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**December 27, 2009**  
8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service  
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by  
9:30 a.m. Combined Session Church School  
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
**OPENER:** Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre  
**ACOLYTES:** Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Ashley Walker  
**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long  
**TELLERS:** Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan  
**ELDER (8:30):** Rosalie Gainer  
Tim Haywood

**ELDERS (10:45):** Bill Clark  
Ken Mundorf  
Becky Thompson  
**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

**January 3, 2010**  
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  
12:00 noon Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF gatherings\*  
**OPENER:** Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas  
**ACOLYTES:** Brittany Jacovetti and Amanda Osborn  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Ken Mundorf  
**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long  
**TELLERS:** Dan Clark and Tim Haywood  
**ELDER (8:30):** Carole Weinhardt  
Gerald Western  
**ELDERS (10:45):** Don Hange, Jr.  
Barbara Terrell  
Lauri Warfield  
**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

\*Lunch provided by Elder Tim Haywood

May the  
HOPE  
BEAUE  
and  
BOY  
of Christmas  
remain with you  
each day of the  
new year!



With  
love  
from the  
WACC  
Staff

## Epiphany Celebration and Congregational Meeting



Be with us on Sunday, January 10 for our Epiphany celebration which will include presentations to our Acolytes and 4<sup>th</sup> graders during the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. That Service will be followed by a congregational meeting to vote on the proposed 2010 budget. Afterwards, we'll enjoy an all-church soup luncheon and then take down and store the church's holiday decorations. Your witness, your voice, your company—and your help—are all desired on this very special day in the life of WACC.

### Thank You!

- ◆ The members of the WACC staff thank the Elders and the congregation for their thoughtful remembrances and good wishes during this Christmas season. We feel pleased and privileged to serve here at Washington Avenue Christian Church.
- ◆ Notes of appreciation (on display on our main bulletin board) for year-end gifts from WACC have been received by: *Christian Theological Seminary, Cleveland Christian Home, Elyria Hospitality Center, Elyria Salvation Army, Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network, Genesis House, Historic Bethany, Lexington Theological Seminary, Lorain County Free Clinic, Lorain County Habitat for Humanity, Neighborhood House Association and Haven Center, Pathways Counseling & Growth Center, Second Harvest Food Bank (Feeding America), and Week of Compassion.*

### DECEMBER 27 LECTONARY

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52\*

### JANUARY 3 LECTONARY

Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Psalm 147:12-20  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:1-18\*

\**Sermon foci*

## Year-End Financial Finale

- ◆ Please remember that all gifts for 2009 contribution credit must be in the church office (or postmarked) by December 31. Is your 2009 General Fund and Covenant giving up-to-date?
- ◆ Those who submitted a pledge card for 2010 may pick up their new offering envelopes—and their 2010 church directory—from the table in the hallway of the new building. Please begin using these envelopes on Sunday, January 3 and discard all unused 2009 envelopes.
- ◆ Did you know that you can designate WACC as the recipient of mandatory payouts from IRA accounts? There is a significant tax advantage to doing so! Also, WACC is able to accept gifts in the form of stocks and other securities.

### Have you remembered WACC in your will?

#### Joanna Circle

will meet on Thursday, January 7 at 7 p.m. at the home of Betty McIntyre, 42906 Woodhill Drive. The group will discuss Chapter 3, "The Diagnosis", in the book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- |    |                  |    |                   |
|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2  | Nancy White      | 17 | Shirley Yost      |
|    | Johnny Walker    | 18 | Pauline Wallace   |
| 3  | Mike Contreras   | 19 | Myra Ball         |
| 4  | Amanda Osborn    |    | Barbara Boehler   |
|    | Barbara Terrell  |    | Chris Price       |
| 5  | Shelley Novak    | 21 | Tricia Grindle    |
| 6  | Marge Sansone    | 22 | Jean Kennedy      |
| 8  | Dean Forbush     | 24 | Robin Crocker     |
|    | Gary McIntyre    |    | Florence Hastings |
|    | Walt Norton      |    | Alice Paul        |
| 9  | Danielle Coffman |    | Jean Williams     |
| 10 | Mildred Biltz    | 25 | Ken Mundorf       |
| 13 | Gail Murphy      |    | Suzanne Webb      |
| 14 | Julie Busch      | 26 | Steve McCall      |
|    | Beverly Gardner  | 27 | Cheryl McKenna    |
|    | Ryan Novak       | 28 | Heidi Coffman     |
| 15 | Marlie McNulty   |    | Katie Contreras   |
|    | Chris Trunk      | 30 | Caityn Osborn     |
| 16 | Zach Anderson    | 31 | Joe Wargo         |
|    | Hildred Edwards  |    | Gerald Western    |



### January Acolytes

- 3 Brittany Jacovetti and Amanda Osborn
- 10 Rachel Kersey and Connor Sweeten
- 17 Tyler Schneider and Bradley Thimke
- 24 Caityn Osborn and Karina Rosso
- 31 Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner

Thu., 12/24: - 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.

Fri., 12/25: - Merry Christmas! (Church office closed through January 3.)

Sun., 12/27: - First Sunday of Christmastide (see back page for the day's schedule).

Tue., 12/29: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Fri., 1/1/2010: - Happy New Year! (Advance Ministry Retreat at Camp Christian begins [ends 1/3]).

Sun., 1/3: - Second Sunday of Christmastide (see back page for the day's schedule).

Mon., 1/4: - Worship Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Tue., 1/5: - Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6 p.m.

Wed., 1/6: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Thu., 1/7: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Fri., 1/8: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Betty McIntyre, 7 p.m.

- Elyria Area Church Women United's Missionary Tea and Annual Meeting

at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 9715 E. River Road.



# CALENDAR

## NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

### Congratulations!

We celebrate with the Sinegar family Ashley's graduation from the University of Toledo this past Saturday. All the best!

Our end-of-December anniversary couples include: John & Karen Davis and Jason & Lisa Ward (12/18, #33 and #10, respectively); Ken & Kay Mundorf (12/22, #36); Mike & Katie Contreras (12/24, #3); and, Phil & Florence Hastings (12/30, #1). May their special days add extra joy to this season of celebration!

### Card Shower Sought

Mildred Biltz (known to some as Delene Brunger's sister) will turn 90 on January 10. Mildred's daughter, Jane, asked if we could help Mildred celebrate by sending a shower of cards her way. Mildred's address is 107 Mound Street.

### Church Office Holiday Schedule

This is the final WACC newsletter for 2009. The WACC office will be closed December 25-January 3 (vacation). Phone messages and mail will be checked periodically.

### Prayer Focus

Please pray for room for the Christ Child.

### Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround...  
...Joan McNulty and family in Bob's death last Wednesday. A service remembering his life was held on Monday in our sanctuary with Pastor Janet Long officiating.  
...Bob Clark and family in the death of his daughter-in-law, Betsy, last Thursday.  
May God's peace comfort all who mourn.

### Hospitalized

Marion Wiles

At Home: