



Chimes

AUGUST 2012

Christ Presbyterian Church

Dear Friends,

Every Summer Olympics brings back memories of the first games I remember, the 1984 Games in Los Angeles. (I know, I've just dated myself.) In his first of four Olympic appearances, Carl Lewis won four gold medals. Mary Lou Retton became the first American to win the all-around gymnastics competition. Joan Benoit won gold in the inaugural women's Olympic marathon. I watched then much as I still do, admiring athletes' dedication, enamoring their stories, and imagining what it would be like to lead a life like theirs.

The Olympics are an ode to strength and beauty, skill and dedication. These capture an essential human desire to live for a worthy purpose with others who seek the same. In the spirit of the Olympics, the goal of the athlete isn't to beat the competition but to offer the most excellent performance, even *life*, the athlete possibly can.

Paul surely had the ancient Olympic-style games in mind when, at the end of his life, he said to Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7). He spoke of his life as filled with "purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ...sufferings" (3:10), things that are well known not just to elite athletes but also to people and churches sold out on living the salvation life in Jesus. The church is a body that seeks beauty and excellence not dissimilar to a swimmer or gymnast, only the standard after which the church strives isn't a time or score but a *life*: Word made flesh Jesus.

Starting on **September 9**, in response to input from the congregation in the spring, our Sunday morning format will see some changes that will help us live more excellent lives in Jesus (see article on pp. 4 & 5). During the 9:30am hour there will be Sunday School for Adults and Youth, as well as a time for learning faith hands-on for children K-5th Grade. At 10:30am we will have worship and Sunday School for preschool-5th Grade, doing things the same as now, only beginning one hour later.

When I watch track I want to run. When I see gymnastics I want to leap. Soccer makes me want to play. And when I sit with others in Sunday School, attending to Scripture and wise ones in the faith, I want to give more of myself to performing the way of Christ in the world. I look forward to seeing how God forms us through this new pattern together.

The Lord be with you all,

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August

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:30am Men's Bible Study	2	3	4 8:00am Men's Sat Bible Study
5 9:30am Worship 10:45am Bell Choir Rehearsal 1:45 pm CPC Youth attend "The Fest" Bonfire at Russell's to follow!	6 9:30am Children's Ministry Meeting 12:00am Staff Meeting 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	7 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp	8 6:30am Men's Bible Study	9	10	11 8:00am Men's Tres Dias Reunion
12 8:30am Free Spirit Singers Rehearsal 9:30am Worship 10:45am Bell Choir Rehearsal	13 7:00pm Adult Ministries Meeting 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	14 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp	15 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Leadership Breakfast -CSU	16	17	18 8:00am Men's Sat Bible Study
19 9:30am Worship	20 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	21 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp 7:00pm Session	22 6:30am Men's Bible Study	23 CHIMES DEADLINE	24	25 8:00am Men's Tres Dias Reunion
26 9:30am Outdoor Worship	27 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	28 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp	29 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Garden Club Luncheon	30 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal		

August

ANNIVERSARIES

Rusty & Cindy Wenger	08/04
Doug & Kim Welch	08/06
Andrew & Carolyn Fondrk	08/07
Rob & Lindsay Russell	08/07
Eric & Andrea Milnar	08/10
Ron & Charlene Schmidt	08/10
Bill & Charlotte Wood	08/10
Terry & Jan Moore	08/13
Jong & Carol Hong	08/14
Jim & Jeanette Metcalf	08/18
Henry & Marsha Fischer	08/21
Russ & Doris Wenger	08/24
Gary & Angela Karges	08/26
Jim & Joy Kule	08/26
Cory & Chris Keller	08/27
Dick & Gail Rye	08/27
John & Christine Pauley	08/28
Ron & Susan Congdon	08/29
Craig & Meghan Zimmermann	08/29

BIRTHDAYS

Jayne Fairfield	08/01
Miriam Strebeck	08/05
Bill Addison	08/07
Caitlyn Arp	08/10
Eileen Mormino	08/12
Gail Sabo	08/16
Annette Laughlin	08/17
Jan Moore	08/18
Joy Wehagen	08/18
Zachary Stone	08/21
James Garee	08/24
Betty Addison	08/25
Marilyn Russell	08/27
Noah Stone	08/31

HUMOROUS STORIES FROM THE PEW *By Cyndie Tropf*

If any of you thought you saw an angel in church in June, you did, it was Marsha Zimmermann! Marsha had coffee hour the day we were voting on Pastor Matt's Terms of Call. Marsha and her granddaughter, Cameron, left the sanctuary to go set out the vegetables and juice for coffee hour. When Marsha opened the refrigerator door, the bottom shelf fell out and a can of Reddi Whip Cream fell out and exploded all over spraying the cabinets, floor and most of all, Marsha! She was covered in whip cream from head to toe and was laughing hysterically as was Cameron. The ushers came to see what happened and couldn't believe what they saw!! Cameron had to wipe her grandmother's face and hair off so she could see to clean the rest of herself off! Marsha said later in the day her grandkids asked her why her hair was sparkling! Now we all know, we do indeed have an angel among us!!!

Remember, give me your funny story so we can all laugh with you.

-Cyndie Tropf (729-3764)



NEW SUNDAY MORNING FORMAT

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9

In April the Session began a process of evaluating our Sunday morning ministries of worship, fellowship, and education discerning what is most important to Christ Church in these and whether any changes might make our life more vital. Though conversation with church committees and groups, and congregational response forms gathered in the Sundays of May, we learned important things about the church.

We learned Christ Church values:

- Worship with engaging preaching, children's involvement, and a diversity of music—some preferring “traditional,” others “contemporary,” and many liking a blend
- Fellowship time that expresses our unity, welcomes others, and has a spirit of celebration
- Education for adults through Bible and topical study, and small groups, with regular focus on the spiritual life
- Education for children and youth grounded in learning God's Word and growing in relationship with Jesus Christ

Many also said they would prefer a later service time, still having one worship service in which we're all together as a church family. Based on this input and its own discernment, Session believes that a modified Sunday morning format will better help us be the church that God is leading us to be.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9, THE SUNDAY SCHEDULE WILL BE:

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for Adults and Youth “Discovery Time” (K – 5th Grade)
10:15	“Discovery Time” & Adult/Youth Classes Dismiss
10:30	Worship, with Sunday School for K – 5th Grade
11:30	Coffee Hour/Fellowship Time

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SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAMMING, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Adults and youth will have their own Sunday School gatherings, with adults meeting regularly for Bible study, seasonal and topical classes, and youth coming together in their own class for continued growth in knowledge and faith.

DISCOVERY TIME (K – 5TH)

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

While adults attend class, there will be hands-on activities for children—crafts, small mission projects, etc.—and also food and fellowship. Different from the traditional Sunday School time that will remain concurrent with the worship service, this gathering will focus less on content and more on experiencing the life of faith together.

WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (K – 5TH)

10:30 a.m.

Though it will start an hour later, the worship service will remain the same as present. Worship will be the same in style and format, with children K-5th grade typically beginning with families in worship and going to Sunday School after the Moment with Children. Middle and high school youth will worship with the church for the entire service.

COFFEE HOUR/FELLOWSHIP TIME

11:30 a.m.

The coffee hour and fellowship gatherings will be after worship, the same as now.

The Session believes this new format not only expresses what is important to CPC, but also that it gives us ability to grow to be more excellent disciples, making disciples of all ages, worshipping God and loving one another. More will be said in coming weeks about the programming for this format, particularly for adult and youth Sunday School and children's Discovery Time. If you have questions or feedback, Pastor Matt or a member of the Session will be pleased to share conversation with you.



DISCIPLES OF CHRIST:

CPC'ers, Rev. Matt Reeves, Debbie Brooks, Joy Kule, Barb Albrecht and Bill Fischer enjoy participating in the Chesterland 4th of July parade.

The award goes to:



CPC's Frank Lyon receives **FIRST PLACE** for "BEST TRACTOR" in Chesterland's 4th of July Parade.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRIES, a ministry of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Case Western and Cleveland State is looking for donations of gently used items that are needed for our annual giveaway. If you have items such as loveseats, couches (no sleepers please), coffee tables, chairs, dining table, chest of drawers, dressers, study desk, misc household/kitchen items suitable for apartment living, please bring them to the **Great Hall at Church of the Saviour after noon on Friday, August 17th or before 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 18**, the day of the giveaway. Earlier pickup of items can be arranged and stored by contacting **Bok Chew at 216-371-3114** or by email at: isfcleveland@gmail.com

Dear People of CPC,

A trying time of illness, often mixed with hope, comes to an end – and transitions into a time of loss and grief. Neither the illness nor the grief offered a choice, but your frequent prayers, cards and calls kept reminding me that God was near and would see us through. I certainly needed those reminders when it seemed each day that our hopes, plans and expectations were unraveling.

Thank you, dear CPC family, for adopting Frank and me. You constantly offered love and care, gave advice when it was needed, and helped weave a cocoon of comfort around us. Rereading your messages gives me encouragement now, and I know I have an entire family to lean on at CPC.

My thanks and blessings to all of you,

-Laura Iskra

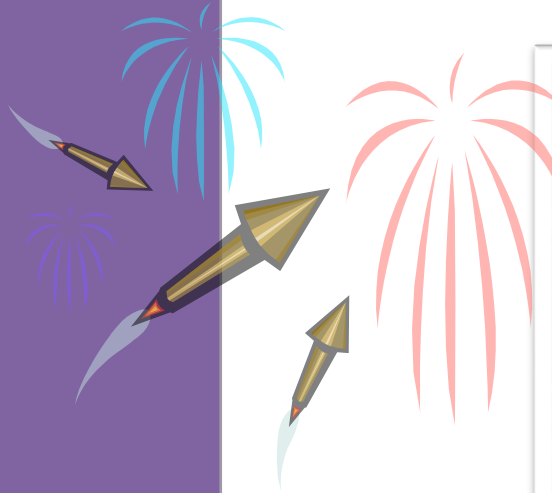
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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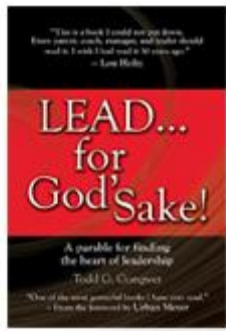
A REFRESHING LOOK FORWARD AT THE CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WING DOWNSTAIRS

With support from property and maintenance, the downstairs classroom and classroom hallways will begin to take on an invigorating new look in the fall. The Children's Ministries Committee has found new ways to celebrate and give honor to what the children will be learning throughout the year. We're looking forward to the improvements and invite you to take some time in the fall to come downstairs. Our hope is that you enjoy the children's expression of love of Christ through their artwork, poetry and creations as much as we do! **-Jen Congdon**



4th of July Parade





LEAD...for God's Sake!

Leadership Breakfast

August 15, 2012

Time: 8 am – 9 am (Doors open 7:30)

Location: Cleveland State University

2121 Euclid Ave. Student Center Grand Ball Room

Cost: \$30 (Includes breakfast & signed copy of Lead...for God's Sake)

**Table of 8 available at \$220.00*

Join us as Todd Gongwer, Best Selling Author, Entrepreneur and former college basketball Coach shares his inspiring journey toward finding the the true *heart of hearts* in leadership.

What leaders are saying about the *Lead...for God's Sake* message:

“One of the most powerful books I have ever read”

–Urban Meyer, Head Coach OSU

“In a time when a lot of us have lost our way,

Todd Gongwer has delivered a game winning 3 pointer...”

–Ernie Johnson, Turner Networks NBA/MLB Broadcaster



VISIT www.leadforgodsake.com to learn more!

Adult Ministries is pleased to recommend a Leadership Breakfast where author, entrepreneur and former college basketball coach, Todd Gongwer, will be speaking at Cleveland State's Student Center Grand Ballroom on Wednesday, August 15, from 8 to 9 a.m. (doors will open at 7:30).

Todd's message in *Lead...for God's Sake* is one that could one day transform America. I would encourage you to attend the breakfast. In addition, if you know teens or young adults who are searching for purpose and/or are in positions of leadership or influence, you might want to encourage them to attend.

For anyone who would like to register for the event, log onto the following web address:
<http://leadforgodsakebreakfast.eventbrite.com>

I have been blessed to have known and worked with Todd over the past year and a half as a man who has been walking closely with the Lord. If you have questions about the event or Todd's book, feel free to call me on my mobile phone (216)-310-3367, or ask when you see me next. I hope to see you there!

Sam Martillotta
Adult Ministries



--Award Winning Smiles!

"In happy moments,
praise God. In the
difficult moments, seek
God. In the quiet
moments, trust God. In
every moment, thank
God."



-Twitter from Bryan Clay,
decathlon medal winner in the
last 3 Olympics.

Church office hours:
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Monday - Thursday

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