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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

I guess my reaction is a reflection of human nature: When I hear news of a disaster in another locale, I listen far more carefully if I know someone living in that area. It was true on 9/11, as I awaited word on cousins who live in Brooklyn and were working and going to school in Manhattan. It was true when a Swiss Air flight crashed and I had a friend who was in the process of relocating to Geneva that very week. It was true when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and three of my cousins evacuated to Birmingham and one to a neighboring city with higher ground, while one insisted on staying put.

Monday marked the 20th anniversary of the Shadyside, Ohio "Flood of Tears" which claimed 26 lives. That event was made more vivid to me because of its proximity to Bethany. I knew people who had grown up in Shadyside. Many had family members living there.

Last week's horrific flooding of an Arkansas campground remained somewhat distant to me. I did think of my friend, Barbara Jones, Regional Minister of the Disciples' Great River Region, and how the people in that area have seen a disproportionate number of natural disasters. But the distance I was feeling instantly evaporated when I received the following communication from our Week of Compassion:

It is always tragic when disaster strikes. When it hits close to home, however, we mourn in a very different way.

Last Thursday night, a family from King's Highway Christian Church in Shreveport, LA, lost three of its four members to a flash flood that tore across their Arkansas campground. Anthony and Candice Frazier Smith, son Joey and daughter Celine were camping when the flood hit. All but Candice were killed. Several family friends with whom they were traveling also died.

Our congregation will reach out to Candice Frazier Smith through prayer and through a "From Our Doorsteps..." grant. May we always remember that, according to Jesus' definition, anyone in need is a neighbor whom we are to love.

Love,

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June 20, 2010

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 Youth group gatherings
3:00 p.m. Camp Otter at Camp Christian begins*
(ends June 26; attending are Rachel Kersey
and Samantha Moore)
OPENER: Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.
GREETERS: Jack & Audrey Price

ACOLYTE: Connor Sweeten

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan

ELDER (8:30): Ken Mundorf

ELDERS (10:45): Barbara Terrell

HOME COMMUNION: Bud Simmons

DIACONATE: Team III

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

12:00 noon Congregational meeting to vote on

proposed 2010-2011 leadership slate

3:00 p.m. Hiram Conference at Camp Christian begins*

(ends July 3; attending are Deanna Forbush,

Katie Kostohryz, Tyler Pigott and counselors

Tony Hampton, Janet Long and Lauri Warfield)

OPENER: Roger Bauer **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre

GREETERS: Gary & Cindy Knapp

ACOLYTE: Rachel Kersey

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Larry McIntyre

ELDER (8:30): Janet Stevens-Brown

ELDERS (10:45): Bill Clark

HOME COMMUNION: Becky Thompson

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

**Write to our campers at Camp Christian, 10299 Maple Dell*

Rd., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036-9999

Special Offering for Camp Christian

On Sunday, June 27, we will have the opportunity to show our support of Camp Christian, the Ohio Region's retreat and church leadership development center. Camp Christian is where thousands of children, youth and adults have received spiritual awakening, faith development, deeper connection with area Disciples, and, for some, their call to service in Christian ministry.

To offer your gift, 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 "Camp Christian Operating Fund" written on the memo line.

Thank you for giving generously!

Summer Church School

WACC Elder Don Hange, Jr. will lead this Sunday's Intergenerational Church School class. The June 27 session will be led by Elder Bill Clark.

The class meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 in the youth rooms; child care is offered for very young children.

SAVE THE DATE!

Rosalie Gainer's farewell concert will be held at WACC on Sunday, July 18, at 3 p.m.

June 20 Lectionary

1 Kings 19:1-15a
Psalms 42 & 43
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39*

June 27 Lectionary

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62*

*Sermon foci

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

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.

The Salvation Army needs donations of personalized toiletries (soap, shampoo, lotion, etc.) for shower kits. Items may be dropped off directly at the organization's 716 W. Broad Street location.

Board Bits

Last week was the final scheduled Board meeting of the WACC program year. I have seen suggestions made, reports discussed and challenges met. WACC's leaders of program areas are followers of Christ who work every day to serve God and community. As of the end of June, I relinquish the Board Chair position to the very capable Barbara Terrell. I am honored to have such a wonderful connection to all of you who serve. I hope everyone enjoys serving on at least one committee at WACC; it is a gift to all. Thank you very much!

Lauri Warfield,
Board Chair

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Brad Dieringer	13	John Collier
	Deanna White		Helen Farrar
2	Don Mosher		Sarah Turner
	Sue Stephenson	14	Jacob Eby
	Joan Wilhelm	15	Katie Kostohryz
3	D.A. Knepper	17	Steve Paul
	Brenda Turner	20	Jon Bond
	Wilma Yanick		Carol McIntyre
4	Dan Coffman	21	Eric Shubert
5	Sherry Hyder	22	Alexandra Barbee
	Lisa Diedrick		Narelle Peden
6	Jeanne Smith	23	Mike Hoover
7	David Eby		Danielle Kramer
8	Nicole Eby		Gabrielle
	Mark Mathes		Passerello
9	Jen Hale		Christen Wilhelm
	Katie Hyder	25	Chris Baumgartner
	DiAnne Schmidt		Stephen Bond
	Kathy Shirley		Abe Edwards
	Bonnie Wargo	27	Sandy Boggs
	Ruth Ables	28	Sam Edwards
11	Dylan Quinones		Jordan Stephenson
	Dorothy Schenfield	29	Lauren Siffert
12	Kristopher Kostohryz	30	Emily Gottschling
	Jacob Osborn		Polly Simmons

JULY ACOLYTES

4	Samantha Moore
11	Nautica Walker
18	Katie & Sammie Kostohryz
25	Deanna Forbush

CALENDAR

Thu., 6/17:	-	Worship Committee supper gathering at Daddona's, Westlake, 6:30 p.m.
Sat., 6/19:	-	Fellowship Hall in use.
	-	Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 5 (Keith Western, captain)
Sun., 6/20:	-	See back page for the day's schedule.
Mon., 6/21:	-	Church office closed through 6/25 (vacation); call before stopping by.
Tue., 6/22:	-	Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
Fri., 6/25:	-	Wedding rehearsal in the sanctuary, 4 p.m.
Sat., 6/26:	-	Marling/Turski wedding, 3:30 p.m.
Sun., 6/27:	-	See back page for the day's schedule.
Tue., 6/29:	-	Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

David Eby received a Master's degree from Ohio University last Friday. Justin Lance was awarded a Ph.D. by The Ohio State University on Sunday. Dave is the assistant band director at Strongsville High School; Justin will be relocating to South Carolina in the ranks of higher education. Best wishes and blessings! Recent and upcoming anniversaries include those of Pete & Cheryl Majewski (6/11, #27); Dan Clark & Janet Long (6/12, #23); Dennis & Bonnie Jackson (6/14, #19); Jess & Lorrie Osborn (6/15, #19); Steve & Sandy Woosley and Jeremy & Corinne Willets (6/16, #20 and #3, respectively); Chuck & Debby Lance, Bob & Sandy Rieth and Dan & Nancy Walker (6/17, #32, #44 and #38, respectively); and, Sean & Michelle Kersey (6/18, #16).

Your (Daily) Vote Can Help

Hiram Farm, an agriculture and livestock program for adults with autism, is in the running to receive one of ten \$50,000 grants from Pepsi in June. The farm is run by former Regional Associate Pastor and CYF Director, the Rev. Roger McKinney, in partnership with Hiram College, and helps autistic adults live more productive, satisfying lives. The contest website currently shows Hiram Farm ranking around 30th place—but our votes each day through June 30 can help move this program closer to being in the top 10:

www.refresheverything.com/hiramfarm
Will you do this simple, daily task which may help a great program in a big way?

Prayer Focus

Please pray for those affected by last week's flood in Arkansas.

Hospitalized

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time. At Home: Steve Kistner