

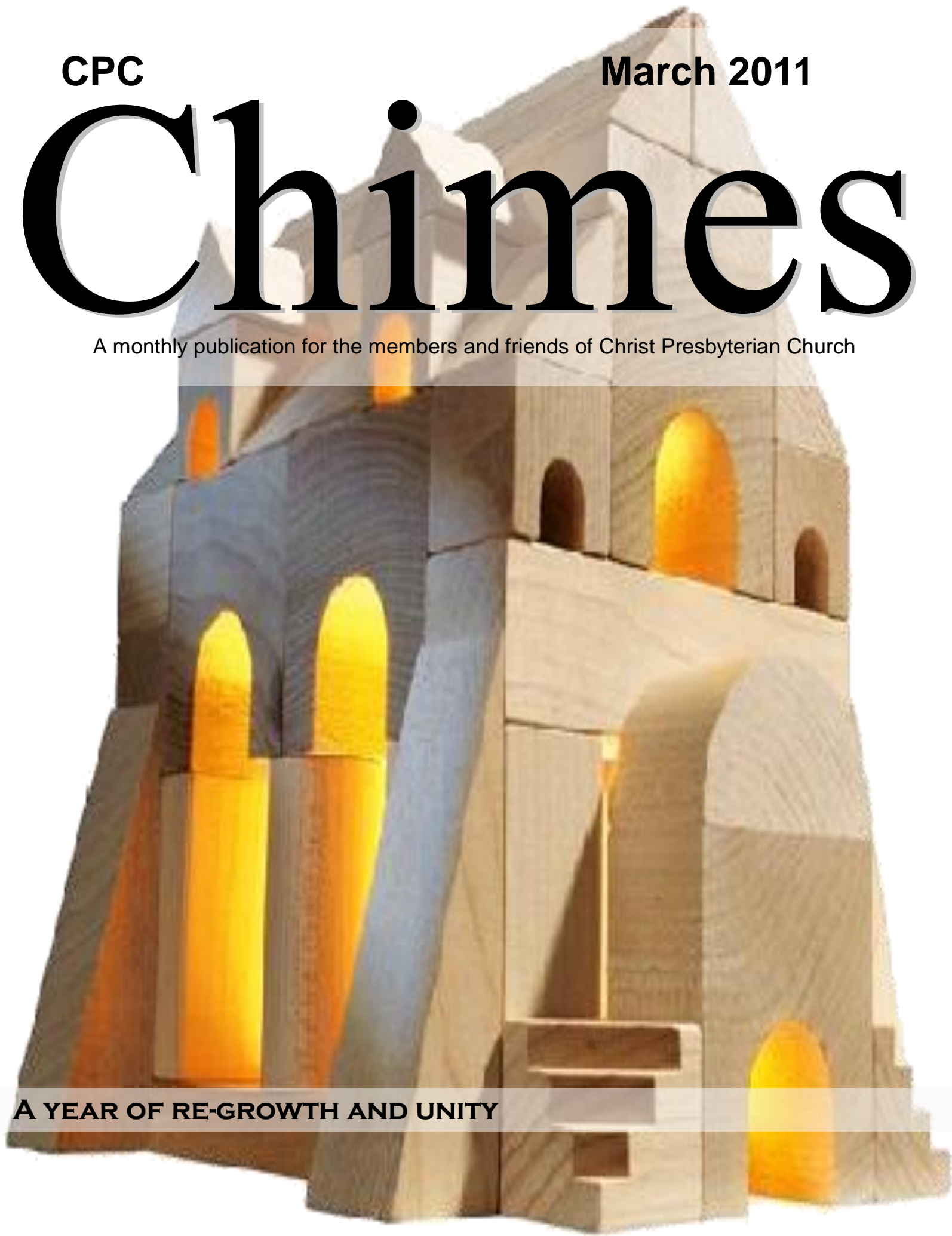
CPC

March 2011

Chimes

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

A YEAR OF RE-GROWTH AND UNITY



who is my neighbor?

