

CPC September 2010

# Chimes

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

Back to School Issue  
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# THE PASTOR AND STAFF OF CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Regular Worship Times

Traditional: 9:30 am

Outdoor Contemporary: 11:00 am

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# Pastor Dr. Randy Worthington

Dear friends,

It seems to me that the annual ritual of the beginning of school is a kind of renewal, with hopes and expectations for friendships and discoveries. September doesn't figure in the traditional liturgical calendar, but it does mark the beginning of the church program year as many of us return from travel and focus on life at home. I look forward to seeing many of you who have been away and to enjoying our life and mission together here at CPC.

Our preaching series for the fall and winter will be from the book of Romans, Paul's great letter. The letter was written to encourage believers in first-century Rome, to help build up in unity a church comprised of Jews and Gentiles both worship and mission. That means the letter is relevant to our times as well as Paul's. We've made a study guide available for your personal devotions or small group; you can sign up for a copy in the office if you like.

For all of us, there will be questions for discussion and reflection included in the bulletin each week. I encourage you to join us for



worship faithfully this fall, and to bring a friend along as well.

There are many people who long for the kind of fellowship and support we enjoy in our church home!

As well, I'll be launching an ALPHA class for church leadership this month. ALPHA is a ten week course on the basics of Christian faith. It has proved to be a great help and an instrument for renewal, and is being used by the Holy Spirit in many settings. All of us will have the opportunity to take the class at a later date.

Let's make a new start this month, with great expectations of what the Lord has in mind for us. You're needed here!

With love for you in Christ,

Pastor Randy

## Get Connected

### New Member's Class

A class for those who desire to become a member of Christ Presbyterian Church.

