

November 22, 2009—Consecration Day

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
12:15 p.m. All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner
(*Harvest displays to be removed by 1/28*)

OPENER: Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre

GREETERS: Amy Anderson and Al Knapp

ACOLYTES: Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner

WORSHIP LEADER: Carolyn Long

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Dan Clark and Tim Haywood

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

Becky Thompson
Carolyn Long

ELDERS (10:45): Debby Willets and Mark Mathes

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

WIDER CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

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 or use the forms posted on

our bulletin board.

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK ANNOUNCED

Want to do something meaningful with your

Spring Break? Consider helping other Disciples

build a new mission building in Slidell, Louisiana any

time February 28-April 3. For more information,

visit: www.disciplesmissions.org/Volunteer/

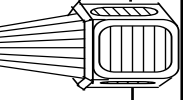
SpecialProjects/SpringBreak.htm.

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is a wonderful convergence of celebrations:

It is Thanksgiving Sunday, complete with the bountiful banquet we know as our All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner. The enjoyment of sharing fine food is outshone only by the joy of sharing Christian fellowship.

It is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the church year. It is an occasion for proclaiming our commitment to making Jesus the Lord of our lives. Even as we praise Christ, we reflect on our need to grow in faithfulness to him.

It is Consecration Day. We are called to *Take Care*—to remember God's compassion, to recognize Christ's call to give back to God, and to respond through our commitments of faith, *in* faith.

The three occasions flow so well from one to the next to the next. Giving thanks to God, for blessing upon blessing, grace upon grace, should bring about a desire to live in obedience—and to make Christ the King of our lives. When Jesus holds the place of honor in our hearts, his teachings and example should bring about a desire to give generously—sacrificially even.

Take Care that your response to God's compassion be your heartfelt thanksgiving to God. *Take Care* that your response to Christ's call be your faithful reflection of Christ's lordship of your life. God grant that your response be a blessing to you even as it blesses others...

Love,

Janet Long

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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					
GRAND TOTAL					\$

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?

Thanksgiving Offering This Sunday

This Sunday's Thanksgiving Special Day Offering will benefit Disciples colleges/seminaries as they develop Christian leaders. 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 "Thanksgiving" written on the memo line. Thank you for giving generously!

New Church Directory for Christmas!

We will be publishing a new church directory (produced in-house) in time for Christmas. **Please let us know by Sunday, December 6** if: ...your household information has changed (please provide any new contact information for your adult children who have been part of the WACC family); ...your phone number should NOT be published; ...you want your email address published; or, ...you have additional telephone numbers you would like included (i.e., work or cell phone).

Now Available

- **Partners in Prayer** Advent devotional booklet; in the rack by the stairs leading to the sanctuary.
- **2008-2009 WACC Yearbook**: request your copy from the church office (323-4213).

NHA Gifts: Please Buy for Babies Only

The Neighborhood House Association Giving Tree project has undergone a slight change: As published earlier, please buy a plastic shoebox to contain gifts you will purchase (suggested lists are hanging from the tree in the church office). The new development is that we are now being asked to shop solely for babies (ages 1 month-2½ years). * Filled boxes should be tagged with the gender of the baby for whom you have shopped, and **placed in the church office by Sunday, November 29**.

+ If you have already shopped for a different age range, please know that those purchases are appreciated and will still be utilized. While you may shop for another child (baby), you are not expected to do so.

CCH Gifts Due by December 6

A box for Christmas gifts for children of the Cleveland Christian Home is now in the narthex; for suggestions, please refer to the list posted near the box. (Please note that gifts of dolls and stuffed animals are discouraged this year.) Gifts should not be wrapped, nor should price tags be removed.

Auction Results

The Outreach Art Auction raised \$1,800 for Christmas gifts for families of the Cleveland Christian Home and Neighborhood House Association. Our thanks to all who participated!

November 22 Lectionary

2 Samuel 23:1-7
 Revelation 1:4b-8
 Psalm 132
**Sermon focus*

CALENDAR

- 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).
- Sun., 11/22: - Consecration Day (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 11/23: - Worship Committee work day (trees set-up), 9 a.m.
- Tue., 11/24: - Community Thanksgiving Service at Wesleyan Village, 7 p.m. (choir rehearsal, 6 p.m.)
- Wed., 11/25: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 11/26: - Happy Thanksgiving! (Church office closed until Monday, 11/30.)



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Start your Thanksgiving celebration by showing your thankfulness...in worship. The Elyria area Thanksgiving Service will be held Tuesday, November 24, at 7 p.m. at Wesleyan Village.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING 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 are asked to call 323-5539.

BOARD BITS

The last Board meeting was informative, as usual. Stewardship is a highlight at this time of year, and I hope everyone prayerfully considers how blessed we are to share WACC as home base for Christian fellowship and service. In addition to your financial support, many exciting opportunities have developed from our most recent visioning meeting. A subcommittee distributed its final outline to the Board and it will be posted soon. "Thank you to all who serve!"

Lauri Warfield,
 Chair of the Board

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for a grateful spirit and a generous heart.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround...

...the Kersey family in the death of Sean's sister, Edna ("Dede") Brooks on Monday. Calling hours and services will be held on Friday.

...Dan Clark & Janet Long in the death of Dan's uncle, Jack Swartz, on Sunday. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

...Diane Borthwick and Brenda Keenan in the death of their cousin, Richard Spinks, on Saturday. Services will be held on Thursday.

May God bless all who mourn.

HOSPITALIZED

At EMH: Margaret ("Peg") Stevens
 Marion Wiles

At Fairview: Cecilia Willets

At Home: Barbara Boehler (Abbewood)
 Carol McIntyre
 Bob McNulty