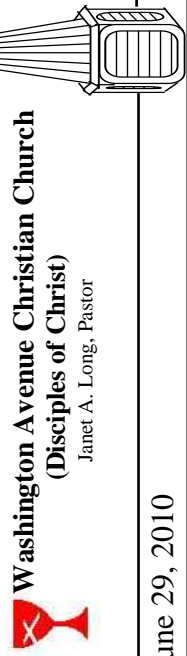


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

I know that some of my friends can hardly believe that I am spending a week at camp. I guess I don't impress them as the "camping type". They find it difficult to imagine me living in a cabin, sleeping in a bunk and showering on a concrete floor. The real kicker: only one building has air conditioning (and that is a recent improvement).

What they don't understand is that this is not just any camp. This is **CAMP CHRISTIAN**. In many ways, I owe my life to Camp Christian. My parents met there on the first summer staff in 1950, so where would I be without Camp Christian? I probably wouldn't be. I grew in my faith through Chi Rho Camp and CYF Conference. I served on summer staff too.

I first sensed a call to ministry at Camp Christian. I think God could—and would—have gotten my attention through alternate means, had I not been at Camp. But being at Camp provided me with the opportunity to stop and listen, to be tuned in to the frequency that allows for God to speak and be heard. It seemed natural. I began to explore what the call might mean.

It used to be that every pastor in Ohio was expected to spend a week at Camp Christian each summer. That tradition has faded over the years. Of this year's 30 counselors at Hiram Conference, seven of us are pastors. And while I think that the influence of lay counselors is invaluable, I also think that the experience of encountering pastors at Camp is important.

So, greetings from Camp Christian, where I am relying on your prayers, relating to our region's youth, carrying on a long-standing family tradition, and continuing to listen to God.

Love,


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July 4, 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
OPENER: Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas
ACOLYTE: Samantha Moore
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: Dan Clark and Tim Haywood
ELDER (8:30): Carolyn Long
Sub for Bill Clark
ELDERS (10:45):
Tim Haywood
Barbara Terrell
DIACONATE: Team I
8:30 - Mike Crocker and Robin Crocker
10:45 - Fauna Griffiths, Dorie Hendricks, Dennis Jackson, Allie Lundblad, Jan Moore, Kay Mundorf, Elliot Wainwright, Kathy Wainwright, Mark Wainwright, and Ashley Walker

YOUTH NEWS / CAMP NEWS

"Thank you" to the youth group members who participated in our recent trip to Cleveland, to their parents and guardians for their cooperation, and especially to Gerald Western for accompanying the group. It was a meaningful event for all who took part.

- Tony Hampton, Youth Minister

Adventure Camp = Photo Fun "Picturing the Fruit of the Spirit"



This summer's Adventure Camp for Ohio Disciples will be a Photo Safari of the Columbus area. The August 8-14 adventure will be based at Camp Christian and have participants focus on the fruit of the Spirit while enjoying daily excursions to Downtown Columbus, the Zoo and Zoombezi Bay Water Park, Dawes Arboretum, and the Hocking Hills area. In addition, award-winning photographer Jack Aciri will provide photography tips and digital image-manipulation techniques. Adventure Camp is open to grades 9-adult (younger children may attend with their parent). The \$320 registration includes lodging and all but one or two meals. Contact the church office for complete info.

Rosalie's Retirement

WACC's long-time organist, Rosalie Gainer, is retiring at the end of July. She will be offering a "Farewell Concert" on Sunday afternoon, July 18 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please invite family and friends to join you in attending.

On July 25, the last Sunday before her retirement, we will have a celebration of her faithful and dedicated 25 years of service. Please plan to be part of this special event, beginning with the 10:45 a.m. Service and continuing through a luncheon and brief program. In addition to your presence, you are invited to do three things:

1. Offer a gift of cash (or a check made payable to WACC) by July 18 for the money tree we will present;
2. Bring a card or note for Rosalie on July 25; and,
3. Keep this a secret from Rosalie!

Summer Church School

Debbie Walker, WACC's Director of Church School Education, will lead this Sunday's

Intergenerational Church

School class in

considering, "Children at

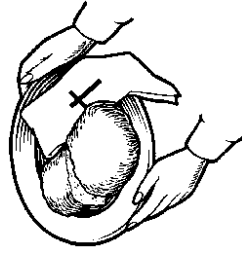
the Lord's Table." The

class meets each Sunday

morning at 9:30 in the

youth rooms; child care

is offered for very young children.