### Communion

### Baptism

### Weddings

### Confirmation

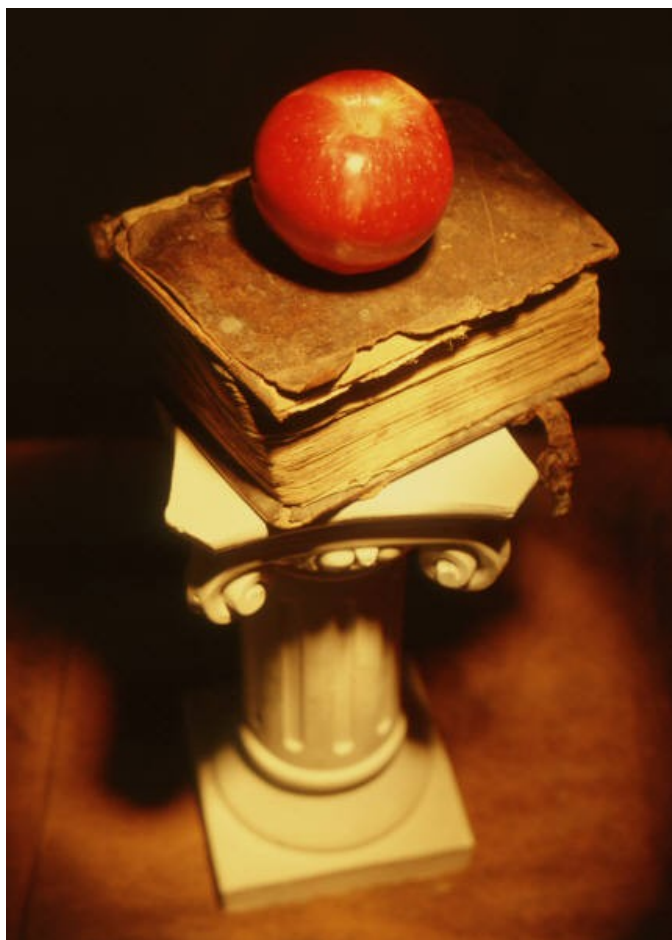
### Memorial Services

### Bible Studies



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# Children

## Sunday morning program

**Teaching the word of God using  
Bible-centered curriculum.**

**Ages: 3yrs-7th Grade**

**9:30am & 11:00am**

**Next Steps Class**

**Correlates with Communion**

**Christian Pioneers Jr.**

**Tri-annual youth party for 3yrs.-1st grade**

**Christian Pioneers**

**Once a month Youth Group**

**2nd-5th grade**

**Joyful Noise Choir**

**Performs once/month**

**Good News Readers**

**Read Scripture once/month**

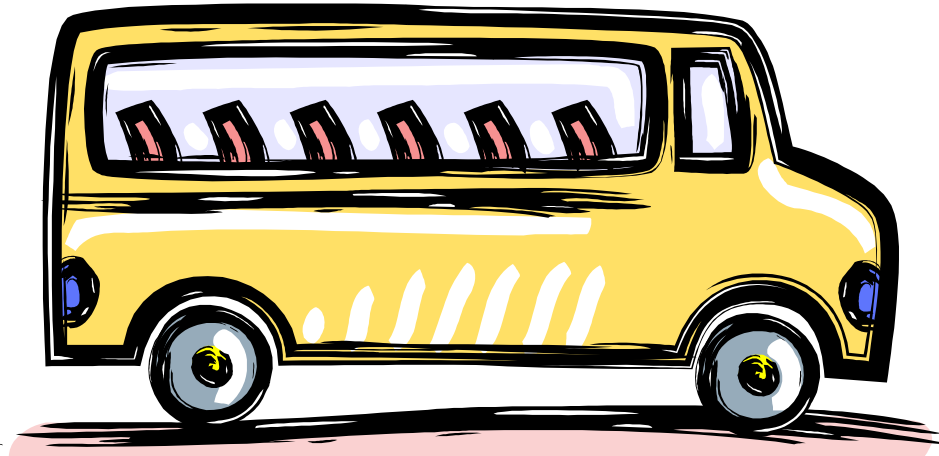
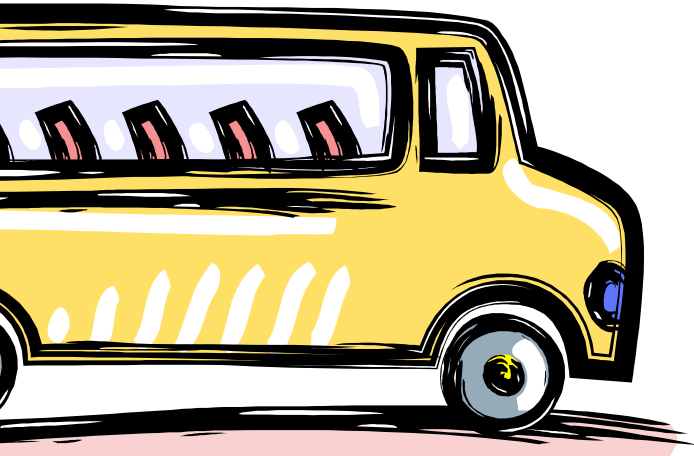
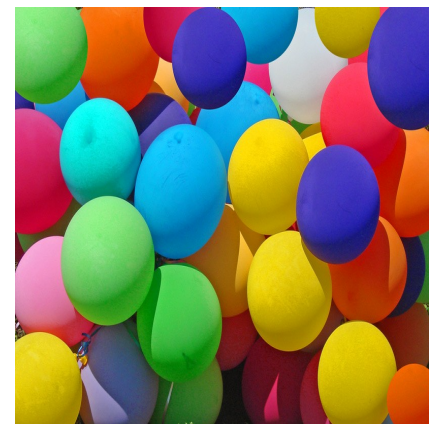
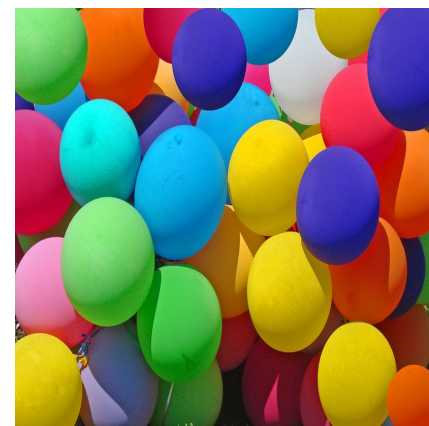
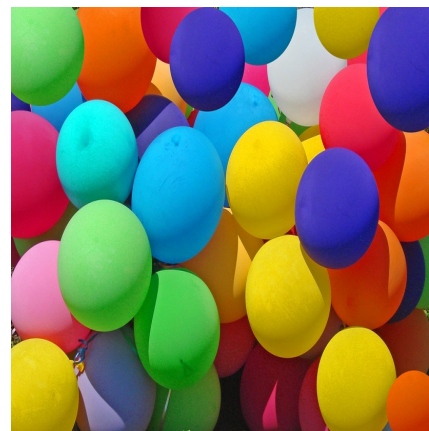
**Vacation Bible School**

