

March 14, 2010

*Blanket Sunday special offering received.
Ordering deadline for Easter flowers.*

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by
9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

OPENER: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Keith Western

GREETERS: Jim & Sue Stephenson

ACOLYTE: Tyler Schneider

WORSHIP LEADER: Jan Moore

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan

ELDER (8:30): **PIANIST (8:30):**

Becky Thompson Lauri Warfield

ELDERS (10:45): **HOME COMMUNION:**

Bill Clark Tim Haywood

Becky Thompson Gail Haywood

DIACONATE: Team II

8:30 - Teri Hayes and Bob Maxwell

10:45 - Karen Davis, Linda Dull, Thomas Dull, Sue McKain, Cheryl McKenna, John McKenna, Lynn Obechi, Bob Rieth, Sandy Rieth, and Jeni Sweeten

YOUTH / ADULT EVENTS AND RETREATS

LASER TAG INVITATION

Everyone age 6 and older is invited to a laser tag challenge at Lazer Extreme (Middleburg Heights) this 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

Registered young adults will gather at Camp Christian this weekend for the Advance Ministry Spring Retreat. The group will be using this time to learn more about their true natures. Please remember them in your prayers.

MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Men are invited to Camp Christian on Saturday, March 20, for a prayer retreat, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Registration is \$40.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Women are invited to Camp Christian on Saturday, March 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for a day of *Lenten Companionship*. Registration is \$40.

Registration forms for both retreats are posted on our main bulletin board or you may register online: www.ccinoh.org.

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Last week I wrote about the "butterfly effect"—the phenomenon of something seemingly small and insignificant having far-reaching and disproportionate results. Usually associated with weather, I believe that the "butterfly effect" occurs in other happenings and at other levels as well. Though often negative, the effect can be positive. Not surprisingly, I can draw parallels with the life of our congregation.

The connection comes in many ways, at many times. A handful of change into a jar marked "Cleveland Christian Home" or "Darfur" seems to multiply as hundreds of dollars are collected in support of worthy causes. Steps taken in the CROP Walk or the Walk & Run for the Kids are transformed into an exercise of walking with those in need. Those pledging their sponsorship walk alongside.

Our congregation engages with other Disciples churches in mission and ministry that we could not undertake alone. The life-shaping experiences that happen at Camp Christian are the result of Disciples from throughout Ohio giving resources that invite the work of the Holy Spirit. Our efforts through Week of Compassion are joined with those of other Disciples and the results are increased.

The uniting of our prayers, the combining of our offerings, the sharing of our time, the pooling of our ideas, the joining of our voices in praise and in the call for justice, and the connecting of our commitments coalesce in such a way that some are wrapped in the cocoon of safety and sanctuary, while others are given wings that empower them to grow and to grace the world.

It's time to flap our wings a bit more. Never underestimate the power of God's spirit to move through God's people to do God's work in God's world. Our aggregate efforts will be far greater than the sum of our individual efforts. God's math is based on some pretty high levels of multiplication. Let's see what God will do through the "butterfly effect" with the gifts we offer as Washington Avenue Christian Church...

Love,

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Last Call for Easter Flowers

Easter flowers given to the glory of God and in honor or memory of a loved one may be ordered through this Sunday, 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 or e-mailed. All orders must be **received** in the church office **BY THIS 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: Blue or Pink \$12

FLOWER	QTY.	COLOR OR SIZE	COST
Lilies			
Geraniums			
Hydrangeas			
	TOTAL	\$	

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____

Presented By _____

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

“Covering” 2009 Blanket Sunday

The recent earthquakes in Haiti, Chile and Turkey stress the continuing need for the blankets and rebuilding tools offered by Church World Service’s “Blankets and Tools of Hope” program.

Our delayed 2009 Blanket Sunday offering will be received this Sunday, March 14, with an opportunity to give to this important humanitarian aid project. Please use the enclosed envelope or a specially-marked one from the pew rack this Sunday. Checks should be payable to WACC, with “Blankets/Tools of Hope” written on the memo line. Thank you for your continued generosity. (Note: *The 2010 Blanket Sunday emphasis will occur this Fall.*)

Charity Walk Dates Announced

April 3 Cleveland Christian Home Walk & Run for the Kids, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo; forms posted on our main bulletin board.
April 24 CROP Walk, Lorain County Metro Parks Bur Oak Reservation; contact Jane Hutson, Mark Mathes or Keith Western.

Sarah Circle Gathering

Sarah Circle will gather on Thursday, March 18, at 10:45 a.m. in the youth rooms. Linda Dull and Florence Hastings will provide lunch and Pastor Janet Long will present the program, “Forgiveness offered...” All women of the church are invited.

- Fri., 3/12: - Advance Ministry Spring Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 3/14).
- Sun., 3/14: - Fourth Sunday in Lent (see back page for the day’s schedule).
- Mon., 3/15: - Lenten Supper & Study Series in Fellowship Hall, 5:55 p.m.
- Tue., 3/16: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 3/17: - 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., 3/18: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.
 - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6:15 p.m.
 - Book Club gathering in the Elders’ conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., 3/20: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 6 (Gail Hayward, captain).

Lenten Supper & Study Series Continues

The Monday, March 15 installment of our Lenten Supper & Study Series will examine clips from the film, “A River Runs Through It”. The discussion will encourage us to see how memories are vehicles of grace. A light supper, beginning at 5:55 p.m., precedes the study.

Lenten Vespers Services

Please remember 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.

Seder Experience Coming

What makes the Seder Experience so special? It reminds us of our faith roots, using food to represent significant events. As we wash our hands at the beginning, we think of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. The matzo (unleavened bread) is a symbol of God’s people having to escape Israel quickly, before the bread had time to rise.

The WACC Seder Experience will be held Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, prior to the 7:30 p.m. Service of Communion and Tenebrae.

March 14 Lectionary

Joshua 5:9-12
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
 Psalm 32

**Sermon focus*

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

GREETINGS...

Hello! Missing my WACC family and wishing I could mail sunshine and warmer temperatures. Hang in there...Spring shall come again!
 -Sandy Woosley

...AND THANKS

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls, and thoughtful expressions of care during my recent illness and hospital stay. Special thanks to Pastor Janet for her untiring comforting of my family and me. May God bless you all.
 -Bud Simmons

Thank you, Pastor Janet and crisis committee, for all your help. Everything went very well the whole weekend. My family was grateful.
 -Barb Gottschling

PRAYER FOCUS: Please pray for God’s guidance to lead us to have a positive impact, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround...
 ...the Maddock family in the death of Tina’s mother, Lois Limpert, on Saturday. Services will be held this Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Richard’s Catholic Church in North Olmsted.
 ...the Smith family in the death of Clifford’s brother, Denver, early last week in Arizona. Services will be held there on March 15.

...the Baumgartner family in the death of Chuck’s 13-year-old cousin, Seth Jenkins, on Saturday. Services will be held Thursday in Columbus.

...Pat Gohle in the death of her cousin, John Callahan, last Wednesday. Services were held today (Tuesday) in Coshocton.

...the March family in the death of Pam’s cousin, Richard Zronek on Thursday. Services were held today (Tuesday) in the Cleveland area.

...Marion Wiles in the death of her cousin, Ted Judy, on Saturday. Services were held Monday in Morgantown, West Virginia.

May God’s peace comfort all who mourn.

HOSPITALIZED

At EMH: Mildred Blitz
At Lifecare: Pat Gohle
Home: Addie Buczek (Keystone Pointe)
 Sharon Siffert
 Clifford Smith

CALENDAR

