

March 21, 2010

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
12:00 noon Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF gatherings
OPENER: Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.
GREETERS: Jack & Audrey Price

ACOLYTES: Deanna Forbush and Sarah Turner
WORSHIP LEADER: Don Hange, Jr.

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Lauri Warfield

ELDER (8:30):

Bill Clark
Lauri Warfield

ELDERS (10:45):

Ken Mundorf
Lauri Warfield

Don Hange, Jr.
Robin Crocker

DIACONATE: Team III

8:30 - Jason Higgins and Brian Maddock

10:45 - Pam Henry, Michelle Kazmierczak, Michelle Kersey, Sean Kersey, Carol Mosher, Karen Schneider, Laverne Stroup, and Wayne Walker

YOUTH NEWS / CAMP SCHOLARSHIP INFO.

YOUTH GROUPS TO MEET THIS SUNDAY

Youth in grades 3-12 will gather this Sunday, March 21 for a noon lunch provided by Elders Don Hange, Jr. and Chris Baumgartner, followed by fun, faith-building activities. Invite friends!

PLAN YOUR SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE NOW

Don't miss out on what many describe as their favorite event each year—a week at Camp Christian! You may have already seen the list of camp opportunities posted inside this issue of *The Spire*, but did you know that WACC will help finance your camp trip? A scholarship covering 50% of the Early Bird rate is available to all youth who regularly attend Worship, Church School and youth group activities at WACC. And while WACC is geographically affiliated with Camp Portahoga and Hiram Conference, campers may select other weeks to attend if they cannot attend their "home" event. Applications are posted on the youth bulletin board, or you may print your own at:
www.ccinoh.org/camp/applications.aspx

Register by May 1 to receive the lowest rate!
(Please make checks payable to WACC.)

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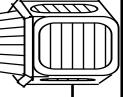


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

We mourn the death of an Elyria police officer. Our hearts go out to his family, his friends and neighbors, and his colleagues. Jimmy Kerstetter was connected to this congregation in a number of ways: he grew up next door to Bob Clark (and right down the street from the McIntyres) and his parents are among Bob's dearest friends; his two older daughters attend the high school where Debbie Walker teaches; and, one sister teaches in the school where Carol McIntyre works, another is a nurse at EMH.

Officer Kerstetter responded once to a call here at the church. He was professional and he was personable. He did more than take down an incident report. He took time to talk about his concerns for our community and its youth. His commitment to the welfare and security of our city was evident. There was no attempt to be a hot-shot or a hero. He simply wanted to offer his best efforts to make Elyria a better and safer place to live. His approach was collegial, his demeanor warm.

There is a pervasive sadness in the wake of this tragedy. Whether you knew him well, just a bit or not at all, he represents what is good about our community. While the makeshift memorial at the police station grows, I hope our resolve to improve our community grows even more. We need to be involved in making a difference in our neighborhoods and schools. From block-watching to mentoring, from prayers to petitions, we need to unleash our individual and collective power for good.

May the memory of this faithful public servant inspire us to build a stronger and more secure community. May the reminder that life is precious and fragile strengthen our resolve to build a safer, yet more sensitive environment for the good of all. May the peace of the Lord surround and sustain everyone affected by this loss. And, may we always remember that love overcomes hatred, that good wins out over evil, that gratitude lessens grief, and that life is victorious over death. God bless us all.

Love,

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Spring Sign: The First...Camp Form?

A sure sign that warmer days are ahead is the appearance of the Ohio Region's summer Camp and Conference forms.

One change this year includes the use of *the same form for all camps taking place at Camp Christian*; another is that medical forms will be mailed separately to registered campers.

In addition, Camp Christian is now accredited with the American Camp Association, demonstrating that Camp Christian provides quality programs and staff training while utilizing recognized industry standards of operation and safety practices.

Unless otherwise noted, all of the following events will be held at Camp Christian:

Junior Camps: (in partnership with the United Church of Christ; for youth completing grades 3-5)

Camp Otter June 20-26

Camp Badger* July 11-17 (at Temple Hills)

Camp Beaver* July 25-31 (at Pilgrim Hills)

Chi Rho Camps: (for youth completing grades 6-8)

Camp Hocking June 13-19

Camp Portahoga (for our district) July 11-17

Camp Maumee July 18-24

Camp Miami August 8-14

Christian Youth Fellowship Conference:

(for youth completing grades 9-12)

