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Happy Mother's Day!

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Traditional: 9:30 am

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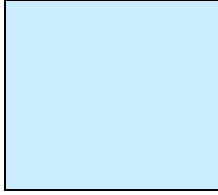
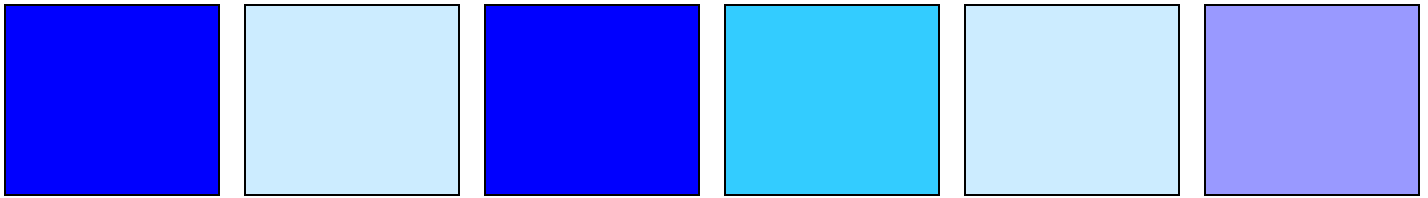
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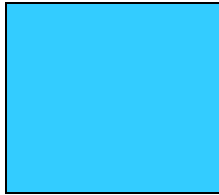
5/31 Memorial Day



What's Working



By Dr. Randy Working



May 2010

Dear friends,

This month we take up a new preaching series on the book of Genesis. Two recurring themes in the book are Creation and Redemption.

The name *genesis* means "beginning," and comes from the book's first sentence, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis is in many ways a strange world

to us, but our Christian faith grows from this ancient foundation. God shows His grace—undeserved kindness—in creating the world and in saving a people through whom He will bless the world.

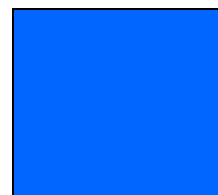
God speaks to us in the greatness of creation. Everything that exists apart from God himself springs from His hand

*The heavens
declare the glory
of God; the skies
proclaim the
work of His hands.*

-Psalm 19:1

and testifies to Him in its order, intricacy, and beauty. As the psalmist writes, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands" (Psalm 19:1). As we journey toward truth on the road of faith, creation highlights the reality of God whom we meet

fully in Jesus, who is the Truth. No one comes to the Father except through Him (John 14:6). He alone is the Way.





Therefore Genesis is not only the story of the origin of the physical order, but also of our salvation. Dwelling in the text is where we discover our identity, our purpose, and the nature of the human problem. It is also where we discover the promise of Jesus the bridge, the "one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).

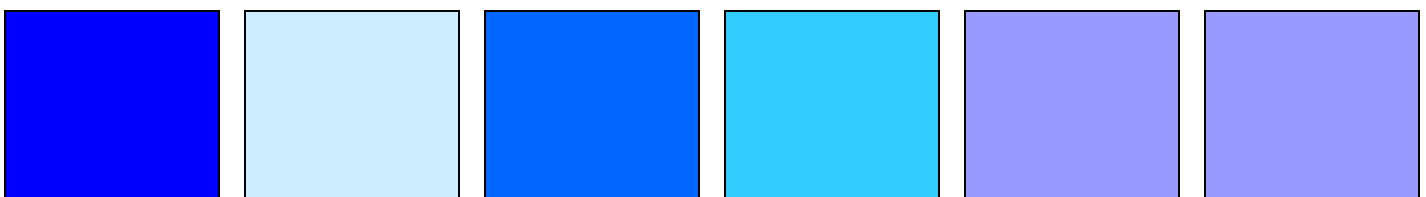
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our church. It's a good way to introduce them to God's grand design for living.

With love for you in Christ,
Pastor Randy

Please join us in worship this spring as Randy Working continues teaching on the Book of Genesis.

Come join us for worship this month, and bring a friend who's not already a part of



Children's

What Grade do you teach? Right now, I teach Kindergarten through 2nd grade Sunday School.

What are you teaching them about? Our last lesson was about the *Fruits of the Spirit*.

How long have you taught Sunday School? This is my fourth year.

