



Chimes

JULY 2012

Christ Presbyterian Church

Jesus had a reputation as a partygoer. Some might find this hard to believe and even a little troubling, but the Gospels leave little doubt: “Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners,” some religious types are said to have spoken about Jesus (Mt 11:19b; Lk 7:34). The rendering of this verse in the King James evokes a chuckle—“Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber!” In John’s Gospel Jesus’ first sign of abundant life was to change water into fine wine at a wedding party with sloshed guests. The point of the sign wasn’t to kick the party into higher gear, but still...

It would seem that those who live with the Spirit of Jesus will be a joyous, sometimes raucous bunch. Not in a rude, out of control, destructive way—Jesus was not truly a drunkard!—but with a spirit of lightness and celebration for the goodness of life in God. I’ve known a slice of this joy at graduation and other parties at which I was recently a guest, and we as a church are going to have a party-throwing ministry this summer.

Our annual Church Picnic at **2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 29** will be a celebration not of *us*, but of life in Christ so joyous it’s worth inviting others in. We’ll eat as a church and have activities for kids (see the article on p. 10) and then toward 4:00 p.m., when the Hillcrest Concert Band plays, we’ll welcome the community with free hot dogs, drinks and chips. On **Sunday, September 9** we’ll rally around God’s ministry for the church as we kick off a new program year. Among other things we’ll eat together and celebrate (more information will come in August). Through the summer youth will go to festivals and children will gather for fun.

But just having fun is not the point. The point is, as St. Augustine said, “The Christian should be an alleluia from head to foot!” because we’ve been washed by Jesus’ cross and resurrection into the life that is really life. You could say that every Christian gathering is a

celebration of sorts. Sunday mornings with singing, embracing, and laughter are expressions of faith in God’s goodness. The Lord’s Supper is the *joyful* feast of the people of the risen Christ. When the Session and Deacons meet, laughter somehow always encroaches on the agenda.

And another thing. As Richard Foster says in his *Celebration of Discipline*, “In the spiritual life only one thing will produce genuine joy, and that is obedience.” Christian joy is not from positive thinking or self-indulgent living, but from walking in the way of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. So let’s walk lightly with Christ, looking for ways to invite others to walk with us.

The Lord be with you all,

Matt



JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 9:30am Worship	2 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	3 9:30am Prayer Group	4 CPC Office Closed Chesterland 4th of July Parade!	5	6	7 8:00am Men's Sat Bible Study
8 9:30am Worship	9 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	10 9:30am Prayer Group	11 6:30am Men's Bible Study	12	13 Children's Miniature Golf Outing	14 8:00am Men's Tres Dias Reunion
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29 9:30am Outdoor Worship 12:00pm Golf Outing 2:00pm CPC Picnic 4:00pm Free Concert Hillcrest Band 	30 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	31 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp				

We are also looking forward to putting together a pictorial Directory this fall. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to complete the following:

CONTACT INFORMATION

YOUR NAME _____

PREFERRED NAME FOR MAILINGS, ETC. _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PRIMARY PHONE _____ (please indicate home or mobile)

SECONDARY PHONE _____ (please indicate home or mobile)

FAMILY EMAIL _____ PERSONAL EMAIL _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

MARITAL STATUS: *SINGLE* *MARRIED* *WIDOW/WIDOWER*

SPOUSE'S NAME (if applicable) _____

SPOUSE'S DATE OF BIRTH _____

SPOUSE'S PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

DATE OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARY _____

CHILD'S NAME	DATE AND YEAR OF BIRTH	GRADE IN FALL 2012

Return Completed information to the Church Office by Thursday, July 5.

karen@christpcusa.org

JULY

ANNIVERSARIES

Paul & Shari McCaslin	07/01
Dave & Irene Wunderle	07/03
Bill & Betty Addison	07/06
Paul & Trish Lawrence	07/07
David & Heidi Starke	07/07
Sharon & Brad Schaeffer	07/09
Howard & Pat Schmies	07/12
Greg & Karena McCandless	07/15
Tim & Linda Davidson	07/17
Michael Maguire & Rosemary Macedonio	07/21
Michael & Cyndie Tropf	07/28

BIRTHDAYS

Larry Evans	07/02
Jeanette Metcalf	07/02
Grant Congdon	07/03
Jim Metcalf	07/03
Jim Hart	07/04
Jeff Nitz	07/04
Barbara Van Kampen	07/09
Janet McIntee	07/10
Nancy Cintron	07/13
Bill Wood	07/13
Jack Zimmermann	07/14
Claire Metcalf	07/20
Michele Dawson	07/24
Rob Russell	07/24
Chuck Scott	07/27
Austin Congdon	07/29
Carolyn Fondrk	07/29

CPC YOUTH GROUP

In preparation for the coming year of youth group, we would like to get an up-to-date contact list. Any child grades 6-12 interested in being contacted regarding youth group events by email, phone, or postcard messages please email your contact information to rlrussell8709@gmail.com.

It would be great if you could include parent(s) name, child's name, child's grade and school, activities involved in or interested in, address, parent and child phone numbers, and email contacts.

Email will most often be our best means of reminders about upcoming events, so please get in the loop by getting us your contact information as soon as you can!! Info regarding the summer events and questions regarding the upcoming year of youth group will be sent out through email too, so get us your contact info ASAP if you want to be included. Can't wait to hear from you!

-Rob & Lindsay Russell



CPC Choir Director, Josh Chenoweth, his wife, Jackie, and big brother Christian, celebrate the birth of baby boy, Samuel Rhys. Samuel was born on June 7th, weighing in at 7pounds, 19 ounces.

Congratulations!

SUMMER EVENTS TO SAVE THE DATE FOR:

July 29 - Church picnic 2 p.m. - Come, bring your family, enjoy!!

August 5 - The Fest - with bonfire to follow @ Rob and Lindsay's

Geauga County's Help Me Learn Day

Once again Deacons will be collecting school supplies for needy Geauga County kids. A box will be in Fellowship Hall for your donations. If any questions please call Joy Kule at: 440-729-2992 or Marsha Zimmermann at: 440-338-1898.

The kids will pick up their supplies on August 6, which is Help Me Learn Day. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

-Marsha Zimmermann

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS:

- ✻ crayons
- ✻ markers
- ✻ colored pencils
- ✻ erasers
- ✻ pens and pencils
- ✻ compass and protractors
- ✻ highlighters
- ✻ dry eraser markers
- ✻ red pen
- ✻ spiral notebook--wide rule
- ✻ notebook paper--wide rule
- ✻ composition notebooks
- ✻ 2 pocket folders
- ✻ 3 ring binders



GLENVILLE NEW LIFE COMMUNITY DRESS SALE RECAP:

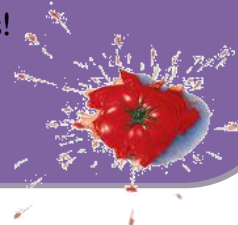
We, here at CPC, generously donated ladies dresses to Glenville Church. These dresses and accessories were sold to women in need at a Mother's Day sale. The sale was very successful. Glenville served over 200 women and girls with outfits. The women from their community were very grateful. They were able to dress several women who came from one of the Women's shelters. Some of the best outfits that were left, were donated to Wickliffe Presbyterian Church's thrift store. The remaining items went to the Salvation Army. Giving out long stem silk roses was also a big hit in their evangelism efforts. Thank you for all that Christ Presbyterian Church did in making the outreach successful.

