



# The Buckeye Disciple

Christian Church in Ohio  
Disciples of Christ  
A covenant network of congregations in mission:  
We are the Body of Christ gifted and called in

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## Now Accepting Applications

*"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands - O Prosper the work of our hands!"*  
Psalm 90:17

Are you looking for a way for God to prosper the work of your hands? Have you recently graduated from high school, are in college, and looking for a summer job with meaning? Christian Church in Ohio is now taking applications to be a Camp Christian Ministry Associate for summer, 2008. Camp Christian is truly a place where people encounter Jesus Christ in a real and significant manner. You can be part of that wonderful ministry in 2008. For more information and to request an application contact your church pastor or the Regional Church Office at 614-433-0343 or [ccio@ccinoh.org](mailto:ccio@ccinoh.org).

## 2008 Regional Assembly

October 17-18, 2008

EPH. 4:11-13

**"Body Building: Strengthen Your Congregation for Mission"**



- Workshops to Strengthen Your Congregation
- Structured Youth Workshops at Camp Christian
- Ministry Fair & Exhibitions
- Clergy & Lay Luncheons
- Women's & Men's Luncheons
- Merit Awards Dinner

Individual Registration \$35.00 per person  
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Group Name: Building Your Congregation

## Relive Old Memories at the Camp Christian Reunion Camp Christian Magnetic Springs, Ohio May 3 & 4, 2008

Remember the Vesper Spot? ... the Dining Hall? ... and, sitting in the **green** chairs, talking with friends for hours?

Great news! These things don't have to be just memories. No matter how long you've been away or where you've been, it's time to come home to CAMP CHRISTIAN. See what's changed ... what's the same, and find out what's happening with old friends.

Whether you attended only a weekend, a year, or years and years ... the event is for **you!**

### **Cost**

\$60.00 per adult                      \$50.00 for ages 6-12

\$40.00 for ages 3-5                  Under 3 free

**\$180.00 cap per immediate family.**

\*Registration cost covers lodging for one night, 4 meals, and all activities.

**WHO:** Anyone ages 19 and over who's ever attended Camp Christian in the 50+ years of its existence, and their families.

**WHAT:** Reminiscence, relaxation, renewal and rededication

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. Saturday, May 3 to noon Sunday, May 4

**WHY:** You miss Camp Christian, and Camp Christian misses YOU!

### **Children**

A fully-staffed children's program for children ages 12 and under will run concurrently with the adult program during the day and evening. **You are responsible for your child(ren) at bedtime.**

### **Registration Form**

You can obtain a registration form from your pastor or church secretary. You can also download and print one off at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org).

### **Deadline**

Please return the registration form to the Regional Church Office or register online **no later than April 21.**

### **Questions**

Contact Rev. Dr. Brenda Webster

614-433-0343 or [bwebster@ccinoh.org](mailto:bwebster@ccinoh.org)



### Spiritual Insights Rev. Dr. William H. Edwards

*He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." - Mark 8:34*

In my personal devotional time during the Lenten season, this scripture has always been very meaningful. I believe these words contain the heart of the Christian faith. The cross is a summons for all Christians to live by faith in the Son of God.

To take up the cross means making some sacrifice, paying a price, facing the challenge. We would rather dismiss the challenge of the cross. We would prefer to make the cross a precious piece of jewelry, decorate the altar with it, hang the cross around our necks, as if Jesus call us to wear the cross and not to bear the cross. We have cherished and worshiped the old rugged cross, to such an extent that it does not challenge our selfishness, delusions of grandeur, foolish arrogance and haughty pride, negative attitudes, disrespect of others. To take up the cross means your world and your values will be turned upside down or rather, right side up. Jesus tells us: If any want to become my followers, first **"let them deny themselves,"**... Say no to self in order to yes to God... and second, **"take up their cross"**... to share what God has done in your life.

A colleague of mine told me of a little boy in her church who was just learning about addition and subtraction in school. One Sunday he looked up during Worship, saw the cross sitting on the altar and hollered, "Look, Daddy! There's a plus sign in our Church." The cross really is a plus sign in our Church. It's a plus sign in our lives daily. It tells us of the advantages of being a Christian and accepting the forgiveness God offers through the cross.

Through the cross God did what only God can do. God transformed a horrible instrument of torture and death into a symbol of life and hope. God transformed tragedy into triumph; humiliation into glory; despair into hope. God took what was ugly and cruel and violent and transformed it into a thing of beauty and a symbol of peace.

That's why I love the cross. I love it for what it stands for. I love it for the memories it holds. I love it for the promise it holds. Every time I look at a cross I'm reminded of how much God loves me.

Many of us can testify that through our confession to Christ, through our relationship, He gave us new life, self respect, acceptance. He made us productive. But most of all he changed everything by offering us forgiveness.

However, the call to "take up our cross," is a call to do something with what Christ has done for us. It's a call to mobilization. It's a call to reach out. The vision we have in the Christian Church in Ohio is calling us to reach out and be:

#### **A covenant network of congregations in mission:**

*We are the Body of Christ gifted and called in covenant together as Disciples of Christ to be centers of transformation on the new mission frontier of our own communities.*

A "covenant network" means that we are intentional about our relationships; "centers of transformation" means that our congregations become a place where individuals are transformed by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in turn our congregations are transforming the communities in which they are located.

During this Lenten/Easter season, I pray that all congregations in the Christian Church in Ohio, inspired by our vision, will "take up the cross" to follow Christ to an Easter victory in their ministries. For Easter gives us the assurance that even in the darkest moments, God is working for our good, that God can bring victory out of defeat, hope out of despair, life out of death. Easter is not only about what happened close to 2000 years ago; Easter is also about what God is doing today and what God will do in the future.

May God's Blessings be with you,  
Bill

### Message from Regional Associate Pastor Rev. Dr. LaTaunya M. Bynum

In districts, at clergy meetings, Disciples Women's Ministries gatherings, Christian Youth Fellowship mid-winters, every time we gather, we come together as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ohio.

We are communities of faith called and seeking to live out our call as God leads us to become true communities. **Strengthening relationships and building networks** describes part of the vision of the Christian Church in Ohio, invites us into covenant and community, and all of us, as we work and worship are made stronger when we participate.

