

May 16, 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
12:15 p.m. Luncheon in honor of Pastor Janet's

25th Anniversary with WACC

OPENER: Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.

GREETERS: Jack & Audrey Price

ACOLYTE: Deanna Forbush

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Larry McIntyre and Dan Walker

ELDER (8:30): Chris Baumgartner

PIANIST (8:30): Lauri Warfield

ELDERS (10:45): Mark Mathes and Gerald Western

DIACONATE: Team II

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

CAMP NEWS

Memorial Day Weekend Family Retreat

Bring your whole family to the Disciples Fellowship Retreat May 28-30. Bring your Bible, garden tools, work gloves, chain saws, shovels, weed eaters, hedge trimmers, shop vacs, rakes, bedding, toiletries, and musical instruments. There will be Camp spruce-up projects for all ages, children's programming, worship, a talent show, and more. For more information, contact Bev Sajna (sajhome81@yahoo.com or 440-590-2488).

Adult Conference Speakers Announced

The June 14-18 Adult Conference, "Deep and Wide: Living out the Spiritual Life," will feature **Dr. Ronald J. Allen** (prolific author and Professor of New Testament and Preaching, Christian Theological Seminary) as daily Bible Lecturer; **Rev. Dr. William H. Edwards**, Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church in Ohio, as Vespers speaker; and, workshop leaders **Dr. David Belcastro** (Spiritual Formation of Compassionate Hearts for a Suffering World), **Rev. Yvonne Gilmore-Essig** (A Tradition of Ecstasy: Mystic Theology and Poetry), **Dr. Tim Savage** (Five Strategies for Developing Spiritual Intelligence), **Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan** (Praising God, Trusting God: Gifts of the Black Church Tradition for Purposeful, Confident Living); **Rev. Dr. Leslie Carole Taylor** (Exurban Transition: Who, What, Where, When, and Why?); and, **Rev. Denny Whiteside** (What Celtic Spirituality Has to Offer 21st Century Disciples).

(Registration info. for both events is posted on our main bulletin board.)

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

525,600 minutes, 525,600 moments so dear. 525,600 minutes - how do you measure, measure a year? In daylights, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee. In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife. In 525,600 minutes - how do you measure a year in the life? How about love? Measure in love. Seasons of love.

—from the musical "Rent"

How do you measure 25 years of ministry? In baby dedications, in baptisms, in weddings, in funerals. In Sundays, in services, in sermons, in *Spires*. In prayers, in programs, in problems, in planning. In meetings, in mission, in meaning, in meals. In communion, in calls, in counseling, in challenges. *How about love?*

Measure in love. Seasons of love. From Pentecost, 1985 through Eastertide, 2010, we have been together as pastor and people. We have shared God's love for a quarter-century within the Washington Avenue Christian Church family and beyond. We have built trust in one another and trust in the providence of God.

One of my closest colleagues wrote this as part of an anniversary greeting: "The love affair between you and Washington Avenue is something to behold and cherish for all—even those of us watching from the outside." If we measure our life together in love, we will reflect God's will for a church family – and for the human family.

Lengthy pastorates are unusual. In fact, the average tenure of a pastor is less than five years. It is not simply that I have been willing to stay. It is that you have been willing to have me. And God has been willing to allow it. As we celebrate together on Sunday, I am grateful for your trust, for your partnership in the gospel, and for your love.

Love,

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Anniversary Celebration This Sunday

Please join us
this Sunday, May 16
as we celebrate
Pastor Janet Long's
25 years of ministry with
Washington Avenue Christian Church.
You'll want to be with us for worship
(8:30 and 10:45 a.m.),
lunch, sharing of memories,
fellowship, and more.

Chip Shots and Children's Charities

Saturday, June 5 at Scioto Reserve Country Club, for Camp Christian scholarships for youth.
Monday, June 7 at Elyria Country Club, for the Cleveland Christian Home for Children.
Registration details (and information on other ways to help) are posted on our main bulletin board.

