

November 1, 2009—All Saints Day

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 Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas
OPENER: Tim & Gail Haywood
GREETERS: Amanda Osborn and Brittany Jacovetti
ACOLYTES: Pete Majewski
WORSHIP LEADER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
PREACHER: John McKenna and Gerald Western
TELLERS: **PIANIST (8:30):** Barbara Terrell
Carolyn Long
ELDERS (10:45): **HOME COMMUNION:** Lauri Warfield
Tim Haywood
Debby Willets Karen Davis
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 and YOUNG ADULT NEWS

YOUTH MEETINGS THIS SUNDAY

Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF will meet this Sunday, November 1. Elder Gerald Western will provide lunch.

IS MINISTRY CALLING YOU?

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)

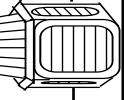
Advance Conference (aka "Advance Ministry", ages 18-29, post-high school) will have a Winter Retreat at Camp Christian January 1-3. The theme is "Get Personal with Each Other: Diving into Personal Relationships." Registration is just \$80 if received by November 15. Details are posted on our main bulletin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

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die...


It seems that we are emerging from a season of death. Over a period of just days, our congregation lost ten members or very closely-connected family members. On one of those days, I found myself at three different funeral homes. It seemed that every phone call carried news of the profound sadness and loss that accompanies death.

And we are not alone. On many of those same days, the obituary page of our local paper did not have enough space to list all the deaths. Additional page references were needed in order to print all the obituaries. Beyond our community, the month of October has proven to be the deadliest to date for American troops in the war in Afghanistan.

We could retreat. We could remain in mourning. We could rely on memories.

Or, we could receive reassurance from the One whom death could not hold, mercy from the God of earth and heaven and peace from the presence of the eternal and Holy Spirit. Let's choose life! While we weep for a moment, our joy is everlasting. While we will miss our loved ones always, we trust in the Lord to be their keeper forever.

This Sunday, we will celebrate All Saints Day. We will remember those who have received the gift of eternal life during this past year. We will proclaim that death does not have the final word and that *Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.* Thanks be to God. Amen.

Love,

Janet

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Baked Goods Needed for Election Day

The Church Life & Growth Committee is hosting another Election Day Bake Sale and would like your help. Donations of home-baked goodies are needed to offer for sale to voters on Tuesday, November 3. Please bring items to the church by 5 p.m. on Monday, November 2.

Not able to bake? Donations in the form of cash or checks will be gladly accepted. As proceeds will go towards the purchase of a movable special-events sign for WACC's front lawn, checks should be made payable to "WACC" with "lawn sign" written on the memo line. (We're getting very close to having the amount we need to go forward with this purchase! Thank you for your help!)

Art Auction Tickets Now On Sale

Gift Certificates and Services Also Offered

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

We are 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.) through the morning of the sale.

Proceeds 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 1 Lectionary Corner

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Mark 12:28-34*

* *Sermon, focus*

Women to Celebrate Community

Women of faith throughout the Elyria area will join others worldwide in observing Church Women United's World Community Day on Friday, November 6. The local observance will take place at 10 a.m. at Lake Avenue United Church of Christ, 310 Lowell St., with the theme, "Piecing Earth Together." A luncheon will follow worship.

Church Women United is an ecumenical group of women who meet to worship together, form friendships beyond one's own faith community, and bond together in social action projects.

MEN'S MINI-RETREAT:

"And the Disciples Said, 'Teach Us to Pray.'"

Disciples men will gather for a mini-retreat about prayer Friday and Saturday, November 13-14 at Camp Christian. Leaders are the Reverend Harry Bolen and the Reverend Nik Donges. Register by November 1 for only \$45 (\$50 if later).

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



WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT:

Breath of Heaven, Pour Over Me

Disciples women will meet at Camp Christian for a day of Advent reflection, prayer, conversation, and crafts on Saturday, December 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration by November 29 is \$35 (\$40 after). The optional Friday night slumber party is an additional \$25.

Joanna Circle

will meet on Thursday, November 5 at 7 p.m. at the home of Susan Mathes, 1730 Gulf Road. Dessert will be provided by Audrey Price and Sheila Smith. Those attending are asked to read Chapter 2 ("Lord, Don't You Care?") in our study book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*.
Pastor Janet Long will lead the discussion.

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Jeremy & Corinne Willets welcomed their baby daughter on Sunday. (A name had not yet been selected as of press-time.) As she was born prematurely, prayers have been requested while she remains hospitalized. God's blessings to all the family, including first-time grandparents Debby & Mike Willets, Aunt Bethany and Uncle Ben.

Our end-of-October anniversaries include those of Ty & Heather Shirley (10/28, #14) and Bill & Glenda Clark (10/29, #65). Congratulations and best wishes, all!

Thank You

Many thanks to everyone at WACC for their prayers, cards and warm thoughts during my recent surgery and recuperation. I'm very grateful for your kindnesses; they helped tremendously!
Love,
Becky Thompson

Prayer Focus

Please pray for hope to ease burdens of despair.

Sympathy

Our prayers surround the Reed family in the death of Scott's aunt, Rose Reed. Her funeral services were held on Friday.

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

Hospitalized

At Fairview: "Baby girl" Willets
At Home: Diane Borthwick
Lisa Diedrick (in-and-out)
David Eby (in-and-out)
Barbara Terrell (in-and-out)
Marion Wiles (in-and-out)

CALENDAR



Thanks-Giving Opportunities

- ☞ Consecration Day Celebration and All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner—Sunday, November 22
- ☞ Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at Wesleyan Village—Tuesday, November 24, 7 p.m.



- Sun., 11/1: - All Saints Day (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 11/2: - Church Life & Growth Committee bake sale set-up, 6 p.m.
- Worship Committee meeting in the Gibbens conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue., 11/3: - WACC serves as election day polling place (bake sale all day).
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 11/4: - Girl Scout Troop 390 gathering in the youth rooms, 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 11/5: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.
- Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Susan Mathes, 7 p.m.
- Fri., 11/6: - Church Women United's observance of World Community Day at Lake Avenue United Church of Christ, 10 a.m.