***\*Professional Nursery Care***

**Jen Congdon**

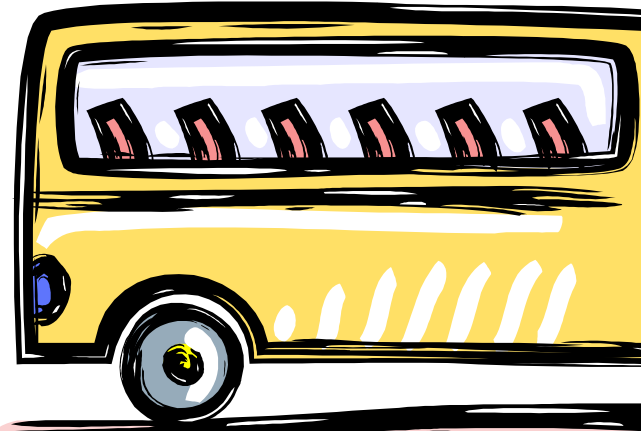
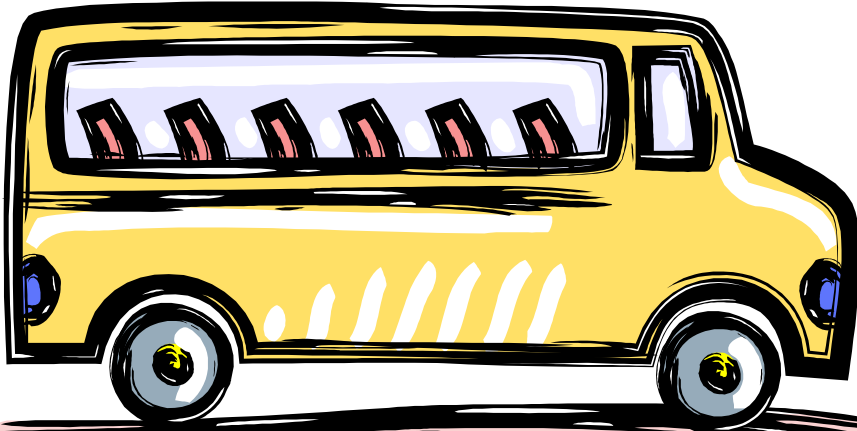
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# Let's Play at CPC!

This summer the Children's Ministry committee decided to host community playgroups in the church parking lot. The children brought their bikes and had a blast riding around a big empty space. During the playgroups the kids created an obstacle course, rode through a "bike wash", read books under the tree. They built forts, decorated bikes and of course participated in a bike parade. We hope to have a few more before the weather gets too cold. Check out the pictures!





