

August 13, 2017

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: Bob Maxwell **CLOSER:** Ken Oblak
PIANIST (8:30): Carole Weinhardt
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
ELDER (8:30): Polly Simmons
HALLWAY ATTENDANT: Jeff Gray
GREETER: *You?* Contact Sharon Siffert to help.
ORGANIST (10:45): Tom Day
ACOLYTE: Dylan Quinones
WORSHIP LEADER: Ashleigh Arndt
ELDERS (10:45): Susan Mathes and Sandy Rieth
HOME COMMUNION: Mark Mathes and Pat Schwarz
DIACONATE: Team II
8:30 - Stacy Collins, Cheryl Grapes, Bob Maxwell,
 and Christen Wilhelm
10:45 - Jeff Evans, Deanna Forbush, Debby Lance,
 Carson McNeal, Lill McNeal, Bob Schofield,
 Carrie Schofield, and Pam Sheetz
TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Kay Mundorf

YOUTH NEWS

**Weekly Youth Gatherings
Start August 30**

Youth entering grades 6-12, please put us on your schedule each Wednesday evening, 5:30-7:30 p.m., beginning August 30, as we resume our weekly youth gatherings. We begin each session with a delicious meal, followed by games, activities, projects, conversation, and/or crafts. We have a great time getting to know one another, cementing friendships, deepening our faith, and talking about life issues that are important to us. You—and your friends—are always welcome!

Parents and other adults, a sign-up is posted on the display board in the education building—can you help prepare, serve and/or clean up after one or more weekly meals? Are you able to provide a dessert for one or more meals? We are *so* grateful the many ways you support WACC's youth program!



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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

The response from the President of the United States that North Korea's nuclear provocations would be "met with fire, fury, and, frankly, power, the likes of which this world has never seen before" is a frightening threat.

For followers of the Prince of Peace, such a statement is deeply troubling. It is a call to prayer, to diplomacy and to peacemaking. Returning evil for evil is contrary to scripture's teachings. Nuclear threats must not be matched but mitigated.

An atomic bomb, known as "Little Boy", was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan seventy-two years ago Sunday. Three days later, a second atomic bomb, "Fat Man", was dropped on Nagasaki. Ever since, we have lived under the cloud of those attacks.

The aftermath began with suffering and death. It continued with the arms race and the escalating number of countries with nuclear capacity—and the escalating estimates of the destructive power filling the arsenals around the globe.

I grew up in the Cold War era. Fearful of the capability of the enemy, Russia, I was instructed to crawl under my desk at East Elementary School in Crooksville, Ohio, so that I could be safe from a nuclear holocaust.

When will we ever learn? The lessons of the past seem to be lost on the leaders of today. What happens half a world away will affect all life on earth. Destruction is not part of the divine plan; God commanded that we "till and keep" the earth.

Nearly fifty years ago, Martin Luther King, Jr. reflected on the brink of nuclear devastation and said, "It is no longer a choice, my friends, between violence and nonviolence. It is either nonviolence or nonexistence." When will we ever learn?

Love, Janet

EHC Collections Continue

◆ School Supplies

Thank you for all the school supplies you brought in this past Sunday for Elyria Hospitality Center! Our Christian Education Committee asks that you please continue to bring in donations of pencils, markers, lunch bags, notebooks, book bags, and new clothing through August 20. Items may be placed in the collection boxes in the hallway of the education building.



◆ Food and Hygiene Items

We very much appreciate the 90 items brought in this past Sunday for Elyria Hospitality Center. Please continue bringing in peanut butter, soup and toilet paper throughout the month. Thank you!



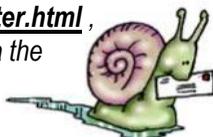
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Contact the church office (323-4213 or officeATwaccelyria.org) if you'd like to change your current delivery method.

Note: Each week's newsletter also is posted at www.waccelyria.org/newsletter.html, with back issues available via the "Newsletter Archives" link on that same page.



August 13 Lectionary Corner

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Matthew 14:22-33*

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 46b

Romans 10:5-15

*Sermon focus

Have you remembered your church family in your will?