July 4 Lectionary Corner

2 Kings 5:1-14 Galatians 6:1-16
 Psalm 30 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*

*Sermon focus

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

2010-2011 Leadership Elected

The following were elected to congregational leadership terms (to begin July 1) at the June 27 congregational meeting:

Board Officers (one-year term)

Chair of the Board Barbara Terrell
 Vice Chair of the Board Gary McIntyre
 Clerk Jane Hutson
 Treasurer Dan Walker
 Assistant Treasurer Dan Clark
 Financial Secretary Bev Lehman

Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs (one-year term)

Christian Education Susan Mathes and Gerald Western
 Church Life & Growth Jenny Bliss and Val Collins

Hospitality Carol McIntyre (coffee hours) and Sheila Smith (meals)

Memorial Outreach Teri Hayes
 Jane Hutson and Mark Mathes

Property Chris Thomas and Dennis Wilhelm

Stewardship Tim Haywood and Mike Weinhardt

Worship Mary Lou Petersen and Sandy Rieth

Elders (three-year term)

Don Hange, Sr. Carol McIntyre
 Jane Hutson Nancy Walker

Diaconate (three-year term)

Taylor Anderson Joni Roberts
 Fauna Griffiths Pat Schwarz
 Dorie Hendricks Brad Thimke
 Katie Kostohryz Heidi Thimke
 Allie Lundblad Michelle Thimke
 Gary McIntyre Ashley Walker
 Tyler Pigott Keith Western
 Jack Price Joan Wilhelm

VBS Registration Beginning "The Congo Connection"

Registration forms for our July 12-16 Vacation Bible School are now available from the table in the hall of the new building.

This year, WACC will again combine efforts with First Congregational UCC and St. Paul UCC to explore "The Congo Connection" at St. Paul, 5:30-8 p.m. We'll examine what ties our cultures together as we also learn to appreciate our differences.

VBS is open to children ages 3 (toilet trained, please) through grade 5 (completed). Registration is \$5 per child or \$10 per family; scholarships are available. Each evening session will start with a light supper followed by the main program. On Friday, parents and other family members are invited to a picnic and closing session.

End-of-June Anniversaries

Our congratulations and continued

best wishes to these anniversary couples:

Bob & Eleanor Stevenson 6/19, #67
 Brett & Pam Jantzen 6/21, #7
 Mike & Amanda Passerello 6/22, #8
 Jim & Rosalie Gainer 6/23, #48
 Ralph & Becky Thompson 6/23, #37
 Scott & Phyllis Ritter 6/24, #10
 John & Cheryl McKenna 6/25, #22
 David & Nicole Eby 6/25, #5
 Tony & Jeni Sweeten 6/26, #11
 Mike & Carole Weinhardt 6/27, #18
 Bob & LaDonna Maxwell 6/28, #35
 Paul & Linda Fridenstine 6/29, #47
 Chris Thomas & Chris Trunk 6/29, #14

CALENDAR

Sun., 7/4: - Independence Day (see back page for the day's schedule).
 Mon., 7/5: - Church office closed (observance of Independence Day holiday).
 Tue., 7/6: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Todd Baumgartner and Bridget Dwyer were married on Saturday, June 26 at Bridget's home church, Bay Presbyterian. That same day, Nicole Marling and Rick Turski's wedding took place at WACC with Pastor Long officiating. Best wishes and blessings to both couples!

Elyria Hospitality Center Needs

The Center will be holding its second Farmers' Market on Monday, August 2, 3-6 p.m. Needed ASAP are bags with handles, to hold produce to be distributed. In addition, volunteers will be needed the day of the event to help stuff and dispense the filled bags. Please call Bud & Polly Simmons at 322-7820 if you can help.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for our country as we approach the celebration of our independence.

Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround the Petersen family in the death of Alan's mother, Mary Petersen, on Sunday, June 20 (three days before her 98th birthday). Services were held last Thursday at Brookdale Cemetery and Wesleyan Village, with Pastor Long co-officiating at the memorial service.

Hospitalized

Hildred Edwards

Mary Lou Petersen

Bill Kaatz

Don Mosher

Heidi Smith

Theresa Smith (in-and-out)

At EMH:

At LifeCare:

At Home: