

November 8, 2009

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Outreach Art Auction

OPENER: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Keith Western
GREETERS: Peggy Haywood and Brenda Keenan
ACOLYTES: Connor Sweeten and Rachel Kersey
WORSHIP LEADER: Jenny Bliss
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak

ELDER (8:30): **PIANIST (8:30):**

Janet Stevens-Brown Rosalie Gainer

ELDERS (10:45): **HOME COMMUNION:**

Gerald Western Becky Thompson

Chris Baumgartner David Eby

DIACONATE: Team II

8:30 - 10:45 - Teri Hayes and Bob Maxwell

10:45 - 12:00 - Karen Davis, Linda Dull, Thomas Dull, Sue McKain, Cheryl McKenna, John McKenna, Lynn Obechi, Bob Rieth, Sandy Rieth, and Jeni Sweeten

WIDER CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

CYF: LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

High school students, this is your final opportunity to register for the free ministry exploration event at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky. Registration forms for the November 13-14 "Transy & TEAM" (Totally Excited About Ministry) overnight are available on our main bulletin board. Please note that participants must arrange their own transportation.

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. Cost is \$50.

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." Early-bird registration (\$80) ends November 15.

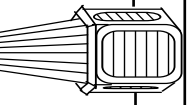
Register online at www.ccinoh.org for either of these two Camp Christian events or use the forms posted on our bulletin board.

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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Take care. I use that phrase often as I say goodbye. When I'm leaving a hospital visit, I say it face-to-face. When I'm ending a phone call, I speak it into the receiver. When I'm finishing an email, I type it on the computer. *Take care.*

There are plenty of sign-off phrases available: "Goodbye." "See ya around." "See you in the funny papers." "God bless." "Peace." "Be good." "Be careful." "Love you." "Bye-bye." "Bye for now." "Ciao." "Adios." "Later." "Farewell."

Depending on the situation, Jesus used different sign-offs. According to John, Jesus had a hard time saying goodbye. He prayed for his disciples, he offered them peace, he reminded them of the continuing gift of his spirit to comfort, to counsel and to *take care*.

Matthew builds his gospel to a crescendo of Jesus' call to discipleship. In essence, he reminds his followers that to *take care* of those in need is to *take care* of him. We are to make disciples, to obey his commands and to remember his presence.

Luke, though, records the most of Jesus' admonitions to us to *take care*. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring what Jesus might be saying to us. How do we allow ourselves to be cared for by God? And, how do we care for others?

Those are questions of ultimate importance. *Take care* is a response of warmth, a reason for wonder and a reaction of warning. Stay tuned for more reflections—and for the opportunity to pledge to *take care*. And, in the meantime, please *take care*...

Love,


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Final Chance for Art Auction Tickets

Don't miss your chance to attend this Sunday's Outreach Art Auction. Comedian and WACC native son Chris Mundorf will serve as emcee. Tickets (\$5 each) will be on sale in the narthex following both Worship Services, and as doors open at 4 p.m. for browsing and refreshments.

We already have a nice array of artwork, framed pictures, restaurant and store gift certificates, overnight lodging in the Sedona (AZ) area, and more for this event! If you haven't yet brought in your own items for the auction, please do so ASAP. We will accept donations of arts and crafts (home décor items, wearable art, etc.), gift certificates, collectibles, sports memorabilia, movie tickets, jewelry, and service coupons (catering, yard work, babysitting, etc.) through Sunday morning.

Proceeds will be shared equally between the Cleveland Christian Home and Neighborhood House Association for children's Christmas gifts.

Leaf-Raking Party This Saturday

You are invited to a leaf-raking party on the church grounds this Saturday, November 7, at 9 a.m. Barbara Terrell will supply coffee, cider and donuts; please bring a rake. (Don't have a rake? Come anyway, and use one of ours!)

Mark Your Calendars

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

November 8 Lectionary Corner

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
 Hebrews 9:24-28
 Psalm 127
 Mark 12:38-44*

**Sermon focus*

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

Whitechapel Ringers to Resume

WACC's handbell choir, the Whitechapel Ringers, will resume rehearsals beginning this Sunday, November 8, at 9:25 a.m. in the Bells room (the room connected to the sanctuary chancel).

