

December 20, 2009—Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by Church School Christmas Pageant
- 10:00 a.m. Breakfast for the Elyria High School Madrigal Singers and their families
- 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with music by the Elyria High School Madrigal Singers
- 12:00 noon Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF gatherings
- 12:30 p.m. Pastor's Open House (356 Georgia Ave.)
- 5:00 p.m. All-Church Caroling Party

OPENER: Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.

ACOLYTES: Deanna Forbush and Taylor Novak

WORSHIP LEADER: Brian Maddock

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: John McKenna and Lauri Warfield

ELDER (8:30): Chris Baumgartner

PIANIST (8:30): Lauri Warfield

ELDERS (10:45): Mark Mathes and Ken Mundorf

DIACONATE: Team II

8:30 - Jason Higgins and Brian Maddock

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

YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT NEWS

YOUTH GROUPS TO MEET THIS SUNDAY
 Sprouts (grades 3-5), Chi Rho (grades 6-8) and CYF (grades 9-12) will meet this Sunday, at noon, in the youth rooms. Lunch will be provided by Elder Ken Mundorf. Fun, faith-building activities will follow.

WINTER RETREAT APPROACHING
 Register NOW 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." Register online at www.ccinoh.org or use the forms posted on our bulletin board.

CYF MID-WINTER NEEDS HOST HOMES
 The biennial Hiram Conference Mid-Winter Retreat for high school Disciples will take place March 5-7 at Westlake Christian Church. Overnight floor space and transportation to and from WCC that weekend will be needed. Call 323-4213 to help.

THE SPREE

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 (Disciples of Christ)
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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

The camp songs proclaim: "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart..." "I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul..."

And, this time of year, a favorite carol proclaims, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King..."

As we gather for the lighting of the fourth candle of the Advent wreath, the theme is "joy". Not happiness, not merriment, but "joy".

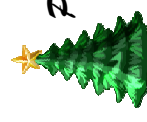
A basic acronym of "joy" reminds us that if one's thoughts are first on Jesus, then on others and finally on yourself, the result will be JOY.

Joy is the knowledge that God is in control, that Christ will come again and that the Holy Spirit continues to comfort, challenge and cajole the faithful.

Joy is not fleeting like happiness. It is lasting because God's love and grace are eternal. No matter what happens in this life, the promise of eternity is secure.

So, come to be reminded of the joy of the shepherds and the angels. Come to the manger and be filled with joy. "O come, let us adore him." *How great our joy!*

Love, Janet

 *Please join us for our annual Holiday Open House this Sunday, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.*

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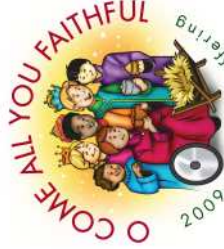


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Christmas Caroling Party This Sunday

Join us this Sunday, December 20 for an all-church caroling party. We'll meet at the church at 5 p.m. to form groups and receive route assignments. Then, after spreading musical Christmas cheer to our homebound friends, we'll gather for supper. Please bring a finger-food snack to share at the end of our evening.



Christmas Special Day Offering

Please remember to support the good work of our Ohio Region through the Christmas Special Day Offering

opportunity this Sunday through December 31st. Your donation can be given by placing your gift:

- ◆ In the box beneath WACC's All-Church Christmas Card (sign the card and leave an amount equivalent to what you would have spent to send cards to all your WACC friends).
- ◆ In the enclosed envelope.
- ◆ In the specially-marked envelope from your personalized packet of offering envelopes.
- ◆ In the designated envelope from the pew racks now through December 27.⁺

Checks should be payable to WACC, with "Christmas Offering" written on the memo line. Thank you for giving generously!

**Reminder: The IRS says that contributions for 2009 charitable gifts tax credit must be postmarked by December 31.*

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

December 20 Lectionary Corner

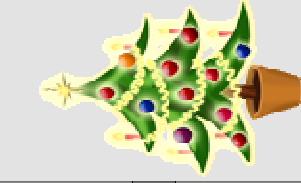
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96

