

May 9, 2010—Mother's Day

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Mother's Day Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Children's Church School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service
OPENER: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Keith Western
GREETERS: Deanna Forbush and Tyler Pigott
ACOLYTE: Tyler Schneider
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Ken Oblak
ELDER (8:30):
Debbie Willets
ELDER (10:45):
Tim Haywood
DIACONATE: Team II
Barbara Terrell
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

CAMP NEWS

Camp Christian Reunion Date Nears

Saturday, May 15 is the date for the reunion at Camp Christian. Regardless of when you last visited Camp, you are welcome. Pre-registration is necessary; visit www.ccinoh.org for complete information or check out one of the registration forms posted on our bulletin board.

Disciples Fellowship Retreat

Memorial Day Weekend (Friday-Sunday), May 28-30
This is a whole-family event. This year, we'll help get Camp Christian ready for the 2010 season. Bring your garden tools, work gloves, chain saws, shovels, weed eaters, hedge trimmers, shop vacs, rakes, etc. for various supervised work projects around Camp (including cabin cleanups). There will be projects for all ages, children's programming, worship, a talent show, boating, fishing, crafts, wagon rides, and Bible study. For more information, contact Bev Sajna (sajhome81@yahoo.com or 440-590-2488).

Adult Conference Promises Spiritual Focus

Speakers and workshops of the June 14-18 Adult Conference will focus on intentional spiritual development. If you share this hunger, registration forms are posted on our main bulletin board, or visit www.ccinoh.org for more information.

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

The headlines over the past week have been filled with tragedy. The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico threatens marine life and shorelines, and the economic impact will be far-reaching. The individual who tried to bomb New York's Time Square is a citizen of our country with a wife and two young children. The floods in Nashville have claimed a significant number of lives and caused serious devastation to property. A young man's body was discovered in our county. The 40th anniversary of the Kent State shootings is being marked. A teenaged pair of siblings was killed in an accident in our area.

In the face of all this, we are called to be a people of hope. All of this tragedy does not have the final word. God's grace and love will prevail.

How? When? Where? God's grace and love will prevail when we offer prayers and assistance. God's grace and love will prevail when we see all the people in the headlines—victims and perpetrators alike—as children of God and, consequently, our sisters and brothers. God's grace and love will prevail when the rebuilding begins — the rebuilding of life, the rebuilding of trust, the rebuilding of faith, the rebuilding of relationships. God's grace and love will prevail when there comes a realization that what happens to another should matter to the rest of us. God's grace and love will prevail in time.

As we approach Mother's Day, we reflect on the gifts of grace and love we have received from the women who helped shape us. God's grace and love prevail through them.

May mothers everywhere—mothers whose children are Gulf fishermen and oil-riggers, mothers whose children are terrorists, mothers who have lost much to floodwaters, mothers whose children have died far too young and far too violently, mothers who pray for their children, mothers who hope against all odds for their children, mothers who work too hard for their children, mothers who show great love and demonstrate selfless care for their children (and those who still have much to learn), mothers who represent God to their children, mothers who never give up on their children—be blessed with God's grace and love in great measure.

Love, Janet



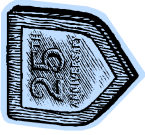
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WACC to Celebrate 25 Years with Pastor Janet

On Sunday, May 16, the WACC Elders will host a celebration of 25 years of shared ministry with our pastor, Janet Long. You are invited to be present for worship, lunch, sharing of memories, fellowship, and more. (If you normally attend our 8:30 Service, please plan to return later that day for the 12:15 p.m. luncheon.)

Not able to be with us? Please contact the church office (office@waccelyria.org or 440-323-4213) to learn how you may still participate in this very special anniversary.

Mother's Day Breakfast This Sunday

Join us this Sunday, May 9 beginning at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for a Mother's Day Breakfast served by our Disciples Men. Serving will continue until 10 a.m.

Work Day (and Men's Retreat) May 22

Traditionally, the Ohio Disciples Men's Spring Retreat has been used to help get Camp Christian ready for the upcoming season. This year, members of the Ohio Women's and Advance Ministries (young adults) join the men on Saturday. Thanks to donations towards our meal expenses that weekend, **there will be no cost to those who come to help on Saturday!** But you'll need to pre-register so the cooks may properly plan. (Men are asked to begin work on Friday, May 21 and stay overnight.) To register online, visit www.ccinoh.org.

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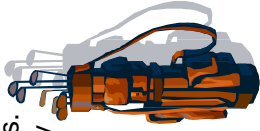
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29*

*Sermon focus

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

Golf Outings "Fore" Youth

The Fifth Annual Youth Scholarship Golf Outing to fund Camp Christian scholarships will be held on Saturday, June 5 at Scioto Reserve Country Club (1 p.m. shotgun start). Entry fee is \$125 and includes dinner afterwards. (Non-golfers may support the event by attending just the dinner for \$50 or sponsoring a hole for \$200.) Friday night lodging at Camp Christian is an option. Complete information and registration forms are posted on our main bulletin board, or you may register online at <https://www.ccinoh.org>.



The Cleveland Christian Home Scramble for Kids

will take place on Monday, June 7 at the Elyria Country Club. Golfers and sponsors are needed. Check-in will begin at 10:30 a.m. (lunch provided) with a shotgun start at 12:30. A cocktail hour (cash bar), dinner, putting contest, golf awards, and silent auction will all be part of the fun. Register with one of the forms posted on our main bulletin board, visit www.cchome.org or call 216-476-0333.

They Walked...They Ran...They Helped Their Efforts, and Your Gifts, Make a Difference

WACC was well represented at the Cleveland Christian Home's April 3 Walk and Run for the Kids:

Walkers—Colton, Jacob, and Jordan Anderson; Teri and Robbie Hayes; Jeni, Connor and Erin Sweeten; Heidi and Bradley Thimke; Barbara and Keith Western
Runners—P.J., Pam, Britney, and Daniel March and Brad Thimke
Helpers—Jennifer Anderson, Dan & Tina Maddock and Mark Mathes

This was a record number of WACC participants. And, thanks to the efforts of these individuals and the generosity of their sponsors (including employer matching funds), WACC raised \$2,487 for the CCH. Great job!

Ohio Region Work Day at CCH May 8

This Saturday, May 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Disciples from across our region will gather at the Cleveland Christian Home to help spruce up the buildings and grounds. Will you be among them? R.S.V.P. to 216-476-0333. The CCH is located at 11401 Lorain Avenue.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ron & Bev Gardner are celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary (5/4); Tom & Ann Busch are celebrating their 31st (5/5). May their blessings continue!

OUR WORLD: May 21-22 Symposium CONGOLESE MINERAL WARS' IMPACT ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN

A May 21-22 symposium, "Natural Resource Wars in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and their Impact on Women and Children," will be held in Indianapolis. The event is sponsored by Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Church of Christ and the Center for Research on the Congo in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. For more information, contact LaMarco A. Cable (lcable@dom.disciples.org or 317-713-2574). You may also visit the conference website (globalministries.org/calendar/congo-symposium.html).

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.

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray that all women would nurture the spirits and tend the souls of children everywhere.

SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers surround the Henry family in the recent death of John's uncle in West Virginia and Barbara Terrell and family in the recent death of her uncle, Wade Wacker, in Ashland.

HOSPITALIZED

At EMH: Esther ("Addie") Buczek
Joan McNulty
At Home: Jan Henning

CALENDAR



- Thu., 5/6: - All Daughters Dinner in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., 5/7: - Elyria Area Church Women United's observance of May Friendship Day at First United Methodist Church, 312 Third St., 10 a.m.
- Sat., 5/8: - Inquirers Class trip to Bethany, West Virginia (depart WACC 6:29 a.m.)
- Sun., 5/9: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 5/10: - Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6 p.m.
- Tue., 5/11: - Staff meeting in Pastor Janet's office, 4:15 p.m.
- Elders' supper meeting in the Elders' conference room, 5:30 p.m.
- General Board meeting in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 5/12: - Inquirers Class gathering in the Elders' conference room, 3:33 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., 5/13: - Girl Scout Troop 524 gathering in Fellowship Hall, 6:15 p.m.
- Sat., 5/15: - Camp Christian Reunion at Camp Christian, 8:30 a.m.
- Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 1 (Glenna Knapp, captain).