# Y O U t h

## Sr. High & Jr. High

### Purpose Statement

To reach teens by glorifying God through:

- Praise and devotion
- Sharing our talents and gifts
- Showing our faith through actions
  - Caring for others

### CROG Youth Group

*(Christian Rebels/Our Gang)*

**2010-2011 kick-off meetings :  
Sundays, September 12 & 19**

They consist of:

Bible study

Discussion time

Games

Challenges

Food and Fellowship

- Fun events
- Service projects
- Mission trips

**Andrea Milnar**

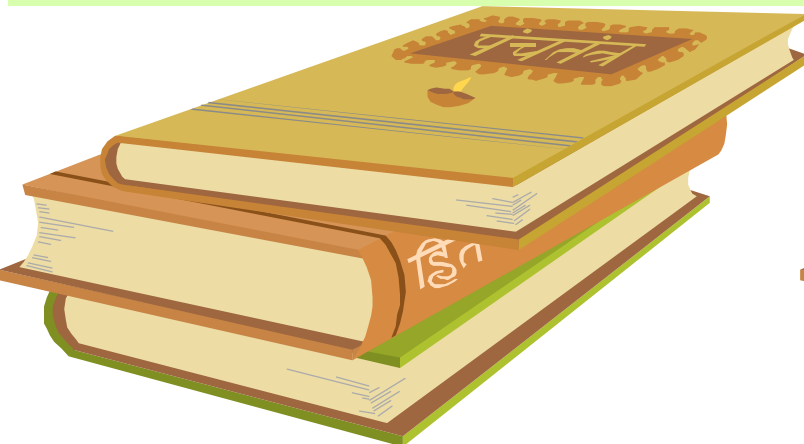
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# From Andrea's desk...

I hope this edition of Chimes finds you all enjoying the last few days of summer. Eric and I want to thank all of you for your prayers and gifts this summer as we welcomed Colton to our family on June 29. As the school year begins, we are really excited for what God has planned for the youth of Christ Presbyterian Church. As always, we are looking for new faces from students and adult volunteers so listed below are some ways you can get involved.

**Sunday School.** Students are always invited to our Sunday school classes during the 9:30am service. Confirmation classes will be held this school year on the first and last Sundays of the month from 10:45am-12:15pm.

**Youth Group.** Currently our Jr. and Sr. High youth groups are meeting jointly on Sundays from 6:30pm-8pm. These meetings are opened to anyone in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Each month we will have a fun event that takes the place of youth group that week. Students are encouraged to invite friends to all events and youth group. The youth group also tries to do service projects quarterly.

**Youth Ministry Committee.** The Youth Ministry Committee meets once a month to plan upcoming events for the youth of the church. If you have a passion for students we would love for you to join us.

**Relationship Building.** As always, Eric and I like to support your students. We love to attend sporting events, choir and band concerts, plays, musicals, etc. We want to build relationships with them and their friends by supporting them in their areas of interest. The best way for us to do that is by students and parents informing us of these events.

**Youth Alliance and Youth for Christ.** The Youth Alliance is a group of area church youth groups that get together quarterly for events. It is really exciting when we join together with this group because our students get to participate in a large body of believers. Our recent event with them was Focus on the Cross which included 66 students! Youth for Christ is an organization that gets into schools to help our students share Christ with their friends. They also host events like the Cavs and Indians games to provide an opportunity for students to bring their lost friends to a fun event and hear the Word of God.

Eric and I would like to thank all of you who already support the youth group and our student(s). The purpose of this ministry is to help students grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ through bible studies and fun and safe events and we couldn't do it without those of you who assist us. **Of course, we can always use more help in areas such as chaperones for events, people to prepare snack for meetings, and people who want to mentor and build relationships with our youth.** The main and most important way each of us can help is by praying for this ministry and all who are involved. Please contact me anytime at one of the ways listed below. We can't wait to get to know your student(s) and you better in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Andrea and Eric Milnar

# YOUTH EXPLOSION

is Cleveland's premier Christian event for teens. You will experience God in the people who attend, the amazing music, and the profound teaching. Hope to see you there!

November 12-14, 2010

Willoughby Hills Friends Church

2846 S.O.M. Center Road

Willoughby Hills, Ohio 44094

**Register  
by Sept. 19th  
\$75**

Schedule- Friday from 5pm – 10pm,

Saturday from 9am – 10pm,

Sunday from 9am – 11am.

