

July 8, 2018

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
 12:00 noon Fellowship Hall in use (wedding shower)
OPENER: Bob Maxwell **CLOSER:** Ken Oblak
PIANIST (8:30): Becky Thompson
PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long
ELDER (8:30): Polly Simmons
HALLWAY ATTENDANT: Gary Knapp
GREETERS: Bob & Sandy Rieth
ORGANIST (10:45): Tom Day
ACOLYTE: Lydia Ward
WORSHIP LEADER: Gary Knapp
ELDERS (10:45): Debby Willets and Nancy Walker
SPECIAL MUSIC: Glenna Knapp
HOME COMMUNION: Gerald Western/Don Hange, Jr.
DIACONATE: Team II
 8:30 - Cheryl Grapes, Bob Maxwell, Carol Mosher,
 and Christen Wilhelm
 10:45 - Deanna Forbush, Cathy Howard,
 Debby Lance, Carson McNeal, Lill McNeal,
 Lynn Obechi, Carrie Schofield, and
 Pam Sheetz
TELLERS: Teri Hayes and Dan Walker

July 15, 2018—Youth Sunday

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
 12:00 noon Parking lot in use (Lorain County Historical
 Society Ice Cream Social overflow parking)
OPENER: Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Chris Thomas
PIANIST (8:30): Becky Thompson
ELDER (8:30): Chris Thomas
HALLWAY ATTENDANT: Jeff Evan' sub.
GREETER: Janet Long & Dan Clark
ORGANIST (10:45): Tom Day
ACOLYTES: Erin and Kat Pfeuffer
WORSHIP LEADER: WACC youth
ELDERS (10:45): Barbara Terrell and Debby Willets
SPECIAL MUSIC: Dedicated to Pastor Janet
HOME COMMUNION: Lauri Warfield and Debby Lance
DIACONATE: Team III
 8:30 - Teri Hayes, Sharon Siffert, Erin Sweeten, and
 Connor Sweeten
 10:45 - Arlene Burch, Dick Burch, Jaden Evans,
 Laurie Figueroa, Dennis Jackson, Bob Rieth,
 Pat Schwarz, and Mark Wainwright
TELLERS: Peg Haywood and Gerald Western



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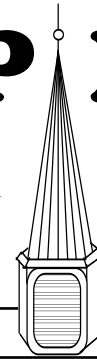
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**The Reverend Nathan Andrew Russell
 has been called to serve as the next Senior Pastor
 of Washington Avenue Christian Church,
 beginning September 20, 2018.**

Pastor Nathan will join the WACC Staff in early September as Senior
 Pastor Designate, sharing time with Pastor Janet.

Deep appreciation is extended to the Pulpit/Search Committee:

- Cindy Knapp
- Mark Mathes
- Sandy Rieth
- Brad Thimke
- Dan Walker
- Lisa Ward
- Kimberly Wilhelm, Chair

Board Chair Joel Sinegar supported the effort in an *ex officio* capacity.

Over 185 people attended the congregational meeting on July 1, at which
 93% of the votes were cast in favor of calling Pastor Nathan.

May our prayers encircle Pastor Nathan, Pastor Janet and our WACC
 family during this time of transition and new beginnings in our shared faith
 journey.

2018-19 Lay Leadership

Our thanks to the following who have been elected and are now serving in lay leadership roles:

Kimberly Wilhelm	Chair of the Board
Don Hange, Jr.	Vice Chair of the Board
Debby Lance	Clerk
Dan Walker	Treasurer
Peg Haywood	Assistant Treasurer
Brad Thimke	Financial Secretary

Chris Baumgartner and Susan Mathes	Co-Chairs, Christian Education Committee
Sharon Siffert and Heidi Thimke	Co-Chairs, Church Life & Growth Committee
Cindy Johnson and Jan Moore	Co-Chairs, Hospitality Committee
Marcia Widman	Chair, Memorials
Jane Hutson and Mark Mathes	Co-Chairs, Outreach Committee
Chris Thomas and Dennis Wilhelm	Co-Chairs, Property Committee
Chuck Baumgartner and Lauri Warfield	Co-Chairs, Stewardship Committee
Mary Lou Petersen and Sandy Rieth	Co-Chairs, Worship Committee

Elders: Jen Sweeten
Barbara Terrell
Chris Thomas
Nancy Walker

Diaconate: Liz Baumgartner
Ken Bruck
Karen Davis
Jaden Evans
Laurie Figueroa
Dennis Hamilton
Cathy Howard
Jane Hutson
Cindy Johnson
Sue McKain
Carol Mosher
Lynn Obechi
Sharon Siffert
Erin Sweeten
Heidi Thimke
Mark Wainwright

Have you remembered your church family in your will?

