

May 30, 2010

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by
9:30 a.m. Combined Session Church School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
5:30 p.m. Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night
OPENER: Bud Simmons **CLOSER:** Jim Gainer
GREETERS: Bob Clark and Al Knapp
ACOLYTES: Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz
PREACHER: Tony Hampton
TELLERS: John McKenna and Lauri Warfield
ELDER (8:30): PIANIST (8:30):
Barbara Terrell Becky Thompson
ELDERS (10:45): HOME COMMUNION:
Ken Mundorf Debby Willets
Becky Thompson Jan Moore
DIACONATE: Team III

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

YOUTH AND CAMP NEWS

June 13 Cleveland Visit to Require Early Start

WACC youth (grades 3-12) will worship at Bethany Christian Church on Sunday, June 13. Following Worship, the group will visit the area surrounding accused murderer Anthony Sowell's house, across the street from Youth Minister Tony Hampton's childhood home. The field trip will be an opportunity for the group to discuss crime, community responsibility, accountability, and racial components of these issues. *Please note: Participants will need to leave WACC's parking lot at 8 a.m. for this field trip.*

"Grandparent and Me" Camp is Back!

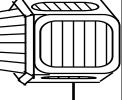
We just got word that the "Grandparent and Me" overnight event at Camp Christian is scheduled for June 4-5. "Stories of Jesus!" will be shared with children having finished grades 1 and 2 and attending with a grandparent or other beloved adult friend of their choice. The camp runs Friday, 7 p.m. (after supper on your own) and concludes at 6 p.m. Saturday (following supper at Camp). For registration information, contact Rev. Margot Connor (ogram842@yahoo.com) or Rev. Mary Jo Bray (revmj@wauseonfcc.org).

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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Pentecost was a Spirit-filled day here at Washington Avenue Christian Church! We witnessed the confessions of faith of this year's Inquirers, followed by the baptism of **Colton Bryce Anderson** and the confirmation of baptism through the act of immersion of **Romeo D'Andre Walker**.

When a newly-professed Christian stands before the congregation, everyone has the opportunity to reflect on personal commitments to Christ and the Church. When a newly-baptized or newly-confirmed believer receives Communion, everyone has the chance to remember a moment like that.

Walter Scott, an early Disciples evangelist, believed that the spiritual journey of the Christian should be explained in concepts simple enough for a child to grasp. Using the hand, he created the "Five Finger Exercise". It is:

Faith—the decision to accept the truth of God's love through Jesus Christ;

Repentance—the act of turning from waywardness and turning towards Christ;

Baptism—the willingness to meet God in the waters of grace and to invite Christ to lead;

Forgiveness of sins—the acceptance of divine mercy which alone takes away guilt; and,

The Gift of the Holy Spirit—the presence of God which is active in the life of the Christian.

Such a reminder is a good way to measure our own growth in the life of faith. Did you notice that the first 2½ steps in the process hinge on you? It's up to each of us to develop faith through community, to acknowledge our sins, and to come to God. The remaining 2½ steps require that we allow God to be God—and to allow God to shape us and to sustain us always.

May the power of Pentecost be with you.

Love,

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This Sunday: Fun Night!

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.

Camps and Classes for Adults

Adult Conference, June 14-18 at Northwest Christian Church and Fairfield Inn, Columbus. This week-long study and fellowship event will have participants going, "Deep and Wide: Living Out the Spiritual Journey" to explore how individuals and faith communities can live a deeper spirituality while reaching further out into the world. Bible lecturer is 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. A variety of classes will be offered.

Licensed Ministry Academy, June 12 and 19 at our Regional Church Office, Columbus. "Biblical Knowledge: The Bible in Congregational Life" will help participants understand how the 66 books of the Protestant Canon came together as the Bible we know today, and how the Bible is used (and misused) in congregational study, planning and prayer. Cultural influences on our views of scripture (such as study tools and books such as the *Left Behind* series) will also be examined.



Adventure Camp, August 8-14, a photo safari based at Camp Christian, where participants will be "Picturing Fruit of the Spirit" and other spiritual themes. Award-winning photographer Jack Acri will share photography tips as the group enjoys Downtown Columbus, the Zoo and Zoombezi Bay water park, Dawes Arboretum, and attractions in the Hocking Hills area.

Complete information on all events is available on our main bulletin board, or by calling the WACC office (440-323-4213).

