

CPC

November 2011

Chimes

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

GIVE
THANKS



Men of CPC:

City Mission

Wednesday, November 2

Carpool meets in CPC lot
at 5:30pm

-Sign-up in Fellowship Hall

The 2011-2012 staff of Christ Presbyterian Church

Joshua Chenoweth, Choir Director

Bob Russell Jr., Contemporary Worship

Susan Congdon, Organist, Web Administrator

Jennifer Congdon, Children's Director

Karen Perko, Office Manager

Jerry Gibson, Custodian

Church office hours

9:00am-2:00pm

Mondays -Thursdays.



**We worship together at
9:30am every Sunday.**

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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.



**Please join us as we welcome
Family into OUR
9:30am Worship on**

The Reeves Family



**Rev. Matthew Reeves and his
Church Family, here at CPC.
Sunday, November 27**



Christ Presbyterian Church has been supporting us since 2007, the first year we became full-time missionaries overseas. We were introduced to CPC by the former associate pastor, Henry Kim. We have since been blessed to receive support from the church. We hope to visit you one day.

Q&A WITH: Missionaries, Kristina and Greg Lee-Parker

CPC: When and how did you receive your calling to become missionaries?

Greg: Kristina received her calling to be a missionary when she went on a short-term mission trip to the Philippines during her junior year in college. After college she went to Fuller Seminary to do her Masters in Intercultural Studies in the School of World Missions. She and I met there while I was preparing to become a Presbyterian (USA) pastor.

CPC: What about you Greg?

Greg: I thought I was going to become a pastor at a PCUSA church but I ended up working with a mission organization for a year and that's how God started opening my eyes to world missions. Kristina and I started dating a year after we graduated and were off to Turkey in 2007.

CPC: How would you describe your mission?

Kristina: As leadership development, relational evangelism and assistance to the needy. We work mainly with college students and post-graduate young adults. Greg is able to teach the Bible, have worship services on the campus and be engaged in one-on-one leadership development and counseling. I also works with young leaders from the Middle East who have come to study theology in Lebanon. I work with an organization called Tahaddi ("challenge" in Arabic) giving education and medical help to the poor in Lebanon. I teach English and music as well as raise funds and other donations for Tahaddi.

CPC: Are you only in Lebanon?

Kristina: Both of us have traveled extensively on short-term missions before we became full-time missionaries. We have ministered in the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Ghana, Vietnam, Dominican Republic, Brazil, Nepal, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Mexico, Turkey, South Africa, South Korea, Kenya, Bosnia, Serbia, and Germany. These days, our focus is mainly in the Middle East, specifically in Lebanon and Turkey.

CPC: What are your prayer concerns?

Greg: *As we begin our forth year here in Lebanon we would ask that you would pray for the ministries and activities we are involved in.*

- *Please Pray for Kristina's studies and ministry at the Near East School of Theology. Also pray for her continued involvement at Tahaddi .*
- *For me, please pray for the ministry at Haigazian-chapel, my Bible Studies and my New Testament class this Fall.*
- *Pray for energy for both of us and for the Holy Spirit to fill us and to guide us in all that we do.*

Pray for the Middle East as the unrest. Pray for leadership in each of the countries and for the safety of the Christians. Pray for our continued growth in our relationship and that we will be safe from attacks of the enemy. Pray that God will continue to enlarge our hearts and visions.

Thank you for your support and interest in our ministry.

Kristina and Greg Lee-Parker

**Don't forget to
pack your
Shoe Boxes for
Operation
Christmas Child!**



**Don't
Wait!**



The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Boxes due back on Sunday, November 13th.

