

**“How to Drive Your Bible” Workshop**

On Epiphany Sunday, WACC’s 4<sup>th</sup> graders were presented with personalized Bibles. On Saturday, February 25, we will give them (and others interested) the “keys” to their Bibles through an interactive, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. workshop (including pizza lunch) in the youth rooms. Covered topics will include the origin of the various books of the Bible, which books were selected (why and how), understanding the groupings of the books, and tips on quickly finding specific Scripture passages.

This free workshop is open to all ages. If you’ve never read the Bible—or if you’d like to learn more about your Bible—this class is for you! Contact Debbie Walker or the church office (323-4213) to register.

**Lenten Devotional Books Available**

Copies of the Lenten devotional book, *Partners in Prayer* are again begin provided by the Christian Education Committee free of charge to those interested. As Ash Wednesday (February 22) is just around the corner, the booklets will be available in the rack near the stairs to the sanctuary beginning this Sunday, February 5.

**Directory Note**

Please remember that if you want your cell phone and/or email address listed in our new directory, you will need to let us know. Information published in our last directory will not automatically be included in the 2012 edition. (To allow for an Easter distribution, we’ll need all household information ASAP.)

**February 5 Lectionary Corner**

Isaiah 40:21-31  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
Mark 1:29-39\*

\*Sermon focus

*Have you remembered your church family in your will?*

**Attention, Lap Robe Makers!**

Last September a number of WACC stitchers, knitters and crocheters made shawls, a comforter, and a lap robe as part of our “Wrapped in Our Love” ministry. Some were made for particular people and others were made to have on hand for times of crisis. All were blessed during our September 11 Worship Services. Those that have been distributed have been well-received.

On Palm Sunday, Pastor Janet will be blessing more wraps. If you would like to craft something for this ministry, please let Brenda Keenan know. She has an abundance of yarn available in her office. (You may, of course, choose to purchase your own instead.)

Wraps should be turned in to Brenda by March 31 to be included in the April 1 blessing. Please contact Brenda or me (440-387-7915) if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
*Sandy Woosley*

**CW&W Training Event at WACC**

Washington Avenue Christian Church will host a training event for Children Worship & Wonder Storytellers April 13-15. Those interested should contact Debbie Walker or the church office.

- Thu., 2/2: - Girl Scout Troop 97 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Fri., 2/3: - Brownie Troop 887 gathering in youth rooms, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun., 2/5: - See back page for the day’s schedule.
- Mon., 2/6: - Worship Committee meeting in the Elders’ conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue., 2/7: - Property Committee meeting in the Elders’ conference room, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 2/9: - Girl Scout Troop 97 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Daisy Troop 195 gathering in the Gibbens conference room, 6 p.m.
- Fri., 2/10: - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Sat., 2/11: - Brownie Troop 887 gathering in the youth rooms, 6:30 p.m.
- Parking lot in use (Lorain County Historical Society Tea), 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.



**Thank You**

The Worship Committee is grateful for all who helped make WACC’s 2012 Laity Sunday Services so meaningful.

Special thanks go to speakers Tyler Stephenson, DiAnne Schmidt and Joel Sinegar who gave us, “A Lot to think About,” through personal stories and reflections.

We also appreciate those who took part in leading Worship:  
8:30 Service—Val Collins, Cheryl Majewski, Pete Majewski, Bob Maxwell, and Dennis Wilhelm.

10:45 Service—Eric Gohle, Jeff Gray, Gary McIntyre, Bruce Siffert, Heidi Thimke, and Joan Wilhelm.

Finally, we’d like to express gratitude to those groups who serve every Sunday in our Worship of God: Our building openers and closers, greeters, Acolytes, Diaconate members, Elders, Chancel Choir, musicians, and Tellers, as well as those who provide chancel flowers, those who gather and those who give. Your gifts of time, talent, treasure, and presence are noticed and appreciated!

We are blessed to be part of this congregation of so many worshipful leaders!  
- *The Worship Committee*

**NEWS OF OUR FAMILY**

**Congratulations!**

Steve & Karen McCall are celebrating their 11<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (2/3). Continued best wishes and blessings!

**February 14 Meetings Cancelled**

Because some of you have asked—yes, in addition to the February 14 Board meeting be cancelled (due to a light agenda and the absence of several key leaders that date), the February Staff and Elders meetings are also cancelled. (Enjoy your night off!)

**“Friend” Us!**

Did you know that WACC is on Facebook? We’d love to be your FB friend—send us a request!

*Note: As we’re not able to visit our FB page daily, we respectfully request that all care concerns (i.e., hospitalization news, prayer requests, etc.) continue to be routed directly to us at 440-323-4213 or office@waccelyria.org. Thank you for your understanding.*

**Thank You**

We recently received a letter from Church World Service, thanking WACC for our \$772 in donations to CWS’ Blankets Plus program. The letter may be found on our main bulletin board.

**Prayer Focus**

Please pray for the witness of all the church’s laity.

**Hospitalized**

*At EMH:* Mike Adkins  
Barbara Terrell

*At Cleveland Clinic:* Ethan Quinones  
*At Life Care Westlake (26520 Center Ridge Rd., #202, Westlake; 892-5682):*

Ken Pegler

**CALENDAR**



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### February 5, 2012

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service  
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship  
12:00 noon Youth group gathering (grades 3-12)  
**OPENER:** Bruce Siffert **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas  
**ORGANIST/PIANIST (8:30):** Rosalie Gainer  
**ELDER/ELDER WORSHIP LEADER (8:30):**  
Chris Baumgartner

**SPEAKER:** Tony Hampton  
**GREETERS:** Cathy Howard and Carrie, Megan  
and Taylor Mehl

**ORGANIST/PIANIST (10:45):** Alan Higbee

**ACOLYTE:** Samantha Moore

**ELDER WORSHIP LEADER (10:45):** Nancy Walker

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Janet Stevens-Brown

**ELDERS (10:45):** Carol McIntyre and Gerald Western

**HOME COMMUNION:** Jane Hutson and Cindy Johnson

**DIACONATE:** Team 1

**8:30 -** Donna Sinegar, Joel Sinegar, Dennis Wilhelm,  
and Kimberly Wilhelm

**10:45 -** Fauna Griffiths, Dorie Hendricks, Allie Lundblad,  
Jan Moore, Kay Mundorf, Kathy Wainwright, and Mark  
Wainwright

**TELLERS:** Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan

## YOUTH NEWS

### Youth Group Gathering February 5

Youth in grades 3-12 will gather in the youth rooms following this Sunday's 10:45 a.m. Service. They'll enjoy a delicious lunch (provided by WACC Elder Jane Hutson) followed by fun and faith sharing.

### Tobogganing Outing

Youth in grades 3-12 (and their families) are invited to the Chalet toboggan chutes at Cleveland Metroparks' Mill Stream Run Reservation (Valley Parkway, Strongsville) on Friday, February 10, 6-10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8/person (\$6/ages 11 and younger). For more information, contact Youth Minister Tony Hampton.

### CYF Hiram Conference Mid-Winter Retreat

Youth in grades 9-12 will gather March 9-11 at Franklin Circle Christian Church (1688 Fulton Rd., Cleveland) for the Hiram Conference Mid-Winter Retreat. Registration is \$50/person (\$25/adults); deadline is February 29, so don't delay! **Host families needed; call the church office to help.**

## A View from the Pew

Dear Friends,

My father once wrote:

*When a jeweler wanted to test the karat value of a piece of gold, he used a touchstone (the stone basanite) to find the exact karatage. He cleaned the stone and then rubbed the gold in question across it, leaving a yellow mark. After that, he marked the stone with each of several "control" pieces of varying karat gold—10k, 14k, 18k. Then, he put a few drops of acid on the first mark he had made and compared it to the others. Whichever mark matched the original determined its karat value. He relied on his touchstone.*

*You and I have a "touchstone" that is vastly more important—the Bible. The word of God gives us an unchangeable point of reference as we try to sift out the true from the false, the right from the wrong, the good from the evil.*

Attached to the note from my dad, written in 1980, was this prayer:

*Lord, make me a channel of thy peace—that where there is hatred, I may bring love—that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness—that where there is discord, I may bring harmony—that where there is error, I may bring truth—that where there is doubt, I may bring faith—that where there is despair, I may bring hope—that where there are shadows, I may bring light—that where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted—to understand, than to be understood—to love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life. Amen.*

Thanks, Dad, for giving me the knowledge of that touchstone.

God's blessings,

Tim Haywood