

November 29, 2009—First Sunday of Advent

Deadline for turning in poinsettia orders and Neighborhood House Association gifts

- 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 All-Church Luncheon/Hanging of the Greens
5:30 p.m. Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night
- OPENER:** Bud Simmons **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.
GREETERS: Shirley Shubert and Lauri Warfield
ACOLYTES: Caitlyn Osborn and Karina Rosso
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Deanna Forbush
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: John McKenna and Lauri Warfield
- ELDER (8:30):** Lauri Warfield
ELDER (10:45): Don Hange, Jr.
ELDER (8:30): Becky Thompson
ELDER (10:45): Ken Mundorf
ELDER (8:30): Michelle Kersey
- 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 NEWS

WACC YOUTH TO ROLLERSKATE

Youth in grades 3-12 will go to the Elyria Roll Arena on Sunday, December 6, after having lunch together. The center's Family Skate program runs 2-5 p.m. each Sunday. Admission is \$4; skate rental is \$2 (traditional skates) or \$3 (in-line). Rock climbing is available for \$2; laser tag, for \$3.

CYF: BE AN "ELF FOR A DAY"

Are you in grades 9-12? If so, you can join the CYF of District 2 at the Cleveland Christian Home on Saturday, December 12, noon-4 p.m. to wrap presents and perform other helpful tasks around the Home. Those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch; the group will eat together upon arrival before beginning their afternoon of service. To participate, R.S.V.P. by December 9 by calling 216-543-7164 or emailing ohiocyfdis2@yahoo.com.

THE SPREE

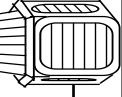


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Maybe it's the warmer-than-usual weather. Maybe it's a sign of the times. Maybe it's my age. Whatever the reason, it's hard to believe that Thanksgiving week is upon us.

I hope that you will pause on Thanksgiving Day to offer your gratitude to God for all of the blessings, large and small, poured into your life. And then live your gratitude.

Right on the heels of Thanksgiving is the beginning of Advent. This is the beginning of the church's liturgical cycle—the first Sunday of the church year.

I encourage you to observe Advent in these ways, as penned by my friend Bob Hill:

- (1) *Be in worship each Sunday.* (Start the new church year off right!)
- (2) *Pray daily for peace in all aspects of your life.* (and in the world)
- (3) *Give generously for the betterment of the world, especially through WACC.*
- (4) *Enjoy times with friends and family every chance you get.*
- (5) *Write simple notes to those you care about, expressing your deep joy and thanks for your relationships with them.*

To Bob's list I would add:

- (6) *Continue to thank God for all of life's blessings; and,*
- (7) *Prepare your heart to welcome Christ, through a time of daily meditation throughout Advent.*

May God bless us as we open ourselves to the revelation of Christ and to the redemption that is to come. **Come, Lord Jesus, come...** "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Love,

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PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

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Permit No. 332

Poinsettia Orders Due This Sunday

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 **this 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?

Deadlines Rapidly Approaching

Sunday, November 29 (1st Sunday of Advent):

- Poinsettia orders
 - Neighborhood House Association gifts
 - Partners in Prayer Advent devotions begin
- Sunday, December 6:**
- Cleveland Christian Home gifts (list in narthex)
 - Household information for church directory
- Thursday, December 31:**
- Last day contributions may be postmarked for 2009 charitable giving credit. (Are your 2009 General Fund and Covenant pledges current?)

Veggie Tales Premiere

Children ages 3*- grade 5 are invited to the premiere of the Veggie Tales feature, "Saint Nicholas: A Story of Joyful Giving", on Saturday, December 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 330 Second Street. Lunch and craft activities will follow the movie showing. Admission is one non-perishable food item for First Church's food pantry. Registration must be received by Tuesday, December 8; forms (and Advent materials provided by WACC's Christian Education Committee) are available on the table in the new building hallway.

*Young children must be toilet-trained.

Journey to Bethlehem, a walk-through drama, will take place on Sunday, December 13, 2-5 p.m. at Disciples Christian Church, 3663 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Heights.

Thu., 11/26: - Happy Thanksgiving! (Church office closed Thursday and Friday.)

Sun., 11/29: - First Sunday of Advent (see back page for the day's schedule).

Mon., 11/30: - Stewardship Committee meeting in the Gibbens conference room, 6 p.m.

Tue., 12/1: - Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., 12/2: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Thu., 12/3: - Girl Scout Troop 390 gathering in the youth rooms, 6:15 p.m.

Sat., 12/5: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Thu., 12/3: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.

Sat., 12/5: - Girl Scout Troop 524 cookie baking in the Fellowship Hall kitchen, 3-7 p.m.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----|---------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | David Russell | 16 | Tanya Diedrick |
| | Jeremy Smith | | Paul Kersey |
| | Jim Stephenson | | Todd Osborn |
| | Debbie Walker | 17 | Bud Anderson |
| 2 | Sammie Kostohryz | | Jenny Bliss |
| | Sue McKain | 19 | Amy Anderson |
| 3 | Daniel March | | Taylor Anderson |
| | Brianna Payne | 20 | Robbie Hayes |
| 6 | Gil ("Gib") Marling | 21 | Glenna Knapp |
| 7 | Darlene Henes | 22 | Chris Anderson |
| 8 | Lisa Adkins | | Rick Kennedy |
| | Steve Bond | 24 | Sean Kersey |
| | Carolyn Long | | Melinda Schaffner |
| | Dolores Zechman | 25 | Polly Maier |
| 9 | Amanda Hood | | Sarah Thompson |
| | Bob Maxwell | 26 | Phil Hastings |
| 10 | Linda Fridensine | | Grace Stock |
| | Gail Haywood | 28 | Julianna Grindle |
| 12 | Ron Gardner | 30 | Carrie Charlton |
| | Diana Tyler | | Dan Walker |
| 13 | Chris Thomas | 31 | Doug Hayes |
| 14 | Alison McMahan | | Lorrie Osborn |
| 15 | Mark Wainwright | | Emily Siffert |

December Acolytes

- 6 Samantha Moore and Nautica Walker
- 13 Connor Sweeten and Rachel Kersey
- 20 Deanna Forbush and Taylor Novak
- 27 Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz

November 29 Lectionary

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36*

*Sermon focus

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Hanging of the Greens...

Help us ring in the new year of the church—and begin our preparation for Christ's coming—at our annual Hanging of the Greens festivities this Sunday at noon. The Hospitality Committee will provide a delicious lunch. Afterwards, we'll join in the happy work of decorating WACC for the season. What a great time to gather with friends and family as we prepare our Washington Avenue home—and our hearts—for Christmas!

...followed by Church Family Fun Night

Return to WACC this Sunday evening for another Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night. The gathering will start at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and will include games, food, fun, fellowship, and Christmas crafts.

Congratulations!

Shirley Yost welcomed her 14th grandchild last week with the arrival of Alyssa Kaye. Best wishes and blessings to all the family!

Thank You

We are so grateful for all the prayers, cards and warm thoughts from our WACC family over the many months of concern for Lynn. We also appreciated your presence and gifts of food at the time of his death. Thank you, all.

Love,

Pauline Wallace and
Fauna Griffiths

Prayer Focus

Please pray for the hope of Christ to be renewed in our lives and our world.

Hospitalized

At Cleveland Clinic: Adelle Baker

At Fairview: Cecilia Willets

At Life Care: Marion Wiles

At Home: Peg Stevens (Life Care)

CALENDAR

