

May 23, 2010—Pentecost

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. Festival Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Luncheon in honor of our Inquirers and
2009-2010 new members

OPENER: Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre
GREETERS: Pete & Cheryl Majewski
ACOLYTES: Samantha Moore and Nautica Walker
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Tim Haywood and Dan Walker
ELDER (8:30): Chris Baumgartner
PIANIST (8:30): Carolyn Long
ELDERS (10:45): Janet Stevens-Brown and
Lauri Warfield

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 AND CAMP NEWS

Youth to Visit Cleveland June 13

Youth Minister Tony Hampton and Elder Gerald Western will accompany our youth groups to Cleveland's Bethany Christian Church on Sunday, June 13. In addition to worshipping at Tony's home church, the group will also visit the area surrounding accused murderer Anthony Sowell's house. (Tony grew up in a home across the street.) The field trip will be an opportunity for the group to discuss crime, community responsibility, accountability, and racial components of these issues.

Family Retreat Approaching Fast!

Don't miss the Disciples Fellowship Retreat May 28-30. Bring the whole family and 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. A low, whole-family rate is offered! To register, use the form posted on our main bulletin board. For more information, contact Bev Sajna (sajhome81@yahoo.com or 440-590-2488).

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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Thank you for Sunday's celebration of our 25 years together. It was the perfect day! The cards, comments and citations were filled with love. The music—by the Chancel Choir (a very special commissioned anthem by DiAnne Schmidt), Rosalie Gainer, Quartific, DiAnne Schmidt, Becky Thompson, Kathy Wainwright, and Lydia Ward—was beautiful. The luncheon was delicious. The contributions to Week of Compassion are a tribute to our shared ministry which extends from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. Thank you for sharing the fullness of your hearts through your words, smiles, tears, and prayers. I am deeply touched—and grateful.

A 25-year ministry is far more rare than a 25-year marriage. "You must really like us," said one friend. And it's true. Such a partnership is a gift from God. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit that unites us with the blessed tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

We will celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit again this Sunday as we welcome this year's Inquirers Class into the life and witness of Washington Avenue Christian Church. Confessions of faith will be made publicly, commitments to Christ will be confirmed through the waters of baptism, and communion will be shared with our newest believers. Such an occasion strengthens the faith of the whole church family. Pray for our Inquirers and their families and our 2009-10 new members, all of whom will be honored at our all-church luncheon. Please wear red to symbolize the flame of the Holy Spirit which continues to burn brightly.

May God bless the work and worship, the witness and welcome of Washington Avenue Christian Church. May God lead us into the Spirit's presence of calm, challenge, care, compassion, and community. The Spirit's peace abide with you always.

Love,


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Pentecost Offering This Sunday

This Sunday—Pentecost—as we celebrate the birthday of Christ’s Church universal, we’ll have an opportunity for “Expanding the Table” in response to Christ’s invitation to all, by taking part in the Pentecost Special Day Offering.

Our gifts to this annual offering enable Church Extension to support the establishment of new Disciples churches. Programs include church planter training, coaching, special project grants, and additional services—all vitally important to the success of a new congregation.

To offer your gift this Sunday, please use the enclosed envelope, the designated one from your personalized packet of offering envelopes, or a specially-marked one from the pew rack. Checks should be payable to WACC, with “Pentecost Offering” written on the memo line. Thank you for giving generously!

Fifth Sunday Fun Night Coming Up

Don’t forget our May 30 Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night—a supper of pizza and ice cream procured by the Christian Education Committee, and games to share provided by you. We’ll meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m.

May 23 Lectionary Corner

Acts 2:1-21* Romans 8:14-17
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b John 14:8-17, 25-27

*Sermon focus

Have you remembered WACC in your will?



Fundraising Drives for Kids Saturday, June 5: 5th annual Youth Scholarship Golf Outing at Scioto Reserve Country Club, for Camp Christian scholarships for youth.

Monday, June 7: Scramble for Kids at Elyria Country Club, for the Cleveland Christian Home. *Registration details, sponsorship information and other suggested ways to help are posted on our main bulletin board.*

CROP Walk Yields Funds for Food

Dan Clark, Deanna Forbush, Gary Knapp, and Keith Western participated in this year’s CROP Walk. Thanks to generous sponsors, the group was able to raise \$876 for hunger-fighting programs locally and around the world. Our thanks to all!



Flag Project—Can You Help?

Christian Temple (Disciples of Christ), Lorain, will again be creating a special lawn display for Memorial Day. This apolitical, non-denominational project involves placing an American flag on their church lawn for each service member killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. This year’s display will require over 5,000 flags. If you (or a group in which you’re involved can help with the set-up, please contact the Rev. Dr. Brad Donahue (440-244-5883). Set-up will take place May 26-28; flags will be removed June 1.

Thu., 5/20: - Book Club gathering in the Elders’ conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Fri., 5/21: - Ohio Disciples Men’s Spring Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 5/22).

Sat., 5/22: - Work Day at Camp Christian, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun., 5/23: - Pentecost (see back page for schedule).

Tue., 5/25: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Wed., 5/26: - Chancel Choir dinner and rehearsal at the home of Carolyn Long, 6:30 p.m.

Thu., 5/27: - Church office closed (vacation day).

Fri., 5/28: - Preschool picnic at West Park Recreation Center, 10 a.m. (year-end activity).

- Disciples Fellowship Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 5/30).

Joanna Circle

will meet on Thursday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the WACC youth rooms for its Spring covered-dish dinner. Group members are asked to bring a covered dish to share and their own table service; beverages will be furnished. (No program is planned for this evening—just lots of friendly conversation and fellowship.)

Thank You

We wish to express our thanks and gratitude to you for your prayers, cards, hugs, words of sympathy, and attendance at the calling hours and funeral for Al’s Mom, Stella Knapp. You truly are our family, sisters and brothers in the faith.

Blessings and love to all of you,
Al and Glenna Knapp

On behalf of the Board of Elections, thank you for accommodating the Board by allowing your facility to serve as a polling location. We appreciate your civic participation by supporting the voting process in your community. We acknowledge your contribution and offer our sincerest gratitude.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Adams, Director
 A note of thanks, from Chris Trunk to the women of WACC, is posted on our main bulletin board. In honor of Mother’s Day, he writes: “Thanks to all you women of WACC for your being so kind and caring over the years...”

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Welcome!

Brad & Heidi Thimke joined their three children, Stephanie, Michelle and Bradley, in membership at Washington Avenue Christian Church at the close of Sunday’s 10:45 Service. We rejoice in their commitments to Christ and the Church and are delighted by the strengthening of their ties to our church family.

Congratulations!

Recent anniversary couples include David & Terri Osborn (5/14, #5), Joe & Bonnie Wargo and Frank & Harryette Wargo (5/17, #66 and #7, respectively) and Dan & Tina Maddock (5/20, #21). Continued best wishes and blessings to all!

Todd Osborn, a Clearview High

School senior, was selected to appear on WEWS’ “Best of the Class” which highlights outstanding area graduates. His videotaped segment will begin appearing on Channel 5 on Thursday, May 27.

Community-Family VBS

July 12-16 is WACC’s joint Vacation Bible School with St. Paul UCC and First Congregational UCC, at St. Paul’s, 9715 East River Road. Contact Debbie Walker about ways you can help.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for this year’s Inquirers.

Hospitalized

Jack Ryan is being treated for a series of health concerns. He and Maggie reside in Wheeling, WV. Cards filled with your good wishes may be sent to their home.

CALENDAR

