**November 4, 2018—ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by
9:30 a.m. Discovery Hour
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

**OPENER:** Dennis Wilhelm
**CLOSER:** Carson McNeal

**PIANIST (8:30):** Becky Thompson

**PREACHER:** The Reverend Nathan A. Russell

**ELDER (8:30):** Lauri Warfield

**HALLWAY ATTENDANT:** Dennis Wilhelm

**GREETERS:** Maybe YOU? Contact Sharon Siffert.

**ORGANIST (10:45):** Tom Day

**ACOLYTE:** Marisa Ward

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Tony Sweeten

**ELDERS (10:45):** Gerald Western and Nancy Walker

**HOME COMMUNION:** Susan Mathes / Arlene Burch

**DIACONATE:** Team I

8:30 - Allison Fenik, Lori Lauffer, Dennis Wilhelm and Kimberly Wilhelm

10:45 - Ashleigh Arndt, Liz Baumgartner, Don Hange, Jr., Jane Hutson, Sue McKain, Ken Oblik, and Karen Rider

**TELLERS:** Mark Mathes and Ken Oblik

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**Youth and Camp News**

**UN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SEMINAR**
Youth in grades 10-12, don’t miss the United Nations International Affairs Seminar in New York and Washington, DC February 22-March 2. The deadline to submit your completed application, $400 deposit, and the first writing assignment (from a required reading list) is December 12. This is an eye-opening trip into the global peace process, combined with sightseeing, meeting government officials, and more.

**ADVENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN**
An Advent Retreat for women—A Christmas Circle”—will take place on Saturday, December 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Camp Christian. Registration for this time of prayer, reflection, conversation, and a pinecone-wreath craft is $50 (if received by November 29; $55 if after); Friday night lodging is just $25 additional.

**ADVANCE MINISTRIES WINTER RETREAT**
Young adults (ages 18-29) are invited to Advance Ministries’ annual Winter Retreat January 4-6, at Camp Christian. Watch this space for more details as they become available.

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**Notes from Nathan**

Dear Friends:

On Monday we learned the names of the eleven victims and heard incredible tributes to their faith and service to the congregation at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Rabbi Lauren Werber, who leads Temple B’nai Abraham in Elyria, and I have communicated, and WACC has extended sympathy and its desire to show tangible signs of solidarity with our Jewish neighbors.

One of the most important things we can do to demonstrate support is to show up and speak out. There are two opportunities to show up at Temple B’nai Abraham this week. On Friday at 7 p.m., the temple will hold its weekly Sabbath service, and WACC elders, members, and I will attend. If you would like to join us, please be in touch with the church office. Following services at WACC on Sunday morning, Temple B’nai Abraham will host its annual Bagel Brunch. I encourage you to attend one or both of these events.

When we have readings in our worship services from the first testament of scripture, we use the language of “Hebrew Bible,” because these words, while ancient, are still life-giving and new in their speaking and hearing. Some of my favorite stories are from the Hebrew Bible. The prophetic words of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Huldah (Google her) among other biblical prophets deliver a powerful truth for our time, just as the words did in the context in which the prophets first spoke them. Isaiah speaks words that convey our present and future hope: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” In today’s vernacular, Isaiah might say that ‘they shall beat their assault rifles into plowshares, and hate speech will be transformed into rivers of justice and shalom.’

On Friday evening before the terrible events on Saturday, Rabbi Werber shared Yehuda Amichai’s poem at Temple B’nai Abraham’s Rock Shabbat musical service:

_Don’t stop after beating the swords into plowshares, don’t stop! Go on beating and make musical instruments out of them. Whoever wants to make war again will have to turn them into plowshares first._

May God grant us the courage to show up and to speak out and to sing the music of the spheres that hails God’s new creation.

Peace abundant,

Nathan
Dear Christian Church in Ohio:

For the past eighteen months the regional church has been through a time of major transition. We have had to acknowledge the mistakes that have been made and the disconnection that many feel from the church. It is our hope and prayer that the year 2019 will be a time of regaining trust and moving forward to work together.

In an effort to economize, our regional office has relocated to Camp Christian and, at our regional assembly, we voted on a proposal not to have a regional minister for at least a year. We will rely on our regional administrator, camp superintendent, neighboring regional ministers, and volunteers to continue the work of the region.

