



CPC

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Chimes

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Worship Times

Traditional: 9:30 am

Contemporary: 11:00 am

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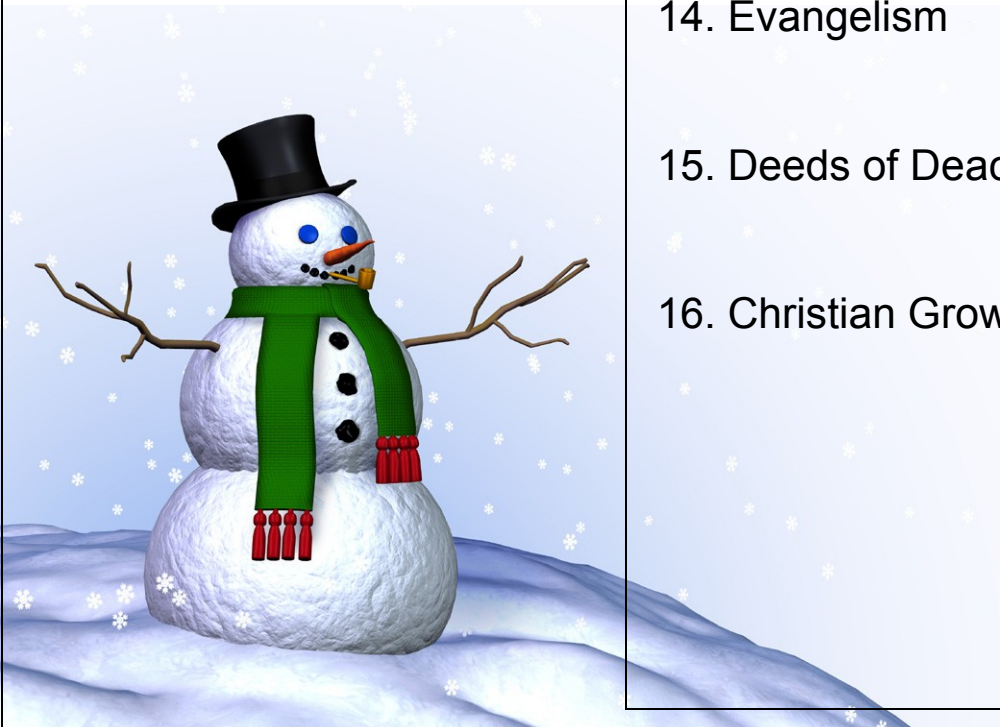
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What's Working

January 2010

Dear friends,

God is himself the greatest Missionary: he loved the world so much he came to it in the person of his Son. Jesus is God's mission to save the world.

Now God invites us to share in that

work by sharing Jesus with others. The good news about Jesus is the heart of Christian mission.

So, God's work to save this dark world now takes place through Christ's body the church as we take the message of Jesus to the world. Our whole calling in the world can be

summed up with the term "witness," a calling that gives us purpose, and focus in our life together. That's how Jesus defined the church in Acts 1:8, when he told his disciples

Since God loves each of us
like He loves the world,
we want to be the faithful witnesses
He calls us to be.

"You shall be my witnesses." Whether we are preaching, teaching Sunday School, hosting a reception for a grieving family at a memorial service, serving Meals on Wheels, or visiting someone in the hospital, being a witness for Jesus is the heart of ministry, and an expression of God's mission to the world.

Since God loves each of us like he loves the world, we want to be the faithful witnesses he calls us to be. Maybe that means we reach out to someone who doesn't know Jesus. Maybe it

means we start to pray specifically for people we want to invite to join our fellow-

ship. There's a lot of need out there, and we have all the riches of God to share.

With love for you in Christ,

Pastor Randy



By Dr. Randy Working, Pastor

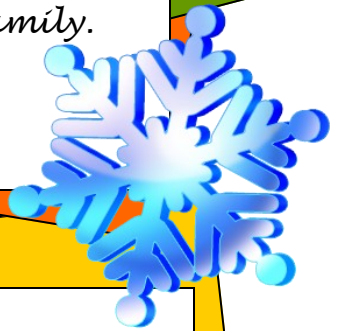
Dear Friends,

My family and I wanted to thank all of you for your cards, meals, words of concern, and especially your prayers for us during my illness. We are still amazed at how quickly God completely healed me that even the doctors are astonished. This entire experience has really deepened my faith and has allowed me to share my testimony of God's provision.

God has blessed us richly with all of you as our church family.

Thank you again,

Sandy Stumpf



Dear CPC,

It was so comforting to know that my family was in your thoughts and prayers after their car accident on their way to church. The fact that they all walked away from it with no major injuries, is a testament to our faith. I know that God was sitting right there beside them. He is so awesome! Stephen has also told me how touched he was that the Women's Prayer Group prayed for him. And then at church, so many of you took time to personally ask him how he was. You are so awesome!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

Karen & John Perko and Stephen, Kelly and David





Welcome New Elders and Deacons!

Elders:

Evangelism: Shelly Brown

Youth Ministries: Shari McCaslin

Worship: Chuck Scott

Fellowship: Linda Russell

Deacons:

Chairman: Jim Kule

Coffee Hour: Mike Maclellan

College/Nominating: Beth Bouchek

Treasurer: Dan Dawson

Auditor:

Bill Wood

Thank you to all outgoing members!

Volunteers Needed!!!

Currently, CPC has no one in place to take the aluminum cans to be recycled. Instead, they are being taken to another location that also collects aluminum. Seems like a lot of hauling cans around with no return for CPC...Right?

If you are interested in transporting the cans bi-monthly to a recycle location, please contact the church office by January 31st. In lieu of a volunteer, we will discontinue collecting them at CPC. We will offer suggestions of other nearby collection locations.



10 Traditional Things To Do On A Winter Day!

1. Make a snow angel.
2. Build a snow fort then have a snow ball fight.
3. Make a snowman and give him a carrot nose and a hat.
4. Take a nature hike and look for animal tracks.
5. Collect pinecones for decorations and fire starters.
6. Go sledding.
7. Put out birdseed and watch the birds from your window.
8. Pull someone or something on a sled.
9. Shovel a path in the yard like a maze.
10. Go out at night and see the stars.

Winter time

Knock Knock Jokes!

Knock, Knock! Who's there?

Alaska! Alaska who?

Alaska my mom if I can play in the snow!

Knock, Knock! Who's there?

Freeze! Freeze who?

Freeze a jolly good fellow!

Knock, Knock! Who's there?

Icy! Icy who?

Icy a snowman in the front yard!

Praise God

**For the beauty
of winter!**

Christian Pioneers

Journey to Bethlehem



Jen Congdon

**Children's Ministries
Director**

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Thank you!

**To ALL of the
talented children**

of CPC!

& to YOU!

Setup & Clean up

Nancy Moritz
Shari McCaslin
Mary Goodman
Marsha Zimmermann
Chuck Stanley
Mike Maclellan
Sue Congdon
Sandy Stumpf
Bill & Tina Fischer

Sound & Music

Jim Hart
Sue Congdon
Karena McCandless
Monique Newman

Dessert Goddesses

Sue Congdon, Karen Arp, Monique Newman, Sandy Hardway, Beth Boucek, Mary Goodman, Renee and Bryan Roberts, Joanne Graham, Nancy Moritz, Rita Elswick, Tina Fischer, Tricia Gebhart, Sandy Stumpf, Charlotte Wood, Pat Schmies and the many, many more who generously donated.

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Youth Ministries

How “To Save A Life”

“Teens love movies. Help them be missional. Imagine your kids bringing their friends for a 7-week series based on a movie they want to see.” – To Save A Life Website

Last May, Eric and I attended a youth workers training event where we got a sneak peek at a new movie called “To Save a Life.” It was amazing! It is a powerful movie about the real-life challenges of teens and their choices. We’ve since discovered that is more than just a movie but that it can be a movement. There are curriculum and teen devotionals centered on the biblical concept that we’re more like

Jesus when we’re reaching out to the hurt and lonely. The writer of *To Save A Life* is Jim Britts who is a seasoned youth worker with a film degree from BIOLA University, and *To Save A Life* is a project inspired by a passion to reach teenagers with life-affirming entertainment—the kind of movie youth workers, parents and student leaders can get behind.

Teens too! Imagine them bringing friends to see the film... then bringing them back to a seven-week study at our church, growing in their faith and learning to reach out to others and asking the question: What’s my life going to be about? Imagine the difference this effort can make!

So we are asking our members, and especially parents of teens, to get on board with this outreach. Currently we are scheduled to attend the movie on Sunday, January 24 in the afternoon. The only theater right now showing it is in Valley View. We encourage parents to invite other parents to attend this movie.

The most important thing all of us can do is pray for this event that teens’ lives will be changed by seeing this movie. Pray that the Holy Spirit will move in the hearts of teens as they ask their friends to attend. We can all make a difference. We can all save a life.

Andrea Milnar
Youth Ministries Director
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The Student Section



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a relaxing break. Now it's time to get back into that January routine. Some events to look for in January...Confirmation begins on Sunday the 31st for 7th, 8th, & 9th Graders. Reverend Working and I are looking forward to a great year of growing with all of you.

Check out the "Movie Review" on the previous page. To Save a Life will be showing January 24th in Valley View. Please bring your friends. It will be an awesome event. Don't miss it! More info will follow.

***See you at Youth Group,
Andrea***

Spring Retreat 2010

March 19 -21

We will be combining with Highland Sixth Presbyterian Church for another amazing weekend full of fun, worship, food, and fellowship. More information will be available as the details of the weekend come together.



Evangelism

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...” 1Peter 3:15

Have you ever wondered why the season surrounding the holidays is called “Christmastide” or “Yuletide”? Regardless of the true meaning of those words, it very often places the image of someone drowning, being swept away by the tide of all this season brings.

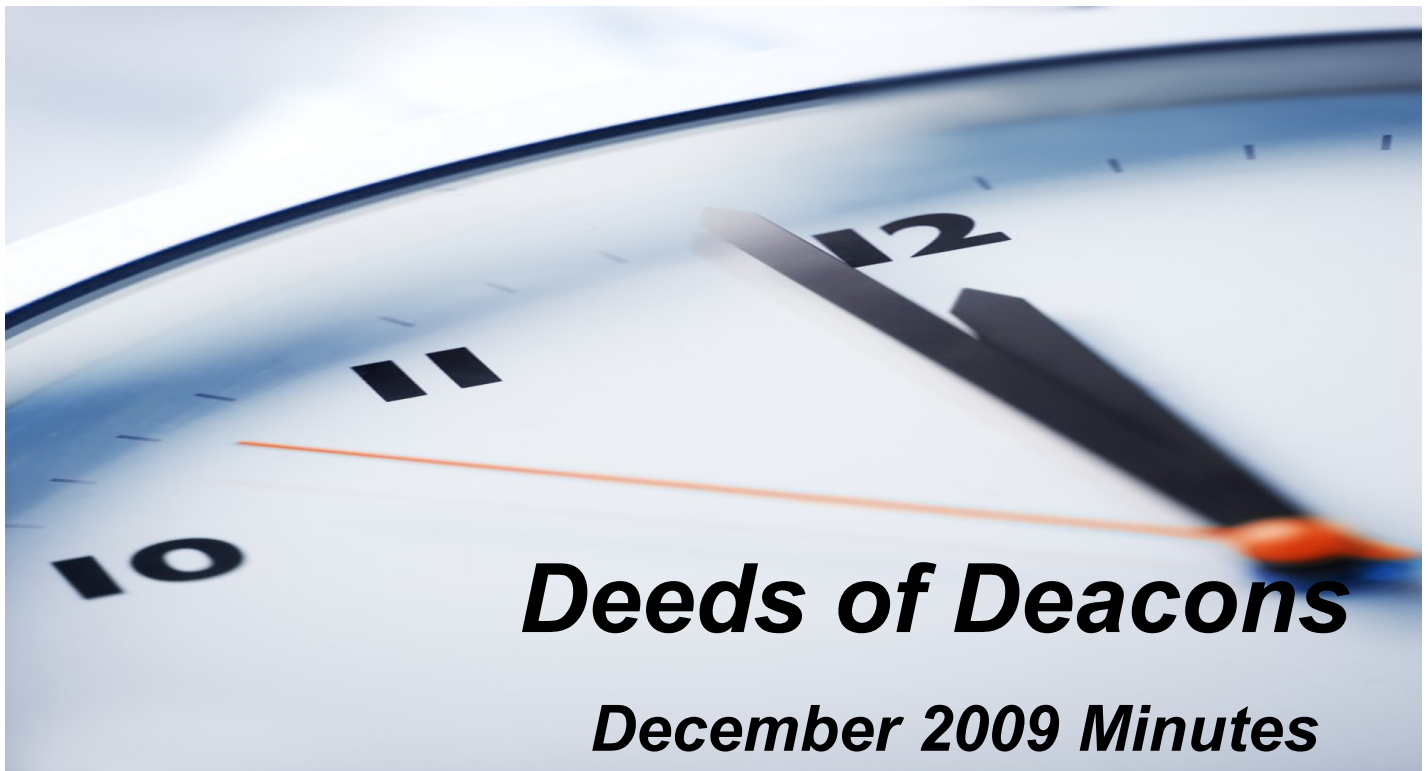
Having just celebrated what many of us feel is the most beautiful time of the year, some of us may find it difficult to recognize when those around us are hurting. At this time of year, however, I think we need to be extra vigilant and extra aware of the pain and spiritual emptiness around us. We need to notice when a coworker is feeling a little down. We need to pay attention to the woman across the street that lost her mother, or husband, or a child in the last year. We need to notice the kid at school whose parents divorced a few months ago. “Christmastide” can be such a lonely and hopeless time for those who have experienced loss and those who already feel hopeless or alone.

As Christians, we have the ultimate hope. We have the comfort of the one who *never* leaves us. We need to come alongside those who are aching to know that comfort, to have that hope, and show them the love of God. He has seen fit to use us, broken vessels that we are, to demonstrate His love to the world. Through that demonstration, He can use us to offer the hurting hope. We can give them comfort. He can give them Jesus!

Jason Monsman, Outreach Director

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Deeds of Deacons

December 2009 Minutes

Jim Kule opened our meeting with nine members present.

Pastor Randy led us in devotions, teaching more about the Apostle's Creed. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit reflect the faith of the Apostles. Jesus was fully human, like us in every way, but without sin. If we say "Jesus is Lord!", and it comes from our heart, we are saved.

The deacons received a thank-you from WomenSafe for our donation. We also received many thank-you's from our college students for the Halloween Gift Cards.

Thank you CPC friends for your overwhelming response to our outreach family and donations to the Geauga County Dog Shelter and our Top Ten Ways of Giving Tree.

Christmas donations were sent to the following: Special Olympics Basketball, Salvation Army, Presbyterian Children's Services and Habitat for Humanity, Womankind, Theology Matters (Presbyterian publication), and two members of our church family.

Many thanks, to all of you who helped with the Donna Smith Memorial Service. We were told it was a beautiful and meaningful service.

The Deacons hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year.

In Christian love,

Barb Albrecht, Secretary

Christian Growth

LEADERSHIP:

Holiday Office Hours...The Church Office will be closed through January 3rd.

Contemporary Worship...
Tues./Thurs. @ 6:30pm & 9:00am Saturdays

Session...Tuesday, Jan.19

Deacons...Monday, Jan.3

City Mission dinner...Jan. 6

Chapel Circle

What: ***Study of Romans***
Pages 37-52

When: January 20

Where: Nancy Kule's house

Time: 11:00am

*Bring a sandwich for lunch!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

Sunday School...

Every Sunday morning 9:30am and 11:00am

Children's Ministries meeting...Monday Jan.4 @ 9:15am. Room #8.

Christian Pioneers...Thursday Jan.21, 4:00-5:30pm. Here @ CPC. Grades 2-5.

BIBLE STUDY:

Women's Bible Study...

Beth Moore's study of Esther.

Tuesday 10:30am Thursday at 6:45pm. Both @ CPC

Men's Fellowship Group...

