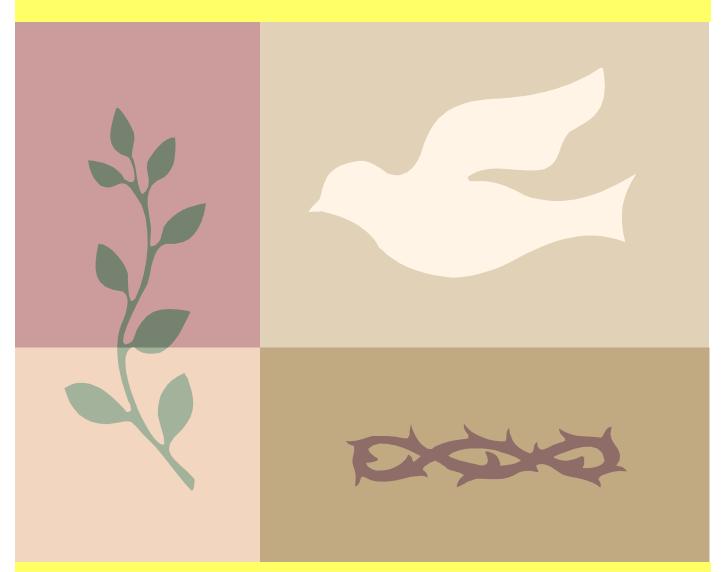


## 9:30 Single Lenten Service



- Sermon
- . Children's Mimi-Drama
- Praise Team and Choir

Beginning February 2 I through Easter Sunday, April 4, CPC will hold single services at 9:30am.

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Contemporary: 11:00 am <u>Contact Information</u> Christ Presbyterian Church 12419 Chillicothe Rd. Chesterland, OH 44026

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Worship Times

Traditional: 9:30 am

### <u>Website</u>

www.christpcusa.org

Putting Life in Perspective

By Dr. Randy Working - February 2010

#### Dear friends.

"But see to it that *vou are not alarmed.* Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains." (Matthew 24:6b-8)

We are shocked as we watch continuing reports of the earthquake devastation in Haiti. It hurts to witness such suffering by so many. Yet even as we grieve human loss on such a vast scale, we trust our God to

direct the course of nations and we hear his call to share in the work of manifesting his kingdom. Our church is responding with a special offering for Haiti, reaching out to those in need with the compassion of Jesus.

Catastrophes have a way of putting things into perspective. They remind us that many of the things that distract us are trivial, and they remind us of the importance of relationships. I realize once again how much I value my wife, my children, my parents, and all of you. Painful losses in life remind us of what is most precious.

It seems to me that Jesus left a kind of testament through his words to his followers recorded in John 14 and 15. First, he tells us his purpose-to prepare us for fellowship in the presence of God:

> "I am going to my Father's house] to prepare a place for vou. And ... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am" (John 14:2-3)

"Catastrophes have a way of putting things in perspective"

Next, he lets us know our legacy, which is peace, and his own dear Spirit:

"The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:26:27).

In all the world's troubles, as with all our times of loss, we can know what Jesus has done for us; we can know what he has left us; and we can know what he has called us to do. That helps make clear what's most important. And when we know what's most important, we don't have to be alarmed.

### With love for you in Christ,

Pastor Randy



Finally, he lets us know what we are to do, to manifest his character in our midst and to the world:

"This is my command: love one another"

(John 15:17).

'In all the world's troubles, as with all our times of loss, we can know what Jesus has done for us."



## **Children's Ministries**



This past Advent season we received many compliments on how much the members of CPC enjoyed watching the children and youth perform short vignettes of the Christmas story.

As a result of those 6 weeks of Advent performances the Children and Youth committees have decided to put on another 6 week *mini-drama* for the Lenten season, which starts on February 21.

The mini-dramas will take place during Children's Moment. The dramas will include youth reading scripture, the "drama team" (children in grades 3-5), and Joyful Noise (children ages 3 through grade 5).

Please pray that through the reenactments of the Easter story the children will gain further knowledge of the events that surround our Savior's death and resurrection and will be drawn closer to Jesus Christ.

> Jen Congdon Children's Ministries Director cpckids@sbcglobal.net



http://www.christpcusa.org/WonderOfChristmas.pdf





## Youth Ministries



### 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. We will meet at CPC by 3:00pm on Friday and return by noon on Sunday. The cost is \$80. Fundraisers are available.

Valentine's Day Party for grades 6th - 12th. You are invited to our party. Come prepared to play games, eat lots of food, and have fun! The event runs from 6pm - 8pm. Don't forget to invite your friends! Andrea Milnar Youth Ministries Director Crogcpc@sbcglobal.net

> February 14 - Treat your sweetie to a sweet this Sunday morning and support the youth attending the spring retreat. They will be selling donuts for a suggested donation of a \$1 per donut. To-go orders available. What better way to tell the one you love Happy Valentine's Day than with a delicious donut!

## Youth for Christ Night at the Q!

Friday, March 5th



Tip-Off 7:00PM

Join Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ Night at

The Quicken Loans Arena and watch the

Cleveland Cavaliers host the Detroit Pistons!

### After the game, stay for a special post-game program including...

- Entertainment
- Possible Player Appearance (last 3 yrs. Have been Daniel Gibson)
- Evangelistic Message

See or call Andrea to pre-order tickets by February 14th.

Velcome You Josh

We are happy to welcome Josh Chenoweth as our new Choir Director, beginning February 15.

Josh has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education with honors from Kent State University and is currently working on his Masters degree. He teaches music at an elementary school in Collinwood and currently serves as adult choir director at Bainbridge United Church of Christ. Josh has received recognition and awards in both music and drama. He lives in Mentor with his wife, Jackie, and 2-year old son, Christian.

Josh's mission in life is to glorify God through music. We look forward to his music leadership and his participation in the CPC family.

# Valentine's Day for our college students

The Deacons will be sending \$10 gift cards to our college students for Valentine's Day. This helps ease the winter blues and lets them know that we are thinking of them. The red box is located in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who would like to contribute gift cards or cash towards the purchase of gift cards. The Valentine's Day cards will be mailed on February 8<sup>th</sup> so that they arrive on time. If you have any questions, please call Beth Bouchek at (440) 338-1926.



### Volunteer Needed!!!

Interested in transporting CPC recycling to the Salvage yard? The Money earned, helps support our Food Pantry. If so...call the church office before February 28th to have the recycling bin remain at CPC.

# Session Highlights



We began the evening with a great dinner and Bible study from the Emerging Church book. Rev. Working challenged us on how we should respond to a Post-Modern, Post-Christian, and Post-Enlightenment period that we live in, and why it is more important than ever to stick to the beliefs and direction set by Jesus.

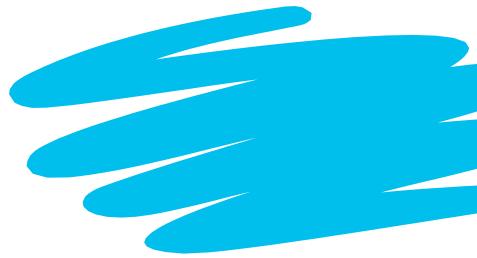
Pastor Working discussed the Alpha Program, a short course on Christian faith using small group study, video, and group discussion. It can also be used as an outreach to others.

In the Clerk's Report, I presented the adjusted Inactive Membership list to remove inactive members who have either not attended for at least a year, or have not contributed to CPC for over a year. This will bring our active membership down to about 247.This annual reporting to Presbytery will reduce our per capita fees.

Jim Hart reported our expenses right now year-todate are running at \$35,000 deficit to income. It is possible the church may end up at break even, or slightly in the red financially at the end of 2009. We discussed activating a calling campaign to try to increase 2010 pledges.

A motion was made and passed to have Karen Perko use the Fellowship Hall for a new exercise class beginning on Wednesday nights starting in mid-January. We wish Karen and all those, the best, who are looking to make their New Year's resolutions to get in better shape.

Jim Hart also presented the gas well royalties for 2009 distribution. The majority of the \$12,870 will be designated to our future church repairs, our General Fund, and paying off the remaining balance for the Clavinova piano.



We also discussed starting up a new Confirmation Class, beginning in January, 2010.This class will be for  $7^{th}-9^{th}$  grade teenagers looking to join the church as fulltime members. Classes will be held twice per month, with graduation in March, 2011.

For the new Elders and Deacons, we will have an Installation and Ordination ceremony at both the traditional and contemporary services on 1/10/10.

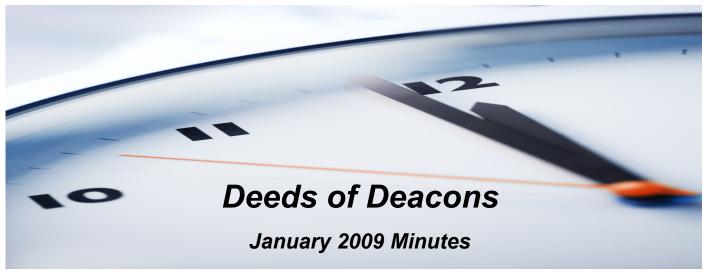
Worship Committee passed a motion to hold communion at a special service on Sunday evening, 1/17/10. We also approved a Privacy Policy to protect personal information on members on the published web site and other public information.

We are moving Session meetings for 2010 to the third Tues. of each month, rather than the third Wed. This will work better for our staff, and weekly planning for Sunday services.

We concluded our meeting with prayer. We want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and a great 2010!

### Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lupas, Clerk of Session



The deacons held their first meeting of the new year on January 11, with 13 people present.

Pastor Randy led us in devotions from teachings in the Nicene Creed. This creed addresses the spiritual realm. Jesus is God, Jesus is the way God created, all things through Jesus, and we should all be willing to be a servant, as Jesus was. The Nicene Creed is a very ancient creed and incorporates three articles. First, the Father – Maker or creator; second, the son – Lord, Savior, and third, the Holy Spirit.

The deacons welcomed their new members Dan Dawson and Mike Maclellan who will be serving as treasurer and coffee hour chairman.

Minutes and treasurers reports were passed out and approved, and committee reports were gone over and discussed. Thank you notes were received and read.

Our Pastor reported on Session activities and on the new CPC Sunday evening monthly service with communion, and also a trial period of a single blended Sunday morning church service which we will try during our Lenten Sundays. Please keep these services in your prayers.

A huge thank you to both Mickey Gedeon for his outstanding service and hours of dedication as coffee hour chair person and to our outgoing treasurer, Bob Graham, for his wonderful service as treasurer, which is a very important job of the deacons.

Valentine cards will be sent soon to our college people, please think about contributing to this fun and special group of young adults. Also please think about attending a Special Olympics game, here in Chesterland. See Mike Tropf for details.

The Deacons would like to thank the makers of the great meatloaf, and other foods, for the City Mission. We are so grateful! It was wonderful to learn that 18 men/boys from our church went to serve lunch last month. Thanks guys!!

It was brought to our attention that we had so many people for our early Christmas eve service that we actually ran out of candles!! I am taking that as good news. Stay warm and healthy in February everyone. God Bless.

### Barb Albrecht

### **Deacons Secretary**

# Christian Growth

### LEADERSHIP:

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

**Session**...Tuesday, February 16 6:00pm

Deadline for Valentine's to College Students...Feb. 8th

Congregational meeting... Sunday, Feb. 7 between services.

**CPC Ash Wednesday** Service...Wed. Feb. 17 @ 6:30pm

New Members Class...Lenten Class. PLUS...March 21

Lent Brunch...March 28

### **Chapel Circle**

What: Study of Romans 6:1 - 8:39 Pages 53-73 When: Wed. Feb. 17 Where: BARB KROSS Time: 11:00am C0-Host : Debra Duy **Devotions: Jan Davis** Bring a Sandwich for lunch! \*\*\*Note the change\*\*\*

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

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

Children's Ministries meeting...Monday, February 1 @ 9:15am. Room #8.

Christian Pioneers...Thursday, February 18. 4:00-5:30pm. Here @ CPC. Grades 2-5.

Lent Mini-Plays..begin at the 9:30am Single Service Sunday, Feb. 21

### BIBLE STUDY:

Men's Fellowship Group... Wednesdays 6:30am @ Arabica in Chesterland Saturdays 9:00am @ CPC

Lenten Class...Feb. 21. 28, March 7, & 14

### **CHIMES & PRAYERS**

Next Chimes articles due February 20th to Karen Perko cpceditor@sbcglobal.net

For Prayer requests, call Dee Eichele @ 440.729.9973 or HappyD304@msn.com

### 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

**Confirmation...**February, 7 & 28 10:45am-12:15pm

Youth Group Valentines Day Party...Sunday, in the Youth Room 6pm-8pm.

Valentine's Day Doughnut Sale...In Fellowship Hall between Services

Youth for Christ Cleveland Cavaliers Game ... Friday , March 5th

Spring Retreat...March 19-21

### <u>CHOIR</u>

Practice....Thursdays @ 7:00pm-8:30pm Everyone Welcome!

### Lenten Class: Know What You Believe

Join us for a time to go deeper in your faith and understand our tradition as Presbyterians. The class will be taught by Pastor Randy, drawing on the Bible, history, and our Christian heritage to help make your walk with Jesus this Lenten season more vital.

<u>Dates</u>: Sundays, February 21, 28, March 7 and 14 <u>Place</u>: CPC church Sanctuary <u>Time</u>: 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. <u>Teacher</u>: Dr. Randy Working <u>Sign up</u>: in the Fellowship Hall (to help us prepare class materials & to reserve child care)



### **New Members Class**

Have you been considering joining our church? Then, join us for the four Lenten Class sessions; then, on March 21 you will be able to become a member, and be welcomed into the church during the service on Palm Sunday, March 28. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office at 729-1688.



"Ministry in a Mean World": All-Church Brunch with Missionaries to Muslims

We have a special opportunity to learn what God is doing in a world often hostile to the gospel, and to hear about how we as a church are sharing in that ministry. Come to worship with us at 9:30 on Palm Sunday, March 28, then stay after for a delicious brunch and stimulating dialogue with our missionaries. For adults and children third grade and older. -Child care provided.

#### How to contact us

Church office hours are 9:00am-4:30pm Mondays through Thursdays. Office: 440.729.1688 www.christpcusa.org cpcchimes@sbcglobal.net Fax: 440.729.3733

### THE PASTOR AND STAFF OF CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- Dr. Randy Working, Pastor
- Bob Russell Jr., Director, Contemporary Worship
- Jennifer Congdon, Director, Children's Ministries
- Andrea Milnar, Director, Youth Ministries
- Jason Monsman, Evangelism Director
- Jessica Paradise, Office Manager
- Sue Congdon, Organist, Web Administrator, Interim Choir Director
- 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.