HUMOROUS STORIES FROM THE PEW By Cyndie Tropf

I have heard some hilarious stories since I posted mine last month. See, I knew the Tropfs weren't the only ones to experience embarrassment and laughter in God's House! Here is one from Carol Hong:

It happened at the end of the summer, 2011. Before I went to church, I asked my husband if I could take some tomatoes to church to give to some of the congregation. We had a lot and they were very, very tasty. He went outside while I was getting ready for church. As I was leaving, he said that there were some freshly washed tomatoes in a box on the back seat of my car. I took them into the Fellowship Hall and placed them on a table with a sign saying "FREE" and then went to get ready for choir. Our visiting pastor was Oommen Thomas. He started off his sermon by saying that he was very impressed by the friendliness of our congregation: everyone was smiling, laughing, hugging, and even kissing. He was impressed until he walked up the aisle and noticed that a number of people were sitting in their pews, holding tomatoes! Then he said he wasn't sure how friendly we really were!! (I think that I turned the color of those tomatoes, although most people didn't know that I was the one that brought them.) After church I asked several people with tomatoes why they picked them up and carried them into the sanctuary? They all said that they looked so good, that they grabbed them before they were all gone. Rev. Thomas DID preach a very good sermon...so Surely he was relieved that the tomatoes remained in the pews!

-Carol Hong



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES SUMMER EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Jen Congdon, Director
jen@christpcusa.org

JULY 14 MINITURE GOLF OUTING 10:00am meet at golf course

Chip's Clubhouse
18 Holes of Mini Golf
214 5th Avenue
Chardon, OH 44024
440-285-3456
info@chipsclubhouse.com



\$6-Adult
\$5-Children, ages five through eleven
Children 4 and under play free

Directions:
Go east on Wilson Mills Rd.
Wilson Mills Rd becomes Cherry Ave.
Turn left onto Center St/OH-44.
Turn sharp right onto 5th Ave.
214 5th Ave. is on the left.

JULY 25 CHAGRIN CINEMAS FREE MOVIE

Over the Hedge



8200 East Washington Street
Meet at 9:30 at the Cinema
First come first served

Directions:
Go south on Chillicothe Rd/OH-306
Turn right onto E Washington St.
8200 E Washington Street is on the right.

VBS 2012

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2012 WAS AMAZING!

It was on an Amazing Desert Journey, that 57 children learned the Lord's Prayer. Each day, a different segment of the Lord's Prayer was studied and Bible stories focused on the daily message. Once again, the children were wonderful and it was a great week for both the participants and volunteers. The children were involved in two missions. The children raised \$254.76 by bringing in change for Project Clean Water. This global mission provides water filters and clean water wells in areas of Cambodia, Haiti and China. Our local mission was the collection of school supplies for the Help Me Learn program sponsored by the Geauga Family Services.

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who worked with the children, all who baked cookies and prayed for a wonderful week.

-Beth Boucek
On behalf of the Children & Youth Committee



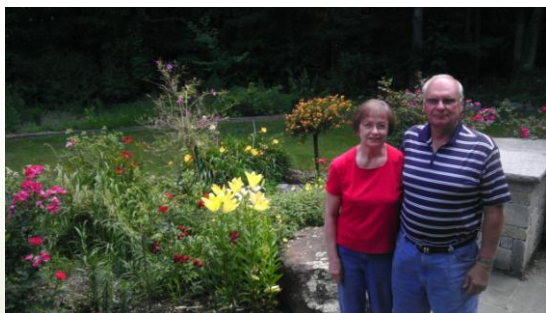
**AUGUST 10
SPRINKLER PARK**
Details to be announced.

CPC's SUMMER GARDENERS

If you'd like to show off your garden in the August Issue of Chimes, submit your pictures to karen@christpcusa.org no later than Thursday, July 19th.