Relationships are formed at Camp Christian during Badger or Beaver Camp, or at Chi Rho, or at CYF Conference, or Advance. It happens in a church hallway during Adult Conference, at meal time and in small groups at men's and women's retreat, around the book display and information booths at Regional Assembly when a conversation about the ministries of your congregation is expanded to include what is happening or could happen in another congregation, and information is shared about what is happening to lead a congregation to the growth it seeks, and then to the deep internal and external changes needed in order for transformation to happen.

We celebrate all that we are doing, every network, and every relationship, and out of our sense of celebration and gratitude for what God has given us to do, we ask what else is possible. And we hear the call to create new networks to reach a new generation, a new set of interests, to find new opportunities for others to be renewed and to make new relationships in the church and in our communities. Why? Because the power of our vision: congregations in mission; being the body of Christ gifted and called; working and worshipping in covenant; being centers of transformation on the new frontier of our own communities, is not in who we say we are, but in the confidence and power we have that God is leading us and will walk with us, pushing and pulling us sometimes, but with us all the same.

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### Message from Regional Associate Pastor Rev. Stephen Bentley

God is about the work of Transformation. At creation God took a chaotic, formless void, and transformed it into all that is. In Exodus, God turns slaves into a people, with new purpose and meaning. At the exile, God takes a conquered people and makes a restored people, rededicated to the work of God. Jesus took the nobodies of his day; lepers, sinners, tax gatherers, and others, and transformed them into somebodies, no longer to be ignored as unimportant or worthless. The Church takes those paralyzed by the fear of change and transforms them into powerful agents of God in society.

This priority calls us to help communities of faith, churches, be more fully the front lines for transformation to take place. Transformation is not a "one time" event but a continual growth in the Holy Spirit. This begins when one is introduced to Jesus Christ and continues as one learns to walk in partnership with Christ. Our priority is to help churches envision new/different ways for this to take place and aid them in their walk through stewardship education, mission work, and leadership development. The New Church Committee is working hard to identify places where more people can make their introduction to Christ.

Christian communities are also being transformed and need to be continually transformed! There are times when we as communities of faith find ourselves lost in a wilderness as vast and scary as the wilderness between Egypt and the Promised Land. Transformation takes place when instead of walking in circles, (doing all things the way we have always done them) we seek out the Holy Spirit's direction, being open to innovation. We are called to make worship engaging and recognize the variety of ways God can be present with us. The Congregation Transformation Team is identifying congregations to be mentored by churches already being transformed. Regional Staff and Elders are coaching congregations as they seek to fulfill their Spiritual Strategic Journey. We are here to provide the resources that will allow transformation to take place.

This priority helps us understand God's call on us to be transformers of the world. Through this we have a commitment to anti-racism and reconciliation. We continue to challenge the status quo that allows racism to continue to exert its influence. It is in mission to the world, where we become agents of God's love to even "... the least of these." Mission actually works two ways: as we minister the love of Christ to others, they come to know the God's love through Christ and we are brought to a deeper understanding of what it means to "...pick up our cross and follow..." All of this is accomplished with the partnership of the Holy Spirit through whom we discern the ministry God has given to each of us and in whose power we go about God's Work.

Finally, this priority calls us to be gathered around the Lord's Supper where we are transformed from the brokenness within us and among us to become a community made ONE/WHOLE in the common Love that Jesus Christ has for us.

This year, how will you help us make this vision a closer reality?

*"Your vision will become clear only  
when you look into your heart.  
Who looks outside, dreams.  
Who looks inside, awakens."*

~Carl Jung~

### Message from Regional Program Minister Rev. Dr. Brenda Webster

I am proud to report that all is going quite well with regard to the Regional Program Ministries. Preparations are underway for our 2008 camping season. Excitement is in the air as Counselors and Assistant Directors make plans to attend a Counselor/ AD Training event on either **Feb. 29-Mar. 1** or **Mar. 14-15, at Camp Christian**. Presenters who are experts in their fields will share **Teaching Methodologies, Behaviors and Racial and Theological Diversity**, with an interactive flare. Food, fun and focus will be the order of the day. Counselors and ADs will need to email Brenda concerning which session they will attend.

The **First Annual Camp Christian Reunion** is "picking up steam." In just a matter of days, you will be able to download a registration form from our website. If you love Camp Christian and want to relive the nostalgia of your Camp days .... you don't want to miss this date: **May 3-4, 2008**. Plus ... there is a special surprise element that EVERYONE is sure to enjoy.

The spotlight will be on children's worship at **Washington Ave. Christian Church** as they present their **Children Worship and Wonder Training Event (March 7-9)**. Rev. Kaye Edwards, Director of Family & Children's Ministries (DHM) will be the trainer. As one who has participated in this training, I can truly say that your hearts will be touched and your minds opened as you learn about this amazing paradigm of children's worship. You'll want to make your reservations before Feb. 22, 2008.

The **Christian Education Commission** is growing and making big plans for our **Christian Education Conference 2009**. This Conference will be replete with the latest in Christian Education Paradigms from across the country along with exciting vendors and new (out of the box) ideas for your Christian Ed Programs. Stay tuned!

**CALLING ALL THIRD THROUGH TWELFTH GRADERS-- The Regional Assembly** is approaching (October 17-18, 2008), and have we got news for you! Start making plans to participate in our youth program. The theme ... **"It Takes Two Hands ... One Heart: An Interactive Approach to Building the Body of Christ"**. These young people will have "out of the box" age-appropriate fun as they work together to demonstrate the biblical principle of Ephesians 4:11-13. **Teachers** ... there is an interesting and vital place for you. Contact me at the RCO. As you can see, "all things are being made ready." Where do you fit in?

## Regional Calendar

### March

- 1 Equipping the Saints Workshop, Columbus, 9:00am  
 4 Executive Committee @ RCO 10:00am – 4:00pm  
 5 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting @ Camp  
 7 - 9 OWM Commission Meeting @ Camp Christian  
 \*8 Women's Lent Retreat @ Camp Christian 9:00am  
 8 Regional Cabinet Meeting @ Camp Christian 10:00am  
 13 Disciples of Christ of Southwestern Ohio 7:30pm  
 14 - 15 Counselor Training @ Camp Christian  
 18 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest CC, Columbus  
 19 Regional Church Office Pastoral Staff Meeting  
 21 **Good Friday, RCO Closed**  
 23 **Easter**  
 \*25 New Minister Orientation @ Camp Christian 9:00am  
 \*26 Anti Racism Training for Ministers @ Camp 9:00am  
 \*27 Sexual Ethics Training for Ministers @ Camp 9:00am  
 29 Regional Church Council Meeting @ Camp Christian

### April

- 1 **Deadline for entries into the May/June Buckeye**  
 2 RCO Staff meeting and Easter Celebration  
 3 Regional Elders Meeting @ RCO 10am - 3pm  
 4 - 5 Youth Council Meeting @ Camp Christian  
 7 Interim Ministers Workshop @ Camp 9:00am  
 \*8 Clergy Clinic @ Camp Christian 10am - 4pm  
 12 Cleveland Christian Home Work Day 9am – 4pm  
 15 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest CC, Columbus  
 16 Regional Church Office Pastoral Staff Meeting  
 \*18 – 20 Advance Conference Spring Retreat @ Camp  
 \*19 Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation @ Gender Rd  
 19 Mission Advocates Meeting @ RCO 10am - 3pm  
 \*23 – 24 Ordained Ministerial Partnership Workshop @ RCO  
 25 Advance Scholarship Fundraiser @ Tylersville Rd CC  
 26 Stewardship Networking Fair, Columbus  
 29 Ohio Disciples Extension Corp Meeting @ RCO 10am

### May

- \*3 – 4 **Camp Christian Reunion**  
 6 Regional Church Office Pastoral Staff Meeting  
 8 Retired Ministers Retreat @ Camp Christian  
 8 Disciples of Christ of Southwestern Ohio 7:30pm  
 12 – 13 Recent Seminary Graduates Retreat, Columbus  
 14 RCO Staff Meeting  
 16 – 18 Disciple Men's Fellowship Spring Retreat @ Camp  
 20 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest CC, Columbus  
 23 – 25 Disciples Fellowship Retreat @ Camp Christian  
 26 **Memorial Day RCO Closed**  
 \*31 Youth Scholarship Golf Outing. Scioto Reserve Golf & Athletic Club, Powell. Dinner to follow at Camp. Golf starts at 12:30 with hors d'oeuvres beginning at 5:45.

### June

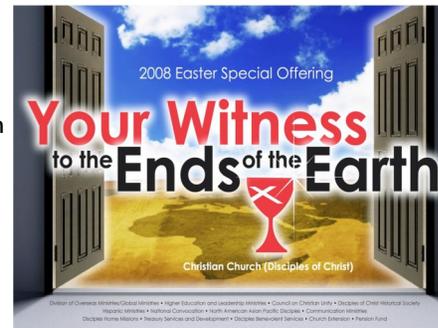
- 1 **Deadline for entries into the July/Aug Buckeye**  
 3 Executive Committee Meeting @ RCO  
 4 Finance Committee Budget Planning Kickoff @ RCO  
 5 RCO & Camp Christian Staff Meeting & Outing  
 6 – 7 Grandparent Camp @ Camp Christian

**RCO = Regional Church Office**  
**\* Online Registration is now available**

## Easter 2008

The Easter 2008 Special Day Offering will be taken in our churches on Sundays, March 16 and 23, to support our ministries through the Disciples Mission Fund. These are OUR ministries. These are the ministries that touch

the lives of individuals and congregations here in Ohio and throughout the world. For example, a number of our churches in Ohio have sent or financially supported mission trips in response to hurricanes Rita and Katrina. DHM has helped to coordinate those trips. DHM supports our women's, men's, youth and children's ministries. Overseas Ministries enable us to have missionaries around the world. The Disciples Historical Society assists congregations who are celebrating anniversaries. The Office of the General Minister and President leads us in our General Assembly and now in providing materials for the Easter Offering. The Easter Offering supports all of our general units, which touch all of our lives. The offering opens doors to congregational transformation and to ministerial relocation. The offering opens doors for new ministries. Please give generously to the Easter Offering, which is our witness from the doorsteps of our churches to the ends of the earth.



## Tents of Hope

A journey of compassion and peace with the refugees of Darfur, Sudan

The mission of the Tents of Hope project is to support a one year process in which people respond as communities to the crisis in Darfur, Sudan by creating tents that are both unique works of art and ongoing focal points within communities for learning about, assisting and establishing relationships with the people of Sudan. The tents are not answers in themselves. Rather, they are points of entry for more concrete forms of Darfur advocacy. The Tents of Hope project emerged in June 2007 through a partnership between the United Church of Christ, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Dear Sudan. With the support of these two denominations, Petaluma, CA-based Dear Sudan has engaged in national organizing efforts since May 2004 to build a community-based response to the crisis in Darfur, Sudan. The structure of the Tents of Hope project is decentralized and temporary. It is a one-year project in which local communities are responsible for taking the initiative to shape the project both through the creation of the tents as works of art and the use of the tents as focal points for education, advocacy and fundraising for humanitarian assistance. National coordination is focused on giving support to these local efforts in such areas as the project website and the national event in Washington, DC in October 2008.

For more information contact the project coordinators at [info@tentsofhope.org](mailto:info@tentsofhope.org) or 707-799-1056.

## Summer Camp/Conference Schedule 2008 Mark your calendars now!

### Grandparent Camp

**June 6 & 7** *Early Bird Registration due May 1*

Children entering Grades 1-2  
& a grandparent (or Aunt, Uncle, or Friend)  
Camp Christian

### Camp Good Hope (Bereavement Camp)

**June 6 - 8** *Early Bird Registration due May 1*

Camp Christian, Magnetic Springs

### Boat Stories of the Bible! (Canoe Camp)

**July 6 - 12**

For anyone High School through Adult  
Au Sable River in Michigan

### Partnership *Early Bird Registration due May 1*

Those who have just finished grades 3, 4, and 5

| DATE         | CAMP   | PLACE          |
|--------------|--------|----------------|
| June 15 – 21 | Otter  | Camp Christian |
| July 6 – 12  | Badger | Templed Hills  |
| July 20 – 26 | Beaver | Templed Hills  |

