

### June 6, 2010—Baccalaureate Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service  
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by  
9:30 a.m. Church School; also, breakfast for our  
graduates and their families  
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
12:00 noon Coffee Hour in honor of our graduates,  
followed by youth group meetings  
**OPENER:** Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas  
**GREETERS:** Larry & Betty McIntyre  
**ACOLYTES:** Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz  
**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long  
**TELLERS:** Ken Oblak and Gerald Western  
**ELDER (8:30):**  
Tim Haywood  
**ELDERS (10:45):**  
Lauri Warfield  
**HOME COMMUNION:**  
Gerald Western  
John McKenna  
**DIACONATE:** Team I  
**8:30 -** Mike Crocker and Robin Crocker  
**10:45 -** Dennis Jackson, Cindy Knapp, Gary Knapp, Jan  
Moore, Kay Mundorf, Elliot Wainwright, Kathy  
Wainwright, Mark Wainwright, Dan Walker, and Nancy  
Walker

### **YOUTH NEWS**

#### **Youth Groups to Meet This Sunday**

Youth in grades 3-12 will gather in the youth rooms following the coffee hour in honor of our graduates. The group will discuss a possible meeting schedule for this summer.

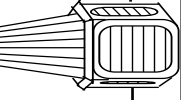
#### **Youth Group Cleveland Field Trip Coming Up**

WACC youth (grades 3-12) are asked to meet at WACC by 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 13 for a trip into Cleveland. The group will worship at Bethany Christian Church and then visit the area surrounding accused murderer Anthony Sowell's house, across the street from Youth Minister Tony Hampton's childhood home. This trip will be an opportunity for the group to discuss crime, community responsibility, accountability, and racial components of these issues. Contact Tony if you have questions.  
*Please note: Participants will leave WACC's parking lot at 8 a.m.*

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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is Baccalaureate Sunday here at Washington Avenue Christian Church. This annual occasion provides the congregation an opportunity to celebrate the significant milestone of commencement with our graduates.

While the term Baccalaureate traditionally refers to an undergraduate degree, the Baccalaureate service of thanksgiving related to graduation has been expanded to include graduates at all levels. The first Baccalaureate service dates back to 1432 at Oxford University.

The literal meaning of Baccalaureate is *bacca* (berry) plus *laureus* (of laurel)—the kind of prize that ancient Olympians received for winning a track or field event. Being awarded a diploma is a very valuable prize. Gratitude and graduation belong together.

The Class of 2010 is being offered much advice and counsel. Famous Americans, from politicians and broadcasters to actors and authors, are sharing their best wisdom at commencement ceremonies across the nation.

At some point, Charles Swindoll insightfully observed: "We are often so caught up in our activities that we tend to worship our work, work at our play and play at our worship." So, to the Class of 2010: Let your life reflect your priorities, values and commitments.

Rather than having luck, I hope you will have love to give and to receive. Rather than a successful career, I hope you will make a difference through your efforts. Rather than being happy, I hope your life will be filled with meaning. *The Lord bless you and keep you...*

Love,  
  
Janet Long

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### Flag Day Summerfest

Be sure to join us on Sunday, June 13 for worship and our Flag Day Summerfest which will follow the 10:45 a.m. Service. There will be food, games, fun, and fellowship for all. Invite friends, family and neighbors! The event will take place on WACC's front lawn. (In case of inclement weather, we'll move the party to Fellowship Hall.)

### Summer Church School Starts June 13

Our summer Intergenerational Church School classes will begin June 13. Child care for very young children will be available while older children, youth and adults discuss life issues examined through a Biblical lens. Each Sunday morning session will be led by a different WACC Elder. The class will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the youth rooms.

### Licensed Ministry Academy

Learn how our present-day Bible came into existence by attending the June 12 & 19 Licensed Ministry Academy sponsored by our Regional Church Office. Registration is only \$40 for both sessions. The class is open to those on the licensed ministry path and laity interested in increasing their knowledge of scripture. Both sessions will take place at the Christian Church in Ohio offices in Columbus. Register online at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org) or by using the form posted on our main bulletin board.



