

CPC

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Chimes

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



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John 6:33-35

“And Jesus said unto them,
I am the bread of life. He
that cometh to me shall
never hunger, and he that
believeth in me shall never
thirst.”

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Regular Worship Times

Traditional: 9:30 am

Contemporary: 11:00 am

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Randy Working

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A Note from Our Pastor...

Dr. Randy Working

Dear Friends,

This is a time of challenge for many in our country, given the economic reality of these days. In such times we face a choice. We can face the challenge, or we can run away from it. I like the words from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

“Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.’” (Isaiah 35:3-4a)

In times of struggle, we’re not just to be strong or deal with it on our own, but to trust in the Lord. You are not in the

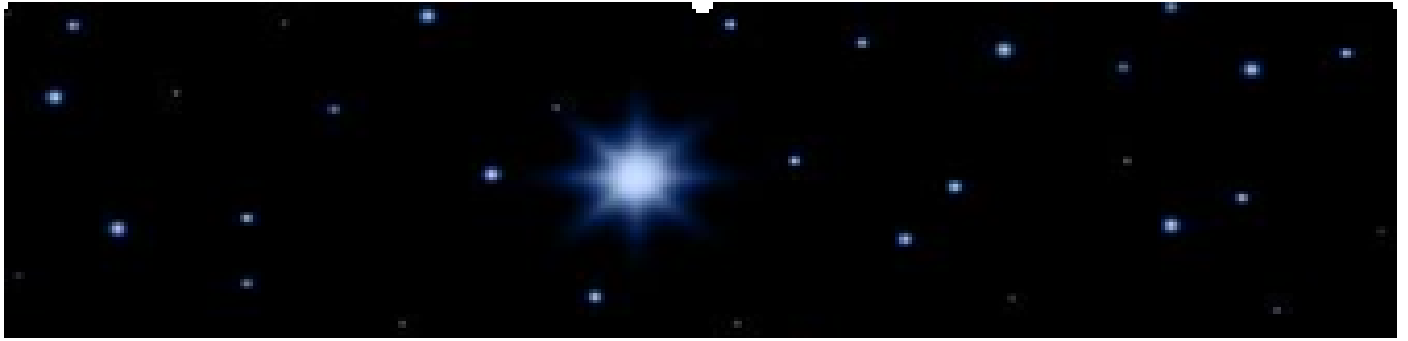
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situation you face by yourself. The Lord who loves you is in it with you. When we know Jesus is with us in our situation, we can stand with firm knees and strong hands.

I think that's what the 33 Chilean miners discovered in their 69 days of confinement 2,300 feet underground. CNN reported that one miner said, during the ordeal, "I am fine because Christ lives in me." Another said, "There weren't just 33 persons, there were 34, because God never left us." The Lord strengthened the miners and enabled them to stand.

In light of the challenges we face as individuals and as a church, I've been moved to make a change from my preaching plan. I'll do a sermon series within a series as I step out of Romans from November 14 through Christmas to focus on the theme "Fearless." I've been inspired by Max Lucado's book *Fearless: Live Your Life Without Fear*, and will take some general topics from that book as well as share what the Bible has to say about fear. If we trust God more, we can fear less, and we are strengthened. That is a good lesson for our times.

With love for you in Christ,
Pastor Randy



What Does God Want for Christmas?

The children and youth will unveil the answer to this question during their 6 weeks of performances during Children's Moments.

The "Grand Finale" will take place during the Christmas Eve service at 5:00 where ALL children will be invited to be part of a live Nativity.

Please mark your calendars for November 21 and ask family and friends now to join us to watch the children and youth perform, "What Does God Want for Christmas?".





Samaritan's Purse

Join CPC in demonstrating God's love in a tangible way. Share the Good News of Jesus Christ by packing a gift-filled shoebox that will be sent to a needy child in another part of the world.



1. Your boxes will be dedicated on Sunday, November 14th during the 9:30am Children's Moment.
2. Clearly mark whether the gift is for a boy or a girl.
3. Include \$7.00 to cover shipping costs.
4. Ideas to include are small toys, school supplies, bath items, etc.



Watch for the C.O.P.S.

