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9:30am every Sunday.

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Mondays -Thursdays.

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Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,

I want to extend to you two invitations. I take pleasure in doing this because recently I have experienced the blessing of being invited. I have been asked to lunch and dinner, to go sledding and running, to coffee and to parties. Maybe that 8-year-old in us who thrilled to get a birthday invitation in the mail never grows up. An invitation tells us we matter: someone thinks they will be the richer for our presence.

First, I invite you to the service at which I will be installed as your pastor on **Sunday, February 26th at 3:00pm.** This service of installation will be a presbytery-led worship service that celebrates the ministry God is giving us together. In addition to the ordinary stuff of worship, I will publicly respond to constitutional questions —largely the same as those affirmed by our elders and deacons on January 8 —and declare my intent to serve this church faithfully, with the help of God. I need to have you around me as I do

this, and I would like as many as are able to join in rejoicing at what God is doing among us.

Also, I invite you to begin Lent by attending the Ash Wednesday service on **Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00pm.** Another publication highlighting the Lenten season will be published soon, but for now I would have you know that Lent, one of the Church's holy seasons, may be likened to a journey and Ash Wednesday to the trailhead of that wilderness path. During Lent we will think about how we might walk closer to God and be nourished by God on life's journey. The Ash Wednesday service will be a time for reflectively placing ourselves before God, acknowledging how much we need God, and saying in faith that God means to shape us for our good and God's glory.

Finally, I invite you to sit down with me in one of the small discussion groups that will form soon for one-time meetings through the spring. More is said about these on p. 4 of this newsletter, but here I would say that I am eager to meet with these groups of 8-10 to learn more about peoples' stories, and their passions and hopes for Christ Church.

So, there you are. You are invited. Imagine calligraphy and fancy font, if you wish. Your presence and participation matter to me, mostly because we are the church together and we all have gifts to bring. Just bringing yourself will be fine, even the best. Hope to see you there.

The Lord be with you all,

UPCOMING GATHERINGS WITH PASTOR MATT

I want to get to know Christ Church: its people, stories, dreams and more. I also want to share some of myself with the church in a more intimate setting than the pulpit or a class. Toward these ends, there will be a number of gatherings held at the church and in homes that, I hope, will help us to learn more about each other and share what is important to us about being the church.

These gatherings of 8-12 people each will be spaced over a few months, perhaps beginning as soon as February. Some will take place following Sunday worship, while others will be in homes in the evening. They may be desserts or potlucks, but whatever the format, all will be occasions for open dialogue between group members and me about who we are and what we cherish about the church.

Designated Pastor Nominating Committee members Pat Gedeon and Sue Scott will be organizing these events. One of them may contact you about participating in a session, but also feel free to contact Pat (440-729-9992) to express your interest either in attending or hosting a gathering. (We do need hosts! All of you who love to give hospitality please do call Pat!)

I am feeling more and more a part of the Christ Church community and look forward to these times of sharing and listening. I know they will be important to my ministry and the life we share together. I look forward to seeing you at one of them.

—Matt Reeves

HOMEBUILDERS SMALL GROUP STUDY: COME GROW YOUR MARRIAGE WITH US

CPC be running a 6 week scripture based small group study for couples after Easter. Each interactive session runs 60 minutes and presents biblical truths and practical life applications for your marriage. We will likely be meeting on Sundays and using the “Improving Communication in your Marriage” module.

If interested, sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Bill or Tina Fischer at 440-729-4515.



CHAPEL CIRCLE: MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies of Chapel Circle invite you to join them for their Bible study meeting. The studies are held monthly, in alternating homes of the women. During the winter months, meetings are held at CPC.

Their next meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 15 at 11:00am. They will be reading from Philippians 1:1-11, THE EPISTLE OF JOY.

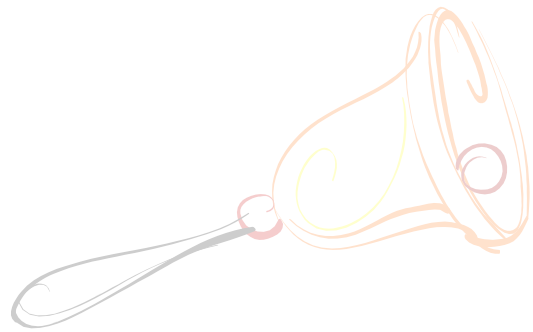
Following the study, the ladies carpool to lunch at Danny Boys in Chesterland.

Call: Barbara Kross for more information at 440-729-3045.

OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

Do you have ideas for Outreach and Evangelism? Would you like to help put them into practice? The Evangelism/Outreach committee will hold a meeting on February 16th at 7:00pm in the Russell Room. Please feel free to join us.

If you have any questions or comments please call Shelley Brown at 440-567-0903



BRING ON THE BELLS

Join Choir Director, Josh Chenoweth, as he puts together a spring Bell Choir. The simple selection of music will make learning, and being a part of the group a unique experience. Rehearsals will begin Sunday, February 26th following worship.

