

CPC

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# Chimes

A monthly publication for the members and friends of Christ Presbyterian Church



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# Holy Week



*Jesus, we ponder  
now on your  
holy passion*

Palm Sunday: 9:30am

Missionary Presentation: 10:30am

\* Light luncheon to follow

Maundy Thursday: 7:00pm

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### **\*LENTEN UNIFIED SERVICE :**

**9:30am through Easter Sunday**

### **Regular Worship Times**

*Traditional: 9:30 am*

*Contemporary: 11:00 am*

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# What's Working

*By Dr. Randy Working*



Dear friends,

When new members join our church, they respond to three questions:

*Who is your Lord and Savior? Answer: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.*

*Do you promise to be his disciple, study his Word, and to show his love? I do.*

*Will you share in the life and mission of this church, and seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be? I will.*

Beyond this, people have to make no specific pledge of involvement in a small group, tithing, or participation in mission. But I'd like to suggest that a covenant of membership might include something like the following:

*I acknowledge that I am a sinner in need of God's saving mercy;*

*I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who lived, died, and rose again for me;*

*I trust in him alone for my salvation.*

In response to God's love and with a desire to be a faithful steward of the spiritual gifts, material possessions, physical energy, and time he has given, I agree:

*to walk in Christian love;*

*to exercise care for the other members of the church;*

*to attend worship services faithfully;*

*to uphold the needs of the church and of its ministries and mission in prayer;*

*to study and apply the Scriptures to the whole of life;*

*to seek a place of active service in the church;*

*to contribute regularly, as the Lord provides and directs; to the financial support  
of the ministry entrusted to the church;*





*to endeavor by word, action, and prayer to bear witness to Jesus Christ;  
to respect the leaders whom God raises up to shepherd this congregation;  
and to maintain the peace, unity, and purity of the church.*

No list is perfect, but these cover what we understand to be the whole range of living in the body of Christ. They address the issue of stewardship, or our responsible use of all God has entrusted to us.

As we make decisions about our stewardship commitments this year, I encourage you to move toward a tithe of ten per cent of your income to the church, if you're not already doing that. If you are, then pray about what new step of faith the Lord might be asking you to make this next year. Why do we do that?

*Because we don't want our resources to control us;  
because we want the satisfaction of seeing the Lord work through us;  
because we want to see our congregation become all God wants it to be;  
because it helps us "put off" the old self and "put on" the characteristics of Christ  
(Col. 3:9, 12);  
because we learn to trust God and move beyond fear as we give;  
and, most of all, it's a way of saying thanks to God for all he's done for us.*

***With love for you in Christ,  
Pastor Randy***

Join Pastor Randy for the remainder  
of our Lenten Study:

**Know What You Believe**

Sundays, March 7th & 14

In the CPC Sanctuary

10:45am-11:30am

# Who are our Sunday School Teachers?

## Pre-School Teacher

**Chuck S.**

**Currently teaching about:** Jesus and Jacob

**How long have you taught?** 1 Year

**What is your favorite part?** What I learn from the kids

**How many kids in your family?** I have 3 kids: Brian, Donna & Bill and 8 Grandchildren.

**What is your favorite pastime?** I like listening to music and working around the house.

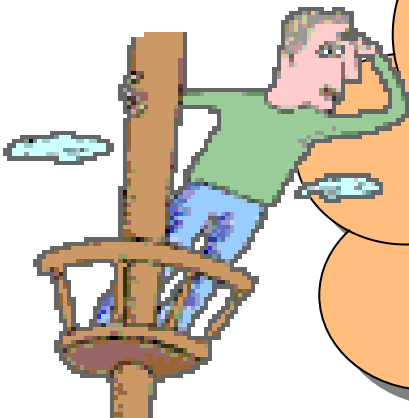
**Do you have any pets?** I have a dog named Cherio and a cat named Lilly.

**What was a fun trip you took recently?** We saw the Biltmore in North Carolina & we saw Brian & his family in Boston.

**What is an interesting fact about yourself?** I have been married (to the same woman) for 52 Years!

*(Congratulations Sue!)*

**Christ's Servant**



Come join us at VBS 2010  
as we sail the High Seas  
Exploring the Mighty  
Love of God!

June 14 – 17, 2010

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



## Pre-School Teacher

**Eileen M.**

**What have the children been learning about in Sunday School?** They've been learning about Jesus and how very much He loves us.

**How long have you been teaching?** 8 years

**What is the best part of teaching Sunday School?** It's getting to know the children.

**How many children do you have?** We have 3 children: Frank, Chris and Pam and we have 9 grandchildren.

**What is your favorite pastime?** I like sewing and painting.

**Have you taken any recent trips?** We went to Disney World with our family

**What is an interesting fact about yourself?** Frank & I love visiting the National Parks!

## Next Steps Class

Next Steps is designed for those children who have made a profession of faith, to learn what comes next in their own spiritual journey. Your child has to be in the 2nd grade, and can be as old as 5th grade to participate in class. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Call Jen with questions.

***March 7-28 During Sunday School!***





# The Lenten Photo Album







# Christian Pioneers

We have been hard at work continuing their training in the Lord's Army.  
We've learned 3 more commandments since I have last written.

\*December Congratulations to Private Carson, Private Emma, Private Lauren and Private Carol Ann for learning the third commandment *"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God"*. Exodus 20:7. They had a puzzle relay to help remember this newest commandment.

\*No January Meeting

\*February Congratulations to Private Lauren, Private Emma and Private Carol Ann for having to know two commandments this time the fourth commandment *"Remember to keep the Sabbath day Holy."* Exodus 20:8 and also the fifth commandment *"Honor your father and your mother, so you will live long"* Exodus 20:12. This is the first commandment that promises something! These Privates worked very hard at this meeting and we even had time for sledding! What fun!

At the next meeting some of the Privates may earn another stripe! Remember to bring your Bibles and a friend for extra points!

If there is snow on March 18...we will sled again! Bring your snow gear! I'd rather see flowers though!!

***In His service,  
Debbie Brooks***

# Want You!

# Spring Retreat '10 March 19 - 21

## ALL 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders!

Again, this year the Christ Presbyterian Church's youth groups and Highland Sixth Presbyterian Church's youth groups are combining for a fun and exciting weekend retreat! Anyone in grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> are invited. We will be meeting at the church at 3:00pm, and heading to Highland Sixth. From there we are going to Heartland Conference Center, 3201 County Road 225, Maringo, Ohio. The cost of the retreat for students is \$80, but if you sign-up and get your deposit of \$20 in by March 7 you will save \$10! If money is an issue contact me and we will work it out.

**Friends are welcome and encouraged to come too.**

This year's theme is Worship. We will be spending time studying God's Words and worshipping together. We also spend time having fun. The camp has beautiful surroundings where we usually have some free time to play basketball or go for a hike. In addition to that, we have group events with their staff including fun time in the gym! This was a huge hit last year when we played a version of soccer with pool noodles and a giant ball. Most importantly this is a time for our students to get to know each other better, and build those relationships with each other. This is the perfect time to introduce a new student to our group because memories will be created that will last a lifetime.

If you think this is something that would benefit your child please contact me. At this time, there are roughly 20 teens and 7 adults attending from both churches. Eric and I will both be attending this year, so it will be a time for your student to get to know us.

If you are interested or have more questions please contact me, Andrea Milnar at home, 440-729-0809, cell 440-487-7950, or e-mail [crogcpc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crogcpc@sbcglobal.net).

# FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH

*CPC YOUTH MINISTRIES*

*AND*

*YOUTH FOR CHRIST*

*AT THE Q!*

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

## TIP-OFF 7:00PM

Andrea Milnar  
Youth Ministries Director  
Crogcpc@sbcglobal.net





# ***Spiritual Growth***



## **ATTENTION CPC LADIES AND FRIENDS!!**

**We are considering another Tuesday morning or Thursday evening early Spring bible study. Are you interested??**

**If so, please let me know as soon as possible so we can decide on what study and when to begin. We have had great studies, fun and fellowship in the past so please think about joining this ladies only study. We will not go ahead with this unless we hear from you. Contact Barb Albrecht at 729-1277. There will also be a sign up sheet on our table. Sure hope you can attend!**

***In Christian love and fellowship, Barb Albrecht***



# Why 3 leaves?



Just like the leaves  
on each shamrock I see,  
there are three parts  
to the Holy Trinity.  
First is God the Father,  
then Jesus, His only Son,  
and the Holy Spirit  
together as One.





## ***Serving the City Mission***

This is an outreach program that is part of the Men's Ministry, and it began in 2008. One of the goals for the group was becoming more involved in reaching out beyond the walls of our church. We wanted to do that by getting more involved in the local community, and also trying to reach out to the inner city of Cleveland. Once we contacted several ministry programs, we chose to volunteer at the Cleveland City Mission. We would be serving meals to the homeless men who are in the Crossroads Ministry program. It has proven to be a very rewarding way to serve food for, sometimes, up to 60 homeless men.

At an orientation in 2008, we learned how to get involved. It was obvious how God was working through the facility and volunteers. It has changed people's lives as they came to know Jesus through these programs. So we signed on! In 2008, we agreed to serve meals one Wednesday every other month.

The first month, we rallied about 8 men to volunteer. It was a success! At that point, we decided to, not only serve dinner, but also eat dinner with them. It was quite a blessing to sit with these men and learn their life stories. It was humbling to learn how they believe there is an incredible feeling of doing the Lord's work. I have laughed, prayed, and even hugged some of the men I've sat with. We go there thinking we are going to bless these men, but we know that we are the one's who are blessed. That happens when we, as Christians, get out of our comfort zones and live as the servants that Christ calls us to be.

We have grown from 8 men to 15 or 20 men. Many of them have brought their sons to share in this wonderful experience. The men at the Mission enjoy seeing these young people as well. We have all been blessed through serving, and more men want to experience working at the City Mission. It may be time to expand!

### **Facts...**

- Serve: 1st Wednesday every other month.
- Meet at CPC 5:30pm to carpool.
- Meatloaves and cakes are baked by CPC members for that "homemade" dinner.
- Deacons buy "extras" (veggies, bread & drink).
- 8:00pm dinner is preceded by a devotion or a quick Bible study.

### **Contact:**

Jim Kule JAKS2@att.net 729-2992

**NEXT TRIP IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD!**

***(excerpts from a letter from Jim Kule)***



"As some of you know, Shannon and I will engage in an intensive study experience from April 24 – May 3, 2010. We will travel to Seattle to get a first hand look at the programs and systems of First Presbyterian Church of Bellvue, one of our denomination's top ten congregations in attendance, sunday school, and mission giving.

Shannon and I will observe the day-to-day workings of First Presbyterian Church, including committee meetings, staff routines, and various styles of Sunday services. We will interact with staff and elders not only in the area of outreach, but also in worship and youth/children's ministries. We will also spend one-on-one time with various leaders within their community, discussing their holistic approach to evangelism. This exposure will far exceed the value offered of a conference, since we will benefit from *active* mentoring and observation. In addition, there will be no registration fees or hotel expenses. When we return, we will make a report to Staff and Session of the practical lessons in Outreach and Christian Education.

Thank you for your prayers as we make use of this amazing opportunity!"

***Jason Monsman***  
***Outreach Director***  
***Christ Presbyterian Church***



# ***Session Highlights***

At our February 2010 Session meeting we began the evening with a great dinner and Bible study on why we need the Holy Spirit in our lives more than ever from the Fresh Wind Fresh Fire book.

We will be welcoming new members into our church family with a special Session meeting set for March 21.

We talked about the recent Annual Congregational Meeting that was held on February 7, 2010. We recognize the tight economic times we are in and the concerns about our budget. We as a Session re-committed ourselves to being good stewards of the giving from our members and will provide even more regular communication and oversight to how the funds are being used as we go through the new year.

On membership, we will be reaching to our inactive members to try to re-connect with them and their families, to see how CPC can once again be an im-

portant part of their spiritual lives.

Shelly Brown announced through Evangelism that we will be having a Jewish Seder dinner during the Lenten season. This Passover tradition will help us connect with the annual celebration that Jesus and his followers observed leading up to his crucifixion and resurrection.

In addition, we are planning women's personal protection class, to help women be aware of how to protect themselves.

We are also hosting John McWilliams from Campus Crusade for Christ the weekend of 4/29 – 5/2/10.

A Moment for Missions will take place on Palm Sunday with a special message and

fellowship reception to follow our unified worship service.

Pastor Randy then closed our meeting with prayer at 9:35 PM.

***Respectfully  
submitted,***

***Alan Lupas, Clerk of  
Session***



## ***Deeds of Deacons***

### ***February 2010 Minutes***

The Deacons met on February 1 with nine members present. Pastor Randy led us in devotions from John. When Jesus is lifted up, God is glorified. Jesus' words and work always go together.

He spoke about parables and that Jesus loved Mary, Martha and Lazarus deeply, and that it was an expression of love to let Lazarus die and then bring him back to life. Pastor read from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, chapter 1, about comfort. We know what suffering is and we, as deacons, can learn to comfort to others.

Secretary and treasurer reports were passed out, gone over, and approved. We received correspondence and thank you's from the Salvation Army, WomenSafe, and Campus Crusade.

Information from Session included our blended Lenten services through Easter, Pastor's classes, and choir information. Our committee reports were discussed and everything seems to be going well. Gift Valentine cards were sent to our college students and a big thank you to those of you who donated to this great cause for our young people. Through the work of our outreach committee cash or gift cards were sent to several CPC members/friends and a donation was sent to Presbyterian Disaster relief fund for help in Haiti. We are also still trying to help our outreach family who continues to have problems.

The men's breakfast and 9/11 speaker, George Sleigh, brought 94 men to our church on that Saturday and was a huge success, and a fascinating program along with great food! A group of men from church went to visit Hal Clyde on Valentines Day and had a very good time. Hal is in great spirits.

Janet McIntee is in Holly Hill now. Please keep both Janet and Hal in your prayers. Here's hoping we all have gotten through the worst of this year's Geauga County winter weather! Think Spring!!

***In Christian love,  
Barb Albrecht, Secretary***



### “Ministry in a Mean World”:

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 a CPC Missionary.

**Consider Singing in our CHOIR,  
The joy awaits!**





# Christian Growth

## LEADERSHIP:

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

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

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

**Palm Sunday Service...** 9:30am

**Palm Sunday *light***

**Brunch...** March 28, @ 10:30 (following Missionary Speaker)

**Maundy-Thursday**

**Service...** 7:00pm April 1st

**Good Friday Service...** 7:00pm April 2nd

**Easter Sunday Service...** 9:30am

**City Mission Dinner...** March 3 @ 5:30pm

## Chapel Circle

What: **Study of Romans Lesson 5, pp. 74-85**

When: Wed, March 17th

Where: Jan Davis

Time: 11:00am

Devotions: Betty Addison

\*Bring a sandwich

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

**Sunday School...**

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

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

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

**Lent Mini-Plays...** will continue at the 9:30am Single Service Sunday through Easter

**Next Steps Class...** Sundays, March 7-28 During 9:30am Sunday School

## CHIMES & PRAYERS

**Next Chimes articles due**  
March 20th to Karen Perko  
[cpceditor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpceditor@sbcglobal.net)

**For Prayer requests, call** Dee Eichele @ 440.729.9973 or  
[HappyD304@msn.com](mailto:HappyD304@msn.com)

## CHOIR

**Practice...**

Thursdays @ 6:00-7:30pm

Sunday mornings @ 8:30am

## 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...** March 7 and 28 10:45am.

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

**Spring Retreat...** March 19-21

## BIBLE STUDY:

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

**Lenten Class...** March 7, & 14

# **LIVING A LEGACY**

*One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. –Psalm 145:4*

***The love you've shown,  
The path you've walked,  
The little kindness,  
The daily courage,  
These reflect your savior's love  
And are the legacy you're living  
as well as leaving!***



### **How to contact us**

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## **THE PASTOR AND STAFF OF CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

- *Dr. Randy Working, Pastor*
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- *Jennifer Congdon, Director, Children's Ministries*
- *Andrea Milnar, Director, Youth Ministries*
- *Jason Monsman, Evangelism Director*
- *Jessica Paradise, Office Manager*
- *Joshua Chenoweth, Choir Director*
- *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.





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