

**May 20, 2018—Pentecost**

- 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
- 12:15 p.m. Pentecost Luncheon honoring our Inquirer and other new members

**OPENER:** Dan Clark    **CLOSER:** Gary McIntyre

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

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

**ELDER (8:30):** Polly Simmons

**HALLWAY ATTENDANT:** Jeff Evans

**GREETER:** *You? Contact Sharon Siffert to help.*

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

**ACOLYTE:** Erin Sweeten

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Nancy Walker

**ELDERS (10:45):** Gerald Western and Jane Hutson

**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:** Dan Clark and Wes Shirley

**Youth and Camp/Conference News**

**Spring/Summer Youth Gatherings**

Wednesday night youth gatherings for grades 6-12 (5:30-7:30 p.m.) will continue through May 30. We'll follow up with an overnight lock-in at the church June 8-9 (6 p.m.-12 noon). After that, we'll meet once a month during the summer for a bonfire at the Evans home (dates forthcoming). Watch this space for more details.

**Disciples Fellowship (Family) Camp**

This year's annual Memorial Day weekend camp (Friday-Sunday only) for families is a great way to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and enjoy the outdoors. Experience the atmosphere of Camp Christian yourself and help your younger children anticipate their place in summer youth programs in the future. This year's Camp will include opportunities to help ready Camp Christian for another season, with weeding, pruning, general landscaping, painting, cleaning, toting, and assembly projects for all ages. Maximum cost per family is \$200, with most meals provided. You are free to bring your own camper or stay in the cabins. Register at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org).



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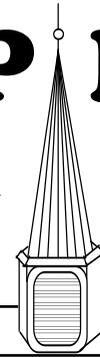
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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

Sunday will be a banner day here at Washington Avenue Christian Church. We will be celebrating Pentecost!

With Easter being day 1, count to 50 and you have Pentecost. It marks the beginning of the Church through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The birthday of the Church deserves to be celebrated. For over 2,000 years, the witness of the Church has stretched to the ends of the earth.

It starts at our doorsteps, with worship and service, learning and fellowship. The impact of our prayers and outreach knows no boundaries.

When it comes to giving the church a birthday present, your presence is a significant gift as your being here strengthens the body of Christ.

The Holy Spirit thrives in the midst of the faithful. When disciples come together to witness to their faith, amazing things happen.

It was the case back then. It is the case today. We are more powerful together than we are separately. Even two or three believers are promised to encounter Jesus.

Christianity is not a spectator sport; it requires participation. It is not individualistic; it requires community. There's no substitute for the Lord's table.

Being together matters. I look forward to sharing Pentecost with you! May God bless Washington Avenue Christian Church—now and always.

Love, *Janet*

**Pentecost Special Day Offering**

Over the next two Sundays, we'll collect contributions for the Pentecost Special Day Offering. This offering will support new Disciples congregation, Galileo Church of Fort Worth, Texas. Galileo Church's mission is for those on society's margins, focusing on doing:

1. Justice for LGBTQ+ humans.
2. Kindness for people with mental illness and in emotional distress; they celebrate neurodiversity.
3. Beauty for our God-Who-Is-Beautiful.
4. Real relationship; no BS ever.

To offer your support of Galileo Church, please use the enclosed envelope, the designated one from your personalized packet of offering envelopes or a specially-marked one from the pew rack. Checks should be made payable to WACC, with "Pentecost" written on the memo line. Thank you for giving generously!

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

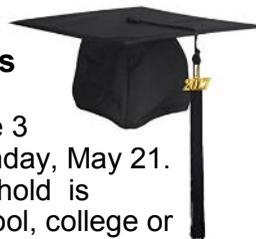


**Last Call for Baby Food...**

This Sunday is the final day to support Joanna Circle's collection of baby food for Elyria Salvation Army. Those wishing to help may leave donated items on the table in the hall of the education building. Thank you!

**...and 2018 Graduates**

The deadline for inclusion in WACC's June 3 Baccalaureate is this Monday, May 21. If someone in your household is graduating from high school, college or trade school, or earning certification for an employment skill, please let us know today. (Those whose graduation date or certification completion occurred after last year's Baccalaureate also are eligible to be included in this year's "class" of graduates.)



