

**April 15, 2018**

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service  
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by  
9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

**OPENER:** Dan Clark      **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas

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

**PREACHER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

**ELDER (8:30):** Dan Clark

**HALLWAY ATTENDANT:** Tim Widman

**GREETERS:** Tim & Marcia Widman

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

**ACOLYTE:** *Volunteers*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Sue McKain

**ELDERS (10:45):** Susan Mathes and Gerald Western

**HOME COMMUNION:** Debby Willets / Larry Howard

**DIACONATE:** Team III

**8:30 -** Jeff Butdorf, Susan Daggett, Teri Hayes,  
and Connor Sweeten

**10:45 -** Arlene Burch, Dick Burch, Jeff Gray,  
Dennis Jackson, Bob Rieth, Pat Schwarz,  
Kathy Wainwright, and Wayne Walker

**TELLERS:** Jane Hutson and Brenda Keenan

### Youth and Camp/Conference News

#### WEDNESDAY YOUTH GATHERINGS

Youth in grades 6-12, join us each  
Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., for a delicious supper,  
games and faith-centered discussion. Friends are  
always welcome, so invite them to join you!

#### NOT JUST FOR KIDS

While Camp and Conference opportunities  
for youth entail most of the Ohio Region's summer  
faith-development offerings, did you know that adults  
have their own summer conference? This year's  
Adult Conference will take place June 18-22 at  
Northwest Christian Church, Columbus. The  
Vespers speaker is Reverend Dr. Tim Murtaugh; the  
daily Bible lecturer is Reverend Dr. Jerry Sumney.  
Session options include "Exultation of Biblical  
Women" (Reverend Larry Garzony); "Sing a New  
Song" (Bob Freisthler); "Understanding Life's  
Polarities by the Decade" (Reverend Dr. John "Tim"  
Savage); and, two other sessions (yet to be  
announced) by Reverend Chris Stark and Reverend  
Drs. Irvin & Betty Green. Registration is \$50/day  
(includes two meals; lodging and additional meals  
are self-arranged), with partial attendance options  
at reduced cost. More information is posted on our  
main bulletin board.



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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

It was a joy to celebrate Shirley Shubert's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday! An Elder-for-Life in our congregation, Shirley has served willingly and faithfully in many capacities over the years: as an Elder (six terms), Board Chair, Stewardship Chair, Permanent Funds Trustee, Chancel Choir member, and Whitechapel Ringers director, for starters. She has been active in Church School and in both Sarah and Joanna Circles.

With no personal agenda, Shirley's goal has been the building up of the body of Christ. I admire her wisdom and her attitude. She embodies a practical spirituality that I find refreshing and inspiring. Her family and her church family are the heart of her life. Shirley's love and devotion, generosity and gratitude, grace and goodness are evident in all she does. She has a keen sense of direction, in every sense and situation.

Shirley Shubert's example is one I hope will be emulated over the coming church year, beginning with the Nominating Committee process which will take place over the coming weeks. If you are asked to serve, please consider responding with an enthusiastic "Yes!" and then take the responsibility seriously. It is especially critical to have strong leadership in place in a time of pastoral transition.

I encourage you to strengthen your commitment to Washington Avenue Christian Church over the coming weeks and months. Be intentional about ways to build up the body of Christ: invite and welcome guests, attend regularly, give generously, pray unceasingly. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide our congregation. Follow the divine direction that is paved with kindness, mercy, service, unity, and love.

May God bless you during Eastertide—the season of new – and renewed – life!

Love, *Janet*

**WACC's "Taste-Full" Fundraisers**

**"PASTOR-TRANSITION PECAN ROLLS":** Dan & Nancy Walker are turning their \$20 seed money (for WACC's transition expenses in the calling of a new pastor) into delicious pecan rolls. The recipe being used comes from Carolyn Long and has been shared with the Long Family's blessings! A plateful of these gooey delights can be claimed for \$10; please contact Dan or Nancy to order yours.

**"PASTOR-TRANSITION BREAD":** Thank you for supporting Week of Compassion by purchasing \$207 in bread from Debby Willets. Her \$10 loaves of homemade Buttermilk White, Cranberry Orange (through May 1 only), Honey Oatmeal, Honey Wheat, Italian Herb, and Tomato Basil bread now will benefit WACC's transition expenses. Also, coupons for a free loaf (to eat, share or gift as desired) will be offered occasionally. Bread may be ordered via the church office.