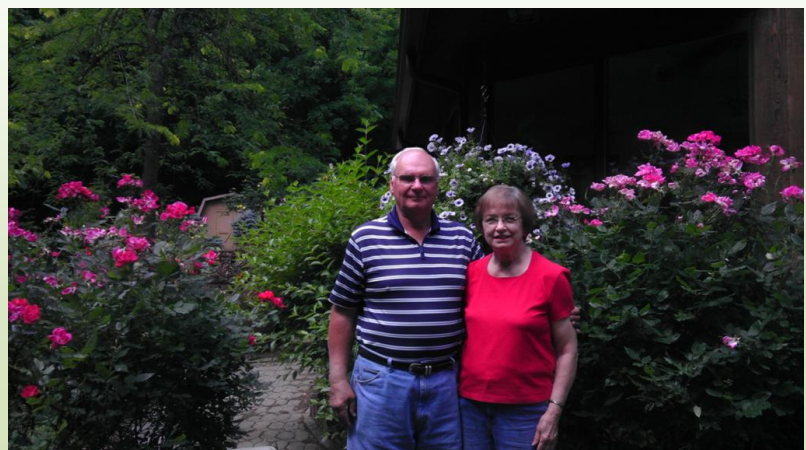
SUE CONGDON

I'm fairly new to gardening, but with the inspiration of CPC gardens such as the Gripps' and the Zimmermanns', as well as the patient mentoring of Pat Gedeon, our yard is a rainbow of colors. Our little gardens have names such as Tea Garden, Butterfly Garden, Angel Garden, and Friendship Garden. The Angel Garden has a cherub sculpture for each of our six grandchildren and the Friendship Garden sprouted from snippings shared by a variety of friends. Stop by sometime to share a glass of iced tea and enjoy the butterflies!



BILL & MIM GRIPP

They have a love for gardening! It certainly shows. Whether it's giving direction, or taking direction, these long-time CPC members work together in their garden all for God's glory!

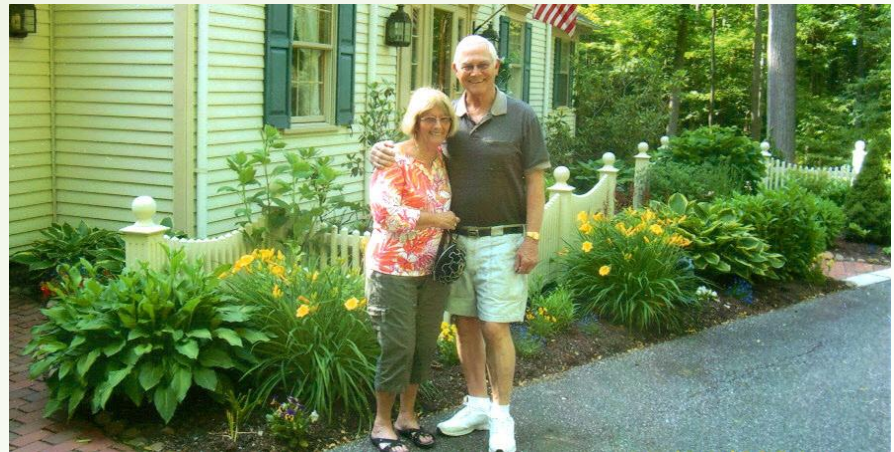


BOB AND SHEILA MCKENZIE

How much closer to God can you get than when Bob and I work in our yard? Yard work truly brings us closer to each other and to our Lord and Savior.

Sometimes we rest on our swing. I'll look at Bob and say to him, "I'll bet Heaven is just like this!"

Thank you Lord for being with us all the time, even when we're busy working in our yard.



MARILYN RUSSELL

Some people are born with a silver spoon but I think I got a trowel and some dirt. And I wouldn't switch for anything. There are a few of us crazy people who enjoy working in our gardens more than watching TV, cleaning our houses (ugh), or even shopping. Almost every day I spend some time in either my vegetable garden or preferably in my flower gardens. I love it when there is an empty space and I can run out to Bremec's or one of the other nurseries and choose something to put in that spot.

Working in the gardens at CPC has some extra benefits. I get to work with other like-minded ladies who like to make our place of worship more attractive. God always blesses us when we are on our knees, even when we are kneeling in the dirt.