COPS

(Christian Outreach for Preschoolers)



Jen Congdon
Children's Ministries Director
cpc.kids@sbcglobal.net

COPS will meet 1x per month on Fridays to develop relationships with the community around them. Some of the activities planned are:

- *Burger King playgroup,
- *snow and cocoa,
- *make your own pizzas at Pizza Hut, etc.

NCIS Christ Church



NCIS (Neighboring Christians in School-K through grade 5)

3 missions of the NCIS:

Mission #1 Participate in Fellowship Sundays: (*see below)

1st Sunday of every month children (including interns- (preschoolers)) will meet in the library at 9:30 to fellowship with each other

Mission #2 Ideas, Ideas, Ideas:

During Fellowship time children will help coordinate (i.e. give ideas) for monthly outreach events.

Mission #3 Invite FRIENDS:

We are hopeful that if children have input on the monthly outreach events that they will be excited to invite friends to CPC for these events.

Parents, we need your help! Please support CM committee in our endeavors to reach the community around us and show them the love of Christ.

Fellowship Sunday:
a Basecamp for friendships
NOVEMBER 7

Beginning November 7th, all of the children, ages 3-7th grade, meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. Instead of beginning worship in the Sanctuary, our "Troopers" will enjoy a light snack to celebrate their friendships with one another.



Faith Building Interns

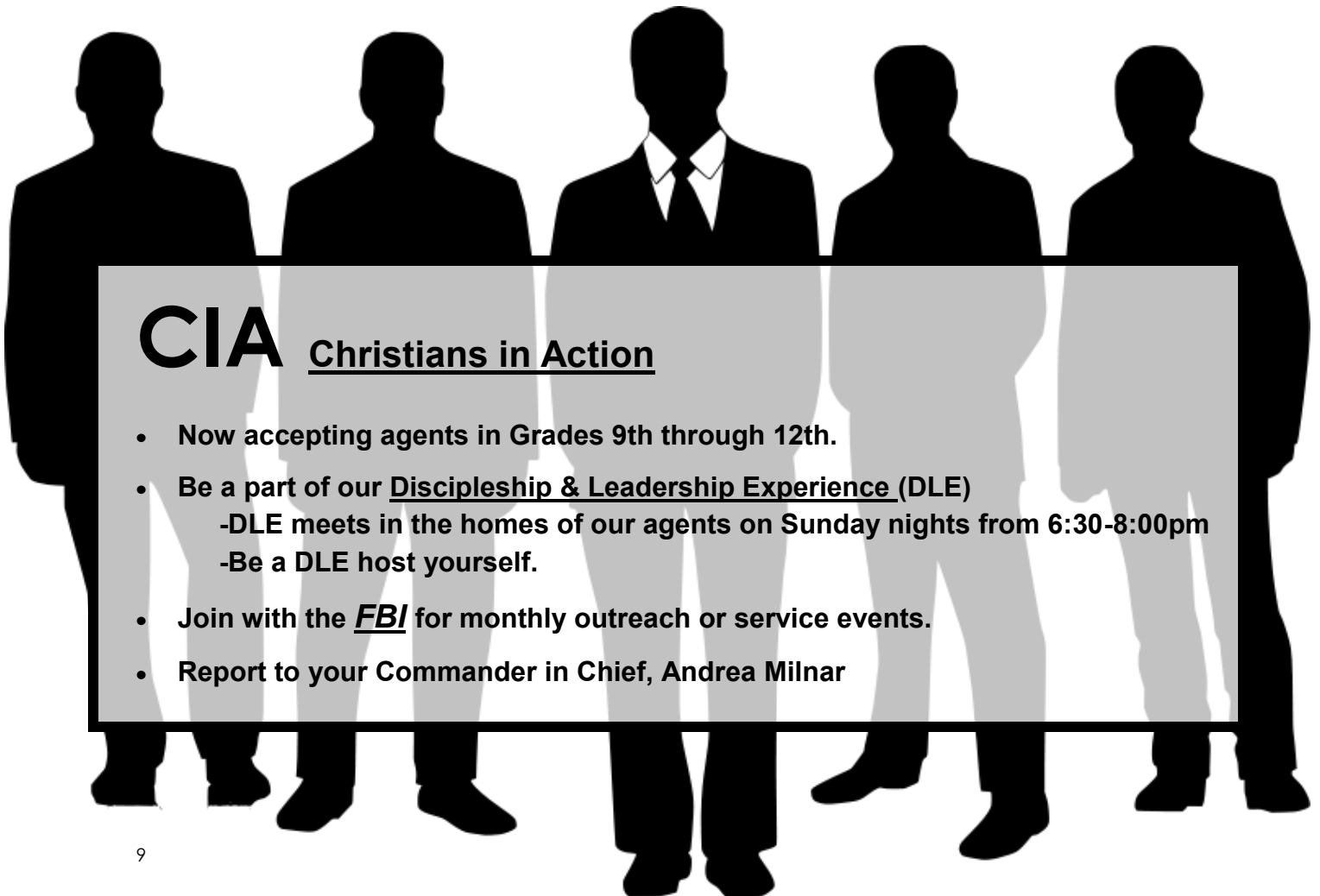
- We are seeking “Interns” in grades 6th through 8th.
- We meet monthly for a fun outreach event or a service event.
- Report to your Commander in Chief, Andrea Milnar

