

April 4, 2010—Easter

8:30 a.m. Celebration Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Breakfast served by our Disciples Men
9:30 a.m. Church School combined session
10:45 a.m. Festival Service of the Resurrection
OPENER: Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas
ACOLYTES: Samantha Moore and Nautica Walker
WORSHIP LEADER: Gary McIntyre
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Dan Clark and Ken Oblak
ELDER (8:30): Chris Baumgartner
PIANIST (8:30): Carolyn Long
ELDERS (10:45): Barbara Terrell and Don Hange, Jr.
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 NEWS and CAMP INFORMATION

FAMINE EVENT FOR ALL YOUTH GROUPS

Chi Rho (grades 6-8) and CYF (grades 9-12) will take part in World Vision's 30-Hour Famine beginning Friday, April 23, at 6 p.m. at the church. Sprouts (grades 3-5) will join the group on Saturday morning. Activities will include fasting, worship, discussion, a service project, and games. *A brief meeting will be held on Sunday, April 11 in the youth rooms for distribution of sponsor forms.*
To Our Church Family: Thank you, in advance, for responding generously when approached by a youth group member carrying a sponsor envelope.

CAMP REGISTRATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

It's not too early to book your church camp experience for 2010. Available dates include:

Junior Camps (completing grades 3-5):

Camp Otter June 20-26 (at Camp Christian)
Camp Badger July 11-17 (at Temple Hills)
Camp Beaver July 25-31 (at Pilgrim Hills)

Chi Rho Camp (completing grades 6-8):

Camp Portahoga July 11-17 (at Camp Christian)

CYF Conference (completing grades 9-12):

Hiram Conference June 27-July 3 (at Camp Christian)

Advance Ministry (post-high school-age 29):

August 15-22 (at Camp Christian)

Early-bird (lowest rate) registration ends May 1.

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

This week encompasses the full range of human emotion. From the short-lived joy of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the enigmatic celebration of the Passover/Last Supper, to the devastating execution on the cross, to the sad vigil at the tomb, to the glorious news of resurrection, this week is filled with passion.

I pray that these days of this Holy Week are filled with deepened meaning as you journey with Jesus—watching and waiting as the events unfold. Remember our Seder Experience and Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae (April 1, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.). Share in the Community Good Friday Service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on April 2 at 12 noon.

Then, on Easter Sunday, share the best and brightest day of the year with your church family. The schedule for the morning is:

8:30 a.m. Celebration Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast hosted by our Disciples Men
9:30 a.m. Children's Church School combined session/Easter egg hunt
10:45 a.m. Festival Service of the Resurrection

The refrain of Easter, "The Lord is risen!" "The Lord is risen indeed!", will reverberate throughout the earth. Love wins out over hate, life trumps death, Jesus is victorious! The resurrection is the reason for our faith, the source of our hope, the impetus for our love. *Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again...* Alleluia! Amen.

Love,

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HOLY WEEK EVENTS

SEDER EXPERIENCE

Please remember WACC's Seder Experience on Maundy Thursday (April 1) at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND TENEBRAE

Also taking place on Maundy Thursday, at 7:30 p.m., is our Service of Communion and Tenebrae. We'll meet in the sanctuary for this solemn, memorable worship service.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

We'll observe Good Friday on April 2 at the Elyria Ministerial Association's Community Good Friday Worship Service, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 300 Third St., at 12 noon. Please plan to attend.

EASTER

Our Celebration Worship Service will take place on Sunday, April 4, at 8:30 a.m.; our Festival Service of the Resurrection will occur at 10:45 a.m. that day. Our Disciples Men will prepare and serve Easter breakfast, 9:15-10 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Pancakes and scrambled eggs will be featured. Proceeds from a freewill offering will benefit the Pancake Project Fund for children's ministries of Disciples Home Missions. The 9:30 children's Church School combined session will include an Easter egg hunt and surprise gifts for all of our children's classes.

April 4 (Easter) Lectionary Corner

Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 John 20:1-18*

* *Sermon focus*

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

Easter Special Day Offering

This Sunday, we will have the opportunity to support the wide Christian witness that takes place through Disciples' General Ministries. Your gift shares the message of resurrection through:
 Missionaries touching lives around the globe;
 Ministerial relief and assistance;
 Stewardship education;
 Disciples men's and women's ministries;
 A fully inclusive table where we learn from our brothers and sisters in Christ;
 Proclaiming our identity and history as a people of Christian unity;
 Our shared mission as a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world;
 Education for, and learning from, children and youth;
 Leadership development;
 Evangelism training;
 Hands-on mission work; and,
 Global and domestic ministry partnerships.
 To offer your gift, please use the enclosed envelope, the designated one from your personalized packet of offering envelopes, or a specially-marked one from the pew rack this Sunday. Checks should be payable to WACC, with "Easter Offering" written on the memo line. Thank you for giving generously!

Thu., 4/1:

- Seder Experience in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Fri., 4/2:

- Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae, 7:30 p.m.

Sat., 4/3:

- Community Good Friday Service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 12 noon.
 - Cleveland Christian Home's Walk & Run for the Kids at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 8:45 a.m.

Sun., 4/4:

- Worship Committee work session (Easter flowers), 9 a.m.

Tue., 4/6:

- Easter (see back page for the day's schedule).

Wed., 4/7:

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

Thu., 4/8:

- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
 - Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
 - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Barbara Terrell, 39900 Hope Ct., 7 p.m.



Was Your Name E-rased?

A portion of our newsletter distribution list was accidentally deleted last week. If you've been receiving *The Spire* via e-mail but receive only a hard copy this week, please contact us ASAP. If you've never been an e-mail *Spire* subscriber but would like to receive fast, free delivery of each week's edition, just let us know. Contact us at office@waccelyria.org.

Bunk Rail Party at Camp Christian

On April 17, Ohio Disciples Men and others will gather at Camp Christian to install rails around the top bunks in the cabins.

Contributions of labor are welcome;

please contact Camp Superintendent Al

Channell (AChannell@ccinoh.org) to help.

Financial contributions of any size are

welcome (payable to the Christian Church in

Ohio with "Bunk Rails" on the memo line).

A cabin can be sponsored for \$100 and an

entire cluster for \$400.

Note: Another Camp-care day is set for May 22 to prepare the buildings and grounds for the summer camping season. A free lunch will be provided to all who help. An optional Friday night stay is available; \$25 will cover lodging and breakfast. Save the date!

CALENDAR

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Joan McNulty became a first-time great-grandmother and Pat & Paul Dahm became grandparents with the birth of Natalie Jean Dahm to Trisha on March 25. She weighed in at 6 lb., 9 oz. and measured 19 inches long. Best wishes and blessings to all the family!

Also celebrating the recent arrivals of new great-grandchildren are Marilyn Landes and Helen & John Farrar. Ask to see pictures of Peyton Marie Landes and Duncan Samuel Brown! All the best to all!

Joanna Circle

will meet on Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Barbara Terrell, 39900 Hope Ct., Elyria. Co-host will be Val Collins. The group will continue its discussion of, "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World."

Neighborly "Thanks!"

A letter of appreciation was recently received from the Lorain County Historical Society for the use of our parking lot during several of their larger fundraisers each year. Our next sharing opportunity will be the Historical Society's July 11 Ice Cream Social.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for those traveling during Spring Break.

Hospitalized

At EMH: Anne Prentice
At Home: Brad Anderson
 Addie Buczek (Keystone Pointe)
 Pat Gohle
 Darlene Henes (in-and-out)