For more information, contact Josh at 440-231-1345.

NO SCHOOL...SLEDS RULE!

February 20th, President's Day, kids and parents alike will enjoy a light breakfast before "hitting the hills" of CPC. Bring your favorite sled and we'll supply the rest!



HERE ARE MORE CHILDREN'S EVENTS YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO:

- Feb. 26th: Children's Bell Choir Rehearsals begin downstairs, following Sunday school
- March 2nd: Roller Skating Party—*Chagrin Valley Roller Rink*
7151 S. Main St.
Bentleyville, Oh 44022
- April 1st (Palm Sunday): Children's Bell Choir leads in worship
- June 11-14: Vacation Bible School 2012

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. Check CPC Website: www.christpcusa.org For event updates.

Get to know Debbie Brooks

I received my Bachelor of Fine Arts in Communication Graphics from Edinboro University in 1991. I have worked in several areas of the Graphic Design world including newspapers, art galleries, and an international custom garment graphics company (this is where I met my wonderful husband Bob).

Then I became a MOM. I have been very blessed to have had the opportunity to stay home and raise our daughter Lauren. I was now looking for ways to be creative outside of an office for the first time.

I have always loved lettering. I received my first calligraphy pen when I was 10 years old and it was something I fell in love with. I rediscovered calligraphy following college and I have taken many calligraphy classes. I recently joined the Western Reserve Calligraphers Guild and enjoy doing wedding calligraphy very much. I like to send snail mail just so I can have fun on the envelope. My friends often say that they save my envelopes. I love that!

I went back to school to receive my teaching license in 2009 and have been a substitute art teacher K-12 for the past three years in West Geauga, Chardon and Newbery. I LOVE it!!! I really enjoy seeing many of our children and teens from CPC when I walk into a classroom, it makes my day!

I have added a new artistic obsession to my life in the form of WOOL. Yes, I am a hooker...a rug hooker that is. I am also learning appliqué.

I enjoy a lot of the arts and crafts that were born out of necessity in our colonial days: writing with ink and dip pen (calligraphy) creating with wool (using old coats and scarves etc. to keep floors and beds warm) and pottery (places to keep your STUFF)

I like it all....who knows what I will do next? Until then forgive me if I touch your scarves and jackets with a faraway look in my eye...its my creative brain on the loose.

Debbie Brooks

Graphic Designer/ Calligrapher/Art Teacher/Rug Hooker/School Play Set and Prop Painter



**Debbie's art
will be exhibited at the
North entrance of the church
through March.**



A Youth Group Project

More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

*"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."*

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. through this mission young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th, the youth of CPC will be outside asking you to share God's love with those in need. Dollars given will support Cleveland City Mission. Make checks payable to CPC with Souper Bowl of Caring on the memo line.

To learn more about this event go to tacklehunger.org or contact Rob / Lindsay Russell, rlrussell8709@gmail.com or 440-708-6687 / 440-539-2038.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUTH:

- Feb. 5th: Souper Bowl of Caring Donation Drive
- February 11th Laser Tag—At WhirlyBall in Bedford. Meet at CPC at 4:00pm
- February 12: No Youth Group
- February 19: 5:00pm Youth Group
- February 26: 5:00pm Youth Group

Check CPC Website: www.christpcusa.org For event updates.

Notes from Session

After a very meaningful and well received ordination and installation of Deacons and Elders on January 8, 2012, your session held its first meeting of the New Year on Tuesday evening, January 17, 2012.

Our first order of business was to receive visitors from the Middle School Youth Group. Rob and Lindsay Russell brought two members of their group to read to Session a Youth Behavior Covenant that the youth had written with the help of their leaders. Emma Fischer and Carson McCandless read the covenant to session and I must say that session was “blown away” by it. A motion was made and passed to receive the covenant and bless it. It was also suggested that it be read to the congregation during a service.

Another motion was passed which contained the dates for communion during the year. It will be the first Sunday of each month.

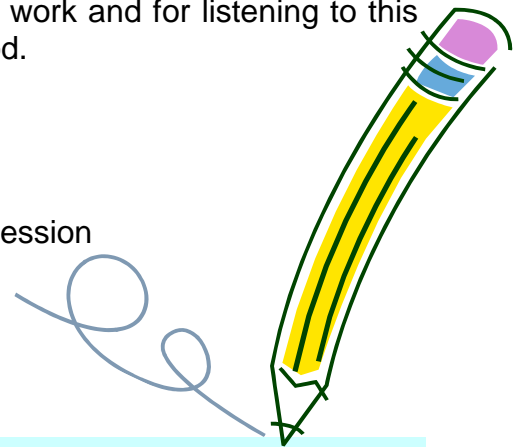
Terry and Jan Moore had their membership restored and are now members in good standing as before. Welcome Back!!

Pastor Reeves will be installed as our pastor in the afternoon of February 26, 2012. Time will be announced at a later date. Membership stands at 236 as of 12/31/11. Pastor Reeves announced a new members class will be held on a Saturday in February and a motion was made to empower at least four session members to attend and accept the new members into the church at that time. The annual meeting will be held on January 29, 2012 at which time the pastor’s terms of call will be voted on. The 2012 budget was also accepted and will be in the annual report.

