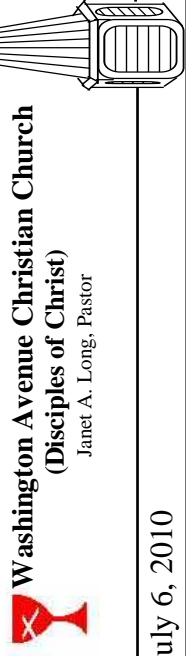




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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

People and churches have this in common: The more outward the focus, the more engaged and engaging the person or the church. When we consider others and the world around us, we are healthier and more hopeful.

One of the things I love about Washington Avenue Christian Church is its outward focus. When many congregations are pulling back on outreach efforts because of economic fears and fretting, WACC is growing in mission.

Three examples:

- Your gracious and generous response to Week of Compassion in celebration of our 25 years of shared ministry. The gifts total \$4,242.00! Thank you for this outpouring of love from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth...
- A summer focus on Disciples young adults who have been involved in our global mission efforts will kick off this Sunday. The first of what I hope will be three times of sharing will feature Mark Jensen who has spent time in India.
- Our Hot Meals program is expanding this summer in response to a need voiced by our friends at Christian Temple in Lorain. Teams from WACC will prepare monthly meals there on July 14 and August 11. We are feeding the hungry.

And that's not all. There's our ongoing budgeted giving to Disciples Mission Fund and other important causes. There's our continuing emphasis on special offerings. There's our "From Our Doorsteps Fund..." which responds to needs known to members of our congregation. There's our scholarship support of those going to Camp Christian and Partnership Camp. There's our tithe to Cleveland Christian Home from our Covenant gifts. There's our monthly Hot Meal at Salvation Army and our weekly collection for Elyria Hospitality Center. And so on...

This congregation is vibrant because of its care of God's children and God's creation. Bless you...

Love,

Janet

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July 11, 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
3:00 p.m. Camp Badger at Temple Hills, and
Camp Portahoga at Camp Christian, begin
(Attending Camp Badger are Jacob & Jordan Anderson; write to them at Temple Hills, Box 575, Belleville, OH 44813. Attending Camp Portahoga are Colton Anderson, Emily Siffert and Romeo Walker; write to them at Camp Christian, Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.)

OPENER: Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Keith Western

ACOLYTE: Nautica Walker

SPEAKER: Mark Jensen

TELLERS: Larry McIntyre and Lauri Warfield

ELDER (8:30): **PIANIST (8:30):**
Janet Stevens-Brown Rosalie Gainer

ELDERS (10:45): **HOME COMMUNION:**
Jane Hutson Debby Willets
Nancy Walker Dennis Jackson

DIACONATE: Team II

8:30 - Taylor Anderson and Brian Maddock
10:45 - Karen Davis, Linda Dull, Thomas Dull, Sue McKain, Cheryl McKenna, John McKenna, Jack Price, Sandy Rieth, Pat Schwarz, and Keith Western

YOUTH NEWS / CAMP NEWS

Congratulations to Hiram Conference!

WACC Snags Banner Win

The 157 high school students attending Camp Christian's Hiram Conference last week raised over \$7,000 for the annual D.I.G. (Dividends in Growth) offering which supports a variety of Disciples Ministries in Ohio!

Part of this offering included the WACC youth's winning bid of \$1,500 in a heated contest to purchase the current Hiram Conference banner being retired (a new banner is created every four years). Watch future issues of *The Spire* for news of upcoming fundraisers...

Don't Miss Out: Camp Registration Window Closing

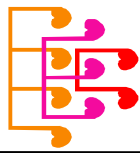
Young adults (age 19, post-high school, through age 29) are invited to Advance Ministry Conference at Camp Christian August 15-22. Grade 9-adult are invited to Adventure Camp's August 8-14 Photo Safari. Call 440-323-4213 for information.

Hiram Farm Needs Your Help
Hiram Farm, which teaches agriculture and livestock-care skills to adults with autism, is in the running for a \$50,000 grant from Pepsi. The Portage County farm is led by Roger McKinney, pastor of the Hiram church and former Associate Regional Pastor of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ohio.