Children's Ministries takes you to

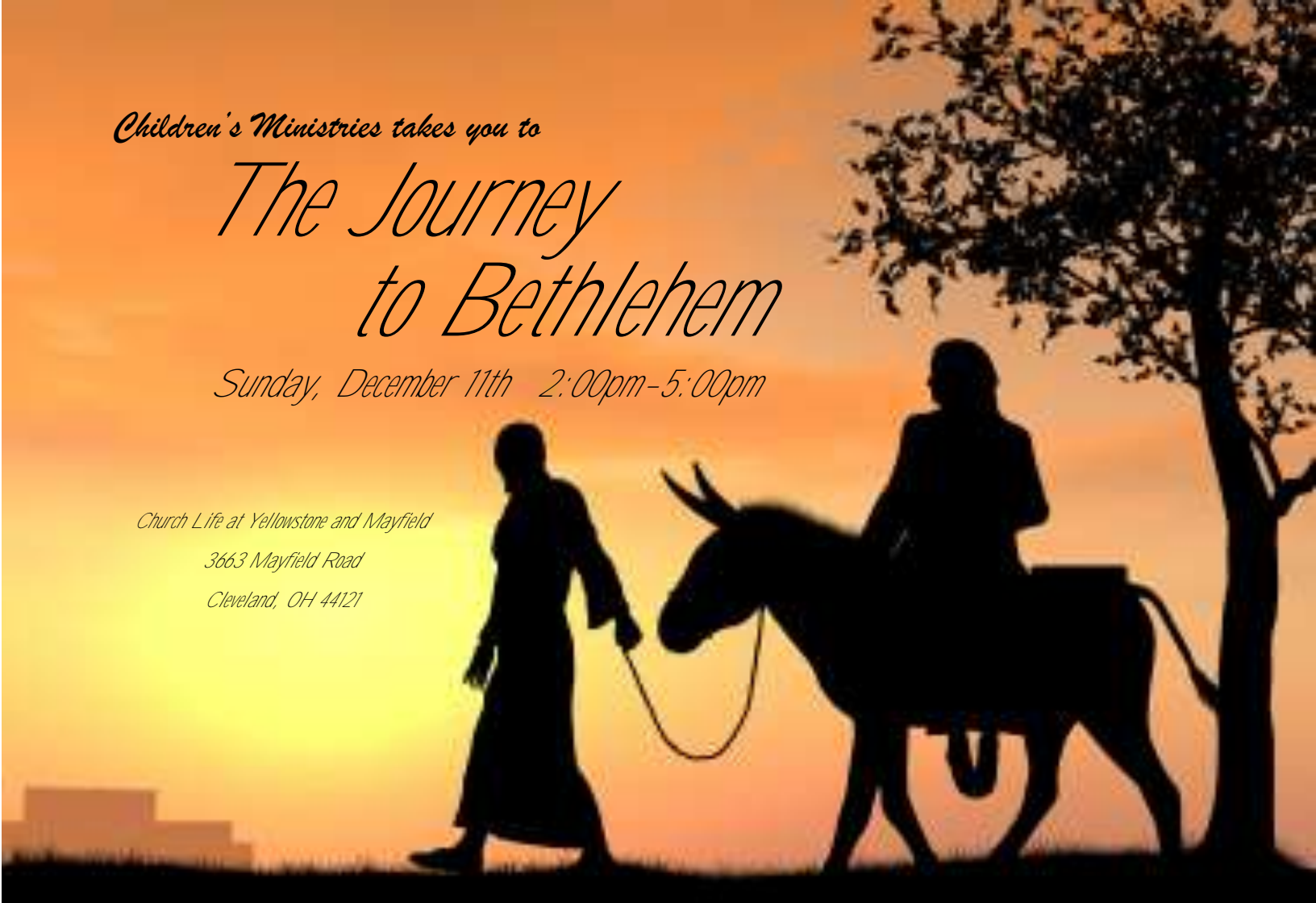
The Journey to Bethlehem

Sunday, December 11th 2:00pm-5:00pm

Church Life at Yellowstone and Mayfield

3663 Mayfield Road

Cleveland, OH 44121



Hanging of the Greens
Children's Christmas Presentations
Every Sunday in Advent
During Children's Moment
Beginning 9:30am Sunday, November 27

Mommy Moments

Three Little Souls, One Big Responsibility

Submitted by: Jen Congdon Written By: Jen's friend, Shasta Clark
Printed in Our Town Monthly in Atlanta and Ohio Valley Parent.

One hot July day during my ninth month of pregnancy with my third child, I stole a rare moment of peace. My husband took our sons outside to play backyard T-ball while I enjoyed quietly sitting alone in our air conditioned family room. Delighting in the tranquility, I propped my laptop on my swollen beach ball-shaped belly and logged onto my email to find that a man I hadn't thought of in years had friended me on Facebook.

The man used to work with my husband so I knew the story about his teenage son who was tragically killed years ago when an amusement park ride malfunctioned. I searched into the man's Facebook page and stumbled upon a blog that he and his wife had written.

In one blog entry, his wife wrote about the day her son was born—three weeks early while she was visiting family three hours away from her home, her husband and her doctor—and the day he died—the awful call she received saying, “Ma’am, your son Ryan has been in an accident.”

I never knew Ryan, but whenever anyone mentioned his death, they always spoke of his faith in Jesus Christ, not in the way many people hype up someone's faith after they are dead but in a way that led me to believe his faith was inspirational. At an age when many teenagers are self-consumed, scoffing at religion, and fighting with their parents about going to church, “Ryan's faith was mature beyond his years,” everyone would say.

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Quiet tears streamed down my cheeks while I read Ryan's mom's story. I don't know her, but I bet she was like most mothers. From the time Ryan was born unexpectedly early, I bet she spent hours teaching him everything from how to ride a bike to how to excel in school. Yet when she got the call that her son had passed from this life into the next, I'd venture to guess that his athleticism and his grades never crossed her mind. I bet she was most thankful for every minute of Ryan's life that she spent teaching him God's word and showing him God's love.

Just then, my unborn baby shook my stomach (and the laptop sitting on top of it), as it tried to stretch its limbs in a space that was growing more confining each day. It brought me back to my present-day reality: two young boys and a baby on the way.

Three children for whom I am responsible. Three little souls who will live forever, somewhere. And it's up to me to teach them that the Bible says Jesus is the only way to eternal life with God in heaven, that His gift of salvation is free, the only thing we have to do is accept it.

As parents, it's easy for us to get caught up in the pressures of our current situation...how will my son pass his math class, how will other kids treat my daughter in her new school, how will I afford the toy my child wants, etc. But if we keep ourselves focused on God and the responsibility he's given us to teach the next generation about Him, we will stay on the right course.

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"Middle School"
Youth Group
5th grade-8th grade
November 6th
5-6:30pm

All Youth, 5th-12th Grade

What 's better than the smell of Chili,
simmering in a pot, on a crisp Fall night?

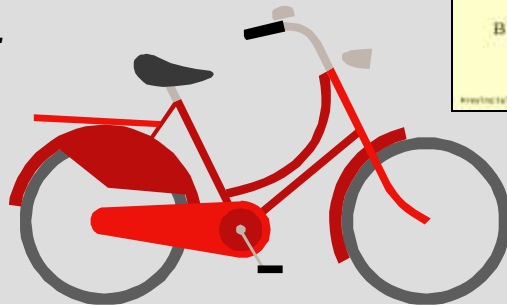
Answer: Movie Night, with Chili,
simmering in a pot, on a crisp fall night!

November 18th at 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Where is Kelli Lupas?

CPC young adult, Kelli Lupas, is continuing her “life adventure” in the Netherlands, where she is actively involved in neuroimaging research at her work there. It’s hard to keep up with such an active young woman. She’s been part of our church family for 18 years. We’ve seen her grow up here at CPC.

Please take a moment to “catch-up”. Read her letter posted on the Missions bulletin board, outside of Fellowship Hall. Find out what’s next for Kelli.



The Adult Ministries Committee continues to seek interested participants to share in the development and growth of Adult Ministries.

Adult Ministries Committee

Any who are interested
please contact Sam Martillotta
at (216)-310-3367 or by email at



Rehearsals:
November 6
November 13
November 27
December 4
December 18
11:00am-12:00pm

Christmas Eve,
Handbell Choir



November 19, 2011

4:00pm-7:00pm

Start working on your recipe today!

Sign-up in Fellowship Hall

***Next Fellowship Event:
February Mardi Gras!***

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th at 5:00pm

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More information coming
soon! Check our
web site for details:
www.christpcusa.org

Deacon's Minutes From the meeting on Oct. 3rd.

We received a thank you from the Geauga County Bd. Of Commissioners, Dept. of Job and Family Services for our generous donation to support the Help Me Learn school supply program. Thank you so much congregation! Enclosed were many messages from the students themselves.

Beth Boucek is preparing to send our college students their Halloween gifts, please make sure your student's current address has been given to her.

Our Session rep. Nancy Moritz, told us how pleased session and the DPNC committee is with the nomination of our soon to be new pastor and we are anxiously awaiting his arrival!

Our food committee had a long discussion on where to purchase large quantities of food and the costs involved for our different functions.

Our Deacon's finances are good and we will be taking on a new family through our Outreach Program called "Feed My Family". We will keep you informed of needs for this family in the future. Again, we are asking for our church's help as we need more ladies (or men) willing to help cook when the need arises. Please consider this worthwhile endeavor!

Have a safe and fun Halloween CPC children and youth! As always keep our church family and friends in prayer for illnesses or other needs.

In Christian love and service,

Barb Albrecht, Secretary



CPC Financial Update 2011 Operating Budget

<u>Month</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>(Income – Expenses)</u>
Jan-Sept	\$163,444.75	\$165,525.99	\$ (81.24)
<i>Reserve as of Jan 1</i>	<u>\$5,953.59</u>		
<i>Operating Fund Balance</i>	\$5,872.35		



God Always Provides

Several weeks ago, Bok and Heidi Chew, and their group of International students from Case Western Reserve, were searching for someone to host their annual fall event. God provided the perfect hosts for them. CPC's very own Lyon Family, did it in a BIG way! Their experience as an AFS host family was perfect. What a blast the students and the Lyons had!

Most students had just arrived in the US for the start of this semester, so everything was so new to them. Some spoke very good English and others have much to learn! There were students from China, Thailand, India, Bulgaria, Brazil, and Iran to name a few.

The students brought chili, cornbread, and "Mrs. Costco's" apple pies, while the Lyons provided hot spiced cider and ice cream. Frank hooked up the wagon and tractor, then made several trips around the neighborhood. The group enjoyed it so much, they wanted one final ride before they left. What a blessing!

Thanks to Frank and Jane for their hospitality and for sharing the love of Jesus Christ.



Thanks to Frank and Jane



*"Give thanks to the Lord,
For His love endures forever."
2 Chronicles 20:21*

*A Big Thank You to the
people who sent cards,
phone calls, messages,
flowers and general good
wishes, while I was ill..
My family & I deeply
appreciate your concern
and caring.*

*Sincerely,
Joanne Graham*



Please Pray for:
Janet McIntee's Daughter, Terry
Pat Garee
Larry VanSanten
The Family of Thelma Davis
Shelley Brown's Family
The McKinney Family
For Prayer requests, call
Dee Eichele 440.729.9973
HappyD304@msn.com

Chapel Circle

**Meeting at:
Nancy Kule's Home**

11:00am

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

**Charlotte Wood will lead Lesson
11 pp. 85-94**

Jan Davis will give the devotion

No sandwich needed.

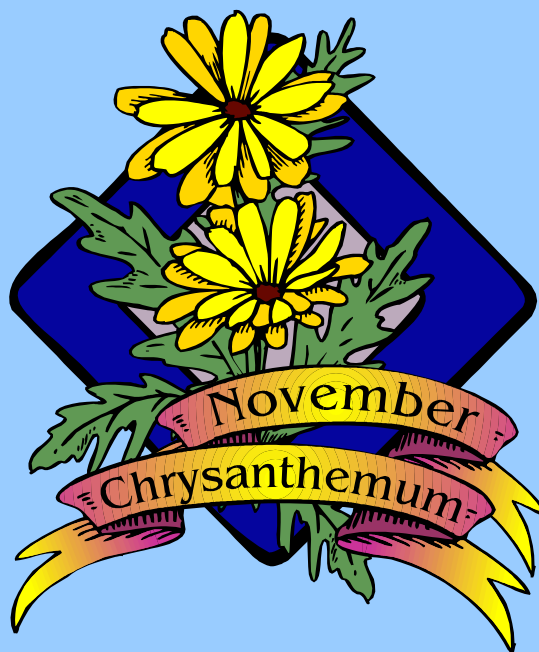
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Birthdays

KULE, Nancy	11/03
ZIMMERMANN, Jane	11/04
KARGES, Gary	11/07
TROPF, Milan	11/08
WELCH, Doug	11/09
GRAY, Betty	11/13
MCCASLIN, Eric	11/15
ZIMMERMANN, Robert	11/15
MILNAR, Eric	11/16
PERKO, John	11/16
WILCOX, Fran	11/17
RUSSELL, Robert	11/18
WEISS, Jinny	11/19
STUMPF, Gary	11/20
GEDEON, Patricia	11/21
LYMAN, Pamela	11/21
WENGER, Cynthia	11/21
DOUGLAS, Stephen	11/22
GRAHAM, Joanne	11/22
TROYER, Matt	11/22
MANN, Jeanette	11/24
MONSMAN, Jason	11/26
LEVINE, Andrea	11/28
FISCHER, William	11/30
REX, Keith	11/30

Anniversaries

SLATER-EVERHART, Lena & Jim	11/02
TYREE, Frank & Linda	11/02
ZIMMERMANN, Monte & Jane	11/03
STAMEY, Chuck & Sue	11/22



Needed:

Thanksgiving Host Families/Singles for International Students from CSU, Notre Dame and CWRU

Our ministry is expanding! Share your blessings with a couple of international students this Thanksgiving. We are looking for families or singles to invite two (or more) international students/family from around the world for a truly American cultural experience. Basic information and tips for befriending an international student can be emailed to you. A great entry point for world missions right here in your dining room. Please contact Bok and Heidi Chew (InterVarsity Christian Fellowship) at isfmcleveland@hotmail.com or 216-371-3114 as early as you can or before November 14th.

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00am Prayer Group at Clyde's 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	2 6:30am Men's Bible Study at Arabica 5:30pm Men's City Mission 7:00pm Worship Mtg.	3 6:30pm Choir	4	5 8:00am Men's Bible Study-CPC
6 4:00pm Boy Scout Dinner 5:00pm Middle School Youth Group	7 7:00 Deacons 7:30pm Men's Discussion Grp	8 9:00am Prayer Group at Clyde's 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	9 6:30am Men's Bible Study at Arabica 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm BootCamp 7:00pm Girl Scouts	10 6:30pm Choir	11	12 8:00am Men's Bible Study-CPC
13 Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes Due	14 10:00am Staff 7:00pm Youth Minis. 7:30pm Men's Discussion Grp	15 9:00am Prayer Group at Clyde's 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	16 6:30am Men's Bible Study at Arabica 11:00am Chapel Cir. 6:30pm BootCamp	17 9:30am Garden Club 6:30pm Choir	18	19 8:00am Men's Bible Study-CPC 4:00-9:00pm Chilli Cook-Off
20	21 7:30pm Men's Discussion Grp	22 9:00am Prayer Group at Clyde's 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	23 6:30am Men's Bible Study at Arabica 6:30pm BootCamp	24 6:30pm Choir	25	26 8:00am Men's Bible Study-CPC
27 First Sunday in Advent. Welcome Reeves Family!	28 7:30pm Men's Discussion Grp	29 9:00am Prayer Group at Clyde's 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	30 6:30am Men's Bible Study at Arabica 6:30pm BootCamp			