May 30 Lectionary Corner

1 Kings 18:20-39
Galatians 1:1-12
Psalm 96
Luke 7:1-10*

*Sermon focus



June 13 Flag Day Summerfest

Invite friends, family and neighbors to our June 13 Flag Day Summerfest for food, games and fellowship at noon—on the church lawn if sunny, in Fellowship Hall if rainy.

Board Bits

The WACC May Board meeting was full of excitement in anticipation of celebrating our 25 years of serving with Pastor Janet. It is clear that love abounds in this relationship we have with her, with each other and with God. June 8 will be the final Board meeting until the Fall. I hope you will participate, if not in person, by praying for all aspects of service in which we are engaged. We are the FLOCK (Fellowship, Love, Ownership, Commitment, Knowledge)! "Thank you" to all who serve!

*Lauri Warfield,
Board Chair*

Last Call for Golf

This is your final opportunity to register to play in (or serve as a sponsor for) these two golf events for Disciples charities:

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.

Check out our main bulletin board, or call the church office (440-323-4213), for complete information!

- Thu., 5/27: - Church office closed (vacation day).
- Preschool picnic at West Park Recreation Center, 10 a.m. (year-end activity).
- Fri., 5/28: - Disciples Fellowship Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 5/30).
- Sun., 5/30: - See back page for schedule.
- Mon., 5/31: - Church office closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- Tue., 6/1: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 6/2: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 6/3: - Joanna Circle picnic in the youth rooms, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., 6/4: - "Grandparent and Me" Camp at Camp Christian begins (ends 6/5).
- Sat., 6/5: - Youth Scholarship Golf Outing, Scioto Reserve Country Club, Columbus, 1 p.m.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Ken Evans | 15 | Pat Dahm |
| 2 | David Osborn | | Kimberly Kiser |
| 3 | Brian Maddock | | Aaron Kuzela |
| 4 | Paul Dahm | | Janet Long |
| 6 | John Farrar | 16 | Kathy Matheson |
| 7 | Jacob Kuzela | 17 | Judy Jackson |
| | Dan McGann | 18 | David Stroup |
| | Charlene Plumb | | Tim Widman |
| | Connor Sweeten | 23 | Vivian Balsler |
| 8 | Michelle Dudik | | Ann Busch |
| 9 | Pearl Sterner | | Scott Reed |
| 10 | Anthony Hitchens | 26 | Dellah Diedrick |
| 11 | Collin Fitzgerald | 28 | Val Collins |
| | Briquelle March | | Drew Fitzgerald |
| 12 | Kathy Oblak | 30 | Laurie Dieringer |
| 14 | Sandi Forbush | | Peg Stevens |
| | Megan McCall | | |



June 6 Baccalaureate Reservations (and profiles for the bulletin insert that day) **are due** in to the church office **by this Sunday, May 30**. Don't be left out! Graduates (and their families), please let us know if you will be attending the 9:30 breakfast, 10:45 a.m. Service and noon coffee hour.

June Acolytes

- 6 Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz
- 13 Sarah Turner
- 20 Brittany Jacovetti and Amanda Osborn
- 27 Rachel Kersey and Connor Sweeten

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Wes & Kathy Shirley proudly announce the birth of their fourth grandchild, Isabelle Kate Shirley, born May 18 to Troy and Stephanie. Isabelle weighed in at 7 lbs., 3 oz. at birth. She joins sister Gabrielle and brother Lincoln. God's blessings!

Stephanie Thimke received her Associate Degree from Lorain County Community College last Saturday.

Wedding anniversaries this week include those of Tom & Linda Dull and Chad & Heather Maxwell (5/22, #17 and #6, respectively) and Dick & Marilyn Hadaway and Don & Carol Mosher (5/26, #59 and #51, respectively).

Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Thank You...

...to Dan Clark and Gerald Western who served as Study Buddies for this year's Inquirers, Colton Anderson and Romeo Walker (respectively). Many thanks from a grateful church to these two servants for sharing their time and insight.

Arts Classes—and More—for Youth

St. Mary's Catholic Church's Guardian Angel Arts Center is offering classes for youth this summer in musical theatre, Hispanic language skills, science, cooking, comic book-making, study skills, visual arts, reading, and junior kindergarten. A brochure and registration forms are posted on our youth bulletin board.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for those affected by war—the wounded, the dead and those currently serving, and their families.

Hospitalized

At EMH: Judy Gleason
At Cleveland Clinic: Cheryl Grapes
At Home: Steve McCall

CALENDAR