I need to say that I have been a member of session off and on for about ten years and I have never felt the enthusiasm and excitement that I feel with this session. Thank you DPNC for your work and for listening to this calling from God.

In His service,

Chuck Scott
Your Clerk of Session



ADULT MINISTRIES’ LENTEN STUDY

The Adult Ministries Committee is pleased to announce it will be presenting a six week program during Lent. The study will commence on Sunday, February 26, and continue on successive Sundays through Palm Sunday, April 1. Each program will begin at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary, after which we will break into smaller groups to discuss the video presentation we have all viewed together.

The focus of the study will take us on **a path to spiritual growth**, both as individuals and as a part of the body of Christ.

Further details will be forthcoming, but for now, we would ask you to prayerfully consider participating in this time of reflection and growth.

CPC FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR:

- **Pancake Eating Competition**
- **Mask Making**
- **Crowning of the King & Queen**
- **Piñata and More!!**

Friday, February 10, 2012

6:30pm-9:00pm

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.

Please join us for what is sure to be a fun evening!



News from Deacons

The Deacons thanked Pastor Matt for the beautiful Ordination and Installation service held on Sunday, January 8th. We all commented on how meaningful the service was to us. Our meeting began by welcoming new members Joy Kule and Sue Stamey. Joy will be involved with Outreach and Sue will Join Carmen Elswick on the Food Committee.

Minutes and Treasurers reports were passed out, reviewed and accepted. Deacons finances started out with \$700 more this year than last year. Thank you, everyone! Committee reports were given and everything is going fine.

Correspondence received from the Geauga County Board of Family services advised us that foster families are greatly needed in the Geauga area. Anyone interested can contact them or Deacons. Our Outreach committee reported that all tags had been taken off the holiday tree and many, many bags of gifts were delivered to the family. Our family was amazed at the generosity shown to them! Again, thank you, congregation, for your gifts and compassion.

Thank you CPC ladies for all the delicious cookies and pastries you helped to provide for our December coffee hours, which were very well attended. Valentine's Day is the next project involving our college students. If you care to make a donation to a student away at college, contact Beth Boucek at 440-338-1926.

The remainder of our January meeting was spent discussing some new ideas and projects for the upcoming year. Stay tuned!

The Deacons wish all of you a safe and Happy New Year.

Barb Albrecht,
Secretary



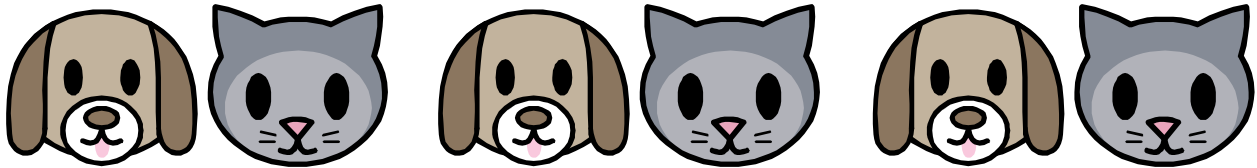
ADMIRING THE SUNDAY FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS?

If you are interested in purchasing a Sunday floral arrangement in honor or memory of someone, contact Lila Latta at 440-953-1946. Make \$20 checks payable to CPC, with Deacons flowers on the memo line.

Thank you CPC and Friends!

Your response to the Deacon's Christmas Outreach Program was AMAZING!

Not a tag was left on the Christmas tree for the Outreach Family, or on the display for the WomenSafe family. Deacons are overwhelmed with the love and generosity you displayed.



THE DEACONS ARE HELPING OUR 4-LEGGED FRIENDS

The Deacons are collecting items for the Geauga County Dog Pound. A box for donations will be in Fellowship Hall through the month of February.

Items needed are:

canned/dry food	paper towels
treats	leashes/collars
laundry soap	medical supplies
bleach	cleaning supplies
blankets	office supplies
sheets	and monetary donations
towels	

Any of the above will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your help.

For more information, call Joy Kule @ 729-2992 or Marsha Zimmermann @ 338-1898.

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5 Communion	6 9:30am Children's Ministries meeting 11:00am Staff 7:00pm Deacons 7:30pm Men's Group	7 9:30am Prayer Group	8 6:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Boot Camp 7:00pm Girl Scouts	9 6:30pm Choir 8:00pm Grateful Praise	10 6:30pm-9:00pm Mardi Gras celebration	11 8:00am Men's Bible Study 4:00pm Youth Group Laser Tag
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19 10:45am Mission Committee Meeting 5:00pm Youth Group	20 President's Day CPC Office Closed 10:00am Children's Ministries Sled riding 7:30pm Men's Group	21 9:30am Prayer Group 7:00pm Session March Chimes Articles due	22 6:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	23 6:30pm Choir 8:00pm Grateful Praise	24	25 8:00am Men's Bible Study
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