

April 18, 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 Morning Worship Service
12:00 noon Church Life & Growth Committee meeting;
Sprouts, Chi Rho and CYF lunch,
gathering and visit to Wesleyan Village

OPENER: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.

ACOLYTES: Taylor Novak and Sarah Turner

WORSHIP LEADER: Tim Widman

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Dan Clark and Larry McIntyre

ELDER (8:30):

Don Hange, Jr. **PIANIST (8:30):**

Carole Weinhardt

ELDERS (10:45):

Barbara Terrell

Mark Mathes

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

Youth Groups to Gather for Special Activities

This Sunday, April 18, youth in grades 3-12 will enjoy a delicious lunch provided by Elder Barbara Terrell and hear from Cleaie Gaitan and Albert McLaren who will share stories about growing up in Jamaica. Afterwards, the group will bring musical cheer to the residents of the Wesleyan Village. *Note: Please allow an extra hour for this Sunday's program; we'll return to WACC by 3 p.m.*

On Friday, April 23, the Famine Event for CYF and Chi Rho will begin at 6 p.m. Bring appropriate sleepwear and bedding and toiletries. The group will play games while learning about hunger issues. Sprouts will join the group on Saturday, April 24, at 9 a.m. At 6 p.m., the group will break its fast with a meal together. Please remember to bring completed pledge sheets.

Camp/Conference Rates Go Up May 1

For the best rate, register for Camp before May 1. WACC will pay 1/2 of the early-bird rate for those who participate regularly in youth group, Church School and Worship. Camp dates and registration forms are posted on the youth bulletin board.

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

General Board meetings of Washington Avenue Christian Church are well-attended and well-behaved. Members share a deep connection and a devoted commitment to the well-being of this beloved expression of the Body of Christ. There is good-natured bantering and good-spirited exchanges. There is room for the good-Spirited presence of the Lord.

A note of sadness and a measure of surprise and shock changed the tone of tonight's meeting when the following letter was shared:

I wish to inform you of my decision to retire from my position as Organist of Washington Avenue Christian Church, effective July 25, 2010.

It has been my heartfelt joy to serve as your organist for the past 25 years.

I look forward to continuing our fellowship together in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Rosalie M. Gainer

I barely remember our worship life here at Washington Avenue without Rosalie. She has graced the key—and pedal—boards with beautiful music and breathtaking meaning. Music has been ministry for Rosalie: a gift to God's glory and a gift to our spirits. She has given more than expected and more than required. And we have appreciated her talents!

I am heartened by the reminder that Rosalie felt that God was leading her to us. I trust that God is leading another church musician in our direction. As a committee is formed to conduct a search, please pray for God's direction. Listen closely to the music these next three months (after Rosalie's return from vacation on May 2) and then look for her in a pew near you!

God bless Rosalie and God bless Washington Avenue Christian Church.

Love,


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CAMPS AND RETREATS FOR ALL

Marriage Encounter Weekend: for couples
April 30-May 2
Hudson, Ohio
For good marriages within the Disciples and United Church of Christ communities who want even better, stronger marriages.

Disciples Fellowship Camp: "Family Camp"—for all
Friday-Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-30
Participants will enjoy a variety of activities both fun and "For the Beauty of Camp," including service projects to ready Camp Christian for the summer season of shaping future church leaders.

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

Adult Conference: for all adults
Northwest Christian Church, Columbus June 14-18
Participants will go "Deep and Wide: Living Out the Spiritual Journey" as they explore how individuals and communities can go deeper down into our souls and farther out into the world. The Rev. Dr. Ronald J. Allen, Christian Theological Seminary's Professor of Preaching and New Testament and author of over 30 books and 100 articles, will present each day's Bible lecture.

