

February 28, 2010

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. Traditional Worship Service
OPENER: Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: Michelle and Jillian Kazmierczak
ACOLYTES: Brittany Jacovetti and Amanda Osborn
WORSHIP LEADER: Sue McKain
SPEAKER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Dan Clark and Mark Mathes

ELDER (8:30):

Becky Thompson

ELDERS (10:45):

Don Hange, Jr.

Janet Stevens-Brown

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

CYF HIRAM CONFERENCE MID-WINTER

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to the March 5-7 Hiram Conference Mid-Winter Retreat at Westlake Christian Church. The theme is, "Conflict: Managing Stress In Your Life." Registration is \$50 for youth; \$30 for adult chaperones. Registration forms are posted on our youth bulletin board.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

Advance Ministry (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.

MAKE YOUR SPRING BREAK MEANINGFUL

Looking for something special for your Spring Break? Consider helping other Disciples build a new mission building in Slidell, Louisiana any time between now and April 3. For more information, visit: www.discipleshomemissions.org/Volunteer/SpecialProjects/SpringBreak.htm.

THE SPREE

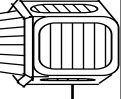


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Much of the commentary surrounding the Olympics has to do with the theme of redemption. Athletes who didn't do well in past Olympic events have the opportunity to make a comeback. Competitors who have been recovering from injuries have the chance to make their way back onto the slopes or the ice. Individuals whose life choices prevented their best performances have a shot at a medal. Some have lost loved ones whose memories propel them forward, others have family members with serious challenges who inspire them to excel.

Redemption is a theme of Lent. God seeks out the lost. God seeks to save. According to the Apostle Paul, *There is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.* We can depend on God's grace for every challenge, for every trial, for every trouble. We are held in the arms of Love that will not let us go. We are embraced by the tender mercies and watchful care of the Almighty. We are promised redemption. During Lent, we come face to face with the parts of our lives that need the power of divine redemption.

Whether we have offered less than our best, have been injured by life's cruelties, have made irresponsible life choices, have been devastated by loss, or have faced major challenges, we can trust in God's redemptive power and echo the psalmist:

*The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?*

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?*

Love,

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District 2 Disciples Men's Spring Rally March 7

Men of the church are invited to worship, dine and fellowship with other Disciples Men's groups on Sunday, March 7 at Franklin Circle Christian Church. Registration is \$7 per person and includes a program by the Reverend Jim Schimmel, music by Tiny Byrd and The Circle Project Band and a delicious dinner. Registration begins at 2:30 p.m.; dinner begins at 5 p.m. **R.S.V.P. by March 1 to pastorallen@franklincirclechurch.org or 216-781-8232.**

Joanna Circle

will gather on Thursday, March 4 at 7 p.m. at the home of Polly Simmons, 10455 E. River Road. The evening's co-host will be Beth Marling. Those attending will discuss Chapter 4, "The Cure," from the book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. All women of the church are invited to attend.



Book Club Gathering

The next meeting of the Book Club will take place on Thursday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elders' conference room. The group will discuss Lorain County native Michael Dirda's novel, *An Open Book: Coming of Age in the Heartland*.

February 28 Lectionary Corner

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Philipians 3:17-4:1
Psalm 27 Luke 13:31-35*

*Sermon focus

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

Lenten Supper & Study Series Continues

On February 22, we enjoyed a delicious meal and considered answers to the question, "Can science and faith co-exist?," using clips from the movie, "Contact". Please plan to join us each Monday through March 29 at 5:55 p.m. for additional installments of, "Finding Faith at the Movies," Part 2. A light supper will precede each study session. The March 1 session will utilize clips from the film, "The Prince of Tides," as we consider the difference between *accepting* and *settling*.

Lenten Vespers Services

Join us each Wednesday evening throughout Lent for Vespers Services at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lenten Retreats for Men and Women

Disciples women are invited to attend, "Lenten Companionship," a day of reflection, prayer, conversation, and crafts at Camp Christian on Saturday, March 20. Disciples men will meet on the same day, also at Camp Christian, for a spiritual retreat focusing on methods of prayer. You'll find complete information posted on our main bulletin board.

- Sun., 2/28: - Second Sunday in Lent (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 3/1: - Lenten Supper & Study Series in Fellowship Hall, 5:55 p.m.
- Tue., 3/2: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 3/3: - Lenten Vespers Service in the sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
- Girl Scout Troop 390 gathering in the youth rooms, 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 3/4: - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Polly Simmons, 7 p.m.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ben Willets
- 3 Ron Lauffer
- 4 Dan Russell
- 4 Dick Zechman
- 4 Pam Henry
- 4 Mary Lou
- 6 Wainwright
- 6 Kathryn Carter
- 6 Allie Lundblad
- 8 Brad Thimke
- 8 Judy Beatty Hook
- 9 Jack Price
- 10 Colton Anderson
- 10 Glendora Hange
- 11 Alan Paul
- 12 Gloria Hood
- 12 Janet Stevens-Brown
- 14 Mike Adkins
- 15 Oriyana Hale
- 15 Ashley Walker
- 15 Bill Wallhead
- 17 Pat Worcester
- 18 Linda Grogan
- 20 Jillian Kazmierczak
- 20 Richard Brown
- 20 Bud Simmons
- 22 Denise Zechman
- 22 Peggy Haywood
- 22 Joan McNulty
- 23 Kristen Henry
- 23 Mike Weinhardt
- 26 Chris Zechman
- 26 Claire Huller
- 28 Mitch Hyder
- 30 Amanda Passerello
- 31 Shirley Shubert
- Hayden Coffman

MARCH ACOLYTES

- 7 Rachel Kersey and Connor Sweeten
- 14 Tyler Schneider and Bradley Thimke
- 21 Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner
- 28 Caitlyn Osborn and Karina Rosso

Noteworthy Appearance

Violinist Amy King, whose music has enriched several of our summer worship services, will be featured in a March 7, 3 p.m. concert of the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra at Cuyahoga Community College's Western Campus Theater (11000 W. Pleasant Valley Rd., Parma). The program will include Barber's Violin Concerto and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 9, conducted by Victor Liva. For ticket information, call 216-556-1800 or email admin@clevephil.org.



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Allison Widman made the Grove City College (PA) Dean's List for last semester. Congratulations!

Bob & Gloria Hood are celebrating their 28th wedding anniversary (2/27). Continued blessings and best wishes!

NEW PHONE NUMBER

Please change Pat Stevens' phone number in your church directory; she can be reached at 327-5497.

CCH ZOO WALK APRIL 3

Walker and corporate sponsor forms for the April 3 Cleveland Christian Home's "Walk & Run for the Kids" are now available from our main bulletin board.

The CCH exists as a haven of hope and healing for children, youth and families struggling with mental illness, abuse or neglect. Together, the Home's staff and supporters like you are helping broken children heal and find strength.

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for the gift of God's saving grace and redemptive power for all creation.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround the McIntyre and Eby families in the death of Carol's brother, Don Eadon. Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of press-time.

May God's peace comfort all who mourn.

HOSPITALIZED

- Barbara Boehler
- Sharon Siffert
- Bud Simmons
- David Worcester

At EMH:

Home:

CALENDAR