*\*We are looking for people to host our students in their homes on Friday and/or Saturday nights. This will make the conference a complete experience. Preferably one house for boys and one house for girls based on the number of students who attend.*

*This conference is for students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> and is highly recommended for students taking the Confirmation Class.*

## **Confirmation resumes Sunday, September 26 10:45-12:15pm**

**Final Service Project!**

A USO Care Package facility is operational in Bainbridge OH. The Cleveland USO is accepting items for shipment as long as the troops are overseas. **Our confirmation class has partnered with them to collect items for our troops.** We also have a form that can be completed by anyone who has a family member or friend serving overseas so that they can be added to the USO's list and receive care packages until the end of their deployment. Items in need are as follows:

### **FOOD:**

Trail mix; Dried fruit; Hard candy individually wrapped; Peanut butter in small containers; apple sauce in small containers; coffee and tea packets; Tuna Fish ; cheese and peanut butter crackers; dry soups; Beef Jerky; small packages of cookies; cool aide packets; candy, gum, instant hot cereal, instant hot cocoa, sugar, salt and pepper packets; powder drink mixes

### **PERSONAL ITEMS:**

Baby Wipes; Purell type hand sanitizer; small shampoo containers; small soap; eye drops; lip balm; disposable razors; foot powder; bug repellent; plastic storage bags of all sizes; tooth paste and brushes; mouth wash in small containers; dental floss, shaving cream and razor blades.

**Each box costs \$15 to mail so monetary donations will also be accepted. Please make checks out to CPC with USO project in the memo. Thank you so much!**

**Any questions please contact Andrea Milnar.**

# Contemporary Worship

Invites YOU to join US!

**Sundays @ 11 AM**

- Acoustic-Based Praise
- Solid Teaching

Service is held outside in our Pavilion in the summer months.

On the web:

[www.christpcusa.org](http://www.christpcusa.org)



# Traditional Worship

Invites YOU to join US!

**Sundays at 9:30 AM**

- Hymn-Based Praise
- Strong Teaching

Every Sunday in our Sanctuary

12419 Chillicothe Rd.

Chesterland, Oh 44026

440-729-1688



# Communion Service

**7:00pm on Sunday, September 19th**

- Communion
- Worship
- Prayer

*A unique time of Worship through Prayer and Praise*

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

as we gather for this unique experience. This is an opportunity for all brothers and sisters in Christ, regardless of Church attendance. Please invite your friends to join us.





# by: jason monzman

## The Science of Demonstration and Declaration

As everyone gets ready to head back to school, it has me thinking a lot about my own trip through High School. Along with all the other ups and downs, I was blessed to have a few really good teachers. One in particular was Mr. Dolan, my Junior Chemistry Teacher. “Old Al” was a crazy old man who bore a striking resemblance to the Grinch. He was also very effective at getting *and keeping* our attention.

On one particular morning Mr. Dolan slowly strolled into the lab room and silently passed out safety goggles to everyone. He walked to the far side of the lab and, still without a word, donned lab gloves. Then, in a way that instructed us to do the same, he put on his goggles. He placed a small metal pan with some water in it on the floor, where everyone could see. Smiling (*a Grinchy smile*), he took a small pebble out of a vile with a pair of tweezers and dropped it into the pan.

**\*BOOM\***

While the stunned looks were still frozen on our faces, he walked slowly to the chalk board and began drawing a diagram. Seemingly with every chalk-stroke, he would turn and *excitedly* explain the science behind the reaction we had just seen. “Old Al” expectantly looked for flashes of understanding and enthusiasm in our faces. All the while the same energy that had detonated the elemental sodium he had just dropped into water crackled from his ancient, but lively, eyes.

Although this is, perhaps, the most dramatic example or

Mr. Dolan’s teaching technique, it is not atypical. Every “Lab Day” he would stroll into the classroom, almost always silently, and *demonstrate* the experiment for the day. After getting the rapt attention of the class with his actions, though, he knew he could not just leave us hanging. He knew that after seeing his knowledge at work, that we would want it for ourselves.

After his sometimes “over-the-top” demonstrations, “Old Al” would use equal energy to *declare* the formulas, formats and functions of every aspect of the experiment. Many of us who would have lost interest at the beginning of his instruction actually *wanted* to know how he did it. I think much of that was due to the fact that we had seen the results of the words he was saying.

In these fond memories, of a subject that I had no real appreciation for, find some resonance with spreading the Gospel.

Many people (both inside and outside the Church) are burnt out on endless chatter telling them to “REPENT!” or “believe this” and “do that”. When we open our mouths, they shut their ears. These folks believe they have heard and understood the message of Christ. What can we do, as Christ-followers that will penetrate their objections and expose them to the lavish love of God?

In the same way that Mr. Dolan grabbed and maintained the attention of a room full of “I hate chemistry” high school kids. He showed us what he was so excited about. He showed us what was waiting for us on the

other side of hearing what he had to say. His demonstrations made us want to know the “why and the how” of what he had done.

The purpose of “Outreach Events” is to demonstrate the experiment. It is to show people the life-changing possibilities and explosive power of God’s great love for people. Outreach Events give us the opportunity to get the attention of our friends, family and community. Outreach Events, and simply living our lives in a way that displays God’s transformational love, help us to earn the right to speak into the hearts of others. Outreach Events are how we get the attention and show the results.

“Evangelism Events”, evangelism itself, and declarations concerning God’s love are like the lecture portion of “Old Al’s” Lab Days. They are how we tell folks how to get from where they are to the peace of knowing Christ as Savior, Redeemer, and Lord. Just like in my chemistry teacher’s lectures, it is key that we do the telling, the declaration, with the same energy and excellence of the showing.

Mr. Dolan was deeply passionate about chemistry. That passion created a desire in him to share chemistry with countless students. That passion was always evident in both his demonstration and his declaration of scientific concepts. If we are a church that is deeply passionate about Christ, it makes sense that we will have a desire to share that passion with others. That passion needs to be evident in our outreach, evangelism, and individual lives.

# Session & Deacon

## August 10th was CPC's annual joint Session/Deacon's Meeting:

Pastor Randy opened our meeting with a lesson from Isaiah Chapter 40, verses 28-31, speaking about God's power to the faint of heart and powerless people and God restoring people after exile. Pastor told us he had been at Fuller Seminary at a seminar on Globalization and the church and at Presbyterian General Assembly which meets every other year. This Assembly votes on mission statements, policies, and other issues. He spoke about the Book of Confession, (Apostles Creed) and the Book of Order, (government, worship, discipline)

### DEACON'S MEETING

- Our operating balance is currently \$1738.52.
- Twelve CPC'ers have made soup to freeze when food is necessary.
- Cash donations were sent to three members who are in need.
- Our church family donated \$150 for our school supply project.
- and showed great support to the Wunderle family and their son, Dave.
- **Next meeting: 7:00pm Monday, September 13th.**

### SESSION MEETING

- Updated 8/29/10 Pig Roast and considered our needs for volunteers.
- Discussed The *Relief of Conscience letter*. \*CPC is not in favor of using funds to support abortion in the Presbyterian Health Care Plan.
- CPC is behind YTD on Revenue vs. Expenses by \$2,300, with \$0 in cash reserve. Budget review is soon due to upcoming fiscal new year.
- Session will begin formal visioning for CPC. We ask for prayers and support in this endeavor.
- **Next meeting: 6:30pm Tuesday, September 21st.**

# M i n u t e s

# Missions

Our goal is to follow the biblical outline that Jesus gives us in Scripture:

- To be fishers of men, just as Jesus is (Matthew 4:19-20)
- To go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19)
- To be His Holy Spirit empowered witnesses in our local community, state and nation, and the remote parts of the earth (Acts 1:8)

## **Foreign Ministry**

Involves monetary support for Missionaries working to spread the gospel outside the US.

## **US Missions**

Involves supporting local, state, and national outreach efforts.