A world in crisis...besieged by poverty, pandemic disease, social injustice, racism, gender inequality, and political oppression.

In six dynamic sessions, hosted by John Ortberg and featuring teaching and interview excerpts from a who's who of Christian leadership, **start>** *Becoming A Good Samaritan* explores the critical needs facing our world today and helps Christians understand how they can move faith into action, right now, right where they live.

Session 1:
Becoming a Good Samaritan
Who is My Neighbor?

Session 2:
Caring for the Sick
How To Fight Global Epidemics
and Prevent Diseases

Session 3:
Seeking Justice & Reconciliation
How Fairness Changes People,
Communities, and Nations

Session 4:
Honoring the Poor
How To Best Serve Those In Need

Session 5:
Tending to God's Creation
Why Environmental Stewardship
Is Biblical and Beneficial

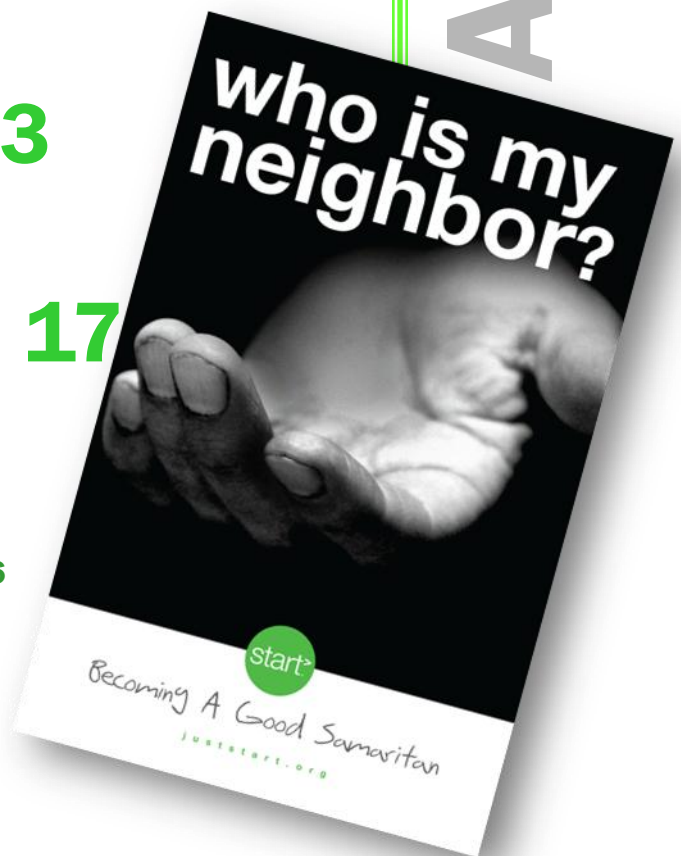
Session 6:
Loving the Forsaken
How To Care For the Disabled,
Orphaned, and Incarcerated

A LENTEN STUDY

**Beginning
Sunday, March 13
through
Palm Sunday, April 17
10:45am**

***K through 5 Program detailed on Page 6**

***Child Care for infants-5 years**



**We will worship together
in one single service
Sundays in Lent** *(March 13-April 17).*
9:30am

Church office hours for March
9:00 am-2:00 pm
Mondays -Thursdays.

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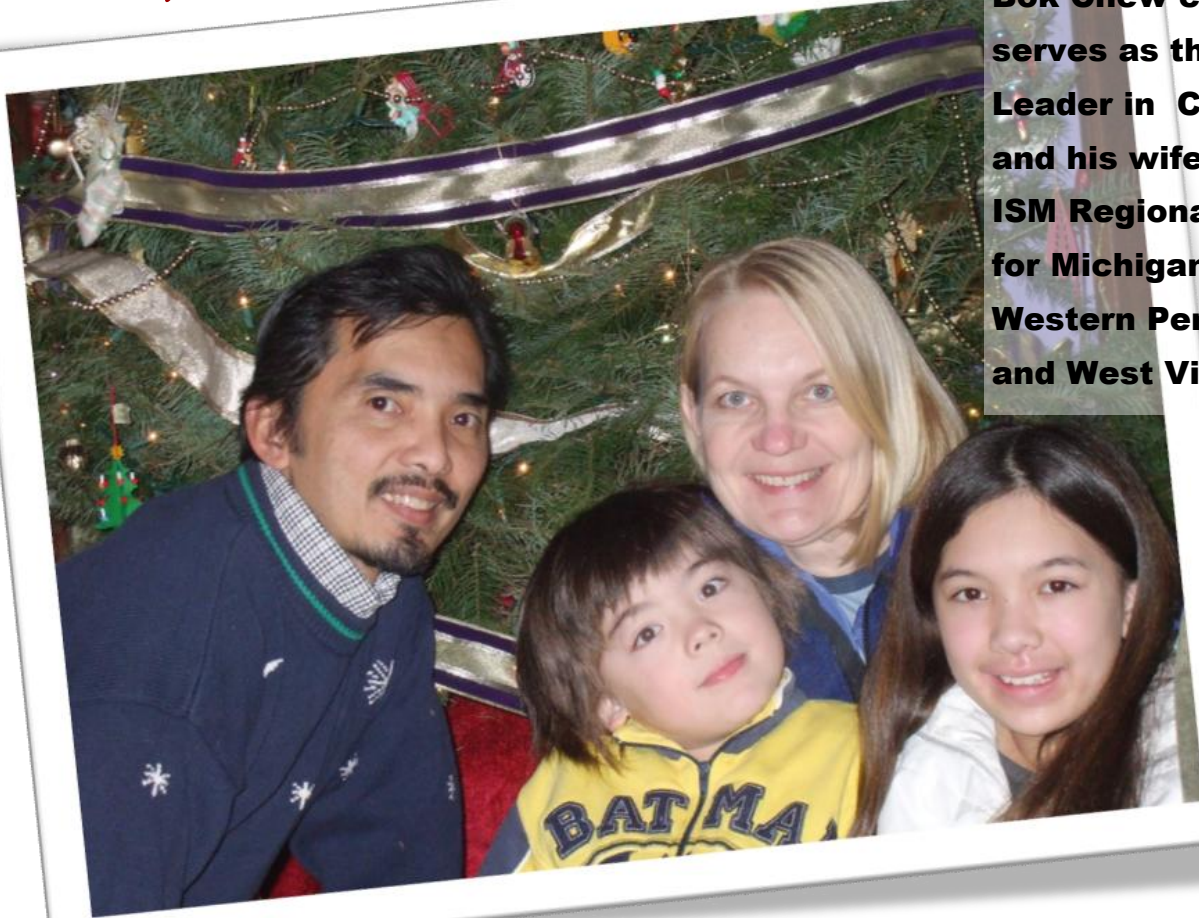
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Have you ever wondered
What Missionaries
CPC support locally?

Well, meet The Chew Crew...



Bok Chew currently serves as the ISM Team Leader in Cleveland, OH and his wife, Heidi is the ISM Regional Coordinator for Michigan, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Bok (an ethnic Chinese from Malaysia) and Heidi (a native German) Chew have been involved in International Student Ministry (ISM) since the mid-eighties: first as international students at the University of Mississippi, later as volunteers while living in Oxford, MS. In 2000 they became full-time ISM staff with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in Cleveland, OH, where serving Internationals has become a lifestyle that is shared by their kids .

Challenges

Learning how to parent a "tween"

Disengaging from direct ministry with international students (what are we going to do!)