PAT GEDEON

I guess I got the love of gardening from my mother who always grew flowers, even in her small lot in Maywood Park. When we built our home on Ranch Dr. in 1961, I started my first small garden with a couple of pretty white flowers (trilliums) and ferns from the woods. I now have hundreds of trilliums from those few. Each year my garden expanded, people divided their perennials and gave me some, I bought flowers, both annuals and perennials.

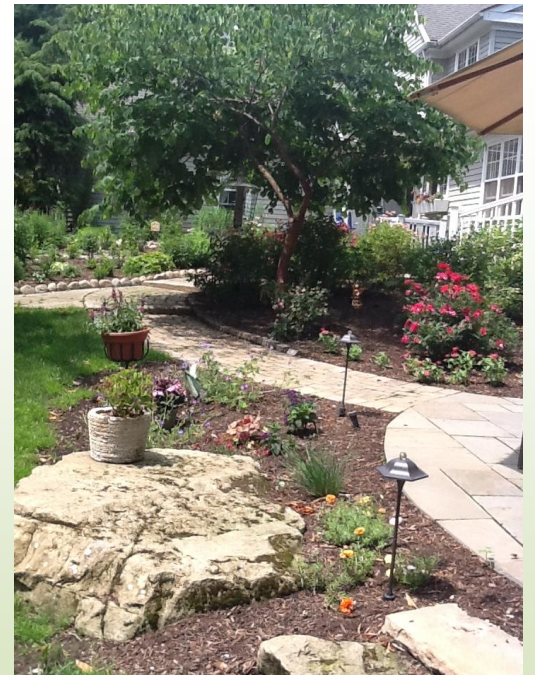
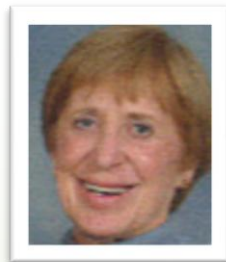
My mother-in-law was an artist and flower arranger and I loved going to their home and seeing the beautiful arrangements she made. Back in the early 70s, I took flower arranging classes and so I had to plant flowers that I could cut to make arrangements. My gardens expanded even more so they now are around the entire house.

Tending my gardens is my favorite thing to do, even weeding is relaxing to me. I make it a point to walk through my gardens each day to see what's getting ready to bloom or needs tending, even if I only have five minutes. I see God's handiwork in those gardens and feel blessed to be able to take care of them.



MARSHA ZIMMERMANN

The beauty of God's creation amazes me. Working in the garden, hearing birds singing-It gives me time to meditate and feel closer to God.



CPC Summer Picnic A...to...Z!



Our CPC's Ministry Teams have a wonderful day planned for you this year! We will start with an Outdoor Worship service in the pavillion beginning at 9:30am. At 12:00pm, a 9-hole scramble will take place at Fowler's Mill Golf Course with special features and lots of prizes. Golfers at any skill level are encouraged to participate. For those who can't even hit a non-moving ball, our church picnic will begin at 2:00pm. Bring a dish to pass, a friend, and your cameras! We will provide beverages, burgers and hot dogs. Entertainment for the youngsters (and young at heart) will begin at 3:00pm and involve water...lots of it! So wear your swimsuits and bring a towel too. Our golfers will return by 3:00, in time for the entertainment and of course the "Pie Eating Contest".

Finally, at 4:00pm we will welcome the community to a free concert hosted by Trish and Paul Lawrence. The Hillcrest Concert Band (Paul Lawrence, Conductor) will be performing on our beautiful grounds. This is a great opportunity to welcome our neighbors to CPC. We will continue serving hot dogs, chips and beverages to our visitors. We are expecting approximatley 100-150 guests and many hands will be needed! Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall detailing ways you can help...from setting up, to cooking; preparing beverages, to photography; donating chips and donating time. Sign-up sheets are specific with specific times and instructions. Please check out the focus table to see how you can assist in welcoming our community! If you would like to become more involved in the Fellowship Committee, our next meeting is July 10th at 6:00pm. If you have any questions please contact me at wwr549@yahoo.com or 729-3547.

-Linda Russell



Church office hours:
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Monday - Thursday

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