### Chi Rho *Early Bird Registration due May 1*

Those who have just finished grades 6, 7, and 8  
Camp Christian, Magnetic Springs

| DATE         | CAMP      | DISTRICTS          |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| June 8 – 14  | Hocking   | 4, 7, 10/11, 13/14 |
| July 6 – 12  | Portahoga | 2, 3, 15           |
| July 13 – 19 | Maumee    | 1, 5, 6            |
| August 3 – 9 | Miami     | 8, 9, 12           |

### CYF *Early Bird Registration due May 1*

Those who have just finished grades 9, 10, 11, and 12  
Camp Christian, Magnetic Springs

| DATE             | CAMP       | DISTRICTS          |
|------------------|------------|--------------------|
| June 22 – 28     | Hiram      | 2, 3, 15           |
| June 29 – July 5 | Phyo       | 4, 7, 10/11, 13/14 |
| July 20 – 26     | Lakeside   | 1, 5, 6            |
| July 27 – Aug 2  | Wilmington | 8, 9, 12           |

### Advance Conference

**Aug 10 – 17** *Early Bird Registration due May 1*

Anyone ages 19 -29 years old  
(at least 1 year out of High School)  
Camp Christian, Magnetic Springs

### Adult Conference

**June 16 – 20**

For adults of all ages  
Northwest Christian Church, Columbus

ONLINE REGISTRATION & DOWNLOADS FOR  
ALL CAMPS  
**WWW.CCINOH.ORG**

## Advance Conference Begins Exploration of Diversity

By Dave Bernard

It is just barely into the New Year and Advance Conference is already in the midst of a very exciting and thought provoking year. Advance Conference, the Christian Church in Ohio's ministry for those post high school and between the ages of 19-29, will be working with a year long theme of "Divinity and Diversity".

The year began with the Winter Retreat held at Camp Christian on the last weekend of December. At the retreat the conferees explored diversity in world religions and how we as Christians relate to those of other faiths. The retreat featured keynote speaker Dr. Dale Allison, the Errett M. Grable professor of New Testament exegesis and early Christianity at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Dr. Allison was very insightful and helped bring many questions to the surface so that we as a ministry can better understand our place in a world full of faithful non-Christians. The retreat was very well attended and served as a great opportunity for the young adults of Ohio to gather in fellowship and love, to ask some uncomfortable questions that will in turn, lead to a better understanding of our place in God's world.

The exploration of "Divinity and Diversity" will continue at the upcoming Spring Retreat. The retreat will be held at Camp Christian April 18-20. The theme for the retreat will be "Diversity and Divinity: One Body, Many Forms". As part of the event we have invited Melissa Lopez, Sacred Movement Director at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Elyria, Ohio to help us discuss sexuality and its many forms as it relates to young adults in America today. In addition to her gifts for both tribal and liturgical dance, Melissa is a certified facilitator for Our Whole Lives, Sexuality and Our Faith. She'll be sharing her insights with us as we explore many aspects of sexuality including relationships, respect for others, body image and self-esteem, self-respect, gender roles, sacredness and covenant.

Advance Conference also has plans to continue its intentional push towards diversity by continuing community outreach this coming year. In addition to several impromptu work days at the First Christian Church in Findlay at the end of 2007, Advance Conference is making plans to sponsor its second annual mission trip. Set for the week of May 25th, this year we will be returning to New Orleans to continue to help the rebuilding effort after hurricane Katrina. Last year's trip proved to be a very powerful experience for all those involved. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help in this amazing cause please feel free to contact an Advance Conference officer.

These are just a few of the many exciting things that Advance Conference has planned for 2008. For more information or to register online for Advance Conference events please visit [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org). You can also visit pages for Advance Conference on Myspace and Facebook where you can learn more about Advance Conference and your 2008 officers Dave Bernard, Felix Ortiz, and Debbie Saxe.

## Men's Spring Retreat Operation Camp Christian Ohio Disciples Men's Mission to our youth

Friday, May 16 – Sunday,  
May 18, 2008

Spring Retreat is a time for men of all ages and backgrounds to come together in fellowship to worship God and do God's work.

After a long winter there's a lot of spring cleaning to be done to get Camp Christian back in tiptop shape, and we men make it part of our ministry and mission to help ready the camp for the summer season so that Camp is ready and waiting for all the campers and conferees to come. From mowing to painting and from weed-whacking to sweeping, no matter your age or ability there's something you can do! Nobody is too young or too old to lend a hand.

It's not all work though, there's plenty of time to relax and have fun with and get to know other men from throughout the region. And on Friday night we will have a special musical performance by the group "His Embrace" from Gender Road Christian Church. We'll be taking up a special music offering to support their trip to camp.

For more information, including how to register, please visit the Regional web site [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org) or contact your pastor.



### Coffee Project

The Disciples of Christ Coffee Project, a partnership between the Disciples Home Missions, Week of Compassion and Equal Exchange, is a way for your congregation to join hands with small farmer communities across the world. You can put your faith into action by using fairly traded coffee, tea, chocolate and snacks in your

congregation and by learning about how our consumer choices impact the global community. Through the Project, farmers receive fair prices for their crops, affordable credit and long term trade relationships with a trading partner they can trust, Equal Exchange. In addition, for every pound of fairly traded products Disciples order through the Project, Equal Exchange makes a donation to the Disciples Hunger Relief and Food Security Fund. Disciples Home Missions, a General Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), is the enabling and coordinating division of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in congregational program and mission in North America. DHM's priorities include leader development, congregational transformation, faith formation and Christian vocations. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development ministry fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada. WOC helps North American Disciples contribute to relief and development efforts world wide. WOC also encourages and supports volunteer groups in "hands-on" mission and service opportunities in North America and abroad.



### Spiritual Directors

The Regional Spiritual Life Committee would like to compile a list of all Ohio Disciple Spiritual Directors. We would like to set up a schedule of one day a month at Camp Christian for Spiritual Direction for both ministers and lay people. Please e-mail the Regional Office at [sbentley@ccinoh.org](mailto:sbentley@ccinoh.org) or Kay McGlinchey at [gccc-kmcglinchey@insight.rr.com](mailto:gccc-kmcglinchey@insight.rr.com).