## **Children's Missions**

Children contribute to activities to supports local and worldwide mission projects

for more details:

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# CPC Music

## Adult Choir

Open to adults and  
high school students

Practice: Thurs. 6:00pm-7:00pm

Perform: Sundays at 9:30am

Director: Joshua Chenoweth

Organist: Sue Congdon

## Contemporary Worship Team

Open to singers, musicians, and  
technical people

Practice: Tuesdays at 7:00pm and  
Saturdays at 9:00am

This group leads the congregation  
in worship on Sundays at  
11:00am

Leader: Bob Russell

## Joyful Noise Choir

Open to children 3yrs.-5th grade

Practice: Sundays 10:30am  
twice/month for 20 minutes

Perform; beginning of 9:30 &  
11:00 services on the last Sunday



### **Adult Choir Practice**

Thursday evenings from  
6-7pm starting September 2nd.  
Please contact me for further  
questions or information.  
Joshua Chenoweth 440-231-1345  
[chenowethjoshua@yahoo.com](mailto:chenowethjoshua@yahoo.com).



# A Quest for New Hymnals

**Your Worship Committee thanks you for perusing the four hymnals that have been displayed in the Narthex during the month of August and for offering your comments. Some members and friends have questioned why we are considering the purchase of new hymnals.**

**First, there are not enough hymnals in the sanctuary, and the condition of those hymnals ranges from “broken in” to “well used”.**

**Second, *The Singing Church*, commonly referred to as The Red Hymnal, was published in 1985 and is missing some wonderful songs written since then, including On Eagle’s Wings, Majesty, Shine Jesus Shine, Shout to the Lord, In Christ Alone, and What Can I Give Him.**

**Your Worship Committee is considering many options to resolve these two issues. Some considerations include:**

**Alternatives to purchasing new hymnals**

**Cost**

**Legibility such as paper color and print size**

**Organization, including indexes and Scriptural references**

**Sing-ability**

**Availability of “bonus” content**

**If Worship selects a new hymnal, existing hymnals will be available at no cost to CPC members and friends, with a conscious effort to return hymnals with dedications to the donor families. Remaining hymnals will be offered through the Presbytery to churches in need.**

**Worship is aware of current financial issues within the church. Most of the funding necessary for new hymnals has already been received through private donations. With additional funds expected through donations and dedications, no monies will be used from the general operating budget for the purchase of new hymnals.**

**Please contact any member of Worship if you have questions or concerns.**

**We ask for your prayers as we complete our due diligence.**

**Worship Committee**

**Greg McCandless, Chair**



# W O M E N

## Women's Bible Studies

Seasonally, Throughout the Year

*Tuesdays & Thursdays*

Both @ CPC

Include:

Light snacks,  
prayer time and devotions.

## Chapel Circle

This group meets monthly, at  
various homes and locations.  
Their year-long study takes a look  
at different books of the Bible.

What: **1 Peter**

Led by: Janet McIntee

When: Wed. Sept. 15

Where: Charlotte Wood's

Time: 11:00am

Devotions: By Charlotte

\*No sandwich needed





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## **Men's Fellowship Group**

*Wednesdays* at 6:30am  
at Arabica in Chesterland  
*Saturdays* 9:00am @ CPC

Includes:

Coffee,  
Fellowship & discussion



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## **Men's Tres Dias Reunion Group**

Every other Saturday at 8:00am  
@ CPC



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## **City Mission Outreach**

5:30pm Wednesday,  
September 1st,  
the men of CPC serve dinner at  
the City Mission.

## **Men's Discussion Group**

Mondays at 7:00pm



# Hot Coffee

A stylized illustration of a brown coffee cup with steam rising from it, positioned below the word 'Coffee' in the 'Hot Coffee' text.

**9:30am, Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup>**

we will be joined for a light breakfast by

**George Sleigh**

a survivor of the 9/11 terrorist attacks  
on the World Trade Center in New York City.

This is the perfect opportunity to invite friends and family to hear  
how God can move, even in the face of tragedy.

Please Join us for this special event!



**"Librarian" needed!**

Please contact Marianne  
[mariannerichards@roadrunner.com](mailto:mariannerichards@roadrunner.com)  
#440-543-7497.