**"PASTOR-TRANSITION PECAN PIES":** Glenna Knapp is using her pastoral transition seed money by baking Granny's (mom Jan Henning's) famous, delicious, secret-ingredient pecan pies. A 9" deep dish pie will cost \$7.50 and may be ordered through Wednesday, June 27 (call/text 440-793-8672 or email [gknapp24ATgmail.com](mailto:gknapp24ATgmail.com)). Please allow 3 days' lead time for delivery.

**"HONEY MONEY":** JMC Apiary is offering locally-collected, raw honey to benefit WACC's youth program. Proceeds help underwrite entrance fees and activity costs for special events and field trips. Jars run \$3-\$60 and are available in the education building hall. Your cash or checks (payable to "Samantha Mariast") may be directed to Dick or Arlene Burch or the church office.

**April 8 Lectionary Corner**

Psalm 4 Acts 3:12-19  
 Luke 24:36b-48\* 1 John 3:1-7

\*Sermon focus

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

**Two Charity Walks April 28**  
 The **Cleveland Christian Home Walk & Run for Kids** will take place on Saturday, April 28, at the Cleveland MetroParks Zoo. Volunteers (for registration, etc.), walkers, runners, and sponsors are needed. Contact Mark Mathes to volunteer; sign up to walk or run using a copy of the form/s posted on our main bulletin board or online at [www.cchome.org](http://www.cchome.org). Sponsors may back a walker or runner at the online link above, or by responding to the requests of WACC's team participants.

The **Elyria/Lorain CROP Walk** to fight hunger locally and abroad is scheduled that same morning and will kick off at 9 a.m. at Lorain County Metroparks' Day's Dam. Beneficiaries include Elyria Hospitality Center, First Congregational UCC Food Pantry, Lorain Co-operative Ministry, and St. Andrew's Hot Meals. Walkers and donors may access sponsor/walker sheets near the Welcome Table in the hallway of the education building. Donations and completed walker sheets may be returned to Mark Mathes after the Walk.

**EHC Collection**

Thank you for the 27 items brought in this past Sunday for Elyria Hospitality Center. Our April total is 73. We're collecting cereal (as well as non-perishable food found at special discounts) during April.

**Joanna Circle**  
 will meet on Tuesday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m., in the front parlor. Beverly Gardner and Susan Mathes will host, and Debbie Walker will lead an educational session about human trafficking and the local community. A service project (filling welcome bags for a new women's shelter) will be part of the evening's activities.

**Sarah Circle**  
 will gather on Thursday, April 19, at 10:45 a.m. in the youth rooms. Brenda Keenan will present the program, "Alive in Christ: Alive in Response." Lunch will be provided by Audrey Price and Lill McNeal.



**Lasagna and Music**

Sing-for-Your-Supper is back for another chorus!

On Monday, April 30, at 5:55 p.m., we'll enjoy homemade lasagna with salad and homemade dessert, followed by a hymn sing in Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering (suggested donation is \$5) will help defray the meal costs. Bring friends for this fun, musical gathering!

**NEWS OF OUR FAMILY**

**Thank You!**

Our thanks to John Farrar for painting—and Barbara Terrell for maintaining—the beautiful planters at the north and east entrances. They bring a warm touch of Spring to these cold temperatures!

**We'd Like Your Feedback**

In an effort to be more responsive to your faith development needs, WACC's Christian Education Committee has developed a short survey (less than 10 questions!). If you live within attendance range of WACC, **please complete the survey by Sunday, April 22:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P8H2NC9>

(Responses will be **anonymous** and do *not* involve providing an email address.) Thank you for helping us better meet your spiritual needs.

**Youth Group Needs Include...**

**...\$5 gift cards** to local fast-food restaurants, to be used as incentives for our youth group members to bring friends to our gatherings. These may be given to Jeff or Sharon Evans.

**...adults** willing to provide and/or serve and clean-up Wednesday night meals, and/or provide a dessert.

**Prayer Focus**

Please pray for those affected by tragedy.

**Hospitalized**

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time.  
*At Home:* Scarlett Wallace

**CALENDAR**

- Fri., 4/13: - CYF Spring Retreat at Camp Christian begins (ends 4/15).
- Sun., 4/15: - See back page for the day's schedule.
- Tue., 4/17: - Joanna Circle gathering in the front parlor, 6:30 p.m.
- Wed., 4/18: - Chi Rho (grades 6-8) and CYF (grades 9-12) weekly supper gathering in Fellowship Hall and the youth rooms, 5:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
- Thu., 4/19: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.
- Sat., 4/21: - Hot Meal served at Elyria Salvation Army (Barbara Terrell and Jan Moore, captains).