**Thank You!**

This year's "Sing-for-Your-Supper Lasagna Dinner and Hymn Sing" was a great success. We continued last year's new tradition of offering outstanding homemade lasagna accompanied by delicious salad, garlic bread and yummy, homemade desserts. We hosted a nice crowd of over 40 people, all of whom loved the food and enjoyed the hymn sing. We often remark that Disciples love to eat, but they also love to sing, especially in praise of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As usual, Alan Petersen was our enthusiastic and humorous MC. Dear friend Rosalie Gainer played the piano, and SFYS coordinator Debby Willets kept the songs coming. The Worship Committee would like to thank all who participated, planned, cooked, sang, and kept this beloved tradition going. See you at next year's event!

*Jane Hutson*  
Worship Committee

**NEWS OF OUR FAMILY**

**BABY BOOM**

Katie (Majewski) & Bobby Ward are first-time parents! Patrik Daniel was born today (Tuesday), weighing 8 lbs., 4 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Proud grandparents Pete & Cheryl Majewski and all the family are excited about this new arrival.

Larry & Betty McIntyre welcomed great-granddaughter Scout Everly Kleinhenz last Friday. Born to Michelle & Joe, she weighed in at 7 lbs., 10 oz. and measured 19 inches long. Janet & Dave Bruce are her grandparents; Gary & Carol McIntyre are great-uncle and -aunt.

Speaking of great-aunts, Sandy Woosley shares the joy of the safe, but early, arrival of great-niece Willow Faith Rush. Born on May 10 to Ashley & Clayton, she weighed 3 lbs., 2 oz. and measured 16". Best wishes and blessings to all!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Vivian Balser's granddaughter, Brittney Balser, will graduate from Notre Dame Law School on May 17. Other proud family members include aunt and uncle LaDonna & Bob Maxwell.

**ARE YOU GETTING YOUR SPIRE LATE?**

If you've got an email address, we can send you each weekly issue of *The Spire* every Thursday morning, at no additional cost. Let us know if you'd like to be added to this subscription list.

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Please pray for peace in the Middle East.

**HOSPITALIZED**

At UH Seidman Cancer Center: Al Knapp  
At Home: Hal Clement  
Dave Eby  
Ken Mundorf (in-and-out)  
Tony Sweeten



**Clean-Up Day This Saturday**

Men from across the Ohio Region will gather this Saturday, May 19 to help ready Camp Christian for another season of faith-based Camp experiences for all ages. There are indoor and outdoor jobs for all energy and skill levels. Meals are provided for all workers. To help, please register at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org).

**WACC Fun Fair on the Horizon**

Is your \$20 seed money for WACC's "Funding Our Family's Future" Fun Fair beginning to bear fruit? We'll need food and food sellers, goods and services, and more for our June 30 Fun Fair. Contact the church office to reserve a table for your crafts, baked goods and other wares. Offering labor and other services is another creative way to raise money. Proceeds will help with expenses in the search to call and move a new pastor.

**Summerfest Is June 10**

**Celebrating Flags, Fathers and Freedom**  
Plan to be with us on Sunday, June 10 for another fun-filled Summerfest on the church lawn (weather permitting; in Fellowship Hall otherwise). We'll enjoy hot dogs, chips, baked beans, cold drinks, games, and more as we celebrate flags (Flag Day is June 14), fathers (Father's Day is June 17) and freedom (something worth celebrating every day).

**EHC Collection**

Thank you for the 66 items brought in this past Sunday for Elyria Hospitality Center. Our May total is 199. This month, we're collecting soup. Thank you!

**May 20 Lectionary Corner**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b      Acts 2:1-21\*  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15      Romans 8:22-27

*\*Sermon focus*

- Thu., 5/17: - Sarah Circle gathering in the youth rooms, 10:45 a.m.
- Book Club gathering in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., 5/19: - Ohio Disciples Men's Spring Work Day at Camp Christian, 8 a.m.
- Hot Meal served at Elyria Salvation Army (Gail & Tim Haywood, team captains).
- Sun., 5/20: - Pentecost (see back page for the day's schedule).
- Mon., 5/21: - Pulpit/Search Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 6 p.m.
- Tue., 5/22: - Nominating Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 7 p.m.
- Wed., 5/23: - 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.
- Fri., 5/25: - Disciples Fellowship Camp at Camp Christian begins (ends 5/27).



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