**Sermon focus*

2009 Christmas poinsettias on display in our sanctuary are provided:

IN MEMORY OF / BY

Rev. Bela & Ida Bacso / Jim & Rosalie Gainer
Della Baker / James Baker
George, Harold and Lovette Baker / The Baker Family
Ruth Baker / James Baker
Ralph Ball / Myra Warner Ball
Bob & Martha Baumgartner / Chuck & Chris Baumgartner
James F., James T. and James & Elizabeth Borthwick,
and Fred & Evelyn Smith / Diane Borthwick
Ford and Gary Lee Brown / John & Helen Farrar
Mr. & Mrs. Haller Callahan and Mr. & Mrs. William McDonald / Patricia Callahan Gohle
Bob Clark, Jr. and Christine Little / Bob Clark
Ed & Ida Clark / Dan Clark & Janet Long
Marge Clark / Bob Clark
Agnes Crowder / Peg, Tim & Gail Haywood
Charles Davis and Emil Palicka / The Davis Family
Francine Davis and Maxine Roberts / The Davis Family
Our Families / Bud & Polly Simmons
Lee & Ola Gainer / Jim & Rosalie Gainer
Art & Helen Hancock / Alan & Mary Lou Petersen
Thomas Harmon / Tim & Julie Harmon
Tom & Jeanne Haywood / Peg, Tim & Gail Haywood
Glenn Henning / Al & Glenna Knapp
Joe & Marye Hochenadel / Jane Hutson
Adebert & Isabelle Knapp / The Knapp Family
Calvin Knapp, Sr. / Al & Glenna Knapp
Art Long / Janet Long & Dan Clark
William & Flora Long / The Western Family
Loved Ones / Mark & Susan Mathes
Loved Ones / The Wainwrights
Jeremy Murphy / John & Helen Farrar
Jerry Murphy / John & Helen Farrar
Dr. & Mrs. Ben V. Myers / Pat, Bill, Sue, and Bob Myers
George & Margaret Nemeth / The Baker Family
Chester E. Page / Pearl W. Sterner and Lois P. McMullen
Frank Papenbrock / Becky Papenbrock
Raleigh & Alice Patton / Chuck & Chris Baumgartner



Thu., 12/17:

- Sarah Circle gathering at the home of Pastor Janet Long, 12 noon.
- Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.
- Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Carolyn Long, 6:30 p.m.
- Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 5 (Keith Western, captain).
- Fourth Sunday of Advent (see back page for the day's schedule).
- WACC serves as polling place for special election.

Wed., 12/23:

- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Thu., 12/24:

- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Celebration, 4:30 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Service of Candlelight and Carols, 7:30 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Service of Candlelight and Communion, 11:30 p.m.
- Merry Christmas! (Church office closed through January 3.)

Fri., 12/25:

CALENDAR

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Picture Perfect

Marisa Ward's photo appeared in a recent issue of *The Chronicle-Telegram* as part of a feature about her Midview West Elementary School class decorating bags and making Christmas cards for senior citizens. The article and photo are now on display on our main bulletin board.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for Army Specialist Wayne Knapp who has been deployed to Afghanistan. *Christians from throughout Elyria are invited to Second Baptist Church (427 Chapman Lane/16th Street) for an hour of prayer for our city on Saturday, December 19 at 3 p.m.*

Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround...
... Robin & Mike Crocker and family in the death of Robin's father, Joe Marsico, on Saturday. Services will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) in Elyria.
...the Willets family in the deaths last week of Debby's brother-in-law, Mike Urda, and aunt, Betty Schmittgen. Mike's services were held on Thursday in Americus, Georgia; Betty's services were held on Sunday in Elyria.
...Kathryn Carter and the Schuster family in the death of Kathryn's sister-in-law and Jane's aunt, Mary Carter, on Saturday. Services will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) in Oberlin.

May God's peace comfort all who mourn.

Hospitalized

At EMH: George ("Bob") McNulty
At Home: Diane Borthwick
D.A. Knepper (in-and-out)
Cecilia Willets

IN MEMORY OF / BY

Russell Petersen / Alan & Mary Lou Petersen
Albert E. Rose / Lois J. Schmidt
Ruth M. Rose / Lois J. Schmidt
George & Bess Schaefer / Myra Warner Ball
Dona Schmidt / Alan & Mary Lou Petersen
Louis F. Schmidt / Lois J. Schmidt
Fred & Evelyn Smith / Brenda Keenan
Ov Terrell / Barbara Terrell
Gordon & Eithel Tite / Marilyn Landes
Perry & Arlene Wacker / Barbara Terrell
Lynn Wallace / Pauline Wallace and Fauna Griffiths
Warren Wallace / Pauline Wallace and Fauna Griffiths
Joann T. Wargo / Tom, Ann, Julie, and Elizabeth Busch
Joyce Warner / Myra Warner Ball
Ross Warner, Jr. / Myra Warner Ball
Ann Wendorf / Pearl W. Sterner and Lois P. McMullen
Emil Wendorf / Pearl W. Sterner and Lois P. McMullen
Dewitt & Lucy Western / The Western Family
Robert J. Wilhelm / The Wilhelm Family
Jeanette Willis / Myra Warner Ball
Grandpa & Grandma Wilson / Jane Hutson
Jean Worcester / The Widmans
Lloyd Worcester / The Widmans
Lloyd & Jean Worcester / David & Pat Worcester
Scott David Worcester / The Widmans
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IN HONOR OF / BY

Collins, Grapes and Wilhelm Families / The Wilhelms
Daughters Donna and Reanette / Becky Papenbrock
Our Church Family / Anonymous
Our Families / Bud & Polly Simmons
My Family / Diane Borthwick
My Family / Brenda Keenan
Granddaughters Amy and Elizabeth / Becky Papenbrock
Fauna Griffiths / Pauline Wallace
Carolyn Long / Janet Long & Dan Clark
Mary Petersen / Alan & Mary Lou Petersen and Family