Pilgrimage to Chile January 1-11

The Shalom Center, Chile's version of our own Camp Christian, will be visited by a delegation from the Disciples of Christ's Ohio Region in January, 2011. This meeting place of the Chilean Pentecostal Church was financed, in part, as an outreach project from our Region's *Keep the Fire Burning* campaign which built the cabin clusters at Camp Christian.

For information about joining this mission trip to the Andes mountains, contact the Reverend Jonathan Rumburg, coordinator, at (330) 688-4450 or jrumburg@firstchristianstow.org.

May 16 Lectionary Corner

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-21*
John 17:20-26

* *Sermon focus*

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

Forum to Address Depression, Suicide

Franklin Circle Christian Church will host a forum on depression and suicide, on Thursday, May 20 at 7 p.m. Doris Matthey, of the Suicide Prevention Committee of Cuyahoga County's Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board and also the Interfaith Hospitality Network, will help participants learn how they might help others struggling with depression.

There is no charge for this event. If childcare is needed, please call 216-781-8232 in advance and it will be provided.

This gathering is part of FCCC's monthly *Widening The Circle* forum, a discussion series to creatively explore critical issues of diversity, hospitality and inclusiveness, and a part of FCCC's commitment to be an Open & Affirming, Anti-Racist/Pro-Reconciling and Accessible Congregation. Franklin Circle Christian Church is located at 1688 Fulton Road in Cleveland. For more information, visit www.franklincirclechurch.org.



Book Nook

WACC's Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss, *A Lucky Child* by Thomas Buergenthal. All are welcome to attend.

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.

- WACC Spring grounds clean-up, 9 a.m.

- Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 1 (Glenna Knapp, captain).

Sun., 5/16: - Pastor Janet Long's 25th anniversary with WACC (see back page for schedule).

Tue., 5/18: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Wed., 5/19: - Inquirers Class trip to Camp Christian, 3:30 p.m.

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

Thu., 5/20: - Christian Education Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.

Fri., 5/21: - Book Club gathering in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Sat., 5/22: - Ohio Disciples Men's Spring Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 5/22).

- Work Day at Camp Christian, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Men's Retreat Starts May 21

Work Day for Everyone is May 22

It's just around the corner! Don't miss the Ohio Disciples Men's Spring Retreat (May 21-22). Guys only will gather at Camp Christian on Friday night to begin getting the Camp ready for the rapidly-approaching summer season.

Not a man but still want to help? Join the group at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 22. Lunch will be provided, but you'll need to pre-register so the cooks may properly plan. All attending will need to register online (www.ccinoh.org) or contact the WACC office (440-323-4213; office@waccelyria.org).

OPEN HOUSE: National Salvation Army Week will be celebrated locally with an open house at the Salvation Army, 716 Broad Street, on Friday, May 14, 4-7 p.m. All are welcome!

Thank You

To My WACC Family,
I would like to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to all who sent me cards of sympathy and also to all who greeted me with open arms of warmth and caring during my time of mourning in the passing of my brother, Christopher Alan Hirzel. It warms my heart to know that I am loved so much by my WACC family.

Love,
Lynn Hirzel Obechi

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

WELCOME HOME!

David Wainwright, long-time member of WACC, has moved back to Elyria after residing in Florida for many years. He's living at Wesleyan Village. We look forward to seeing Dave in church!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Karen Davis received her Master of Education Curriculum from Ashland University on Saturday.

Ashley Walker graduated from Mount Union College on Saturday with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Bob & Ellie Stevenson, former members of WACC, are being honored by the creation of a scholarship to benefit Elyria High School students. They were featured in a front-page article in Sunday's *Chronicle*.
Best wishes and blessings to all!

ACHIEVING AN EDUCATIONAL GOAL?

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 for all who have been affected by natural disasters and disasters against nature.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers surround Al & Glenna Knapp and family in the death of Al's mother, Stella Knapp, on Monday. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, 5-8 p.m. at the Norton Funeral Home in Wellington, where services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday.

HOSPITALIZED

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time.

At Home: Addie Buczek (*Keystone Pointe*)

Joan McNulty

CALENDAR

