



The Woodland Echoes

GIVING THANKS FOR LIFE

We give thanks for the life of Harold Tilford, father of Debbie James, who passed away on February 25 2009. We offer our love and prayers to Debbie and Brenda and their family.

We give thanks for the life of Jean Ingldue, aunt of Dave Campbell, who passed away on Saturday, February 28. We offer our love and prayers to Dave and Doug and their family during this time of loss.

We also give thanks for the life of Jerri Barnes, mother of Dan Barnes, who passed away on Sunday, March 1. We offer our love and prayers to Dan and Steve and their family during this time of loss.



This past Sunday, March 8, 2009, we gladly welcomed Cindra Walker, Marcia and London Adams as new members into our Woodland church family. We give thanks for their presence and the gifts they bring to Woodland. A personal note of welcome can be sent to them at 1072

Moylan Lane, Lexington, KY 40517.

GUEST SPEAKER, NANCY STILES, M.D. TO SPEAK AT WOODLAND

We have invited a special guest speaker to the next Elders meeting, scheduled for April 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Stiles is Associate Professor of Medicine in Geriatrics with the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Kentucky along with being an Associate of Sanders-Brown Center on Aging. Dr. Stiles is also director and attending physician for the University of Kentucky Geriatric clinic. She is Medical Director and attending physician at Pimlico Skilled Nursing Center, along with serving as an attending physician. Her main research has focused on geriatric rehabilitation. Dr. Stiles will be discussing and giving advice on how to take better care of our senior members and/or family. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in this special meeting. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Please Note:
Cabinet meeting postponed to
Sunday, March 15th.



The Pastor's Pen

In my last pastor's column for Lake City Christian Church's newsletter, I wrote that the primary thought in my mind and heart was one of thanks. As I sit here now at my desk at Woodland, I find that the primary thought in my mind and heart as I write this *first* pastor's column is the same - one of thanks. I give thanks for - your warm welcome; your care and concern for me and my family during this time of separation; your patience as I learn the phones, computers, keys, your names; inviting me to walk with you as your pastor in your faith journey.

In "Bread for the Journey", Henri Nouwen writes, "Hospitality is more than an expression of love for the guest. It is also and foremost an expression of love between the hosts." I have seen the love you have for each other by the hospitality extended to me.

And now, I would like to extend two invitations to you. The first is a bit...what?...in reverse. I would like to invite *you* to invite *me* to your home for a visit, for coffee or a meal if you like, or just to hang out and drink sweet tea (!) on your porch. Ah ha, you say! She doesn't want to cook while her family isn't here! Well, that may be partially true. But the real agenda behind my 'invitation' is that I really want to get to know each and every one of you and I want you to get to know me. Sunday mornings and meetings at church only provide us with a glimpse of who each of us are. From now until the end of June when Ken, Nathan and Kaylen arrive, my free time is much freer!

Now on to the second invitation: I would like to invite you to join me and my family at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) July 29 - Aug. 2 in Indianapolis, Indiana. For those of you who don't know what General Assembly is - it's a time when our denomination comes together (once every two years) to worship, study, fellowship and do business. A time to be church with 8 to 10,000 of your closest friends! A time to learn about what the Christian Church (DOC) is up to, a time to network, to become inspired, to have fun in Indy. I would LOVE to be able to be with my new friends from Woodland while connecting with old friends from all over the country. See General Assembly info on the next page.

Again, thank you for these first days here at Woodland. I look forward to our journey together!

~Dalene

BREAD MAKING CLASS

As part of the “Stewardship of Creation” focus of emphasizing use of local foods in celebration of Earth Day, Sunday, April 26, the group is encouraging congregations to use homemade bread for Communion that Sunday.

Jim Nance, well known in the Bluegrass area for his whole grain sourdough bread, has volunteered to teach this bread making class. The class will be using Weiseberger Mills flour. This is a real opportunity to learn about bread making from an expert!

The class will be held Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 123 E. Bruen St., Midway, KY. RSVP to the church at 859-846-4102 or e-mail office@midwaychristian.org. You may also, contact Lee Ball (278-4325 or RBall34122@aol.com) or Jackie Diachun(266-5062 or jackie@diachun.com).

LITURGIST UPDATE

I am grateful for the response I received from those interested in serving in the capacity of Liturgist. I wanted to let you all know that I have decided to postpone a training session until Dalene can be a part of both its planning and happening. Please know that all who responded will be notified once the session is scheduled. Anyone else interested in serving in this ministry is invited to let me know. (aparke@shrinenet.org) Thank you.

~Anna Gayle Parke

YOUTH YAK

Camp Registration Information is available from Kathryn, or is on the camp website at www.ccinky.net/outdoormin

HUNGER EXPERIENCE – March 20 – 21 – For 6th – 12th grade DOC churches here in Lexington!

LUMBERJACK WEEKEND @ WKDH—March 20—22 for 6th—12th grade and their sponsors—a weekend of clean up, tree removal, painting, repairs, power washing, singing, worship and connecting to camp friends before the summer!

JUNIOR WEEKEND @ WKDH—May 2—3, Theme: Running the Good Race, an overnight for youth in grades 4—5. Activities, worship, singing and meeting new friends before summer camp!

DEAR WOODLAND!

This brief note does not begin to express my gratitude for how you made my last Sunday a day to remember. Thanks for the print, the reception, the flowers, and the chocolate! I will treasure my experiences with you and the friendships I have made. You will continue in my prayers!

Shalom, Lisa

Thank you so much to my Woodland family and friends for the beautiful print of the church and for the lovely reception on Sunday, March 1st. I have certainly felt loved at Woodland and hope I have passed on just as much love and care as you have to me. I am looking forward to hearing about all the wonderful things Woodland will continue to do in the future and the amazing ministries you will continue. Thank you again – I can't say it enough!!

Updated Contact Info

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The past few weeks have been full of celebrations and fellowship. We had receptions or meals for three consecutive Sundays. Thanks to everyone who brought food, helped set-up and clean-up.

Special thanks to Patrick Thompson, chair of membership for his time, effort and talent in coordinating these fellowships.

2009 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wednesday, July 29 - Sunday, August 2
At the Indiana Convention Center
Indianapolis, Indiana

Worship Mission Fellowship
Learning Opportunities

Register on Line at www.disciples.org/ga
or pick up a Registration form
on the table outside the Church Office!



DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

Leviticus: "Book of the Month"

Helpful Information About Leviticus

The book's name, Leviticus, comes for the tradition that the text is primarily addressed to the Levites. While the first sixteen chapters are addressed specifically to the priests, Lev 17-27 contains instructions for the people of Israel.

There are only two narratives in the book (10:1-7 and 24:10-16); the rest of Leviticus consists of legal texts and guidelines for proper worship.

The laws in Leviticus (as well as those in Exodus, Numbers, & Deuteronomy) were only meant for Israel, not for other nations. Although Leviticus claims to describe the time when the Israelites were in the wilderness, between Egypt and the Promise Land, most scholars date the book's final composition to the Post-exilic period (6th-5th centuries BCE).

The dominant message of Leviticus is that the Israelites were to be "Holy as God is Holy." The teachings found in Leviticus were intended to help the people live in a way that reflected the kind of God they worshipped.

Famous Texts in Leviticus

Lev 16 – Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

Lev 19:18 – 2nd Greatest Commandment

Lev 25 – Year of Jubilee

Things to Think About When Reading Leviticus

What is your first reaction to reading this type of legal materials? Why do you think these laws were important to Israel?

What did Nadab and Abihu (Lev 10:1-7) do wrong? What does this story teach us about proper behavior of priests and those given the authority to lead God's people in worship?

Would the idea of a "Year of Jubilee" ever work in the 21st century? If so, what would it look like?

In Lev 23, how many different festivals are described? Do you see any similarities to the special days of worship we observe today?

What does God say will happen if the people do not remain faithful to God?

Learning about the Faith in Leviticus (for children)

Turn to chapter 11 of Leviticus and see if you can answer these questions.

To whom is God speaking in verse 1?

What land animals can the Israelites not eat (verses 4-7)?

Can the Israelites eat lobsters? Hint: Do they have fins and scales (vv 9-10)?

What birds can the Israelites not eat (vv 13-19)? If you don't know some of these birds, look them up in a dictionary or bird book.

What reptiles can the Israelites not eat (vv 29-30)?

¹ Answers available in the Church Office.

CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time
Sunday	March 15 th	10:15 a.m.
Sunday	March 22 nd	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	March 25 th	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	March 29 th	10:15 a.m.
Sunday	April 5 th	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	April 8 th	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	April 12 th	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	April 19 th	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	April 22 nd	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	April 26 th	10:15 a.m.

Disciples Women at Central Christian Church

Invite you to hear

Louise Woods Eaton (Elizabethtown)

Speak about her Women-to-Women
trip to Haiti.

Please contact Sharon Samuell
at 233-1551

by March 26 so we may better
prepare for attendance.

We have ample parking which can be accessed
from Short Street or Coral Street.

An offering will be taken for the Woman-to-
Woman program which blesses our churches.

Depend on God and each other through prayer and fellowship.

Need the gifts and vision of others to join with our own

Act to better God's world

Love, celebrate and nurture God's children

communion

Deepen our faith in Jesus Christ through worship, study and

Overcome our human imperfections to spread God's love

Open our hearts and minds to God's direction for us

Welcome all

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