Here some important ways your giving will assist the still-vital ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):

1. Disciples Mission Fund (DMF) supports the ministries of the general and regional church. We hope that 2019 will be the only year that we partner with our four neighboring regional ministers for the important work of search & call. We will nonetheless continue to serve congregations this year through the work of the commission on ministry, regional elders, anti-racism commission, and the administrative staff. DMF is the largest stream of income for our regional church.

2. 100% of the Christmas Special Day Offering, received each December, supports the Christian Church in Ohio. This is an important stream of funding for our regional church.

3. Keep the Bell Ringing funds operate Camp Christian. We hope that 2019 will be a good opportunity for WACC to support, and share fellowship with, another faith community as we stand together against the hate and violence that has been escalating towards Jewish communities.

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- Ruth 1:1-18
- Psalm 146
- Mark 12:28-34
- Hebrews 9:11-14
- Sermon focus

Our thanks to all who have signed up to bake and/or serve as table hosts for WACC’s November 6 Election Day Bake Sale. Home made items may be left in the Elders’ conference room on Sunday, November 4, or brought in on Monday, November 5 (by 2 p.m., please). Sign-up sheets remain on the Welcome Table in the education building hallway.

Elyria Hospitality Center Collection
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The 84 items brought in on Sunday for Elyria Hospitality Center brings our October total to 370. Wow! Thank you, everyone! We’ll collect canned and boxed soup during November.

Concert to Benefit Camp Christian
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Acoustic duo Noah Wotherspoon and Jessi Blair will entertain at a fundraising concert and open mic for, and at, Camp Christian, on Saturday, November 17. Tickets are $25, available at www.ccinoh.org. Add another $25 and spend the night at Camp!

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Honey Sales Are Back
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Dick & Arlene Burch and JMC Apiary are selling raw honey to benefit WACC’s youth program. Proceeds help underwrite entrance fees and activity costs for special events and field trips. A sample jar is $3; ½ lb. jar, $6; 1 lb. jar, $12; 1 qt. jar, $30; and, ½ gal. jar, $60. Honey may be purchased from the display in the education building hall or through the order forms available there. Make checks payable to “Samantha Mariast” and give to Dick or Arlene or the church office.

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Our neighbors at Temple B’nai Abraham, 530 Gulf Rd., will hold their annual all-you-can-eat Bagel Brunch this Sunday, November 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The menu will include bagels, home-baked goods, eggs, noodle pudding, hering, sliced tomatoes, onions, cucumbers, mushrooms, cream cheese, jelly, lox spread, fruit, and orange juice. Tickets may be purchased at the door ($15 for adults; $5 for children ages 12 and younger). This will be a good opportunity for WACC to support, and share fellowship with, another faith community as we stand together against the hate and violence that has been escalating towards Jewish communities.

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Laura Schroeder united with this congregation at Sunday’s 10:45 a.m. worship service. She has been attending for just a few weeks, so please take time to introduce yourself when you see her. Welcome, Laura!

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A shout out to Molly Fenik, whose imagination and creativity have helped a dream come true for an aspiring cellist! Molly, a Junior and member of the robotics team at Elyria High School, modified an existing prosthetic arm to make it possible for a cellist to play. The project, which also involved several educators, financial donors, a Columbus-based music store, and 3D printers, resulted in Jordan now being able to play cello in Eastern Heights Middle School’s orchestra. You can find the whole story in Tuesday’s edition of The Chronicle-

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Please pray for The Tree of Life synagogue and congregation in Pittsburgh.

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...family and friends of Thomas (“Tom”) Dull who died in a car accident on Monday morning while en route to pick up daughter Amy Rice (20 Sims Ln., Batesville AR 72501). Service arrangements are pending.

...family and friends of Stephen (“Steve”) Ross who died on Friday. Steve was a good friend of this congregation who took very special care with the construction of our education building and the renovation of the WACC sanctuary and Sharp mansion. Services will be held October 31 at St. Mary’s Church.

May God’s peace comfort all who mourn.

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At UH Elyria Medical Center: Jeff Schroeder
At Cleveland Clinic: David Guarnera
At Home: Brenda Rutherford