Confirmation

Meets the first and last Sundays of every month

10:45am-12:15pm

Andrea Milnar
Youth Ministries Director
crogcpc@sbcglobal.net



CIA Christians in Action

- Now accepting agents in Grades 9th through 12th.
- Be a part of our Discipleship & Leadership Experience (DLE)
 - DLE meets in the homes of our agents on Sunday nights from 6:30-8:00pm
 - Be a DLE host yourself.
- Join with the FBI for monthly outreach or service events.
- Report to your Commander in Chief, Andrea Milnar

...Love each other, as I have loved you...

Jason Monsman
Outreach Director
monsmanj@gmail.com

The “Time of Greeting” has always played two important roles in our Sunday mornings. First, it allows us to demonstrate our care and concern for each other. It also ensures that visitors to our community are met with a smiling face. You may have noticed that we no longer greet each other at the beginning of the service, but rather, at the end. At the time of the benediction, Pastor Randy says something along the lines of “As you leave, be sure to take a moment to welcome someone you haven’t this morning as we invite each other into fellowship...” and then, as the service closes, we are given the opportunity to do just that. Rather than a quick “Mornin’,” sharing the greeting to the end of the service will hopefully create more conversation and community.

The impact of the greeting, on both us as a community, and on our guests, will be enhanced as we begin to observe this (unwritten) “One Minute

Rule.” By reminding us to “take a moment...” the person giving the benediction is really inviting us to consciously seek the creation and deepening of our relationships at CPC. Slowing down and walking to the Fellowship Hall together will let us see how the other person is really doing. It will provide an opportunity to learn more than the name of our guest. It will allow us to show love for visitor and regular attendees, alike.

John 13:34-35 tells us, “So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” (NLT) When I read this, I hear God’s Word telling us that love is our greatest tool. It is our greatest tool for building and maintaining our community. It is our greatest tool to build up His Kingdom, to evangelize. One of the keys to gaining and retaining members, in any church, is to build or revive a genuine and loving community. I believe all are goals worthy of us sacrificing our place in the snack line.

To those of us who have experienced the love that flows from our congregation, it’s obvious that it’s there. Christ Presbyterian has always been a welcoming community, but sometimes we need to be reminded to slow down... especially on a Sunday morning. Slowing down to show the love we know is there to our friends and neighbors who stop in for a visit; Slowing down to refresh a member of the church family who may not be experiencing our love at its fullest measure. We don’t always know who might need encouragement from us. We won’t always know what a visitor’s situation is. Taking the invitation to slow down and “take a moment...” will help us discover these things or even unknowingly solve them. That can only strengthen our community and increase our fellowship!

CPCinema

NOVEMBER 19: Free Flick Friday

Featuring:



A moving, historical epic of how one man stood against Tyranny and saved the lives of millions. His passion and perseverance and faith in God changed the world.



Fellowship Committee Presents:

**Note the date change*



Saturday, November 6

4:00 to 7:00pm

**Sign up in the Fellowship Hall as a team, with your family,
or as an individual.**

Perfect your recipes! Awards will be given!