Wednesdays 6:30am @ Arabica in Chesterland Saturdays 9:00am @ CPC

YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Sunday School... 6th grade – 12th grade remain in the church service on Communion Sundays. The remainder of the month they meet during the 9:30 service in their classrooms.

Youth Group...Sundays from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Here @ CPC

Youth Alliance Party...Jan. 2nd @ Lake Metroparks 11:30am-5:30pm

Parents Confirmation

Meeting...Jan.3rd 10:45am in the CPC Library

Confirmation

Begins...Sunday, Jan. 31 10:45am-12:15pm

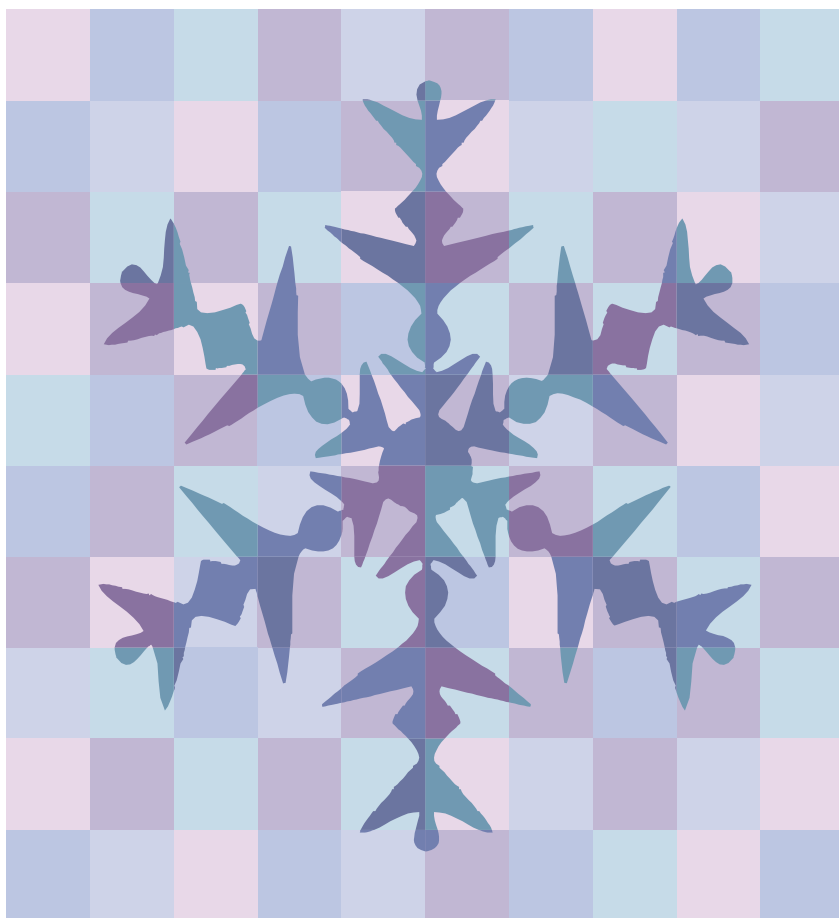
To Save a Life

Movie...Sunday Jan.24

CHIMES & PRAYERS

Next Chimes articles due
January 20th to Karen Perko
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For Prayer requests, call Dee Eichele @ 440.729.9973 or
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- *Jennifer Congdon, Director, Children's Ministries*
- *Andrea Milnar, Director, Youth Ministries*
- *Jason Monsman, Evangelism Director*
- *Jessica Paradise, Office Manager*
- *Sue Congdon, Organist, Web Administrator*
- *Jerry Gibson, Custodian*
- *Karen Perko, Children & Youth Assistant*

What is Christ Presbyterian Church?

We are a family called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We do this through calling others to personal faith in Christ, equipping them as His disciples, and inviting them into loving relationships. In all we say and do, we seek to demonstrate the love of God.

Find out more about us

We warmly invite you to join our church family and hope you will let us know how we can support you. Please call the church office, or indicate your desire on the blue attendance pad on Sundays.

How to contact us

Church office hours are 9:00am-4:30pm Mondays through Thursdays.

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