Utilizing our time well during our Sabbatical to grow deeper in our relationship to our Lord and to each other in the midst of changing job responsibilities; seeking God's face (we are engaging in spiritual formation, disciplines, silent retreats, meetings with mentors).

Heidi's aging parents in Germany (father who is terminally ill -cancer). 83 and 81 years old respectively.

Bok's balance of time as he leads the Small Group Council in our home church as part of a project in his sabbatical plan.

Prayer requests

Growing in our understanding of our call and mission in this season of our ministry life, and how to prepare ourselves for the next stage.

Not to worry excessively as to funding concerns during the sabbatical and also to release our concerns about student ministry – who are in very capable hands of key student leaders and volunteers.

Engaging with our parents in this stage of their lives. Heidi will go to Germany to spend some time with her father in early March (His birthday is on March 17th). Bok was able to fly to California with the kids (just this past week – Feb 3-8) to spend Chinese New Year with his sister's family and his mother from Malaysia (78) who is currently visiting with his sister and her family.

Silent retreats and directed retreats would be a time of deep refreshment and/or new revelation.

Reconnecting with many donors and prayer supporters – we hope to be able to visit and to have actual face time if at all possible.

Planning (and hoping) for a family trip to Disneyworld/Universal Studios in Florida in April !



Hey Kids!
Your weekly offerings
help support this family's mission.

A Lenten Study: Adventures In Odyssey K through grade 5

In collaboration with Adult Ministries, Children's Ministries will be running a Lent Study which mirrors what the adults will be studying. (See page 2).

Adventures in Odyssey are audio stories brought to life by actors who make you feel like part of the experience and teach lasting truths.

Children's Lent study will consist of:

- listening to a 30 minute dramatization, followed by a 15 minute discussion
- A group mission project .



Below are the topics which will be discussed:

The Pretty Good Samaritan

Charles wants to be a Good Samaritan, but that was before he met Glenn. Can one boy undo Charles' good intentions?

Best Intentions

Connie and Eugene try to ensure that Whit gets his rest while recovering from being in the hospital.

That's Not Fair!

Connie, Oscar, and Robyn complain to Whit about how they are being treated unfairly. Whit pulls some strings to show them what it's like to be treated with absolute fairness

A Mission for Jimmy

Jimmy Barclay is annoyed when he's put in charge of raising money for church missions. His attitude changes after he has a dream that gives him a glimpse of what it's like to be a missionary in a foreign country.

One Bad Apple

Tom Riley's apples are causing people to get sick. While trying to find out why, he discovers a chemical company is polluting his land.

Pen Pal

Melanie Jacobs gets a big surprise when her pen pal suddenly arrives in Odyssey for a visit - and she's blind!

Stories for Lent

Beginning on March 13 through Easter Sunday, April 24 there will be a special storytime during Children's Moment. Volunteers will be reading a story called, "Benjamin's Box". The storytime will be further enhanced with special music from Joyful Noise choir and teens as well as Scripture readings from the Good News Readers.



First Communion-Next Steps Class

The Children's Ministry committee wants to ensure that the children of CPC understand the significance of taking the Lord's Supper. As a result, the CM committee has decided to offer The Next Steps class to children in grades 2 and higher.

Next Steps is designed for those children who have made a profession of faith, to teach what comes next in their *own* spiritual journey. The class will be broken into three parts:

Salvation: Becoming friends with God,

Communion: Choosing to Remember

Discipleship: The Making of a Disciple

The class will run during the 9:30 service on Sundays March 27, April 3, 10, 17 and a special party on April 24. On March 6 there will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex to enroll your child into the class. Your child has to be at least in the 2nd grade but can be as old as 5th grade to participate in the class. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the class please sign up in Fellowship Hall.



