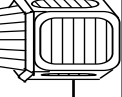


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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

I am always honored to be your pastor. Sometimes, though, I am *really* honored to be your pastor.

Your response to the Haiti earthquake makes me very proud of you. So far, \$4,655.00 and several baby care and hygiene kits have been contributed to Week of Compassion by the members and friends of Washington Avenue Christian Church. If you made a WoC gift online, please let us know so we can include it in our running total. Such an outpouring of loving care is a gift of grace to our brothers and sisters affected by this disaster.

Laity Sunday is another occasion for being proud of you. Everyone involved in the Services did a beautiful job! It is very meaningful to sit in the sanctuary as a participant in Worship, rather than as a leader of Worship. I learned from the day's speakers—Dan Maddock, Val Collins and Elliot Wainwright—and from so many others. It was inspiring! And, a first-time visitor was very impressed and promised to return.

In advance, I look forward to being proud of you for carrying on the mission and ministry we share during my vacation. This Sunday, Allie Lundblad (our Oberlin student and HELM Fellow from Asheville, NC and WACC) will preach. The following week, Courtney Richards of Geist Christian Church, Indianapolis, will be in the pulpit. Both will be exceptional! Please be present to hear two excellent sermons and to share at the Table of Christ.

Thank you for being the wonderful congregation that you are!

Love,

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### January 31, 2010

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night
- OPENER:** Bud Simmons **CLOSER:** Jim Gainer
- GREETERS:** John & Helen Farrar
- ACOLYTES:** Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner
- SPEAKER:** Allie Lundblad
- TELLERS:** Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan
- ELDER (8:30):** Lauri Warfield
- PIANIST (8:30):** Becky Thompson
- ELDERS (10:45):** Debby Willets
- HOME COMMUNION:** Barbara Terrell
- 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

#### DISTRICT 2 CHI RHO "WINTER JAM"

##### THIS WEEKEND

Chi Rhoers of District 2 will attend the Winter Jam at Cleveland's Wolstein Center, followed by an overnight at Franklin Circle Christian Church. Registration is \$15 and covers the concert and pizza/snacks back at FCCC. Youth planning to attend will need at least one adult chaperone from their church, and transportation.

#### CYF MID-WINTER HOSTING DEADLINE SUNDAY

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 are needed. Volunteers are needed by this Sunday to allow time for the required security screening of hosts.

#### WANREW RETREAT FEBRUARY 12-14

Chi Rho (grades 6-8) and CYF (grades 9-12) from Washington Avenue, North Eaton, Westlake, and Franklin Circle Christian Churches will attend a Winter Retreat at Camp Christian February 12-14. Watch this space (or call 323-4213) for more details.

### Fun Night This Sunday

Join us for games, food and fun at the Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night this Sunday, 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. Plan to attend...and bring your friends!

### Joanna Circle

will gather on Thursday, February 4, at 7 p.m. at the home of Sheila Smith, 660 University Avenue. Val Collins will co-host. Those attending will discuss Chapter 3 of the book, "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World."

### "Week" Works Year-Round

As recent events have demonstrated, it's critical to have supplies and support teams ready when disaster strikes. Your past gifts to Week of Compassion made immediate assistance possible in the wake of several crises around the world this past year, including delivering supplies to Haiti within 24 hours of the earthquake.

On Sunday, February 7, we will highlight the ministry of Week of Compassion during our Worship Services. Then, on February 14, you will be given the opportunity to respond with a gift. Please plan to be with us as we learn about, celebrate and support the important work done by Week of Compassion.

### January 31 Lectionary Corner

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Psalm 71:1-6  
Luke 4:14-30\*

\**Sermon focus*

### Have you remembered WACC in your will?

#### Lauding the Laity

The Worship Committee would like to thank all participants in last Sunday's Laity Sunday Services. This year's theme was, "For the Healing of the Nations..." and Dan Maddock, Val Collins and Elliot Wainwright offered their interpretations in meaningful and inspiring messages.

Participants in the 8:30 Service were:

Dan Clark  
Jason Higgins  
Bob Maxwell  
DiAnne Schmidt  
Bruce Siffert  
Lauri Warfield  
Gerald Western  
Kim Wilhelm

The 10:45 Service was led by:

Chris Baumgartner  
Chancel Choir, led by Alan Petersen  
Rosalie Gainer  
Don Hange, Jr.  
Tim Haywood  
Al Knapp  
Mark Mathes  
Sue McKain  
Brad Thimke  
Nautica Walker  
Debby Willets

We are truly blessed at WACC to have so many members who are willing and able to share. Our thanks to you all!

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Jeni Sweeten	19	Emily Gardner
3	Cheryl Majewski		Sarah Tobin
5	Hershel White	20	Pery Mattern
7	Trisha Dahm		Bob Rieth
9	Taylor Novak	21	Barbara Western
	Morgan McNulty	22	LaDonna Maxwell
	Maggie Ryan		Laverne Stroup
11	Diane Borthwick	23	Michelle
12	Dick Burke		Kazmierczak
	Brenda Keenan	26	Donna Lauffer
	Steve Kistner		Anne Prentice
	Ashley Minnich		Wes Shirley
	Frank Wargo		Heidi Thimke
13	James Baker	27	Sarah Feierabend
14	Mark Novak		Michelle Thimke
17	Jennifer Anderson	28	Lois Schmitt
18	Bud Krugman		



### FEBRUARY ACOLYTES

7 Samantha Moore and Nautica Walker  
14 Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz  
21 Deanna Forbush and Taylor Novak  
28 Brittany Jacovetti and Amanda Osborn

### Ash Wednesday is February 17

This year's Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be held the evening of February 17 at North Eaton Christian Church. Please plan to attend as we begin the Lenten season with District 2A Disciples from Lorain County and the west side of Cleveland.

## CALENDAR

Fri., 1/29: - Chi Rho trip to "Winter Jam" and overnight at Franklin Circle Christian Church (ends 1/30).  
Sun., 1/31: - See back page for the day's schedule.  
Tue., 2/2: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.  
Wed., 2/3: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.  
Thu., 2/4: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6:15 p.m.  
- Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.  
- Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Sheila Smith, 660 University Avenue, 7 p.m.



### NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

#### Congratulations!

Anthony Hitchens has received a football scholarship from the University of Iowa and has signed a letter of intent. How exciting!

Aaron & Deanna McNeal are celebrating their 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary (1/23) and Rick & Jean Kennedy are celebrating their 63<sup>rd</sup> (1/24). Continued blessings and best wishes to both couples!

#### Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your loving and kind outpouring of support. It means a lot to all of us.

*Robin & Mike Crocker and  
the Joseph Marsico Family*

#### Prayer Focus

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti and for the relief work being done there.

#### Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround the family of Evelyn Hollis who died last Friday. A committal service at Ridge Hill Memorial Park will be followed by a memorial service in the sanctuary on Saturday, February 20, with Pastor Janet Long officiating.

May God's presence bring comfort and peace to those who mourn.

#### Hospitalized

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time. At Home: Brad Anderson  
Barb Boehler (Abbewood)