### Shalom Center Progress Report

The past year was very good to the Shalom Center for both infrastructure and programming. With the support and collaboration of the Pentecostal Church of Chile, the Catholic University of Maule Schools of Engineering (Construction and Forestry), United Church of Christ, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations, Global Ministries, and individual and local groups, much has been accomplished. The buildings and grounds were expanded and improved. Rest-rooms for the Welcome House were begun and are scheduled for completion by March, 2008. Eaves, closets, and bedrooms were completed. The well that supplies water to the Welcome House was fenced for security and safety. Four hectares of land on the western perimeter of the Shalom Center were negotiated and the deal is expected to be completed during 2008. Road improvements were made to facilitate access to the Center. Several students from the Catholic University of Maule completed a biological study and a study on the thermal conditioning for pre-mountain range construction. These were approved by the University authorities and Shalom Center has a marked presence at the Catholic University of Maule as a result of the presentations these students have completed and the University has requested that Shalom Center continue offering unique themes for future studies.

The programs offered by the Center have been solidified and strengthened. A Health and Safety program was offered, led by a team made up of nurses, paramedics, and experts in risk prevention. Training for leadership development, conflict resolution, and environmental studies camps were also offered. Pastor Joel Hernández from México spent time with us during the summer and we were privileged to receive youth delegations from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from Ohio and the United Church of Christ from Massachusetts.

The administration continues to work with the Pentecostal Churches of Chile to form the Shalom Center Foundation. Candidates are being screened for the future Board of Directors of this foundation. Work continues on an accounting system and budget projections for the Shalom Center Committee. A trailer for the grounds truck was purchased. During Global Ministries Missionary Elena Huegel's absence (March through September 2007), Magyolene Rodriguez, an agronomist, took over programming responsibilities.

Shalom Center and all who are part of its leadership express sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed toward the work and accomplishments of Shalom Center. Your continued prayers and support make it possible for this Center to uplift God's peace and creative abundance for all people. To God be the glory, honor, and praise!

## Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation

The Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation is an annual one-day retreat sponsored by the OWM Commission. Women from Disciples of Christ congregations throughout the region are given the opportunity to come together and feel the spirit of God's love at work in their lives. In the Christian Church, each woman in the local congregation is a member of Ohio Women's Ministries. We are actively focusing on the 21st Century, looking to the present to see who we are, as well as looking to the future to see who we want to be as Christian women serving God. We seek to better serve the variety of faith and life needs of all persons and encourage inclusive participation in our ministries of mission, service, bible study, prayer, stewardship and leadership. We are open to the Holy Spirit to let God guide us on our life journey.

**Our keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. Brenda S. Webster, our new Regional Program Minister. She is dynamic!**

In keeping with our theme, "REALITY CHECK: UNLEASHING THE POWER WITHIN"....we invite you to....

Bring younger women of your congregation to be a part of the Convocation this year... that is, women 30 years and under. The first 15 young women who register before the "Early Bird" deadline of March 14, will receive a 50% scholarship toward their registration. Wow, that's a 50% savings! So please bring some young women from your congregation, your daughter, grand-daughter, daughter-in-law, niece, etc. Scholarships of \$20.00 are also available to those in need if applied for by March 14th, which is the "Early Bird" deadline.

On-line registration using a credit card is also available. Just go to [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org) and click on "registrations". The cost for the entire day, including a Continental breakfast and lunch buffet is as follows:

|                            |         |                    |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Early Bird Registration:   | \$40.00 | Deadline: March 14 |
| Regular Registration:      | \$50.00 | Deadline: April 11 |
| Late/on-site registration: | \$60.00 |                    |

You can save a lot of money if you register "Early Bird", and it helps us in our planning, so register early! The event will be held on Saturday, April 19 at Gender Road Christian Church, 5336 Gender Rd., Canal Winchester. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast. The program will start at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. with worship. We are offering child care if needed. Lunch will be provided. Our Service Project for the day will be focused on feeding the hungry. "PLEASE" bring non-perishable food items. These will be donated to our local Mid-Ohio Food Bank. Our offering to be taken at worship will go to the following: 1/3 Cleveland Christian Home; 1/3 Commission Fund; 1/3 Quadrennial Fund. There will be a change in the format of Convocation this year. We will have break-out sessions and sharing in response to Rev. Webster's message to us. So, if curious minds want to know, come find out!

We plan on having a good time with Brenda, good food, fellowship, and worshipping together. Hope to see you on April 19th at Gender Road Christian Church! We are planning this day just for you, so we hope you will come!

## Sessions 2008

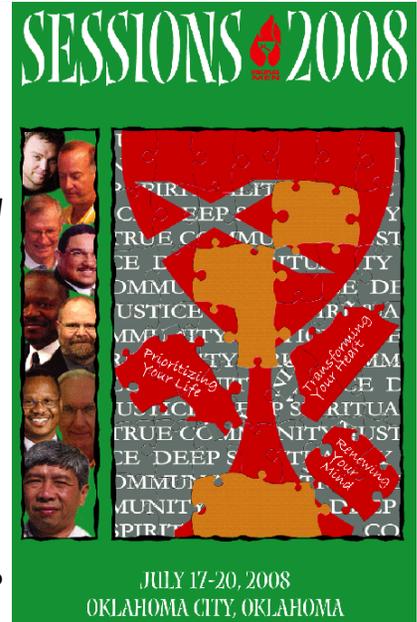
By Stephen Bentley  
*Rom 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.*  
 NRSV

As I read this passage, several questions come to mind. What priorities do I need to have in place so I might present my body to God as a Living Sacrifice? How do I transform my heart to discern what is the will of God? What will it take to renew my mind? These are all pieces of the puzzle of what it means to be a "Disciples Man." Imagine how much fun it could be to put this puzzle together with "Disciples Men" from all over the United States and Canada.

This is what Sessions 2008 is all about: Men gathering from all across the country for inspiration, fellowship, education, and spiritual renewal. Sessions 2008 is taking place on Oklahoma City, Oklahoma July 17-20. Here are some of the activities planned: golf scramble, Red Hawks baseball game, work projects, worship, softball game, resource groups, tours of Oklahoma City Memorial and Museum, National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, or the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, and making and renewing friendships.