The group will be rehearsing Christmas carols for a December 13 presentation before the 10:45 a.m. Service.

Bell-ringing is a fun, easy-to-learn skill, even if you don't yet read music. All are welcome! If you have questions, contact Sandy Woosley.

You Buy—WACC Benefits!

Did you know that, by shopping online, you can help reduce WACC's mortgage debt? Shop at either our Amazon.com or Cokesbury storefronts through the links on the WACC website (www.waccelyria.org) and a percentage of your purchases will be refunded directly to WACC and applied to Covenant for a Miracle. (Our Office Administrator discovered these on-line fundraising opportunities when she attended last year's "Gigabytes for the Gospel" church webmasters' conference.)

Fun Ways to Help the NHA

The Neighborhood House Association provides social services and programs for children and families. Here are several ways to help within the next few weeks:

November Tuesdays at Fratello's: Dine at Fratello's 5-10 p.m. any Tuesday in November and 10% of your bill will benefit the NHA. The restaurant is located at 32085 Electric Blvd. (at Lear Rd.), in Avon Lake.

Giving Tree: Once again, WACC will have an NHA Giving Tree in the church office. Instead of using individual names and wish lists this year, the NHA has developed a Shoebox Program. Donor shoppers are being asked to buy plastic, shoebox-sized containers to fill with age-appropriate items from a suggested list of basic needs. (The estimated total cost for each gift box is \$20-30.) The list of suggested items will comprise the Giving Tree "ornaments". As in years past, please remove an ornament from the tree to take shopping with you. Once you have purchased your gift box and the items for inside it, affix a tag identifying the box's intended age group and gender. (Suggested age ranges for boxes are: Infant-18 months; 2-4 years; 5-7 years; and, 8-12 years.)

Child Care Center Wish List: You may simply wish to buy some supplies for the NHA's two child care centers (the Elyria Neighborhood Center on Middle Avenue, and CityView in Lorain). Art supplies, construction paper, board games (including chess sets), educational toys, playing cards, and monetary donations may be left in the church office.

Deadline for NHA donations is Sunday, November 29.

CALENDAR

- Thu., 11/5: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.
 - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Susan Mathes, 1730 Gulf Rd., 7 p.m.
- Fri., 11/6: - Church Women United's observance of World Community Day at Lake Avenue United Church of Christ, 310 Lowell St., 10 a.m.
 - Leaf-raking party on the church grounds, 9 a.m.
 - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Sat., 11/7: - Breastfeeding Support Group gathering in the youth rooms, 11 a.m.
- Sun., 11/8: - Northwood Service Unit Girl Scout Leaders' gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Mon., 11/9: - Program staff meeting in Pastor Janet Long'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.
- Tue., 11/10: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 11/11: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 11/12: - Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Fri., 11/13: - Men's Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Christian (ends 11/14).
 - "Totally Excited About Ministry" event for high school students, at Pennsylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky (ends 11/14).



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Dick & Phyllis Burke are celebrating 60 years of marriage (11/5)! All the best!

Bud & Polly Simmons welcomed their second great-grandchild, Lily, last Monday. She weighed in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces. Best wishes to all!

Jeremy & Corinne Willets have named their baby girl Cecilia Corinne. She is growing stronger but will remain hospitalized for a few weeks. May God bless this new little one and her family.

A Sign of Success!

Election Day Bake Sale results are in: We netted nearly \$250! Our thanks to all the bakers, sellers and organizers (especially Betty McIntyre) for their efforts. The proceeds will make possible the purchase of a special-events sign.

Chancel Flower Tributes Available

Honor a loved one or commemorate a special event by requesting flowers for WACC's Worship Services. A sign-up sheet is posted on the main bulletin board in the hall outside the office workroom. You may also call 323-4213 or e-mail the church office (office@waccelyria.org) to make your request. Your \$20 payment (checks payable to *Botaner Florist and More*) should be directed to the church office.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for those affected by mental illness.

Hospitalized

At Fairview: Cecilia Willets
At Home: Cheryl McKenna (in-and-out)