Love Books? Love to Organize?

Then this "job" is for YOU!

The job involves purchasing and processing  
books, rotating books from the downstairs  
library to the satellite library in the Fellow-  
ship Hall, and reshelving returned books.

No experience necessary. Marianne Richards  
will train you on the system that is in place.

### **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.

### **How to contact us**

Church office hours are  
9:00am-4:30pm Mondays  
through Thursdays.

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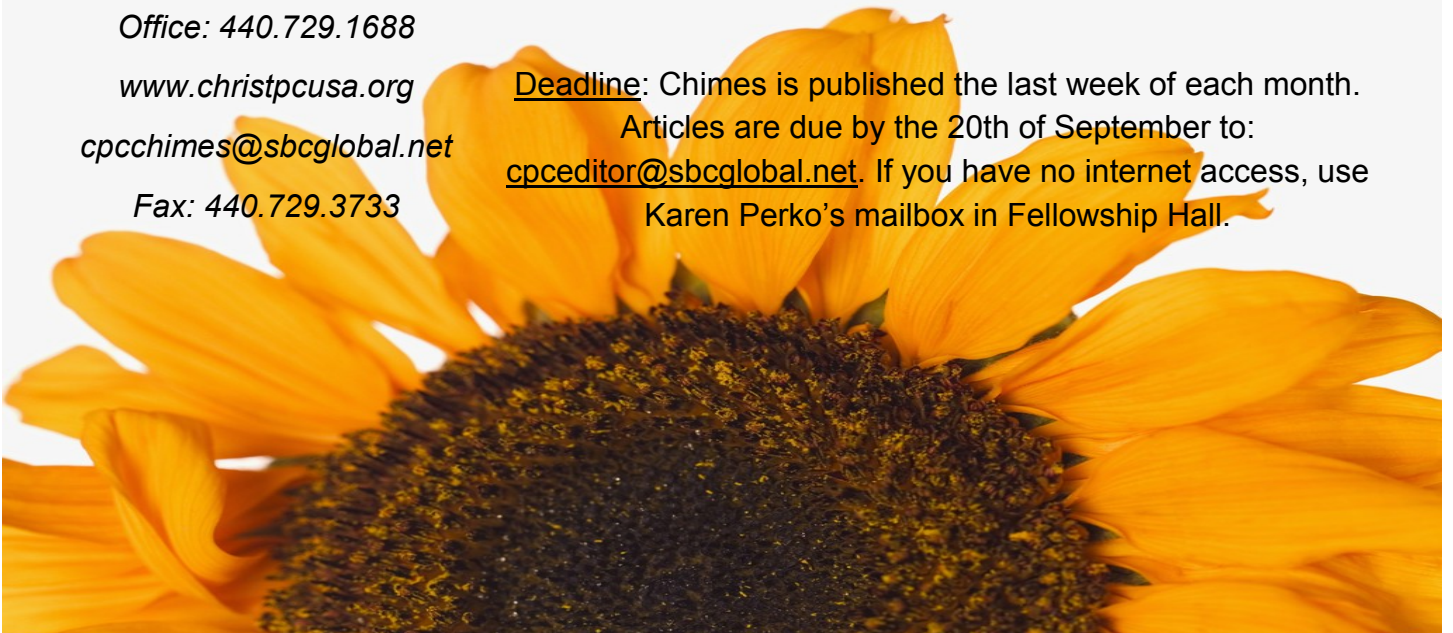
### **What is Christ Presbyterian Church?**

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.

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

**Deadline:** Chimes is published the last week of each month.


Articles are due by the 20th of September to: [cpceditor@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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-Mar	\$65,524.90	\$77,454.50	-\$11,929.60
April-June	79,034.71	79,588.69	-553.98
July	<u>16,658.35</u>	<u>19,337.76</u>	<u>-2,679.41</u>
	\$161,217.96	\$176,380.95	-\$15,162.64
Reserve as of Jan 1	<u>\$ 12,866.64</u>		
Operating Fund Balance	-\$2,296.35		



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