Intergenerational Church School

Kimberly Wilhelm will lead this Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Church School session, "Let It Go." The class will meet in the youth rooms. Childcare will be available for babies and toddlers.

The August 20 session, "Things I Missed in Sunday School" will be led by DiAnne Schmidt and will take place in the youth rooms.



Retreats and Workshops (Updated)

Disciples Fellowship Retreat—Labor Day Weekend (Fri.-Sun., September 1-3) at Camp Christian. This all-ages, family camp includes games, singing, assemblies, worship, a hay-less hayride, talent show, and lots of free time for fishing, boating, hiking, etc. This year's service project will benefit Providence House, a crisis shelter in Cleveland. (Visit www.provhouse.org for a list of needed items.) Registration covers meals and cabin lodging, and ranges \$60-\$180 per household (\$20 deposit due by August 26; add \$10 late fee if registering later).

Ohio Women's Ministries Fall Retreat—September 8-10 at Camp Christian. The Reverend Dr. Cathy Myers Wirt will get participants "Forward Leaning" as they examine Luke 13:10-12. Dr. Myers Wirt is Regional Pastor of the Christian Church in Oregon and Southwest Idaho, and a therapist, and was editor of *New Day for Women* magazine. Workshop choices include *Journaling*, *Vision Board* and *OWM Best Practices*. The weekend's outreach projects (including a silent auction) will benefit veterans, Cleveland Christian Home and Ohio Women's Ministries. Registration is \$95/person.

College Student Addresses Sought

Whether your graduate is off to college for the first time, changing dormitories or moving to off-campus housing, please let us know your college student's address for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. We'd love to keep in touch!

Blessing of the...

Our annual blessing of the backpacks, bookbags, briefcases, etc. will take place in Worship on Sunday, August 27. Please be with us as we pray for those beginning—or returning to—school.

Ohio Disciples Men's Fall Retreat

September 15-17 at Camp Christian. The weekend will begin with a Friday night movie and fellowship. On Saturday, the Reverend Dr. Richard Hamm, former General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), author, mediator, and teacher, will be the featured speaker. The \$75/person registration includes two nights' lodging, all meals on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast.

Church Leaders Workshop—September 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Central Christian Church, Wooster. This event is for all congregational leaders, and anyone who would like to improve their church leadership skills. The Reverend Bill McDonald, a retired Disciples minister who also has served the wider church on its General Board and Executive Committee, as well as on the Boards of Lexington Theological Seminary and the World Convention, is the day's featured speaker. Registration (includes lunch) is \$20 if received by August 15; \$25 by September 1; or, or \$30 after that. Please contact the WACC office if you'd like to attend.

Complete information on all of the above is posted on our main bulletin board and at www.ccinoh.org.

CALENDAR

Sat., 8/12: - Fellowship Hall in use (all day).

Sun., 8/13: - See back page for the day's schedule.

Sat., 8/19: - Hot Meal served at Elyria Salvation Army (Gail & Tim Haywood, team captains).



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY...

Congratulations!

Katie Hyder, daughter of Sherry Hyder and Todd Hyder, and Jacob Stevens were married on July 21 in Cincinnati (where they reside). Sharing in this special occasion were members of Katie's family, including grandmother Barbara Terrell. Best wishes and blessings to the newlyweds!

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the many calls, visits, cards, prayers, and other acts of care for Darl and me during his illness, and upon his passing. The loving kindness shown by this congregation has been a great source of strength and comfort. Thank you, all!

- Dorie Hendricks

Dear WACC Family,

Thank you so much for the great basket of baby items. We really appreciate the church's thoughtfulness in welcoming Kenneth in that way. We are enjoying him very much and are looking forward to introducing him to his WACC church family soon. Thank you!

Love,
Emily Mathes & Phil Yebel

Prayer Focus

Please pray for the world's leaders to act righteously and to work for peace.

Sympathy

Our prayers surround the Wallhead family in the death of Judy on Saturday. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 20, with Pastor Janet Long officiating.

May God's peace comfort all who mourn.

Hospitalized

At Life Care: Vivian Balsler

At Home: Pete Majewski

Don Mosher (in-and-out)

Pam Sheetz