

CPC

January 2012

Chimes

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

Joy to the world...

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| Cyndie Tropf | Ushers |
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We worship together at
9:30am every Sunday.

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

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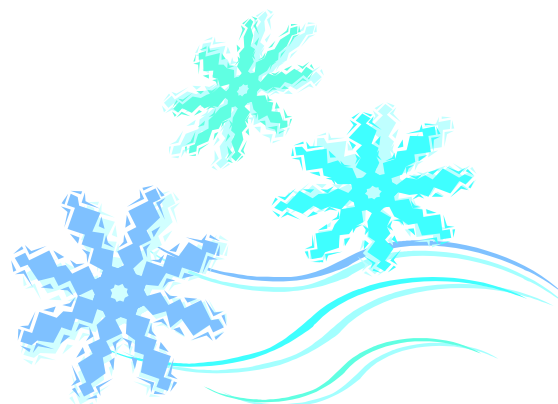
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**CPC Financial Update
2011 Operating Budget**

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Actual Income</u> | <u>Actual Expenses</u> | <u>(Income – Expenses)</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jan-Nov | \$204,717.73 | \$188,464.08 | \$16,253.65 |

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| <i>Reserve as of Jan 1</i> | <u>\$5,953.59</u> |
| <i>Operating Fund Balance</i> | \$22,207.24 |



Pastor's

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The morning of January 1 is one of my favorites of the year. My eyes open to a stretch of days—this year, three-hundred, three score and six—like a child opening a Christmas toy. Fresh out of the package, still without chips or dings, glistening metal and plastic beg for play—what a time there is to be had! On the first day of the year I don't think about how some of those days will be hard, even more difficult than what I've yet lived. Even if somewhat artificial, January 1 seems a slice of the "all things new!" Christ speaks to us from the future.

Our Methodist brother John Wesley was a kindred spirit in appreciating the New Year. In 1755 Wesley began to hold covenant services for helping Christians receive and live afresh into the promises of God. By the end of his life these services were usually held on or close to New Year's Day. Wesley would say at the start of the Covenant Service:

...On one side of the Covenant is God's promise that He will fulfill in and through us all the He declared in Jesus Christ... That His promise still stands we are sure, for we have known his goodness, and proved His grace in our lives day by day.

On the other side we stand pledged to live no more to ourselves, but to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, and has called us to serve Him that the purpose of His coming might be fulfilled.

I like this New Year's notion that we are pushed and pulled by the promises of God—pushed by the years behind in which we have known God's goodness; pulled into days faith says will be graced by the life and purpose of God.

In the past few weeks I've heard a number of people say, "I believe there are good days ahead for this church." Such words are covenant words. They are statements of faith in God's limitless capacity to do a new thing, but also words inviting commitment to new purpose, fresh faith, reinvigorated expressions of love for God and neighbor.

I am eager to see what God will give to us this year. However it all unfolds, it is certain that God will be giving us Christ with all his promises and the Spirit by whose power we will live into them.

A blessed New Year to you all,



Our Friend, Eleanor Havel

She sits with her girlfriends on Sundays here at CPC, and if you happen to visit the Geauga Family YMCA on weekdays between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., you may have run into her there. Eleanor goes to the Y five days a week and walks in the gym. She has a lap counter and often does 40 laps. Each day, she walks approximately 2.3 miles. Before even arriving at the Y, she's does over 300 exercises at home. She began exercising when she was about 60. Eleanor is 87 years old! Very active and not one for standing still very long, Eleanor says you are never too old to start exercising.

Eleanor and her husband raised two sons in the Geauga county area. She has had many hobbies and business ventures with a crafty flair. She likes quilting, wood carving, silversmithing, enameling, and even taught ceramics in her shop she owned. She's still working with doll restoration at the Doll Hospital in Chesterland.

Spirit and Strength, a great combination!



Way to go!