### June 6 Lectionary Corner

1 Kings 17:8-24  
Psalm 146  
Galatians 1:11-24  
Luke 7:11-17\*

\*Sermon focus

### Have you remembered WACC in your will?

#### Last Call for Adult Conference

Deepen your spiritual life and your connections with Disciples from across our Region by attending the June 14-18 Adult Conference at Northwest Christian Church (Columbus). Courses will be offered each morning and each conferee will be able to choose two classes from these offerings: *Spiritual Formation of Compassionate Hearts for a Suffering World* (Dr. David Belcastro); *A Tradition of Ecstasy: Mystic Theology and Poetry* (Rev. Yvonne Gilmore-Essig); *Developing Spiritual Intelligence: Five Strategies for Spiritual Intelligence* (Dr. John "Tim" Savage); *Praising God, Trusting God: Gifts of the Black Church Tradition for Purposeful, Confident Living* (Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan); *Exurban Transition: Who, What, Where, When, and Why?* (Rev. Dr. Leslie Carole Taylor); and, *What Celtic Spirituality Has to Offer to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Disciples* (Rev. Denny Whiteside). Registration is just \$150. Lodging options include the Fairfield Inn (\$396 for 4 nights) or host homes. Register online at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org) or by using the form posted on our main bulletin board.

#### Mission Trip to the Andes January 1-11

For more information, contact the Rev. Jonathan Rumburg, (330) 688-4450 or [jrumburg@firstchristianstow.org](mailto:jrumburg@firstchristianstow.org).

### Spire Schedule Change

Please submit to the church office ASAP your announcements, meeting reminders, etc. for all late-June or early-July events. There will be no June 22 Spire as our Office Administrator enjoys some vacation time that week.



### Program Chairs: It's That Time Again

As we near our annual July 1 "changing of the guard" (WACC leadership positions), current program Chairs and Co-Chairs are again being asked to submit an annual report for WACC's Yearbook. Included in these reports should be names of committee members and events of note from the 2009-2010 program year. The reports are due in to the church office by July 15. Please contact Diana (323-4213 or [office@waccelyria.org](mailto:office@waccelyria.org)) if you have any questions or need assistance.

### YOUR'RE NOT TOO OLD FOR CAMP FUN!

If you've graduated from high school and are not yet 30 years old, you can attend **Advance Ministry Summer Conference August 15-22** at Camp Christian.

And, don't forget **Adventure Camp** (grades 9-adult) **August 8-14**, a photo safari of fun and beautiful sites near Columbus, with lodging at Camp Christian.

Your \$320 registration for either event includes housing and meals. Register at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org) or by using the camp registration form posted on our main bulletin board.

## NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

### Congratulations!

End-of-May anniversaries include those of Mike & Laurel Hoover (5/28, #21), Dean & Sandi Forbush and Herschel & Nancy White (5/29, #17 and #11, respectively) and Gary & Carol McIntyre (5/30, #33). Continued blessings and best wishes to all!

### Thank You

Following Parish Visitor Brenda Keenan's delivery of flowers from a recent worship service, Barbara Boehler sent a beautiful card to the congregation, writing, "Thank you! The flowers were beautiful! Thank you for your kindness!" The card is posted on our main bulletin board.

### Prayer Focus

Please pray for the Class of 2010.

### Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers surround the McNulty family and other loved ones of Tassie Clary (Tina McNulty's sister-in-law) who died on Thursday. Services will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) morning at the Bauer-Laubenthal-Mercado Funeral Home.

### Hospitalized

At EMH: Judy Gleason  
At Home: Mark Bristor  
Cheryl Grapes  
Ken Roberts

### Covenant Corner

We are halfway through our Covenant for a Miracle, two years away from reaching our goal of paying off our mortgage! The current balance on our loan with Church Extension is \$229,597.18. Please check to make sure that your commitment to our shared Covenant is up-to-date. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

## CALENDAR



- 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.
- Sun., 6/6: - Baccalaureate Sunday (see back page for schedule).
- Mon., 6/7: - CCH "Scramble for Kids" Golf Outing at Elyria Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- Elyria High School Fiddlers rehearsal in Fellowship Hall, 1 p.m.
- Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue., 6/8: - 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.
- Fri., 6/11: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Church office closed (vacation day).