Now imagine being able to share all of this with others from Ohio! We are hoping to take a bus to Oklahoma City. To do so, we need 40 men to go. We will leave from the Northwest Christian Church in Columbus at 7:30 in the morning on July 16th, which will put us in Oklahoma City about midnight, with stops for meals and breaks. We will leave Oklahoma City about 12:30pm on July 20th, which will put us back in Columbus in the very early morning on July 21st. Cost for the bus will be \$175.00 per person. Reservations for the bus must be made by June 1st, at which time a \$75 deposit is required. Full payment must be made by June 15th. There will be no refunds after June 15th. Registrations for the bus can be made by contacting the Regional Church Office. To Register for Sessions 2008 and for housing, go to [www.sessions2008.org](http://www.sessions2008.org) or contact Steve Bentley at the Regional Church Office for a registration form.

Early Bird Registration for Sessions 2008 is \$225.00 if made by May 1, 2008, after which registration is \$295.00. Men under 30 years of age can register for \$100.00. Begin now; making plans to go to Oklahoma City so together we can put together the puzzle of what it means to be "Disciples Men."



### Third Annual Advance Conference Scholarship Fundraising Concert/Talent Show



Tylersville Road Christian  
Church  
Mason, Ohio  
April 25, 2008



This is an opportunity to reunite with old friends and enjoy some wonderful talent from current and past Advance Conferees. Anyone who enjoys music and fellowship is invited to attend. All of the proceeds will go to the Advance Conference Scholarship Fund which is designed to help conferees who can't afford to go to Advance Conference pay for the expenses. If you have a talent and would like to participate or have any questions contact Pat Fatig ([prfatig@msn.com](mailto:prfatig@msn.com)), Dave Diehl ([hyperforam@aol.com](mailto:hyperforam@aol.com)), Randy Green ([rjgreen57@yahoo.com](mailto:rjgreen57@yahoo.com)), or Jane Hilvers ([jehilvers@earthlink.net](mailto:jehilvers@earthlink.net)).

### Clergy Clinic

*Transformation through  
Small Groups*

**April 8, 2008  
10 AM to 4 PM  
Camp Christian**



The overall purpose of this clinic is to introduce participants to an advanced knowledge of the dynamics of small groups. Participating clergy will: learn the therapeutic elements of the small group experience, learn at least 3 different models of small groups, the normal and universal stages of the small group, and will experience, through role-play, the dynamics of a typical group. Clergy will leave with ideas of implementing groups in the local church and among themselves. Rev. Douglas Shoaff, M.Div., MS., PCC, and Rev. Dr. Lin Barnett will co-lead this clinic. Both men have extensive training and experience in leading groups of several types. Doug Shoaff is pastor of First Christian Church in Steubenville, OH, and Clinical Director of The Children's Home of Wheeling. Lin Barnett is clinical supervisor and director of the Spiritual Care Department of Akron General Medical Center. The clinic will focus on training clergy experientially and didactically to facilitate small groups within their congregations. The clinic will focus on sound theory and practical experience. The clinic will also introduce the Clergy Support Group (CSG) model for transformational personal and professional growth. The morning (10 to 12) will be comprised of a didactic on group dynamics and types. We will explore the curative & growth factors of groups, group stages and goals, and different types of groups. Group types to be explored include: CPE and AAPC models; personal & professional peer groups; strength-based groups; and ancient/modern wisdom circles. Following lunch, we will have experiential training. Clinic members will observe and participate in different group models. Participation will be of a non-threatening role-play model exploring different types of groups.

### Licensed Ministers Academy

With the developing guidelines recommended by our Commission on Ministry for licensed and commissioned ministers, our next offering for training will be one course, carrying a full 12 contact hours, on "Congregational Transformation."

Bill McConnell of First Christian, Harrison, OH has recently published "Renew Your Congregation - Healing the Sick, Raising the Dead" and will present this section on "Congregational Transformation", aimed particularly at the licensed setting.

Saturdays April 5 and 12, from 9 am to 3 pm will be the time-frame, and location will be in the Regional Office conference room. Cost for the section is \$40, and order the book immediately from Amazon (on sale currently!), reading it before the beginning of the first class meeting. Send your check and notice of interest to the Regional Office, marked "LMA."

For more information or other questions, contact Jeff Gill through his e-mail, [knapsack@windstream.net](mailto:knapsack@windstream.net). Additional LMA courses are being developed for later in the year as the commission guidelines develop.

### Weekend of Compassion

Have you registered for [WeekEnd of Compassion](#) yet? If not, let us personally invite you to the first ever WeekEnd of Compassion event in Nashville, TN, April 11-13 at the historic Scarritt-Bennett Center. We especially welcome lay persons who are committed to and passionate about outreach, although this event is open to everyone. Join us for a weekend "retreat" and "revival" as we gather for dynamic worship, Bible study led by Rev. Rebecca Hale, workshops, a fair trade coffee house and concert, inspiring music and concrete ideas for promoting Week of Compassion in your local setting. WeekEnd will provide a forum for all of us to exchange ideas, joys, challenges, and new ways of responding to a world in need. We will hear from our partner organizations and local congregations (that means you!) to learn more about how we are working around the world, around the year and to gain a better sense of what else we can do.

We hope you are able to devote this very special weekend to joining together with other Disciples as we share, worship, study, converse, learn, teach, pray, and further commit our lives to the mission of the gospel! There is a pre-event service opportunity with Habitat for Humanity in Nashville, supported by Week of Compassion, for those who are interested and able to come earlier on Friday. Our opening worship will feature the one and only Rev. Dr. Fred Craddock, preaching, with Gabe Dixon providing music. Saturday we will have the honor of hearing Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church and music by dynamic duo Kim and Reggie Harris. Later that evening, Nashville artists Thom Schuyler, Fred Knobloch, Don Schlitz, and Jellyroll Johnson will be in concert at our fair trade coffee house. Sunday morning we will be commissioned to go back out into the world after sharing a Week-End of Compassion together, because the End is really only the Beginning! We can't wait to see you in Nashville in April! Please go to our site to register and for detailed information.

## CCINOH Upload

Wow! Have you seen the change? A quick list of highlighted events of the month and a fast search of any other event of the month and of the year! Easy to find, attractive looking, contact information - regional office and committees, Camp Christian, and individual churches. Quickly find schedules and directions on how to get there. Find information for the young, the older, and in between – members, visitors, and ministers.

Where? At the Ohio Region's new website for the Christian Churches in Ohio [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org) After visiting this new site, make it a favorite listing in your web browser – Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, or whichever one you use. That way you can find the site again, quickly. Calling all **church webmasters!** Please add a link from your site to the new regional site! If you need assistance to do this, give Jennie Stoddart at the regional office a call (614) 433-0343.