Junior Camps: for youth completing grades 3-5;
in partnership with the United Church of Christ
Camp Otter June 20-26
Camp Badger July 11-17 (at Temple Hills)
Camp Beaver July 25-31 (at Pilgrim Hills)

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
Wilmingtone Conference August 1-7

Adventure Camp: for high school youth and adults;
youth younger than grade 9 may attend with their parent or adult guardian
August 8-14
Based at Camp Christian, participants will enjoy day trips exploring Downtown Columbus, the Columbus Zoo and Zoombezi Bay Waterpark, Dawes Arboretum, and the Hocking Hills area in a "Photo Safari of Ohio—Picturing Fruit of the Spirit." Award-winning photographer Jack Acri will present photography and digital imaging tips.

Advance Ministry Conference: for post-high school adults ages 18-29
August 15-22
Complete information for all of the above is posted on the youth and main bulletin boards. All events take place at Camp Christian unless otherwise noted. Partial scholarships available. Rates rise May 1—register NOW!

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

All Daughters Dinner Tickets Available

Tickets for the Thursday, May 6 All Daughters Dinner will be available after each Worship Service beginning this Sunday, April 18 with sales ending Sunday, May 2.

This year's program will feature "Vocalist Extraordinaire" Debra Rose. Her act has been seen by several WACC members who will attest to her talent and her engaging personality.

The meal will be catered by WACC's Hospitality Committee; your choice of beef or chicken entrée can be made when you purchase your ticket.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 4-11 (free for children ages 3 and younger). *Please note: No tickets will be sold at the door. Payment is due when you place your reservation with Val Collins.*

April 18 Lectionary Corner

Acts 9:1-6, 7-20 Revelation 5:11-14
Psalm 30 John 21:1-19*

*Sermon focus

Thu., 4/15: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6:15 p.m.

Sat., 4/17: - Bunk Rail Party at Camp Christian, 9 a.m.

- Advance Ministry Fundraising Concert at Camp Christian, 12 noon.

- Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 2 (Barbara Western, captain).

Sun., 4/18: - See back page for the day's schedule.

Mon., 4/19: - Lorain County Scholarship Committee meeting in the youth rooms, 9 a.m.

- Northwood Service Unit Girl Scout Leaders' meeting in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tue., 4/20: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Wed., 4/21: - First Inquirers Class gathering in the Elders' conference room, 3:33 p.m.

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

- Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.

Thu., 4/22: - Sarah Circle luncheon at the home of Carolyn Long, 420 Park Avenue, 12 noon.

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- Lorain-Elyria CROP Walk begins at Bur Oak Metro Park, 9 a.m.

- Children Worship & Wonder Storyteller Retreat, 10 a.m.

Sarah Circle

will gather on Thursday, April 22 at 12 noon for a luncheon at the home of Carolyn Long, 420 Park Avenue.

A memorial service, "Life Restored..." celebrating the lives of WACC women, will be led by Pastor Janet Long.

Reservations are needed in the church office by Monday, April 19.

CROP Walk Forms Available

Those planning to walk in the April 24 CROP Walk may obtain sponsor forms from Keith Western. The event will start at 9 a.m. at the Bur Oak Metro Park entrance.

WACC to Host Storyteller Retreat

Debbie Walker will meet with Children Worship & Wonder storytellers on Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the youth rooms. Participants will review techniques and learn new stories. Call 440-323-4213 with questions, or to register.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Camp Christian Reunion May 15

Remember the Vespers spot? The Dining Hall? Sitting in the green chairs, talking with your friends? Revisit those memories on Saturday, May 15 at the Camp Christian Reunion...and bring your family! R.S.V.P today at www.ccinoh.org.

Note: Ohio Disciples Men will host a work day at Camp Christian on Saturday, May 22. Lunch will be provided. Help their cooks prepare by pre-registering at www.ccinoh.org.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for the people of Poland in the tragic death of their President and other national leaders.

Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround the McKenna family in the death of Cheryl's step-grandfather, Jerry Vogel, Sr., on Monday. Services will be held Saturday in St. Louis.

Services for Florence Neal (Debbie Walker's grandmother) will be held on Saturday, April 17 at 2 p.m. at the United Church, 75 S. Broadway (Highway 534), Geneva, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make memorial gifts are asked to consider the Hospice of the Western Reserve, the United Church of Geneva, or the Disciples Mission Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

May God's peace embrace those who mourn.

Hospitalized

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

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