Summer Church School

This Sunday's Intergenerational Church School class, "God's Power", will be led by Lauri Warfield. The July 15 class will feature Gerald Western, who will facilitate a session on the environmental.

These classes are for all ages, with childcare available for very young children.

Office Vacation Closing Dates

Please phone ahead before stopping by the church office **July 9-13**; our Office Administrator will be enjoying a week's vacation, so you'll want to be sure someone will be in the building to assist you. Please note that there will be no *Spire* next week.

EHC Collection

Thank you for the 45 items brought in this past Sunday for Elyria Hospitality Center. We're collecting soup, noodle cups/packages, and any sale items in July.

An infrastructure insufficiency

prevented the scheduled technology changeover last Friday. We'll keep you posted once that issue has been resolved.

Lectionary

July 8

Psalm 48	Mark 6:1-13*
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	2 Corinthians 12:2-10

July 15

Psalm 24	Mark 6:14-29*
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	Ephesians 1:3-14

**Sermon foci*

Salvation Army Kitchen Cook-Off

The Lorain County Salvation Army's 5th Annual Kitchen Cook-Off will take place on Saturday, July 14, 5-8 p.m. at a private residence in Avon Lake. Organizations like WACC who provide Salvation Army Hot Meals each month will compete for the Golden Kettle and Chef's Choice awards at this fun event which includes live entertainment, live and silent auctions, mystery bags, and a door-prize drawing. Tickets are \$25 each and are available from Barbara Terrell.

Chancel Flower Tributes Available

Honor a loved one or commemorate a special occasion by requesting flowers for WACC's Worship Services. A sign-up sheet is posted on the main bulletin board in the hall outside the office workroom. You also may email officeATwaccelyria.org or call 323-4213 to place your order.

Arrangements begin at \$25. (Let us know if you have something special in mind and we'll consult the florist for you.) Checks should be made payable to *Botamer Florist* and directed to the church office.

Book Club Gathering

WACC's Book Club will meet on Thursday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Elders' conference room. The group will discuss Gennifer Choldenko's, *Al Capone Does My Shirts (A Tale from Alcatraz)*. All are welcome.

NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Welcome!

Tony Sweeten united with WACC by reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership this past Sunday, July 1. A long-time participant in the life of our church, we are delighted that Tony has made this relationship official! (He didn't have far to travel to respond to the invitation to discipleship — he was the Worship Leader that morning!) Blessings, Tony!

Diaconate Training July 8

Training for Diaconate teams (new Diaconate members as well as team members who have continuing terms) will take place this Sunday, July 8, at 9:15 and 10:15 a.m.; those who are serving this year should plan to attend whichever session works best for their schedule that morning.

Annual Reports Due July 15

Congratulations to the Worship Committee for being first to turn in an annual report, and to the Elders also for submitting their report before the deadline! Committee Co-Chairs and program leaders are reminded that annual reports covering the period July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 are due in the church office by July 15. Reports should include names of committee members and other volunteers, as well as major event highlights and all outreach efforts or fundraising results.

Prayer Focus

Please pray for...
...Pastor Nathan, Pastor Janet and WACC.
...all affected by violence—in Annapolis, in Boise and in so many other places.

Hospitalized

No one (of whom we are aware) at press-time.

CALENDAR

Sun., 7/8: - See back page for the day's schedule.
Mon., 7/9: - Church office closed through July 13 (Office Administrator's vacation).
- Crafty Christians gathering in the youth rooms, 9:30 a.m.
Sun., 7/15: - Youth Sunday (see back page for the day's schedule).
Thu., 7/19: - Book Club gathering in the Elders' conference room, 6:30 p.m.
Sat., 7/21: - Hot Meal served at Elyria Salvation Army (Val Collins, team captain).