We have a new computer support company which both created this new website and is providing daily support for the office and camp computers. Also, there is a new Techteam of select Disciple church members meeting regularly to assist in getting the most out of our technical equipment – the website, hardware, software, and technical expense budget.

Keep looking for the CCINOH **Upload** article in future news for the latest technical developments we hope to provide both for the region and individual churches.



### Live Nativity

Every December since 1992, members of Tylersville Road Christian Church have offered a gift to the community: A live Nativity. The tradition started even before this Disciples of Christ congregation had a church in which to worship. Back then, in a field near the corner of Tylersville Road and Fireside Drive, members built a makeshift "stable" out of hay bales, lumber and tarp. They parked a borrowed bus nearby so participants could change into period costumes.

They pitched a surplus Army tent and served cookies and hot chocolate to all who came. Brandon Markwell, who coordinated this year's live Nativity, says about 120 church members - adults and children alike - volunteered their time to make it happen. Held the rainy weekend of Dec. 8 and 9, the event drew 820 people. Retired Pastor George Reese was in attendance as an observer for the first time. He had this to say about the event. "Over the years there was debate about whether this was evangelism - reaching out to the community - or if it was worship. I think we finally decided it's worship that we offer as a gift to the community." For more information about this and other events at Tylersville Road Christian Church visit their website [www.trccchurch.org](http://www.trccchurch.org).

### Ohio Regional Springtime Work Day

April 12th, 2008 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

#### Cleveland Christian Home

11401 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44111

Mark your calendars for the 2008 Ohio Regional Springtime Work Day. There will be a variety of indoor and outdoor projects. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Gather your friends and help support a great cause!

**RSVP: 216-476-0333**

The Fall 2008 Work Day will be held on October 4, 2008.

Sponsored by the Ohio Disciples Outreach Committee

### Trip to Israel

Jody Heil, First Christian Church of Cuyahoga Falls, and Tracy Siegman, High St. Christian Church, just returned from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The two young women, both students at Lexington Theological Seminary, joined a group of seminarians, lay leaders, and clergy organized by Disciples Seminary Foundation in Claremont,



California with the purpose of understanding the peacemaking process in Israel-Palestine. In addition to visiting Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, and Jerusalem, the pilgrims met with friends and partners of Global Ministries of the CC (DOC) and UCC. These mission partners, including Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, East Jerusalem YMCA, Ramallah Friends Meeting, and Rawdat el-Zuhur School, are working toward a sustainable just peace for Israel and Palestine and sustaining hope until peace prevails in the Holy Land.

"I had no idea to what extent I would be forever altered by this experience. I will never read the Bible the same way. The reason for this new hermeneutic is not only because I have seen the Holy places, but also because I have come to know the Living Stones of Israel and Palestine," says Heil. "I have met those who live with hope amidst occupation, those who allow their hope to overshadow their anxiety, and those who turn their anger into mission. The conflict is much more than Jew vs. Muslim, Israel vs. Palestine, Zionists vs. anti-Semites, or terrorists vs. army troops," says Siegman.

Both agree that this experience has both strengthened and stirred them. The Holy Spirit is moving them to work for peace and justice for all of God's children. They encourage all to visit the Holy Land and meet with our mission partners to see the complex context of this conflict. "Take one of the alternative Holy Land tours like the one Tracy and I have just been on. It will change your life, and forever inform your ministry," suggests Heil. For more information on the ways you can help Global Ministries and their mission partners, visit:

[www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org). Jody and Tracy wish to thank Lexington Theological Seminary and Disciple's Women's Endowment Fund for sponsoring their pilgrimage.

## Pastors' Class information

Greetings from Historic Bethany and the Alexander Campbell home.



This year, due to an early Easter and the many activities youth are involved in, Historic Bethany will not have a particular day set aside for Pastors' Classes. Rather, we will be available anytime convenient to your group--before or after Easter--with the exception of April 24 through April 27 and Saturday, May 17 (college graduation).

A typical day includes a guided tour of the Campbell Home (\$4 adults/\$2 youth), the Cemetery Game (find important tombstones in Campbell Cemetery), lunch at the cafeteria (\$6.36 per person), a college tour, and a visit to the Old Meeting House, where groups may hold a short service. Each member of the class will receive a folder with Campbell-related information.

Contact Information: email: [historic@bethanywv.edu](mailto:historic@bethanywv.edu) or call: 304-829-4258 Felicity Ruggiero or George Miller

## Recent Seminary Graduates' Retreat

**When:** Monday & Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Start Time:** We will begin at 2 PM.

*You may arrive anytime after 10 AM if you'd like some additional time on your own – you would be on your own for lunch.*

**End Time:** After lunch on Tuesday (about 1 PM)

*Again, if you would like some additional time on your own, you may stay at retreat center until 4 PM.*

**Where:** St. Therese's Retreat Center, Columbus

**Theme:** **"Faith and Politics in Preaching: Dealing With Controversial Issues"**

*This retreat will help answer the question, "How do we guide congregations, keep our integrity AND our job?"*

**Leader:** Dr. Dan Moseley, CTS

**Cost:** Your cost for this event is only \$35.

The Christian Church in Ohio pays the balance.

***If you know of someone serving in Ohio who has graduated from seminary within the last 5 years, please give them this information and pass their contact info on to Nancy.***

**RSVP & Questions:** Nancy Eichorn

[neichorn@cinci.rr.com](mailto:neichorn@cinci.rr.com) Church: 513-825-4453

**Information MUST be to Nancy by May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Fight procrastination – reply now!**

# Third Annual Youth Scholarship Golf Outing

*To help provide scholarships for all the youth programs supported by the Christian Church in Ohio*

**Earlier Start Times!!  
May 31, 2008**

12:30 "shotgun" tee time for all golfers at Scioto Reserve Golf & Athletic Club

Food and Fellowship at Camp Christian

Hors d'oeuvres 5:45pm,  
Banquet Dinner 6:15pm

Golfer registrations are limited to 100, so don't delay!!