Hiram Conference (for our district) June 27-July 3

Phyo Conference July 4-10

Lakeside Conference July 25-31

Wilmington Conference August 1-7

Advance Ministry Conference: (for post-high school adults ages 18-29)

August 15-22

Adventure Camp (Photo Safari of Ohio):

(for high school youth and adults; youth younger than grade 9 may attend with their parent or adult guardian)

August 8-14

REGISTRATION FEES FOR ALL CAMPS:⁺⁺

Early Bird (postmarked by May 1) **\$290**

After May 1 **\$320**

Late/On-site (less than 14 days prior to event) **\$340**

Registration and payment must be in the WACC office two weeks before the start date of your selected camp. Forms are posted on the youth bulletin board. **See the back page of this issue of *The Spire* for scholarship info.**

+ Camps Badger and Beaver require a different registration form from that used for the other Camps.

++ For all Junior Camps, add \$10 to above-quoted fees.

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

Seder Experience...

Is the Seder Experience a dinner? No.

The Seder Experience includes partaking of symbolic food in a reflective way. Hagigah (egg) reminds us of the renewal of life, and eternal existence. The salt water represents the tears of the Jews; they felt hopeless before the Lord saved them. Karpas (parsley) is green, and represents growing and new life.

Charoseth (apples, honey and cinnamon)

reminds us of the mortar the slaves used to build the cities for Pharaoh. Its sweetness

reminds us of God's promise to God's people.

The WACC Seder Experience will take place on Maundy Thursday (April 1) in Fellowship Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m.

...Followed by Tenebrae Service

Our annual Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae will take place on Thursday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. You'll want to be present for this solemn, memorable worship experience.

March 21 Lectionary

Isaiah 43:16-21 Philipians 3:4b-14

Psalms 126 John 12:1-8*

*Sermon focus

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: - Men's Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Christian, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

- Women's Lenten Companioning Retreat at Camp Christian, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

- Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 6 (Gail Haywood, captain).

Sun., 3/21: - Fifth Sunday in Lent (see back page for the day's schedule).

Mon., 3/22: - Lenten Supper & Study Series in Fellowship Hall, 5:55 p.m.

Tue., 3/23: - Girl Scout Troop 232 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.

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

Wed., 3/24: - Lenten Vespers Service in the sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.

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

Quadrennial News

◆ Registration Rate Hike April 1

◆ Theme Photographs Sought

Women wishing to attend the every-four-years gathering of Disciples women from around the world, being held June 23-27 in Greensboro, North Carolina, will want to register before March 31 to save \$25 on the registration fee. In addition, photographs are being sought which illuminate the event theme, "Awake! Awake!", for a juried photography show (deadline April 1). Complete Quadrennial information is available at www.quadrennial.org, or you may visit our main bulletin board for registration forms, workshop listings, etc.

Lenten Supper & Study

Series Continues

Our Lenten Supper & Study Series will continue on Monday, March 22 with clips from the film, "To Kill a Mockingbird". The theme will be, "How Is Empathy the Heart of Christian Faith?" A light supper, beginning at 5:55 p.m., will precede the study.

Lenten Vespers Services

We continue to hold Wednesday evening Vespers Services during this Lenten season. Your attendance at these 6:15 p.m. services will deepen your personal Lenten experience. We'll look for you there.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Jack & Maggie Ryan are celebrating 59 years of marriage (3/17). Continued best wishes and blessings!

Inquiring Minds

Our annual Inquirers Class of young people considering baptism and church membership will soon be forming. If your child is in grade 6 or older and would like to be part of this class which will meet after school on Wednesdays, contact the church office (323-4213).

Perfect Attendance

Those having perfect attendance in Church School during February include: Chris Baumgartner, Arlene Burch, Dick Burch, Val Collins, Deanna Forbush, Cheryl Grapes, Cameron Hyder, Cindy Johnson, Brenda Keenan, Steve Kistner, Al Knapp (Glenna didn't miss in January), Allie Lundblad, Pete Majewski, Tyler Pigott, DiAnne Schmidt, Shirley Shubert, Sheila Smith, Chris Thomas, Debbie Walker, Lauri Warfield, Barbara Western, and Gerald Western.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for the family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues of Officer Jimmy Kerstetter. Pray as well for the Palmer family in their devastation over this heartbreaking tragedy.

Sympathy

Our prayers of sympathy and support are extended to Ross Warner III and his family in the death of his mother, Myra Ball, last Wednesday. A committal service in the Wooster area will take place at a later date.

Hospitalized

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time. *At New Life Hospice:* Mildred Biltz

CALENDAR