FEBRUARY 12: Valentine's Fellowship Event

HYMNALS

CPC Worship Committee has ordered new hymnals for use in our traditional worship services. We will begin using them on Christmas Eve at our 5:00pm Family Service.

If you are interested in purchasing one or more Christian Life Hymnals, they will be available for \$8.00 each.

Something to consider...

- Purchase a Hymnal in honor or memory of a loved one
- Dedicate one for use in our sanctuary
- or perhaps for personal use at home

Fill out and remove the order form on the next page. Return it to the CPC Office no later than November 28, 2010.

(Office hours are 8:30am-3:30pm)

*Additional order forms are also available in the narthex

*or print an order form from the CPC Web site:

www.christpcusa.org.

Once at our web site, Click the "Hymnal Order Form" link on the left side of the home page. Submit the completed form to the church office no later than November 28, 2010.

From this page, you may also view a presentation examining the issues your Worship committee considered prior to making this purchase. Please note that most of the funds for these hymnals have already been donated. No money from the General Fund will be used to pay for the hymnals.



Christian Life Hymnal

Purchase of Hymnals and Dedication / Memorial Bookplates

A bookplate is a label affixed to the inside front cover of a hymnal,
noting the donor and the person to whom the hymnal is dedicated.

YOUR NAME:		PHONE NUMBER:	
Order Item – Each hymnal and bookplate is \$8.00			Item cost:
Bookplate <i>in honor of</i> (print name):			\$
Donated by (print name): (Leave blank if anonymous)			
Bookplate <i>in honor of</i> (print name):			\$
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Number of hymnals to purchase for use in sanctuary:			\$
Number of hymnals to purchase for personal use:			\$
			Total: \$

DEACON'S MINUTES

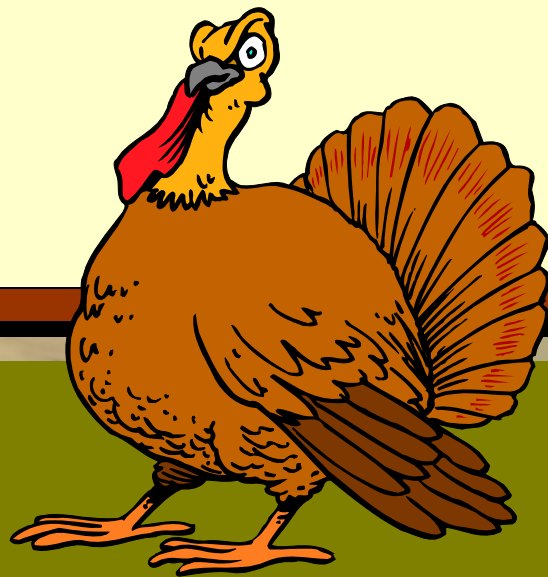
Thirteen members met on Oct. 4th. Pastor Randy opened in prayer and then reminded us about the Alpha class on Sunday eves. He spoke about prayer and not to make a show of praying, it is not meant to impress God or others. He spoke about the Lord's Prayer and explained that in Our Father, "our", means everyone, all of us, and heaven, means God above the world, majestic. Hallowed means revered, thy kingdom come, the theme of Jesus preaching, the kingly realm, and lead us not into temptation, the devil.

Secretary and treasurer reports were handed out, read and approved.

We received a beautiful thank you letter from Kelly Lupus regarding her mission trip and the playground they built. Greg McCandless was our Session rep and he reported on the upcoming decision on having one or two service, prayers for our budget and procedures regarding the new hymnals which will be coming. Beth B. is working on Halloween cards. We now have 28 college students.

Regarding our outreach and food committees, please let us know if you are aware of any needs. \$200 was spent to help two CPC members. Things are going well with all other Deacon committees.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Albrecht,
Deacon's Secretary



REPEATED WEEKLY EVENTS

ALPHA...Sundays 6:00pm

Youth Group...Sundays 6:30pm

Staff...Mondays 10:30am

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

Modern Worship...Tuesdays @ 7:00pm & 4:00pm Saturdays.

Women's Prayer Group ...Tuesdays @ 9:00am

Men's Fellowship Group...Wednesdays 6:30am @ Arabica in Chesterland
Saturdays 8:00am @ CPC.

