

April 25, 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

OPENER: Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre

ACOLYTES: Brittany Jacovetti and Amanda Osborn
WORSHIP LEADER: Ken Oblak

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan

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

Tim Haywood Carolyn Long

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

Gerald Western Chris Baumgartner

Ken Mundorf Cindy Knapp

DIACONATE: Team IV

8:30 - Bud Simmons and Polly Simmons

10:45 - Arlene Burch, Dick Burch, David Eby,

Nicole Eby, Deanna Forbush, Gail Haywood,

Peggy Haywood, Jane Hutson, Brenda Keenan,

and Jody Six

YOUTH NEWS

Famine Event This Weekend

The Famine Event for CYF and Chi Rho will begin this Friday, April 23, at 6 p.m. Those attending should bring bedding, toiletries and appropriate sleepwear. The group will learn about hunger issues through videos, discussions and games. 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. Parents should arrive by 8 p.m. on Saturday to take home their family members.

Camp/Conference Rates Go Up May 1

For the best rate, register for Camp before May 1. Look inside this issue of *The Spire* for more information about Junior (Partnership) Camps (for those completing grades 3-5), Chi Rho Camps (completing grades 6-8), CYF Conference (completing grades 9-12), Advance Ministry (post-high school adults ages 18 and older), Adult Conference (all adults), Disciples Fellowship ("Family") Camp (for everyone), and Adventure Camp (for grades 9-adult). **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 our bulletin boards.

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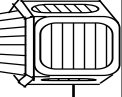


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
 the world, and those who live in it...*

Earth Day is celebrated each year on April 22—and has been since 1970. Its observance is indicated on the "Annual Planning Guide and Calendar" of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), with Earth Stewardship Sunday slated to follow on April 25.

Being aware of our connection with nature is important to all creation. And, being aware of our charge to be stewards of creation is significant to all persons of faith. We have been given this planet to tend, not to terrorize. We are called to protect it, not plunder it.

Recent news of earthquakes in Haiti and Chile, of volcanic eruptions in Iceland and of a coal mine collapse in West Virginia are powerful reminders that we humans do not have a full understanding of the design of our ecosystem and its fragile balance.

We hold this earth in trust from God. We are to enjoy it, and we are to ensure that it will be passed on to the coming generations with no damage or destruction done. Receding glaciers and rainforests and the pollution of air and water indicate a lack of responsible care.

There are ways to do our part: reduce our carbon footprint, reuse what we can, recycle as much as possible, reclaim by picking up litter, respect our world. And we can enjoy nature—by taking a walk, by reflecting on beauty, by worshipping the God of creation:

O Lord, my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see...

Love,



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CAMPS AND RETREATS FOR ALL

Rates Rise May 1—Register NOW!

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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 their 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
Wilmington 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 Zoombi 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.

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

All Daughters Dinner May 6

This year's All Daughters Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The meal will be catered by WACC's Hospitality Committee and will feature your choice of chicken or beef.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by "Vocalist Extraordinaire" Debra Rose who offers a variety of programs, including spiritual music and pop songs.

Please note that tickets will be sold only this Sunday and next, after each Worship Service; please specify your meal choice when purchasing your ticket (\$7 for adults; \$3 for children ages 4-11; free for ages 3 and younger).

GRADUATING? Please contact the church office if you will be graduating from high school or college this Spring, or completing an advanced degree or technical training; we'd like to include you in our June 6 Baccalaureate celebration.



April 25 Lectionary Readings

Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 23* John 10:22-30*

*Sermon foci

Sing-for-Your-Supper May 3

If you like to sing, hear favorite hymns and eat (Disciples love to eat!), save Monday, May 3 for our annual Sing-for-Your-Supper Lasagna Dinner and Hymn Sing. There will be delicious lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and dessert, followed by lots of singing led by our one and only Alan Petersen. A freewill offering will help defray expenses. This fun fellowship tradition will start at 5:55 p.m.

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. Registration is \$35 (adults) or \$25 (ages 5-17) and includes all programming on Saturday and three meals, including the Awards Dinner. Overnight lodging is available Friday (\$18) and Saturday (\$23; includes Sunday breakfast). **R.S.V.P by May 8** at www.ccinoh.org or by using the form posted on one of our bulletin boards. (A \$5 charge will be added to later registrations.)



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mike & Robin Crocker are celebrating their 11th wedding anniversary (4/16), Bill & Diane Wallhead are celebrating their 57th (4/18) and Gerry & Debby Higgins are celebrating their 9th (4/19). Continued blessings and best wishes!

MISSIONARY SPEAKER AT HIRAM

On Thursday, April 29 Sister Denise Pitchardo, Director and founder of Caminante (a Partner Disciples Global Ministries program in Boca Chica, Dominican Republic that helps at-risk youth), will speak at Hiram College's Kennedy Center Ballroom at 12:30 p.m. Sister Denise and translator Erin McKinney will speak about Caminante, their work with street children and Haitian refugees in the Dominican Republic, and their efforts to prevent human trafficking in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. A second opportunity to hear Sister Denise will take place on Friday, April 30 at Hiram Christian Church after a 6 p.m. carry-in dinner. Admission to both is free.

Caminante is a not-for-profit education and microfinance project that works with children living and working in the street. Projects include education and technical training, recreational activities, and mental and physical health awareness, all aimed toward the improvement of life conditions and positive integration into the community.

Hiram College is helping to establish a micro loan program for Caminante. For more information about either Hiram event, contact Bill Fillner, fillnerwe@hiram.edu or visit www.hiram.edu.

ODM WORK DAY AT CAMP MAY 22

Ohio Disciples Men will host a work day at Camp Christian on Saturday, May 22. Lunch will be provided. Please register at www.ccinoh.org.

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for our stewardship of the earth and its resources.

HOSPITALIZED

At EMH: Kathryn Carter

CALENDAR

- Thu., 4/22: - Sarah Circle luncheon at the home of Carolyn Long, 420 Park Avenue, 12 noon.
- Fri., 4/23: - CYF and Chi Rho Famine Event begins, 6 p.m. (ends 4/24, 8 p.m.)
- Sat., 4/24: - Sprouts join Famine Event, 9 a.m. (ends 8 p.m.)
- Lorain-Elyria CROP Walk begins at Bur Oak Metro Park, 9 a.m.
- Children Worship & Wonder Storyteller Retreat, 10 a.m.
- Organist Search Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 10 a.m.
- Sun., 4/25: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Tue., 4/27: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 4/28: - Girl Scout Troop 390 gathering in the youth rooms, 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 4/29: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6:15 p.m.