Jim Hart to Serve as Commissioner to 220th General Assembly (2012)

At the last meeting of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve Jim Hart was elected to serve as a ruling elder commissioner to the 220th General Assembly (2012) in Pittsburgh next June 30 - July 7. The General Assembly undertakes important ministry for the Presbyterian Church (USA), discerning what the church is called to believe and do, and takes actions that shape the life of the PCUSA in significant ways. The Assembly is also a time of worship and fellowship as commissioners and delegates from across the country—even the world!—become something of an expression of the church universal. To serve as a commissioner to our denomination's highest governing body is a high calling and privilege for any pastor or elder. Since Jim is the first elder from Christ Presbyterian to serve in this capacity since 1980, it is all the more special. We can keep Jim in our prayers as he prepares for this ministry and can look forward to hearing from him about the Assembly after he has returned.

Hangin' with the Kids

The children did an amazing job during the 4 weeks of the *Hanging of the Greens Presentation*. Thank you to ALL who participated!



and to the volunteers...

A special thanks to all of the volunteers. There is no way we could have enjoyed this presentation without the help from all of you!

Editor: Karena McCandless

Costumes: Sharon Schaeffer and Monique Newman

Assistants: Nancy Moritz, Tina

Fischer, Lora Paris and
Stacey Johnson

Angel Dance

Choreographers:

Ali Paris,

Leah Coso and

Cameron Zimmermann

Lead Drummer Boys:

Carson McCandless,

Graham Maclellan,

Adam Paris

Sound and Video-

grapher: Jim Hart

and Mike

Maclellan

Advent Lunch:

Tina Fischer,

Dushan & Beth

Boucchek, Cindy

Tropf, Brady and

Nancy Moritz,

Mike Maclellan, and Sandy Stumpf.



Thank you!

Children's Ministries

(children ages 3years - 7th grade)



LEGO & Lunch

January 16 (MLK Day)

10:30am

Meet at the Lego Store, Beachwood with **an adult. We'll build something LEGO, then** return to CPC to make pizzas for lunch.

We nurture children for living in relationship with Jesus Christ. Time in worship, Sunday School and fellowship help children grow into God-loving, Jesus-serving disciples. Along with Sunday School, to which children go from worship, upcoming events are:

February 20, 2012: Sledding & Cocoa

March 2012: Roller Skating Party

Learn more about children's ministry at CPC by contacting Jen Congdon, Director of Children's Ministries at cpc.kids@sbcglobal.net or 440-622-6563.

Youth Ministries (5th -8th grade)

Our church helps youth experience the love of God, mature in faith in Christ, and learn that the church is a community for worship and service across the span of their lives. Middle school youth group meets most Sundays at 5:00 pm and has occasional special events -- an essential part of youth ministry is fun! Here is what we have planned next:

**January 13-14 Youth Group Lock-In at CPC, 7:00pm - 8:00am
Middle-schoolers will spend the night in fellowship on Friday,
and continuing through the next morning.**

Get to know more about youth ministry at CPC by contacting Shari McCaslin, pnmccaslin@windstream.net or 440-636-9812; or Rob / Lindsay Russell, rlrussell8709@gmail.com or 440-708-6687 / 440-539-2038.



CPC Mardi Gras

February 17, 2012

(Friday Night Event)

6:30 - 9:00

Mardi Gras came to America in 1699, it is a "carnival" celebration before the beginning of Lent. In the British Isles it is called Shrove Tuesday. We will be celebrating both with the traditional eating of pancakes and frivolity!

Fellowship

CPC is a church that enjoys sharing life together. From after-worship Fellowship Time to seasonal events, there are many ways to meet and get to know others in the church.

At the Mardi Gras celebration, there will also be a kids coloring contest. Kids, enter a coloring contest by coloring the pictures below. Turn them in to your Sunday School teacher, where you'll find additional pictures to color and enter in the contest.

Find out more about CPC's fellowship life by contacting Linda Russell, wwr549@aol.com or 440-729-3547.



Thank You!

Dear Church family,

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards, made food, phone calls and showered me with flowers and visits during my recovery from my auto accident.

I am grateful for all of your love and prayers. I am truly blessed.

-Doris Wenger

Is the weather outside frightful?

Check CPC Website: www.christpcusa.org

Or call the church office: 440-729-1688

For event cancellations.

CPC Office is closed when

West Geauga Local schools are closed.

Ushers & Greeters



Sign up for 2012 in Fellowship Hall

Chapel Circle

Meeting at: CPC

Wednesday, January 18

11:00am

Lesson: 12 pp. 95-103

Lunch out afterwards!

