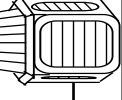


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Last weekend's storms cut a swath of destruction through the small northwest Ohio town of Millbury. The community's high school was destroyed. Many homes were reduced to piles of rubble. Five people lost their lives.

The tornado hit on the eve of high school graduation. The father of the class valedictorian was killed in the aftermath of the storm. The facility where the ceremony was to have taken place was in ruins.

The graduation has been rescheduled for this evening. A local community college has offered to host the event. One can only imagine the mixture of celebration and mourning, joy and sorrow, life and death.

In a moment, everything changed. The damage is beyond comprehension. The disbelief is understandable. And the determination is strong. Rebuilding will occur. Community will carry the day. And life will go on.

Such images—of the phoenix rising from the ashes, of new life rising from the debris—remind us of the resiliency of the human spirit. We were made in the image of the God who brings resurrection and redemption time and time again.

There is no situation that God cannot heal, redeem and transform. There is no person that God cannot help, save and love. There is no storm that God cannot help us weather. There is no challenge that God cannot help us face.

God bless our neighbors in Millbury and God bless us each and every one...

Love,

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June 13, 2010

8:00 a.m. Youth depart WACC for Cleveland area visit
8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by
9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Church School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
12:00 noon Flag Day Summerfest

OPENER: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Keith Western
GREETERS: Alan & Mary Lou Petersen
ACOLYTE: Tyler Schneider

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Cheryl McKenna and Mark Mathes

ELDER (8:30): PIANIST (8:30):

Mark Mathes Rosalie Gainer

ELDERS (10:45): **HOME COMMUNION:**

Janet Stevens-Brown Ken Mundorf

Don Hange, Jr. Kay Mundorf

DIACONATE: Team II

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 NEWS

Cleveland Field Trip This Sunday

This Sunday, June 13, our WACC youth groups will depart our parking lot at 8 a.m. 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.

Have You Signed Up for Camp?

You may have missed out on the Early Bird rate, but it's not too late to sign up for camp. Fun, faith-filled adventures await all, grades 3-adult. Contact the church office (323-4213) or stop by our bulletin boards for complete details.



Flag Day Summerfest

Be sure to join us this 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 Sunday

WACC Elder Becky Thompson will team up with Director of Church School Education Debbie Walker to lead off another summer of Intergenerational Church School sessions this Sunday, June 13. Elder Don Hange, Jr. will lead the June 20 class. The class will meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 in the youth rooms. Child care for very young children will be available.

Good News from the Golf Coast

Nine volunteers from WACC helped ensure the success of the Cleveland Christian Home's Scramble for Kids on Monday. Working the course were Jim Gainer, Al Knapp, Pete Majewski, Mark Mathes, Ken Mundorf, Alan Petersen, Bob Rieth, Dennis Schmidt, and Bruce Siffert. Quartific kicked off the event by singing the national anthem. Many thanks to all! Playing the course in the benefit golf event were Dan Clark, Tim Haywood, Mike Weinhardt, and Gerald Western. The foursome was awarded the "Church Challenge Cup" trophy. Way to go!



June 13 Lectionary Corner

1 Kings 21:1-21a
Galatians 2:15-21
Psalm 5:1-8
Luke 7:36-8:3*

*Sermon focus

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

Salvation Army Tea

The Lorain County Salvation Army will hold its fifth annual Heart to Heart Tea on Monday, June 21, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Sweetbriar Golf Club in Avon. The program will include information on heart health and women's wellness. Singer Debra Rose will entertain. Tickets are \$25 per person, available from Barbara Terrell (or contact her to R.S.V.P.); there will be no ticket sales on the day of the event.

Congregational Meeting June 27

A meeting to vote on WACC's proposed slate of 2010-2011 officers and leaders will be held on Sunday, June 27 following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.

Time to Compile Annual Reports

Current officers, committee chairs and others who lead WACC ministry groups are asked to submit an annual report to the church office by July 15 for inclusion in WACC's Yearbook.

Reports should list names of committee members and events of note from the 2009-2010 program year. Please contact Diana (office@waccelyria.org or 323-4213) if you have any questions or need assistance.

"Lunch and Learn" Series

Join our United Church of Christ mission partners at "Lunch and Learn," a speaker series that brings news of our shared outreach mission from workers in the field. Those attending are invited to bring a sack lunch; salad and beverages are provided.

The Monday, June 14 session will feature Salvatore Martinez, Global Ministries' missionary in Thailand who serves as Professor of Theology with the McGillvary Faculty of Theology at Payap University. **R.S.V.P. by June 11 to LeShawn Davis** (davisLATucc.org or 216-736-3221).

The Thursday, June 17 session will feature Mark Jensen, a young adult from First Christian Church, Lawrenceville, Georgia, who helped to make arrangements for a group of eleven from churches in his area of Georgia to visit Mungeli Hospital in India and our missionaries, Anil and Teresa Henry, last January. **R.S.V.P. by June 15 to LeShawn Davis** (davisLATucc.org or 216-736-3221).

Each session runs 12 noon-1:30 p.m. in the Ninth Floor Conference Room of the UCC Church House, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland.

Editor's note: Mark Jensen will be preaching at WACC on Sunday, July 11. Plan now on being present to hear his compelling story of mission work and personal transformation.



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Welcome!

This past Sunday, our Youth Minister, Tony Hampton, became an associate member of WACC and high school senior Tyler Pigott united with our congregation by confession of faith. We are so glad to welcome both as "official" members of our church family!

Congratulations!

Tony Hampton received a Bachelor of Science in Theology and Church Studies from Ashland University last Saturday.

Chuck & Chris Baumgartner are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary (6/6) and Gerry & Karen Andress and Dick & Arlene Burch are celebrating their 49th (6/10). Joanna Brown and Jordan Reser were united in marriage on Saturday. Joanna is Helen Farrar's granddaughter.

Robin & Mike Crocker are celebrating the arrival of another grandchild. Nathan Michael Holtz was born to Shelley & Brian on May 12. Others celebrating the baby's birth are big brother Jacob, grandpa Dale Henes and great-grandma Darlene Henes. Best wishes and blessings to all!

Prayer Focus

Please pray for our neighbors in Millbury.

Hospitalized

At EMH: Steve Kistner
At Home: Judy Gleason
Florence Hastings
Steve McCall

CALENDAR



- Fri., 6/11: - Church office closed (vacation day).
- Sun., 6/13: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 6/14: - Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6 p.m.
- Organist search committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Tue., 6/15: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Sat., 6/19: - Fellowship Hall in use.
- Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 5 (Keith Western, captain)