Children

Jen Congdon - Children's Ministries Director

DAVE RAMSEY'S GENERATION CHANGE

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Dave Ramsey's Generation Change -

A Study for Teens in What God Says About Money

Dates: Each Sunday through March 20 (Begins Feb.27)

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Who: Students age 14 and older

Generation Change is an entertaining and informative Bible study for youth that shows today's students how money really works, how God views money, and how they can grow into financially responsible young adults who are ready to embrace all of God's blessings. This course will help your teen understand:

Their value through God's eyes

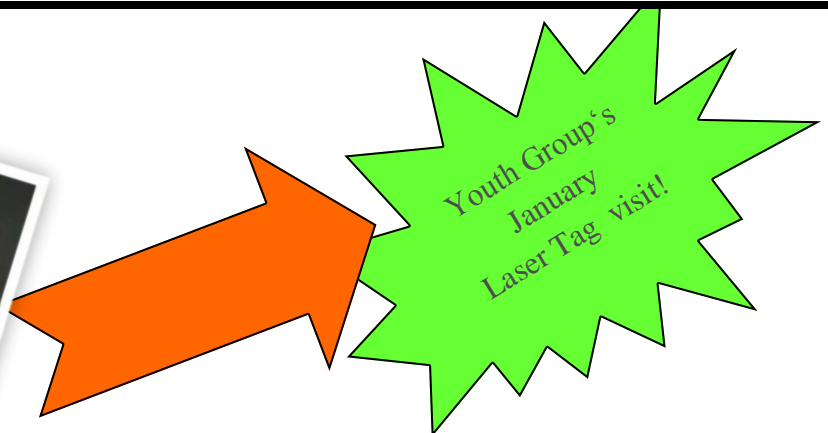
That no amount of "stuff" can change their self-worth

The dangers of debt, from credit cards to car payments

Why and how to save money and pay cash for what they want

How a lifestyle of generous giving can change the world around them forever

This is open to teens from our community as well as other churches. If you would like to register for the course or for more information contact Andrea Milnar at either crogcpc@sbcglobal.net or 440-729-0809.



Laser Tag returns in April



South

Winter Retreat – February 11-13

In February our youth combined with Highland Sixth's youth and had a great time at our Winter Retreat. We were at a new location this year, Pleasant Hill Outdoor Center, near Mansfield, Ohio. We had a great time studying the book of Daniel and looking into characteristics that define who a Christian is. The weekend also included worship, fellowship, games, and spiritual growth. The big fun event was snow tubing! This camp was chosen due to its closeness to the Snow Trails ski resort where we enjoyed hours of snow tubing! Overall, it was an amazing weekend and we thank you for all your prayers and support!



Andrea Milnar
-Youth Ministries Director

Dinner and a Talent Show Fundraiser

May 1st at 5:30pm

Come for an evening of fun and great food for the whole family. The evening begins with a delicious dinner followed by a talent show featuring our teens, and their friends. **Tickets will go on sale April 3!**

Save the Date!

March

REPEATED WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Group: Sundays 6:30pm

Dave Ramsey Generation Change:

Sundays 7:00pm-8:30pm

Men's Discussion Group: *Mondays 7:30pm*

Modern Worship Rehearsal:

Tuesdays 7:00pm & Saturdays 4:00pm

Women's Prayer Group: Tuesdays 9:00am

Men's Fellowship Group:

*Wednesdays 6:30am @ Arabica in Chesterland
and Saturdays 8:00am @ Hal Clyde's home*

Choir Practice: Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm.

Sun. 6. Communion Sunday

Confirmation 10:45am

Mon. 7. Deacons 7:00pm

Children's Ministries 9:15am

Wed. 9. Ash Wednesday

Sun. 13. Single 9:30am Service

Lenten Study 10:45am

Mon. 14. Staff 10:00am

Tues. 15. Session 6:30pm

Wed. 16. Chapel Circle 11:00am

Fri. 18. Burger King Playgroup 11:00am

Sun. 20. Evening Communion Service 7:00pm

Sun. 27. First Step Class 9:30am Confirmation
10:46am

Mon. 28. Staff 10:00am

GdG. nite

games & activities galore!

Friday, April 1st

**6:30 Dinner followed by games for
adults, children and youth**

Come and join us for a night of games for
young and old alike! Main dish (pasta)
compliments of Danny Boy's in
Chesterland....You supply the salads and
desserts....And your Fellowship Committee
will supply the games and fun!

*Please be sure to sign up in the Fellowship Hall
for an accurate count -Thank you*

Chapel Circle

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

11:00am At CPC

Lesson 6

1 Peter 4:12-19 Pages 45-50

Led by Gail Sabo

Devotion lead by Joy Wehagen

**We'll carpool to lunch for those
who wish to go!*

**We will worship together
in one single service**

Sundays in Lent (March 13-April 17).

9:30am

Do you want your committee dates highlighted in this section?

Do you have a date change or addition?

If so...feel free to contact Karen Perko at cpceditor@sbcglobal.net
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VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

INSIDE OUT

&

UPSIDE DOWN

ON
MAIN STREET

Where Jesus makes a difference every day!

SESSION 1

Parable of
the whiny
workers

Matthew 20:1-16

GRATITUDE AVE

SESSION 2

Parable of
the roadside
rescue

Luke 10:25-37

COMPASSION DR

SESSION 3

Parable
of the
shocking servant

Matthew 18:21-35

FORGIVENESS LN

SESSION 4

Parable of
the warmest
welcome

Luke 15:11-32

GRACE PKWY

SESSION 5

Parable of the
master's
money

Luke 19:12-26

FAITHFULNESS RD

BIBLE
MEMORY
PSALM
25:4,5

June 13th-June 16th

*Date subject to change

Session



I know it's been some time since we have put together a Session update for Chimes.

As many of you know, our church has gone through some significant and painful changes in the past several months. We have had to make some difficult cuts in our budget, including staff cuts, have decided to end the pastoral relationship with Rev. Randal C. Working, and are now in a new phase to search for a new installed pastor using the Designated Pastor process. It has only been through God's grace and all of your prayers that we have been able to persevere through all of these changes. We wanted to thank all of you for your support, as we have had to tackle some very

challenging issues.

Today we look forward to 2011 with a lot of hope and excitement for what God has in store for our church in this new year. We will be moving to a single worship service for the period of Lent until Easter. This worship service will be at 9:30 AM. Afterwards, we will have a video series and small group bible study for the whole church based on being a Good Samaritan in our daily lives.

Our Nominating Committee is busy working on a slate for our DPNC (Designated Pastor Nominating Committee). This team will work closely to review and evaluate candidates in conjunction with the Committee on Ministry (COM) from Presbytery. Rev. Jeff Peterson-Davis will be our primary

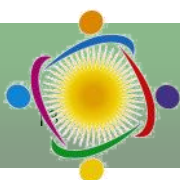
contact throughout this process.

It is with great sadness that we learned this week of the passing of our fellow choir member and long-time CPC member, Vic Wehagen. Vic was always a very happy member of our choir and loved to sing to God's glory. He will be greatly missed. Memorial services will be this Saturday, February 26th at 1:00 PM in our church sanctuary.

2011 will be a year of re-growth and unity as we continue to grow in Christ and renew our purpose to glorify His kingdom and to help lead others into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lupas, Clerk of Session



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Each year, AFS Intercultural Programs welcomes more than 2,500 international high school students to the U.S. These are outstanding young people who were selected in their home countries to study in U.S. high schools and are eager to experience what it's like to live in America. Sharing daily life with a teenager from another country and culture is a rich and rewarding experience and is a wonderful way for you and your family to bring more understanding into the world.

Local APS Volunteers will support you and your hosted student throughout your experience to help you both receive the most from your time together. You provide a bed and meals for your student, but most importantly, you should be eager and excited to share your life and activities while providing the same kind of care, support, and comfort as you would to your own child or family members. AFS welcomes all kinds of families.

Host an AFS Exchange Student and build bridges of intercultural understanding. It's a gift you'll give and receive. Most families have no idea how much they'll gain until they say yes!

Fill out a hosting interest form at <http://www.afsusa.org/hostfamily> to start the process, or call 1-800-876-2377 or email hosting@afs.org for more information.



AFS

**Talk to the Lyon Family about their
rewarding, personal experiences!**



Do you want your committee highlighted in CHIMES?

Do you have a Praise you'd like to share?

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Give Everyone the perfect opportunity to get to know you or your committee on any page, in any size!



Sign-up TODAY
to be a greeter!

"Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Luke 1:28

"And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." Matt. 18:5



TELL YOUR STORY:



Submit your story of inspiration, dedication and devotion. Or submit the story of someone else.

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Prayer Needs



Continue to pray for:

Winnie Martinson

Greta Ackerman

Larry Van Stanten

Irene & Hal Clyde

Glenn & Ethel Rex

Connie Wilkerson

Barb Albrecht

Randy Working and Family

Nancy Cintron

Beth Boucek

The Wehagen Family

*That they continue to know
God's comfort and peace.*

Any Emergency Pastoral Care Needs should be
directed to:

Pioneer Memorial Presbyterian Church
Pastor, Jeff Peterson-Davis
#440-248-5260

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

If you would like to honor or remember someone special with the flowers from the altar, you can do so for \$20. One of our arrangers will make a meaningful arrangement that you can either take home with you after the 11:00 service or have them taken to someone in the hospital or nursing home. Call Lila Latta at 440.953.1946 for details and to reserve a date.



Missing a garage door opener?
Check the Church office.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS



In an effort to continue being more cost effective at Christ Presbyterian Church, we will no longer be sending the Chimes Newsletter through the US mail, (Shut-ins are the exception). Each month, all personal hard copies will be available for pick-up. At the month's end, any unclaimed copies will be available for a limited time in the church office. "Extras" can also be found in the brochure rack in the Narthex.

As always, monthly issues of Chimes are published on the CPC web-site. Check www.christpcusa.org for them, and the many other events and goings-on at Christ Presbyterian Church.





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CPC Financial Update 2011 Operating Budget

<u>Month</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>(Income – Expenses)</u>
Jan	\$26,372.00	\$24,254.32	\$2,117.68
<i>Reserve as of Jan 1</i>		<u>\$5,953.59</u>	
<i>Operating Fund Balance</i>		\$8,071.27	

What is Christ Presbyterian Church?

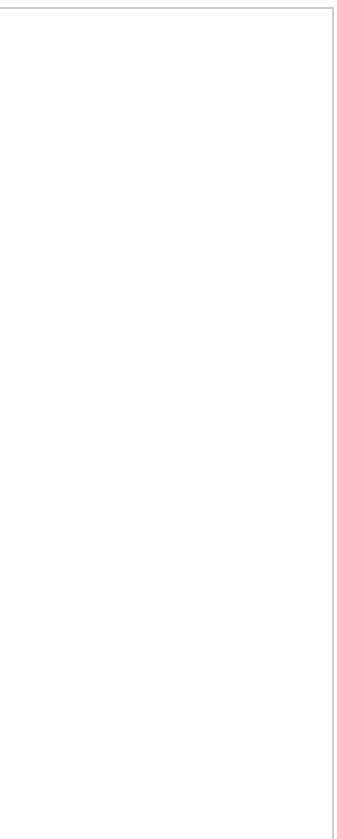
We are a family called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We do this through calling others to personal faith in Christ, equipping them as His disciples, and inviting them into loving relationships. In all we say and do, we seek to demonstrate the love of God.

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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And always remember...
Happiness keeps you sweet, trials keep you strong,
sorrows keep you human,
failures keep you humble, success keeps you glowing,
but only God keeps you going.