On behalf of the Deacons, Cyndie Trof and Beth Boucek would like to thank all of the lovely ladies who baked their delicious Christmas cookies for the December coffee hour. Thank you to Pat Gedeon as well. Her centerpiece for the table was beautiful. It was much appreciated. It all made fellowshiping a little more special. Happy New Year!

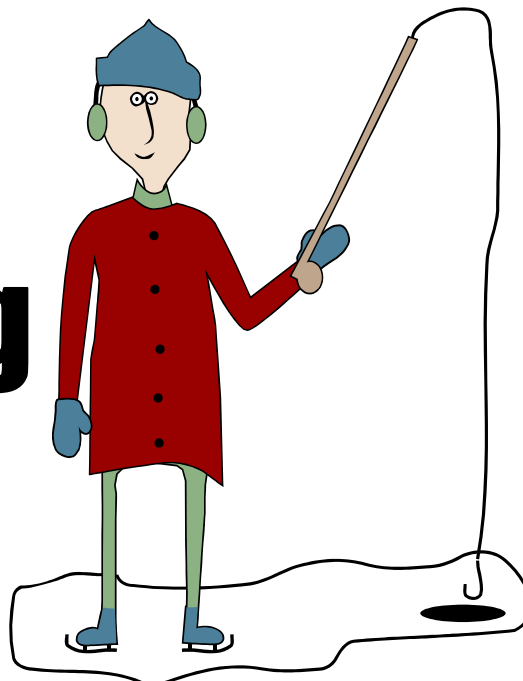
Men's Ministry

Men of CPC gather for study, fellowship and service. With early morning Bible studies, meal preparation with the homeless at Cleveland City Mission, and other occasional projects, men's ministry expresses love of God with heart, mind, soul and strength.

January 4 Cleveland City Mission trip, meeting @ CPC 5:30pm.



Men's fishing trip



Get your fishing pole warmed up! Join CPC men for a weekend of "bonding". Friday, February 17th—Monday, February 20th, they pack up and ship out to a lake in Hillman, Michigan. To reserve a spot in the cabin, contact Gary Stumpf at 440-729-7020 or Chuck Stamey at 440-897-7579. Reservations are first come—first served.

....and REALLY ladies, fish have been caught in the past!

JANUARY 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 New Year's Day! Worship 9:30a Communion | 2 Staff 11a Men's Grp 7:30p | 3 Prayer Grp 9:30a Praise Team 7p | 4 Men's Bible 6:30a Men's City Mission 5:30p Bootcamp 6:30p | 5 Choir 6:30p Grateful Praise 8p | 6 | 7 Men's Bible 8a |
| 8 Installation of Deacons and Elders during Worship Youth Group 5p | 9 Children's 9:30p Staff 11a Youth Min. 7p Deacons 7p Men's Grp 7:30p ANNUAL REPORTS DUE | 10 Prayer Grp 9:30a Praise Team 7p Personnel Mtg. 7p | 11 Men's Bible 6:30a Bootcamp 6:30p Girl Scouts 7p Worship 7p | 12 Choir 6:30p Grateful Praise 8p | 13 Youth Group Lock-In 7:00pm 8:00am | 14 Men's Bible 8a |
| 15 Youth Group 5p | 16 CPC Office closed Milk Day Children's Min. LEGO & Lunch 10:30am Beachwood Mall Men's Grp 7:30p | 17 Prayer Grp 9:30a Praise Team 7p Session 7p | 18 Men's Bible 6:30a Chapel Circle 11a Bootcamp 6:30p | 19 Choir 6:30p Grateful Praise 8p | 20 February Chimes Articles due | 21 Men's Bible 8a |
| 22 Youth Group 5p | 23 Staff 11a Men's Grp 7:30p | 24 Prayer Grp 9:30a Praise Team 7p | 25 Men's Bible 6:30a Bootcamp 6:30p | 26 Choir 6:30p Grateful Praise 8p | 27 | 28 Men's Bible 8a |
| 29 Annual Congregational Meeting following 9:30 Worship Youth Group 5p | 30 Staff 11a Men's Grp 7:30p | 31 Prayer Grp 9:30a Praise Team 7p | | | | |