

# THE SPREE



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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Last week's earthquake in Chile, registering 8.8 on the Richter scale, caused tsunami warnings to be issued for every nation around the Pacific Ocean. The waters of New Orleans' Lake Pontchartrain shifted because of the magnitude of that earthquake. Those reports reminded many of "the butterfly effect".

According to the wisegeek.com website, the term "butterfly effect" is attributed to Edward Norton Lorenz, a mathematician and meteorologist, who was one of the first proponents of Chaos Theory. Though he had been working on the theory for some ten years, with the principal question as to whether a seagull's wing movements change the weather, he changed to the more poetic butterfly in 1973. A speech he delivered was titled, "Does the Flap of a Butterfly's Wings in Brazil Set off a Tornado in Texas?" (Actually, fellow scientist Philip Merilees created the title since Lorenz had failed to provide a title for his speech.)

What the butterfly effect posits is that the prediction of the behavior of any large system is virtually impossible, unless one could account for all tiny factors which might have a minute effect on the system. Thus, large systems like weather remain impossible to predict because there are too many unknown variables to count.

As is the case in nature, our actions have far-reaching consequences as well. Our toxic pollutants have affected the earth's air and water. We ingest carcinogens with damaging results to our health. Our demand for electronic devices has devastated miners in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the producer of 80% of the required component coltan. We insist on purchasing much for little, causing others who live in countries with unregulated labor practices to work in sweatshops.

Similarly, and thankfully, our positive actions have far-reaching consequences as well. More on that next week...

Love,

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### March 7, 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
- 12:00 noon Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF gatherings
- 2:30 p.m. District 2 Disciples Men's Spring Rally at Franklin Circle Christian Church
- OPENER:** Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas
- GREETERS:** Shirley Shubert and Lauri Warfield
- ACOLYTES:** Rachel Kersey and Connor Sweeten
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Gary Knapp
- PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
- TELLERS:** John McKenna and Gerald Western
- ELDER (8:30):** Rosalie Gainer
- ELDER (10:45):** Ken Mundorf
- Debby Willets
- 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

### YOUTH/ YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

#### YOUTH GROUPS TO GATHER THIS SUNDAY

Youth in grades 3-12 will enjoy lunch provided by Elder Bill Clark, followed by some fun faith-building activities. Friends are welcome!

#### MID-WINTER THIS WEEKEND

Registered high school youth from Hiram Conference Disciples churches will attend the Mid-Winter Retreat this weekend at Westlake Christian Church. Please remember them in prayer as they learn about managing conflict and stress.

#### LASER TAG INVITATION

Everyone age 6 or older is invited to a laser tag challenge at Lazer Extreme (Middleburg Heights) on Sunday, March 14, 2-5 p.m. Families from area Disciples churches will be present. Cost is \$7 per 20-minute play. Call 891-1819 for more info.

#### 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." Complete information is posted on our main bulletin board.

### Easter Flower Orders DUE March 14

Easter flowers given to the glory of God and in honor or memory of a loved one may be ordered now through March 14. The flowers will adorn the sanctuary on Easter morning and may be taken home following the Worship Services.

Orders may be placed in the office mail slot, phoned in, e-mailed, or sent via U.S. mail to the church office. (If using U.S. mail, please order early.) All orders must be **received** in the church office **by SUNDAY, MARCH 14** (checks payable to WACC).

**Please note: Spring flower availability can be affected by many issues; some substitutions may be necessary.**

- ☼ Lilies (White only):
  - Single stem (6", 5-8 blooms) \$ 6
  - Double stem (8", 10-12 blooms) \$12
  - Triple stem (10", 15-20 blooms) \$18
- ☼ Martha Washington Geraniums:
  - Light lavender splash \$ 7
  - Purple & dark purple bi-color \$ 7
  - Rose bi-color \$ 7
- ☼ Hydrangeas: **B**lue or **P**ink \$12

FLOWER	QTY.	COLOR OR SIZE	COST
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Hydrangeas			
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### Have you remembered WACC in your will?

#### Lenten Supper & Study Series Continues

Join us this Monday at 5:55 p.m. for our Lenten Supper & Study Series, "Finding Faith at the Movies," Part 2. On March 8, we'll examine clips from the film, "The Music Box" to consider *Disappointment: How do we cope when others break our hearts?* A light supper will precede the study session.

#### Lenten Vespers Services

You'll want to attend our Wednesday evening Vespers Services as part of your Lenten journey. The Services are held at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

#### District 2 Disciples Men's Spring Rally This Sunday

District 2 Disciples Men's groups will gather this Sunday, March 7 at Franklin Circle Christian Church for worship, fellowship, music, and supper. Registration is \$7 per person and begins at 2:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. to 216-781-8232 or [pastorallen@franklincirclechurch.org](mailto:pastorallen@franklincirclechurch.org).

### World Day of Prayer Is March 5

Elyria Area Church Women United will observe World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 5 at 10 a.m. at Second Baptist Church, 427 Chapman Lane. All women are invited.

World Day of Prayer is an annual, worldwide observance by women of many faith traditions who observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March. WDP worship materials are developed by a different country each year. For 2010, the WDP Committee of Cameroon developed the theme, "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God."

### Seder Experience Coming

A Seder Experience will be offered by the Christian Education Committee on Maundy Thursday, April 1. The Seder is solemn and reflective and is the basis for Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. Please plan to share in this moving experience prior to the Tenebrae Service. More details will follow in future issues of *The Spire*.

### March 7 Lectionary

Isaiah 55:1-9  
Psalm 63:1-8

\**Sermon focus*

## NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

### Congratulations!

Larry & Betty McIntyre are celebrating 59 years of marriage (3/3). Continued best wishes and blessings!

### 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 are invited.

### Helping Others From Our Doorsteps...

Grant application forms for our "From Our Doorsteps..." fund are now available in the narthex. One-time grants may be requested on behalf of individuals/families known to our congregation, who are experiencing an unusual financial need. (Please note that completing the form does not necessarily guarantee grant approval.) Those who wish to contribute to this fund may do so year-'round.

### Prayer Focus

Please pray for those affected by the earthquake in Chile.

### Hospitalized

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time. At Center Ridge: Sharon Siffert  
Home: Barb Boehler

*Long-time member Jack Ryan has suffered another stroke. It is a relatively mild one but still a set-back. He is currently in a rehab facility here in Wheeling. Thanks in advance for your concern and prayers.*

Sincerely,

Cheryl (Ryan) & Marc Harshman  
Elmhurst

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## CALENDAR

- Thu., 3/4: - 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 Polly Simmons, 7 p.m.
- Fri., 3/5: - EACWU's observance of World Day of Prayer at Second Baptist Church, 10 a.m.
- Hiram Conference Mid-Winter Retreat at Westlake Christian Church begins (ends 3/7).
- Sun., 3/7: - Second Sunday in Lent (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 3/8: - Lenten Supper & Study Series in Fellowship Hall, 5:55 p.m.
- Northwood Service Unit Girl Scout Leaders' meeting in the youth rooms, 6:30 p.m.
- Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 8 p.m.
- Tue., 3/9: - Staff meeting in Pastor Janet's office, 4:15 p.m.
- 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., 3/10: - Lenten Vespers Service in the sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Fri., 3/12: - Advance Ministry Spring Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 3/14).

