

## February 7, 2010—Compassion Sunday

- 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 Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF gatherings  
**OPENER:** Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas  
**GREETERS:** John & Helen Farrar  
**ACOLYTES:** Samantha Moore and Nautica Walker  
**SPEAKER:** The Reverend Courtney Richards  
**TELLERS:** Cheryl McKenna and Gerald Western  
**ELDER (8:30):** Ken Mundorf  
**PIANIST (8:30):** Rosalie Gainer  
**ELDERS (10:45):** Mark Mathes and Gerald Western  
**DIACONATE:** Team 1  
**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**

### **YOUTH LUNCH AND MEETINGS THIS SUNDAY**

Sprouts (grades 3-5), Chi Rho (grades 6-8) and CYF (grades 9-12) will meet this Sunday, February 7, for fun, faith-building activities. Elder Gerald Western will provide lunch. (Our thanks to Elder Chris Baumgartner for providing the January 17 meal.)

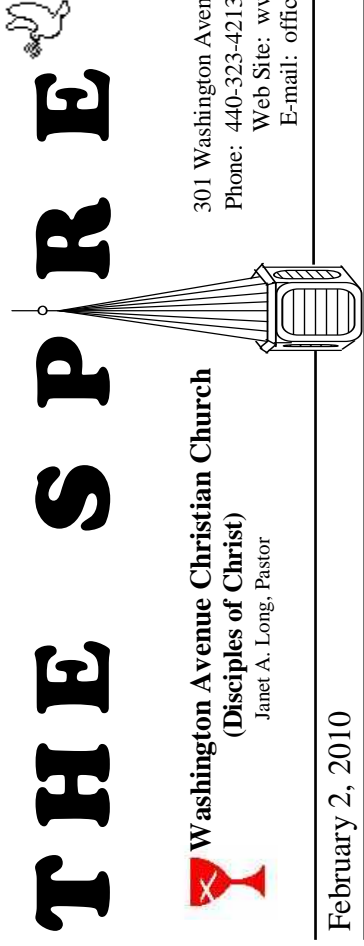
### **WANEWF RETREAT R.S.V.P DUE SUNDAY**

Chi Rho and CYF members from Washington Avenue, North Eaton, Westlake, and Franklin Circle Christian Churches will attend a Winter Retreat at Camp Christian February 12-14. The event theme is, "Love and Service."

Registration is \$30 per person. We need to know **by this Sunday** if you'll be attending; please contact the church office (323-4213) or Tony Hampton with your R.S.V.P.

### **YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT**

Advance Ministries (for post-high school adults ages 18-29) will hold a Spring Retreat March 12-14 at Camp Christian. The theme is, "Get Personal With Yourself: Exploring the Individual." Registration information is posted on our main bulletin board.



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## **Janet's Jottings**

Dear Friends,

The publication date of this week's *Spire* is Groundhog Day. First made famous by Punxsutawney Phil, the day gained notoriety thanks to the Bill Murray movie, "Groundhog Day". I'm hoping that my vacation destination won't be sporting many shadows, but Northeast Ohio is an entirely different matter.

Groundhog Day gives me the opportunity to tell you about my shadow. During her winter term at Oberlin, Allie Lundblad chose to fulfill a project requirement by following me around to gain experience and perspective regarding pastoral ministry. Allie has been sensing a call to ministry—and to becoming a pastor, in particular.

By the time you read this, I trust you will have heard Allie preach in Sunday Worship. During January, she accompanied me on numerous hospital calls and attended many meetings. She looked over my shoulder as I wrote countless emails and articles and worship materials. She participated in fellowship gatherings.

The great thing about the partnership WACC and Allie share is that it will mean something. Unlike Punxsutawney Phil, Asheville Allie will not crawl back into a hole and wait. She will be engaged in ministry—with our Sprouts, with us, with the wider church—between now and the day of her ordination. That's a shadow we can live with!

Love,



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## WOC to Be Featured

This Sunday, February 7, we will highlight the ministry of Week of Compassion during our Worship Services.

Please plan to be with us as we learn about, celebrate and support the important work done by Week of Compassion.

## Summer Peace Internships Available

Disciples Peace Fellowship is now accepting applications for its Summer Peace Internship program. Young adults who will be 21 or older by June 1 are invited to apply.

