

## November 15, 2009

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service  
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by Church School  
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
12:00 noon Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF gatherings  
4:00 p.m. Combined choir rehearsal for Community Thanksgiving Service, at First United Methodist Church, 312 Third Street  
**OPENER:** Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.

**GREETER:** Chris Thomas

**ACOLYTES:** Bradley Thimke and Tyler Schneider

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Liz Tobin

**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

**TELLERS:** Larry McIntyre and Dan Walker

**ELDER (8:30):**

Chris Baumgartner  
Lauri Warfield

**ELDERS (10:45):**

Chris Baumgartner  
Mark Mathes

Don Hange, Jr. Dennis Jackson

**DIACONATE:** Team III

**8:30 -** Jason Higgins and Tina Maddock

**10:45 -** Pam Henry, Michelle Kazmierczak, Michelle Kersey, Sean Kersey, Carol Mosher, Karen Schneider, Laverne Stroup, and Wayne Walker

## **YOUTH and WIDER CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES**

### **YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS THIS SUNDAY**

Sprouts (grades 3-5), Chi Rho (grades 6-8) and CYF (grades 9-12) will gather in the youth rooms following the 10:45 a.m. Service this Sunday, November 15. Elders Shirley Shubert and Lauri Warfield will provide lunch.

### **ADVENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN\***

Women of the church are invited to attend a Saturday mini-retreat on December 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Camp Christian. "Breath of Heaven, Pour Over Me" will be a day of reflection, prayer, conversation, and crafts. A Friday night, pre-event slumber party is an additional option.

### **WINTER RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS\***

Don't wait to register for the Advance Conference (aka "Advance Ministry", ages 18-29, post-high school) Winter Retreat at Camp Christian January 1-3. The theme is "Get Personal with Each Other: Diving into Personal Relationships." Early-bird registration ends this Sunday, November 15.

\*Register online at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org) or use the forms posted on our bulletin board.

# THE SPREE



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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Imperial Avenue, Cleveland. Fort Hood, Texas. Those locations join Columbine, Oklahoma City, Virginia Tech, and the World Trade Center as places that resonate in our collective consciousness as places of violence, terror and death.

Tony Hampton, WACC's youth minister, grew up in the house directly across the street from the Imperial Avenue home that has become so noteworthy in recent days. A number of WACC members have been stationed with the U.S. Army at Fort Hood.


Such connections remind us that such atrocities can happen anywhere, anytime. Closeness to such infamous sites heightens our awareness of victims and families, not only on Imperial Avenue and at Fort Hood but wherever such senseless acts occur.

We shake our heads in disbelief. We await more news, hoping to gain insights into such heinous behavior. We build makeshift shrines of cards and candles, pictures and poetry. We pray for those whose lives have been affected by acts of brutality.

We, as a community of faith, will respond in at least one very concrete way. We will join our sisters and brothers at Fifth Christian Church, Cleveland (in the neighborhood of Imperial Avenue) in providing funeral and burial services for one of those victims.

During this season of stewardship, we are reminded that every season of life is a season of stewardship: a time for taking care of what belongs to God, including our lives and our loved ones. We are called to reach out by reaching in—into our hearts of love and generosity.

Loving and generous. That's the way God made us. May we *take care* to reflect these gifts and graces of God in all that we say and do. Learn from the widow and her mite: *Take care* not to worry about what you live on but rather on what you live for.

Love,  


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**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Honor or remember a loved one with a poinsettia in our sanctuary this Christmas.

- M** 6½" (5-8 blooms) \$ 5.00
- L** 7½" (10+ blooms) \$ 9.25
- XL** 8½" (15+ blooms) \$13.75

*(If ordering for shut-ins, please consider that the 6½" plant fits best in their rooms.)*

Orders and payment must be in to the Church Office by **Sunday, November 29**. (Orders placed in the offering plate must be in a sealed envelope marked, "Poinsettias".) Checks may be made payable to: Washington Avenue Christian Church.