Your **DAILY vote** (through July 31) will give Hiram Farm its best chance of reaching the top 10 programs, each of which will receive a \$50,000 grant. This morning, Hiram Farm's rank was at 17—will you help the Farm succeed in this goal? To vote, visit: www.refresheverything.com/hiramfarm.

Note: Other ways to help support Hiram Farm include purchasing gift baskets (\$15-\$65) of jam, muffin mixes, wine, and/or cheese, as well as Hiram Farm hats and T-shirts. Visit www.hiramfarm.org for complete information.

Farewell Concert Approaching
Invite family and friends to join you at Rosalie Gainer's July 18, 3 p.m. Farewell Organ and Piano Concert. Rosalie will perform a variety of musical favorites that are sure to delight. The reception following will provide an opportunity to convey best wishes to Rosalie on her upcoming retirement, as well as supply concert-goers with some delicious refreshments.



Rosalie's final Sunday as our organist will be July 25.

July 11 Lectionary Corner
Amos 7:7-17
Colossians 1:1-14
Psalm 82
Luke 10:25-37
**Sermon focus*

Have you remembered WACC in your will?
Book Nook
Our next Book Club meeting is set for Thursday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m. The book for discussion is, *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. All are welcome, so come and join the lively discussion!

Summer Church School
WACC Elder Janet Stevens-Brown will lead this Sunday's Intergenerational Church School class. Elder Lauri Warfield will lead the July 18 class in a session from *The Thoughtful Christian* entitled, "Was America Founded as a Christian Nation?" The class meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 in the youth rooms; child care is offered for very young children.



VBS Registrations Due
"The Congo Connection", our joint Vacation Bible School with St. Paul UCC and First Congregational UCC, starts July 12. If your child isn't yet registered, you'll want to do so ASAP! Forms are available from the table in the hall of the new building today through Sunday.

Each evening session will start with a light supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by the main program which will end by 8 p.m. 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. Call Debbie Walker (574-1337) for more information.



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY
Congratulations!
The following are celebrating early July anniversaries: Jason & Jodi Higgins (7/1, #10); Bud & Polly Simmons and William & Cheryl Grapes (7/2, #39 and #33, respectively); Gary & Cindy Knapp and Eric & Ashley Csata (7/5, #30 and #2, respectively). Continued blessings and best wishes to all!

Greetings
Harold Rickel says, "Hello" to all his friends at WACC. He has been enjoying the visits and cards from members of his church family.

Picture Perfect
Check out the photo of Halena Bliss, published in a recent *Morning Journal*, now posted on our main bulletin board. Halena was visiting the French Creek Nature Center's Butterfly Garden.

Prayer Focus
Please pray for our congregation's outreach efforts.
Washington Avenue Christian Church seeks to be...
Welcoming to all in the name of Christ
Accepting of diversity in the love of Christ
Celebrating and serving with joy in the spirit of Christ
Communing each week at the table of Christ

...from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

Hospitalized
Tristan Williams
Adelle Baker
Hildred Edwards

CALENDAR



Ice Cream Social to Benefit Lorain County Historical Society
The Lorain County Historical Society will hold its 11th annual Ice Cream Social this Sunday, July 11, 1-5 p.m. at The Hickories. Admission (\$5 advance, \$6 day of event) will cover a serving of ice cream and pie or cake, and a tour of The Hickories; additional food will be available for purchase. An antique car show and old-fashioned games for children will also be part of the fun. Email thehickories@windstream.net or call 322-3341 for tickets. WACC will be helping our neighbors with their fundraiser that afternoon by sharing our parking lot.

- Sun., 7/11: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Mon., 7/12: - Vacation Bible School at St. Paul UCC (9715 E. River St.) begins; runs nightly through Friday, 7/16, 5:30-8 p.m.
- Tue., 7/13: - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wed., 7/14: - Hot Meal at Christian Temple, Lorain.
- Thu., 7/15: - Book Club gathering in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., 7/17: - Camps Badger and Portahoga end.