Women's Bible Study...Thursdays @10:15am

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

NOVEMBER

WEEK 1

Monday, November 1: Children's Ministries meeting 9:15am
Deacon's meeting 7:00pm
Staff: 11:00am

Wednesday, November 3: City Mission

Saturday, November 6: Chili Cook-off 4:00pm

WEEK 2

Sunday, November 7: Confirmation 10:45am

Friday, November 12: C/M Playgroup 10:00am-noon

Saturday, November 13: Tres Dias Dinner 3:30pm

WEEK 3

Sunday, November 14: Samaritan's Purse Shoebox dedication

Tuesday, November 16: Session 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 17: Chapel Circle Meeting
At CPC
11:00am
I Peter Lesson 3 pages 21-28.
Please bring a sandwich.

Friday, November 19: Free Flick Friday "Amazing Grace"

Saturday, November 20: *December CHIMES Deadline*
ALPHA Retreat 9:00am

WEEK 4

Sunday, November 21: Evening Communion Service 7:00pm
Mission Committee Meeting 11:00am

Thursday, November 25: Thanksgiving

WEEK 5

Sunday, November 28: Advent Pageant begins
Confirmation 10:45am
New Hymnal ordering deadline



Christmas Eve
5:00PM Family Service
Modern Worship 9:00PM

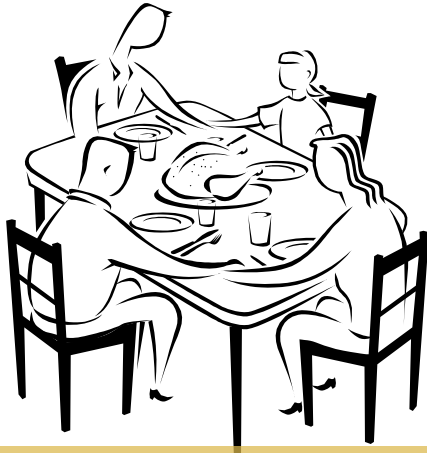


Youth Ministries

“Christmas Card
Post Office”

Begins November 28





In our prayers,
Cory Boucek,
Bill Mann,
Irene & Hal Clyde,
Glenn & Ethel Rex,
Connie Wilkerson and
Janet McIntee

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

To my Dear friends at Christ Presbyterian Church,
Thank you for your kind letters and notes. I have
people read all of them to me. I am sorry that I've
been so confused, but I have no recollection of
what happened to me in Chesterland when I had
to have surgeries. I have lost most of my vision in my
right eye. My son living so far away in Minnesota,
needed me to live closer to them so they could be
in charge of my affairs. I have a room by myself. I
am making new friends with similar circumstances.
My belief in our God and my wonderful family here
in Minnesota, take care of me.

God Bless you all.
Sincerely,
Connie Wilkerson

Adult Ministries

We are forming an Adult Ministries Committee and
welcome your input and participation in this
important aspect of the life of CPC.
If you are interested in joining us, please call me at
440-285-3850, or see me at your convenience.

Thank you.

Sam Martillotta

Thank you!

to Marianne Richards for her many years of
service as our CPC Librarian. Marianne is passing the "Card
Catalog" on to Amy Rau, who has accepted the task of
becoming Librarian-Extraordinaire!

Facts: Marianne and her husband, Don live in
Chagrin Falls with their 3 children: Katherine,
Daniel (both in college) and Peter (a high
school junior). She and her experience as a
School Librarian will be an asset to Amy as she
takes over!





Deadline: Chimes is published the last week of each month. Articles are due by the 20th of November to: cpceditor@sbcglobal.net. If you have no internet access, use Karen Perko's mailbox in Fellowship Hall.



CPC Financial Update 2010 Operating Budget			
<u>Month</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>(Income – Expenses)</u>
Jan-Aug	\$177,617.02	\$198,746.57	-\$21,129.55
Sept	<u>28,810.89</u>	<u>27,053.35</u>	<u>-1757.54</u>
	\$206,427.91	\$225,799.92	-\$19,372.01
<i>Reserve as of Jan 1</i>	<u>\$ 12,866.64</u>		
<i>Operating Fund Balance</i>	<u>-\$6,505.37</u>		

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Check out next month's
Chimes to learn more
about Amy Rau,
our new Librarian!



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.

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