SIZE	No. of Red	No. of White	No. of Pink	No. of Burgundy	\$ Total
M					
L					
XL					
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>\$</b>

Please specify in Honor or Memory of:

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

**Distribution:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Number/color/size to be picked up)

(Number/color of 6½" plants for shut-in delivery)

**Have you remembered WACC in your will?**

**Advent Devotional Book Available**

*Partners in Prayer*, a devotional book for the season of Advent, is now available in the rack near the stairs leading to the sanctuary. This booklet is provided free of charge to WACC members and friends. Advent begins on Sunday, November 29.

**A Harvest of Beautiful Decorations**

Many thanks to the following for their creative harvest displays in our sanctuary windows and other areas of the building: Adelle Baker, Chris Baumgartner, Linda Dull, Florence Hastings, Jane Hutson, Brenda Keenan, Kay Mundorf, Mary Lou Petersen, Sharon Siffert, Barbara Terrell, Chris Thomas, Chris Trunk, and Joan Wilhelm. (The above will want to remember to remove their decorations after the 10:45 a.m. Service on November 22.)

**Sarah Circle to Meet November 19**

Sarah Circle members will meet on Thursday, November 19 at 10:45 a.m. in the youth rooms. Lunch will be provided by Vivian Balsler and Pauline Wallace. Pastor Janet Long will present a program on, "Faith Strengthened..." All women of the church are invited to attend.

**November 15 Lectionary**

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-25  
Psalm 16 Mark 13:1-8\*

\**Sermon focus*

**CCH Gifts Collection Starts 11/22**

A box for Christmas gifts for children of the Cleveland Christian Home will be in the narthex beginning November 22. Check this week for a list of suggestions. Please note that gifts of dolls and stuffed animals are being discouraged this year. Please also note that gifts should not be wrapped, and that price tags should not be removed.

**NHA Personal Shopper Available**

Want to help with this year's Neighborhood House Association Giving Tree but can't shop? Sandy Woosley has volunteered to help stretch our gift-giving dollars by purchasing multi-packs of some of the items on the NHA's gift list.

If you'd like Sandy to purchase NHA gifts for you, please contact her (365-5912) or the church office (323-4213) **by this Sunday, November 15**. (You may present Sandy with a monetary donation at that time, or tell her the amount for which you will soon reimburse her.)

For those who wish to do their own shopping for the children of the NHA, gift lists are hanging from the tree in the church office. Please remember that you are also being asked to purchase a plastic shoebox to contain the gifts you select. Filled boxes should be tagged with the age range and gender of the intended recipient. Gifts must be in the church office by Sunday, November 29.

**Remember:** *You may dine at Fratello's this Tuesday or next, 5-10 p.m., and have 10% of your bill benefit the NHA.*

**NEWS OF OUR FAMILY**

**Welcome!**

Our All Saints Day celebration was made more joyful as Gib (or "Gil") and Beth Marling united with our congregation by transfer of membership. Both retired (Beth from teaching school and Gib from Elyria Foundry), the couple lives in Amherst. They have three grown daughters and a grandson.

**Community Thanksgiving Worship...**

Join in worship with friends from the Elyria area on Tuesday, November 24, at 7 p.m. at Wesleyan Village. A combined choir from area churches will sing under the direction of Mark Jessie. Elder Allen J. Gibson, of Grace Community Church, will bring the evening's message.

**...and Dinner**

St. Mary Church will offer a free dinner on Thanksgiving Day, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 250 Third Street. Those willing to volunteer their help (bake, set up, decorate, work in the kitchen, serve, pack carry-outs, deliver meals, bus tables, or clean up) are asked to call 323-5539.

**Prayer Focus**

Please pray for those affected by the Imperial Avenue murders and by the Fort Hood shootings.

**Hospitalized**

At EMH: Barbara Boehler  
Margaret ("Peg") Stevens  
At Cleveland Clinic: George ("Bob") McNulty  
At Fairview: Cecilia Willets  
At Home: Shelley Novak (in-and-out)  
Jane Schuster

**CALENDAR**



- 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).
- Sun., 11/15: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Tue., 11/17: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 11/18: - Girl Scout Troop 390 gathering in the youth rooms, 6:15 p.m.  
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.  
- Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 11/19: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.  
- Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.  
- Book Club gathering in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., 11/21: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 1 (Glenna Knapp, captain).