Overnight Lodging and Continental Breakfast Option Available at Camp Christian

Hole Sponsorships Available

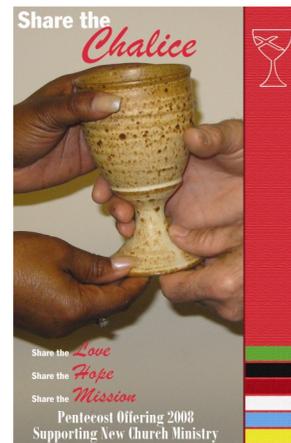


**For more information contact the Christian Church in Ohio Regional Church Office at 614-433-0343, or visit us on the web at**

[www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org)

## Multiplying by Dividing

Linda had been teaching 3-year-olds in Sunday School for nearly 20 years. It was time for her to hand over the reins. In explaining her methods and ideas to the new teacher, a "young adult" taking over the class, she smiled, and gently said, "At this age, all you can really teach is, 'Jesus loves you,' and 'You have to share.'" That's not a bad lesson plan for any age group in Sunday School. Adults know, but sometimes forget, the wonders of God's math. By sharing what we have, dividing it in effect, we actually see it multiply—often with amazing results. This year, through the Pentecost Offering, we have the opportunity to take part in that witness. Through the Pentecost Offering, we support the New Church Ministry of the Disciples throughout the U.S. and Canada, and right here in our region. We help in the recruiting and training of New Church planters, and we share in the fruits of their ministry, bringing God's message to new places and new communities. We "Share the Chalice," and multiply the love.



## Disciples Fellowship Retreat God's Vision For You

Come and join in the fun at the Disciples Fellowship Retreat with friends from all over Ohio on Memorial Day weekend May 23 – 25. Our speaker for the weekend will be our own Regional Pastor and President Rev. Dr. William Edwards. His topic will be "God's Vision For You." Come to relax and have fun! For further information and registration questions call Bev Sajna 440-333-1264 or email her at [sajhome81@aol.com](mailto:sajhome81@aol.com).

## And We Ate The Leopard: Serving in the Belgian Congo

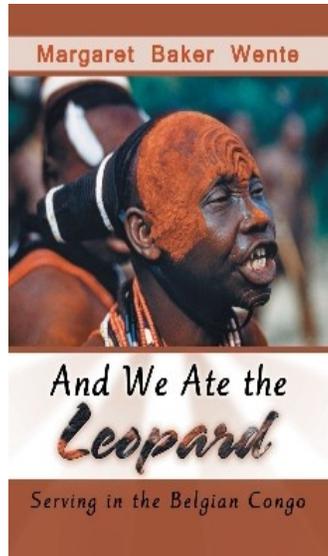
Albuquerque, NM, January 29, 2008—Margaret Baker Wenthe, published by iUniverse, Inc., announced today the publication of *And We Ate the Leopard: Serving in the Belgian Congo*.

In 1932 Donald and Lelia Baker arrive at Mondombe, a mission station far up a tributary of the Congo River, to heal and educate the Africans. Dr. Baker is the only doctor for an area the size of Indiana. A year later their daughter Margaret is born.

In *And We Ate the Leopard*, Margaret Baker Wenthe describes the unusual story of her family's life in the Belgian Congo (now the Democratic Republic of Congo), catching marauding leopards, surviving serious malarial attacks and helping a hunting and fishing people gain the knowledge to join the modern world. Living in the jungle without electricity or neighborhood grocery stores demands pioneer ingenuity. Messages come by drum beat; canoes and bicycles provide the usual transportation; mail from the States takes three months to arrive. Gradually, educated Congolese assume positions of responsibility. With independence in 1960, the new Congolese government proves unable to control its rampaging army. The Bakers must be evacuated by the United States Air Force after serving for twenty-eight years.

*And We Ate the Leopard* describes dancing in the moonlight and healing a broken hip by fire in the way of the witch doctor. It includes dealing with armies of ants and the lethal mosquito. Meanwhile, Dr. Baker performs his surgery before an uncurtained window to convince the Africans that Western medicine heals better than can the local shamans.

The author of *And We Ate the Leopard*, Margaret Baker Wenthe, spent her first fifteen years in the Congo. She extracted anecdotes from thirty years of letters from her parents in describing the daily life among the Mongo people. The pictures in the book come from the family collection. Ms. Wenthe now lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she keeps in touch with activities in Congo by editing a semi-annual newsletter for ex-missionaries and missionary offspring.



## Central Christian contributes to flood relief

The Rev. Michael Sinclair, (right) pastor of Central Christian Church in Marion, and Bob Bernow (center) chairman of the board, present a check for \$1,500 to Debra Pin-



ion, director of the Bucyrus Chamber of Commerce, to assist the victims of the recent flood in Bucyrus. Pinion explained there are still requests for assistance, particularly for the repair or replacement of home heating systems. The money was raised by members of Central Christian from the yard sale held during the Apple Butter Festival.

## Stewardship Networking Fair April 26, 2008, Columbus

For anyone involved with stewardship at their congregation to network with others from around Ohio and get some great ideas and resources. For more information contact Rev Kevin Phipps at 330-262-4652 or [kevin@cccwooster.org](mailto:kevin@cccwooster.org).

## Congregation founded by Walter Scott celebrated its 175th Anniversary

Cincinnati's Northside Christian Church founded by Disciples evangelist, Walter Scott in 1832, celebrated its 175th anniversary with dinner, speakers, music, and worship on May 6, 2007. Some of the congregation dressed in period costumes. There was a skit depicting the founding of the church. There were historical mementos, pictures, and documents displayed for viewing.

Other activities throughout 2007 included a kickoff dinner in January with the theme "A New Beginning". In February the church had a birthday party for everyone. In March they hosted a ladies' luncheon for women in the congregation and from neighboring churches as well. There was a breakfast for everyone in April. In May the church was host to "Our Great Celebration," where the clothing and service were fashioned after the very first service in the 1800's. The church had an open house in June for neighborhood friends old and new. They celebrated with hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, games, prizes, and tours of the church. The 1901 pipe organ was played while the tours were given. There was a parade held in July, an all church picnic in August. The rest of 2007 was pretty much business as usual. The church took down the anniversary banner the last Sunday in December.

All in the entire congregation has gotten a wonderful Holy Spirit experience this past year. Their new minister, Rev. Robert Smullen, is bringing to the church a renewed focus on evangelism and discipleship. They feel very blessed to have him and his family be a part of the church family.

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