

July 18, 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. Rosalie Gainer's Farewell Concert
OPENER: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.
ACOLYTES: Katie Kostohryz and Sammie Kostohryz
WORSHIP LEADER: Heidi Thimke

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
TELLERS: John McKenna and Dan Walker

ELDER (8:30):

Don Hange, Jr.

ELDERS (10:45):

Carol McIntyre
Nancy Walker

DIACONATE: Team III

8:30 - Dan Maddock and Tina Maddock
10:45 - Michelle Kazmierczak, Michelle Kersey, Sean Kersey, Gary McIntyre, Carol Mosher, Lynn Obechi, Laverne Stroup, Brad Thimke, Heidi Thimke, and Michelle Thimke

YOUTH NEWS / CAMP NEWS

Youth Group Meetings to Resume in August

The previously-scheduled July youth group gatherings have been postponed. But don't leave Worship (Sundays, 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.) and Church School (Sundays, 9:30 a.m.) out of your summer plans; we hope to see you this Sunday!

Youth Minister Tony Hampton looks forward to again meeting with youth in grades 3-12 on Sunday, August 1, following the 10:45 a.m. Service.

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts at "Family Camp"

Disciples Fellowship Camp (i.e., "Family Camp") will again take place during Labor Day weekend (September 3-5, Friday-Sunday only) at Camp Christian. The Reverend Wanda Werking will help participants learn how to discover—and then utilize—their spiritual gifts in everyday life. Breakout sessions after her program will include photography, scrapbooking, fishing, recreation, Bible study, and more. Children's programming will also be provided. To learn more about the fun and fellowship of this semi-annual, all-ages camp experience, contact Bev Sajna (440-590-2488 or sa-ihome81@yahoo.com). Disciples Fellowship Camp is also on Facebook.

THE SPREE



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Last week, I wrote about the importance of having an outward focus. This results in care and compassion for others of God's children. Mission and outreach are the outcomes.

So is evangelism. While most of us would not describe ourselves as "evangelistic", we are called to be and to share the good news of Jesus Christ from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. Evangelism is the practice of sharing "evangel"—good news.

When we have good news, we want to share it. A new baby has arrived into the family. We share our joy. A son or daughter has received a promotion. We can't wait to tell. A bad medical diagnosis has been upgraded. We start spreading the word.

We are called by Christ to share the good news of God's love. What if we told a friend, a neighbor or a relative that we have found a meaningful relationship with Christ through a church family known as Washington Avenue Christian Church? "Would you like to come and see?"

The Great Commandment is to love God fully and our neighbors as ourselves. We focus on that quite a lot. The Great Commission is to make disciples. We focus on that quite a lot less. It's time to reach out to others with the good news of God's love.

If you know someone who is seeking a thoughtful faith, who would be blessed by a loving church family, who is without a church home, share with them the good news of WACC!

Love,

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Farewell Concert This Sunday

This Sunday, at 3 p.m., we will enjoy Rosalie Gainer's Farewell Organ and Piano Concert. Invite family and friends for an afternoon of beautiful music in the WACC sanctuary, followed by delicious refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

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

Summer Church School

WACC Elder Lauri Warfield will lead this Sunday's Intergenerational Church School 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.

Have you remembered WACC in your will?

CWS School and Clean-Up Kits Needed

Church World Service's inventory of clean-up buckets and school kits is extremely low. We are in the midst of tropical storm and hurricane season, when clean-up buckets often are requested, and CWS is getting numerous requests for the school kits as overseas partners prepare for the Fall school year. To learn how you can help, visit www.churchworldservice.org or call the WACC office (440-323-4213).

July 18 Lectionary Corner

Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42*

*Sermon focus



26 Days 'til ADVENTURE CAMP

Adventure Camp, one of the Ohio Region's newer camp programs, is for high school youth through adults. Adventure Camp offers participants an opportunity to explore God's presence in the outdoors while strengthening relationships with other Disciples across Ohio. Past Adventure Camps have included a week-long hike on the Appalachian Trail, seven days of canoe camping in Michigan and a week of bicycling on trails in southern Ohio.

This year, Adventure Camp will be a Photo Safari (*Picturing Fruit of the Spirit*) August 8-14. Campers will be housed in the cabins at Camp Christian with day trips to downtown Columbus, the Columbus Zoo and Zoombezi Bay Water Park, Dawes Arboretum, and the Hocking Hills area. Award-winning professional photographer Jack Aciri will be on hand to share general photography and digital image techniques.

Registration is \$320 through July 23 (\$330 if later) and includes housing, admission fees and most meals. Register online at www.ccinoh.org or call 440-323-4213 for more information. WACC Office Administrator Diana Tyler and her husband Tim will be serving as counselors this year; they'll be happy to answer any questions you may have about **ADVENTURE CAMP**.

Thu., 7/15: - Combined Vacation Bible School at St. Paul UCC continues (5:30-8 p.m.)

- Book Club gathering in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Sat., 7/17: - Camps Badger and Portahoga end.

Sun., 7/18: - See back page for the day's schedule.

Tue., 7/20: - Organ Committee meeting in the sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

- Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.

Wed., 7/21: - Organ Committee meeting in the sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

Thu., 7/22: - Organ Committee meeting in the sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

CAMP COUNTDOWN

33 Days 'til Advance Ministries Summer Conference

What does it mean to have a personal relationship with God? What does it look like? How do the things we do affect our relationship with God? Advance Ministries Summer Conference will help participants delve into what it truly means to have a personal relationship with God, and explore what can be done to nurture that relationship.

This year's keynote speakers are Rev. Allen Harris, Rev. Margo Conner, Rev. Jim Bane, Rev. John Rumburg, Rev. David Turner, Rev. Audrey Conner, and Rev. Amy Gopp (Executive Director of Week of Compassion).

Advance Ministries provides young adults (ages 19-29 and out of high school) with opportunities to experience a community of Christian friends and ways to develop a stronger faith in Jesus Christ.

Summer Conference is a week-long event that helps young adults grow to understand their faith and where they fit into God's family. Each day contains opportunities for spiritual growth, developing friendships, being at least a little silly, and lots more.

Registration is \$320 (through August 5) for the full week or \$50 per day a la carte registration. Partial registration scholarships are available for those in need. Register online at: <http://register.advanceministry.org>. Contact the Advance Ministry Officers (officers@advanceministry.com) or call 440-323-4213 for complete information.



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!

Andy & Melissa Knight are celebrating their 7th wedding anniversary (7/12). Continued best wishes and blessings!

Hiram Farm at #18

Last week, we asked you to vote at www.refresheverything.com/hiramfarm to help Hiram Farm Living and Learning Community (a Disciples-connected program for adults with autism) win a \$50,000 grant from Pepsi. The money is planned for the construction of an operations building which will finally provide, among other things, restrooms and drinking water access on the 120-acre farm.

Thus far, the Farm has been voted one of the top 20 programs on the Pepsi website... but it needs to be within the top 10 by July 31 to receive the grant. **Will you pledge to vote every day through July 31 to help this important program? Thank you!**

Prayer Focus

Please pray for opportunities to share a good word about your relationship with Christ and the church.

Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround Carol Edwards and Philip Edwards in the death of their mother, Hildred, early this afternoon (Tuesday). Funeral arrangements are unknown as of press-time. May God's presence comfort all who mourn.

Hospitalized

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time.
At Home: Mary Lou Petersen
Tristan Williams

CALENDAR