Peace Interns receive extensive training in peace education, current political and cultural conflicts, and theological study of Christian approaches to peace and justice. After completing their training, they travel across the country to church camps and conferences, serving as peace educators and justice advocates. Now in its 35<sup>th</sup> year, the Peace Internship program typically reaches over 2,000 Disciples a year, making it one of the largest programs for Disciples youth and one of the longest internships in existence for young adults. Former Peace Interns have gone on to be political advisers to White House staff and congressional committees, internationally recognized disaster-relief specialists, esteemed teachers, respected ministers, and professors at Ivy League colleges. Applications are due by February 19. Visit [www.dpfweb.org](http://www.dpfweb.org) for more information or to apply.



## February 7 Scripture Corner

Ezekiel 34: 25-31 John 21:15-19\*

\*Sermon focus

## Have you remembered WACC in your will?

### Church School Stars

Congratulations to the following for having perfect attendance in Church School during January: Arlene Burch, Dick Burch, Carol Edwards, Deanna Forbush, Paul Kersey, Steve Kistner, Al Knapp, Cindy Knapp, Mark Mathes, Susan Mathes, Tyler Pigott, Sandy Rieth, DiAnne Schmidt, Shirley Shubert, Sheila Smith, Debbie Walker, Nautica Walker, Lauri Warfield, and Gerald Western.



### Soup Supper Available Ash Wednesday

This year's Disciples District 2A Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be held on February 17 at North Eaton Christian Church, at 7 p.m. Choir members of participating churches are being asked to arrive by 6 p.m. for rehearsal, so a light soup-and-bread supper will be available 5:30-6 p.m. for singers and also for their family and friends who will be arriving early with them.

To help our hosts adequately prepare, you are asked to **R.S.V.P. to either the WACC office (323-4213) or NECC (748-2230) by Monday, February 15** if you'll be attending the supper.



## CCH to Benefit from District 2 Disciples' "Fat Tuesday" Chili Cook-Off

Disciples of District 2 are invited to participate in the 4th annual "Champion Chili for Christ" Chili Cook-Off at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Brunswick on Tuesday, February 16, 6:30-9 p.m. Admission is free but proceeds from the voting (quarters dropped into cups next to your chili favorites) will benefit the Cleveland Christian Home.

Each congregation is asked to provide one pot of chili for every eight people attending from their church. Contestants may call 330-225-2998 to register.

Don't want to compete? Just come to eat! (Those who won't be entering the competition may bring an appetizer or dessert to share, if they desire.)

Entertainment will be provided by Olmsted Falls High School's excellent jazz band. FCC is located at 3611 Center Rd., in Brunswick.



**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE SEMINAR:** Genesis House will host a seminar on teen dating violence, for parents and teen-program professionals, on Tuesday, April 20, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at French Creek MetroPark. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available. Registration forms are posted on our main bulletin board.

## CALENDAR

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.

Sun., 2/7: - Compassion Sunday (see back page for the day's schedule).

Mon., 2/8: - Northwood Service Unit Girl Scout Leaders' meeting in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tue., 2/9: - Elders' supper meeting in the Elders' conference room, 5:30 p.m.

- General Board meeting in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.

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

Wed., 2/10: - Girl Scout Troop 390 gathering in the youth rooms, 6:15 p.m.

- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Fri., 2/12: - WANEWF Retreat for Chi Rho and CYF, at Camp Christian, begins (ends 2/14).



## NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

### Congratulations!

Gib & Beth Marling and family are celebrating the birth of their second grandchild. Aiden Joseph Pomorski was born January 28 to parents Kristen and Adam, in Toledo. He was 7 lbs., 2 oz. and 19¾ in. long at birth. Our prayers for health and happiness for all!

Steve & Karen McCall are celebrating their 9th wedding anniversary (2/3). Continued blessings and best wishes!

### From the Mail Bag

"Hello" to all my WACC family. I hope everyone is staying safe and snug in the wintry weather. We are enjoying more Florida-like weather now and are hoping not to get swallowed up by a sinkhole!

- Sandy Woosley

### Prayer Focus

Please pray for all who are considering a call to ministry.

### Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround Gloria Hood and family in the death of Gloria's mother, Marion Grugle, this past Tuesday. Plans for a memorial service are underway.

### Hospitalized

At EMH: Brad Anderson

At Home: Polly Simmons (in-and-out)