

THE SPIRE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

The destruction and devastation caused by the cataclysmic earthquake in Haiti last week has caused aftershocks of sorrow and concern throughout the world. Nearly everyone wants to respond to the overwhelming need. From communications with Rev. Amy Gopp, Administrative Director of Week of Compassion, the international disaster relief, recovery and development arm of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we have learned that we can do at least three things to be of help right now:

DONATE — *We are receiving contributions here at WACC for the recovery efforts in Haiti through the Week of Compassion.* Please make checks payable to "Washington Avenue Christian Church" and mark "Haiti Relief" on the memo line. 100% of your gift will be used for Haiti relief efforts. Offerings totaling over \$1,850 have been received already.

ASSEMBLE HEALTH KITS — *Though gifts of money are preferable, tangible items also may be given in the form of emergency hygiene and baby care kits which are urgently needed on the ground in Haiti.* Please refer to the inside of *The Spire* for lists of items to be included in the kits, which may be brought to the church for shipment through Church World Service to Haiti.

PRAY — *Everyone affected by the disaster in Haiti and those trying to help them need our prayers.* Please pray for Week of Compassion and its partners, Church World Service and Action by Churches Together. Food, temporary shelter, water cleaning materials, and expertise are being sent to the Haitian capital where the earthquake occurred.

May our response be generous and compassionate. May our response be a blessing.

Love,

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January 24, 2010—Laity Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by Church School
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10:45 a.m. Laity Sunday Coffee Hour
- 12:00 noon Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF outing to Brandywine
- 12:30 p.m.

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

GREETER: Pastor Janet Long

ACOLYTES: Caitlyn Osborn and Karina Rosso

SPEAKERS: Dan Maddock, Val Collins and Elliot Wainwright

TELLERS: Dan Clark and Tim Haywood

ELDER (8:30): Becky Thompson

PIANIST (8:30): DiAnne Schmitt

ELDERS (10:45): Don Hange, Jr. / Chris Baumgartner

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

YOUTH NEWS

BRANDYWINE TRIP THIS SUNDAY

WACC youth (grades 3-12) will head to Brandywine this Sunday, January 24. This is a great time to introduce more friends to WACC! The group will leave the church by 12:30 p.m. and return to the WACC parking lot by 5 p.m. Admission is a signed permission slip and \$20 (\$35 if skiing).

DISTRICT 2 CHI RHO "WINTER JAM"

CONCERT AND OVERNIGHT JANUARY 29-30
Chi Rhoets of District 2 will attend the Winter Jam at Cleveland's Wolstein Center, followed by an overnight at Franklin Circle Christian Church. The \$15 registration covers the concert and pizza/snacks back at FCCC. Adult drivers and chaperones are needed. Contact the WACC office (323-4213) to volunteer.

CYF MID-WINTER NEEDS HOST HOMES BY 1/31

The March 5-7 Hiram Conference Mid-Winter Retreat at Westlake Christian Church still needs host homes for its for high school Disciples participants. Transportation to and from WCC throughout the weekend, sleeping space and breakfast for your guests is asked of the hosts. Call 323-4213 to help.

Ohio New Church Fund Offering

This Sunday

You can help others throughout Ohio enjoy the kind of faith, witness and worship opportunities that are offered by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), by donating to this Sunday's Ohio New Church Fund Offering. The combined offerings of churches all over Ohio will help start and support new Disciples congregations in areas of the state which do not yet have a Disciples presence.

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 "Ohio New Church" written on the memo line.

Thank you for giving generously!

Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night Just Around the Corner

Don't miss the next Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night which will take place on January 31. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a pizza supper, followed by board games provided by those attending. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends who are not yet part of the WACC community!

Haiti Earthquake Response

YOUR WOC GIFTS ARE ALREADY WORKING

As news of last week's earthquake in Haiti spread, Week of Compassion Executive Director Amy Gopp sent word to Disciples that their previous gifts were already helping.

Our past generosity enabled WoC's partner, Church World Service (CWS), to orchestrate immediate aid on the ground through two other partner organizations in Haiti. CWS also coordinated help with Christian Aid as part of the response of Action By Churches Together (ACT) International. In addition, a communications team is now on site, supplying Week of Compassion and other partners with information to help develop the most appropriate response.

WoC's historic partner in the Dominican Republic (Servicios Sociales de Iglesias Dominicanas) has already delivered material supplies such as tarps, CWS blankets, hygiene kits, and baby care kits. **Unfortunately, CWS' now-empty shelves need more of these items** (please refer to the next column of this article for specifics).

Please continue to share your financial resources. You may use a WoC envelope (available in the narthex) or donate online at: <https://secure.groundspring.org/dn/index.php?aid=6566>.

YOU CAN HELP EVEN MORE BY MAKING KITS

The following items constitute a kit. Please ensure that a complete kit is assembled.

Baby care kit:

- Six cloth diapers
- Two t-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- Two washcloths
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two diaper pins
- One sweater or sweatshirt
- Two receiving blankets (one can be a hand-knitted or crocheted baby blanket)

Hygiene kit (in a gallon-size plastic bag):

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards)
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six Band-Aids

Thank you for the caring and generous spirit you have shown in the past, and that you continue to exhibit!

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Todd Osborn has been named an All-Ohio Scholar Athlete by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Todd's parents are Jess & Lorrie; his grandparents are Glenna & Al Knapp. We join his proud family in celebrating this special honor!

Thank You

Our family would like to express our sincere thanks to all of our church family for all their prayers and cards through all of Bob's illness.
Love and blessings to all,
The McNulty Family

Prayer Focus

Please pray for those affected by the disaster in Haiti and for relief workers who are responding.

Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround...
...the Eby family in the death of Dave's step-grandmother, Margaret Welker, a week ago Sunday. Services were held Thursday in Baltimore, Ohio.

...the Long/Clark family in the death of Janet's aunt and Carolyn's sister-in-law, Mary Gillespie, on Thursday. Services were held on Monday in the Dayton area with Pastor Janet Long officiating.

...the Wilhelm family in the death of Joan's nephew, Trevor Oldfield, in a car accident last Thursday in Michigan. Service arrangements are pending.

May God's peace comfort all who mourn.

Hospitalized

At EMH: Barbara Boehler
At Keystone Pointe: Gordon Higgins
At Home: Pat Stevens

CALENDAR



- Thu., 1/21: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.
- Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6:15 p.m.
- Sun., 1/24: - Laity Sunday (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Tue., 1/26: - Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 1/27: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Girl Scout Troop 390 gathering in the youth rooms, 6:15 p.m.
- Fri., 1/29: - Chi Rho trip to "Winter Jam" and overnight at Franklin Circle Christian Church (ends 1/30).

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

LAIY SUNDAY January 24 Scriptures

Psalms 67 Revelation 22:1-5*

*Sermon focus