Walter Gillespie remained faithful: always participating, always giving, always building up the Body of Christ. He believed his role was to strengthen the community of faith and to do his part to make things work. Walter was always "behind the scenes" lending support.

Such loyalty is rare. When a relationship—such as a marriage or church family— involves challenges and changes, some are quick to leave. When a more exciting or appealing option is found, some are prone to wander. But to stay around and stick it out requires both grit and grace. (These comments do not apply to relationships that are abusive: More times than not, the only safe and sane resolution is to break off the destructive, dangerous and/or damaging connection.) Jesus demonstrated grit and grace with his disciples and encourages us to lead lives that are marked by that same love and loyalty, always keeping the faith.

Thank you for all the ways you keep faith with the community we know as Washington Avenue Christian Church. May our devotion to God and one another grow stronger and deeper.

Love,  
  
Janet

### Seminary Scholarships/Ministerial Relief Offering This Sunday

This Sunday, October 25, we'll conclude our "Month of the Ministry" focus with a special offering. Your gifts will benefit students who are preparing to enter Christian ministry, as well as former pastors with inadequate or non-existent pensions.

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 this Sunday. Checks should be payable to WACC, with "Seminary Scholarships/Ministerial Relief" written on the memo line. Thank you for giving generously!

### Board Bits

Representatives from nearly all WACC committees reported at the Board meeting last Tuesday—a great turnout! Everyone has been busy preparing for Fall events and looking forward to Advent. The Stewardship Committee is preparing our annual campaign. The visioning subcommittee reported on the survey from the previous Board meeting and the Elders will be brokering the suggestions to our committees for action. Watch *The Spire* for information on opportunities! "Thank you" to all who serve!  
*Lauri Warfield,*  
 Board Chair



### October 25

#### Lectionary Corner

Job 42:1-6, 10-17\*  
 Hebrews 7:23-28  
 Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

\* Sermon, *foci* at the 10:45 Service

### Trunk or Treat Is This Sunday

Don't miss the fun this Sunday, October 25 at our annual Trunk or Treat! This 6 p.m. event is an all-ages night of costumes, fun, food, and campfire (weather permitting) being sponsored by our Church Life & Growth Committee.



### Art Auction Tickets Now On Sale

Tickets (\$5 each) for the November 8 Outreach Art Auction will be on sale in the narthex through November 8. Reservations can also be made through the church office (office@waccelyria.org or 440-323-4213).

We're still accepting donations of various arts and crafts (home décor items, wearable art, etc.) as well as retail and restaurant gift certificates, collectibles, sports memorabilia, movie tickets, jewelry, and service coupons (catering, yard work, babysitting, etc.). Proceeds from this fundraising event will be shared equally between the Cleveland Christian Home and Neighborhood House Association for children's Christmas gifts. Contact the church office with your questions, or to drop off donations.



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | Barb Gottschling   | 11 | Marilyn Bauer    |
|    | Michelle Kersey    |    | Barbara Long     |
| 3  | Carole Weinhardt   |    | Connie Osborn    |
| 4  | Craig Hange        |    | David Worcester  |
|    | Tina Maddock       | 12 | Debbie Siffert   |
| 5  | Dennis Wilhelm     | 13 | John McKenna     |
|    | Arlene Knepper     | 14 | Roger Bauer      |
|    | Nicholas Osborn    | 15 | Tony Hampton     |
|    | Brian Western      | 16 | Sam Obechi       |
| 6  | Larry Kramer       | 17 | Samantha Moore   |
|    | Mary Lou Petersen  | 18 | P.J. March       |
| 8  | Nate Collins       |    | Diane McCall     |
|    | Gary Ryan McIntyre | 19 | JW Grindle       |
|    | Jake Remley        | 21 | Jim Collier      |
| 9  | Becky Boggs        |    | Cindy Knapp      |
|    | John Henry (Sr.)   | 23 | Wendy Knapp      |
| 10 | Jane Barbee        | 26 | Dan Maddock      |
|    | Wayne Grindle      | 27 | Julia Mattox     |
|    | Tiana McKenna      |    | Erik Smith       |
|    | Don McMahan        | 28 | Melanie Majewski |
|    | Mike Passerello    | 29 | Bonnie Jackson   |
|    |                    |    | Sean Zechman     |



### November Acolytes

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|----|--------------------------------------|
| 1  | Amanda Osborn and Brittany Jacovetti |
| 8  | Connor Sweeten and Rachel Kersey     |
| 15 | Bradley Thimke and Tyler Schneider   |
| 22 | Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner      |
| 29 | Caitlyn Osborn and Karina Rosso      |

### Operation Medicine Cabinet

A drug prescription turn-in program to safely dispose of any outdated or unwanted prescription medicines will be held throughout the county this Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Simply remove the prescription labels and take them to any police station in Lorain County.

### NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

#### Congratulations!

Barbara Terrell is a great-grandmother for the first time! Isabelle Szilogyi was born October 15 to Orv's granddaughter Erica Szilogyi and her husband Steve. Brad & Heidi Thimke and Ryan & Sarah Feierabend are celebrating October 21 wedding anniversaries (#20 and #3, respectively).

Congratulations and best wishes to all!

#### What Beautiful Music!

The Worship Committee would like to thank all the people who shared their musical gifts with WACC during the summer. These fine performers are: Chantay Chapman, Elyria High Fiddlers, Rosalie Gainer, Amy King, Glenna Knapp, the Liston family, Brian Maddock, Jacob Osborn, Quartific, DiAnne Schmidt, the Sorg Family Singers, Becky Thompson, Kathy Wainwright, Carole Weinhardt, and our youth who led Camp Christian songs. WACC is truly blessed to have so many generous members and friends who are willing to share their "joyful noise" to enrich our worship services. We look forward to hearing them again next summer!

#### Prayer Focus

Please pray for those battling cancer.

#### Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers surround the Henry family in the death of John's aunt, Bette McMillan, last Friday. Services were held Monday in West Virginia.

#### Hospitalized

At EMH: Diane Borthwick  
At Home: Chad Anderson (in-and-out)  
 Fauna Griffiths (in-and-out)  
 D.A. Knepper (in-and-out)  
 Barbara Western

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

### CALENDAR



- Thu., 10/22: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.
- Sun., 10/25: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Tue., 10/27: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 10/28: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Sat., 10/31: - Daylight saving time ends (set clocks back one hour before bedtime).

*Reminder: A memorial service for Lynn Wallace will be held at the Federated Church of Chagrin Falls, 76 Bell Street (Chagrin Falls), on October 31, at 11 a.m.*