What is the best part about teaching? Getting to know the kids and watching them grow in their faith.

How many children do you have? Bob and I have one daughter, Lauren who is 9, and I have a stepson Bobby who is 22.

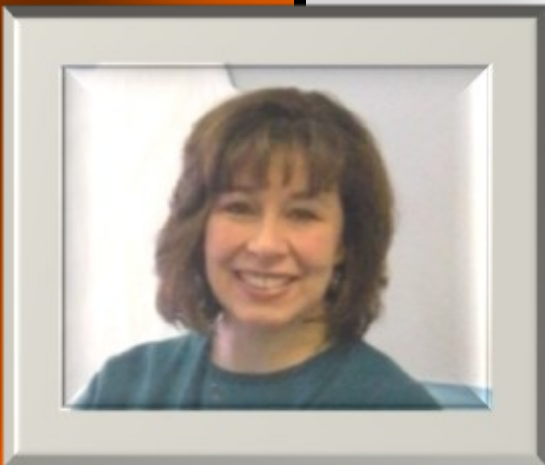
What do you like to do in your spare time? I love photography, calligraphy, gardening...anything creative!!!

Do you have any pets? We have 2 cats, Herman and Natty.

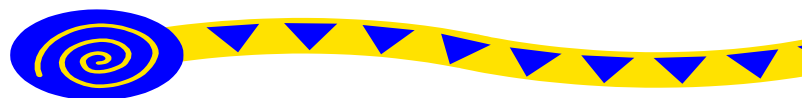
Have you taken any recent trips? Last summer we met one of my college roommates at Disney World and surprised her daughters. (Our girls are good friends!).

What is an interesting fact about yourself? Last year, I went back to college and earned my teaching certificate for Visual Arts for Pre-K through grade 12.

Christ's Servant



Debbie Brooks



Ministries

What Grade do you teach? I teach Pre-School Sunday School

What are you teaching them about? We're learning about the life of Jesus.

How long have you taught Sunday School? I've taught on and off for 32 years!

What is the best part about teaching? The best part about teaching Sunday School is sharing the Lord's stories with all of the children.

How many children do you have? My husband Brad, & I have four children; Logan, who is married to Lindsey, Jared, Evan and Jonathan.

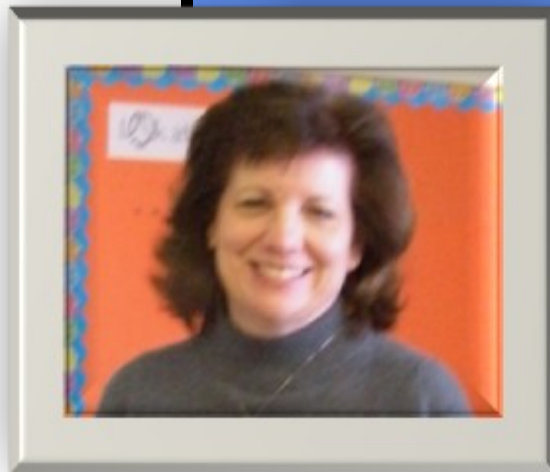
What do you like to do in your spare time? I enjoy dancing, exercising, being outdoors and reading.

Do you have any pets? Yes, we have a dog named Rowsby.

Have you taken any recent trips? This past summer, we went to California for a Moritz Family Reunion!

What is an interesting fact about yourself? I participated in the 2 Billy Graham Crusades here in Cleveland (1972-1994). What a privilege!

Christ's Servant



Nancy Moritz

Jen Congdon
Children's Ministries Director
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All hands on deck!!!
This summer, Vacation Bible School offers up some excitement! In just six weeks, we will be ready to set sail. Feel the sea spray on your face as sails snap overhead. Experience the deep rolling waters of God's love. Children 3 years old through the 5th grade will learn how God frees Peter from prison, How He comforts Paul in a storm at sea, how Peter and John teach about Jesus and more!

It's sure to be an experience that the children will never forget. The week will show them how God loves them through daily Bible points like, God's Word is true, His Word is

WHO: CHILDREN 3 YEARS-5TH GRADE

WHAT: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHEN: JUNE 14-17 2010

WHY: BECAUSE IT'S FUN!

comforting,
and His Word
is for every-
one!

As our "Ship mates" prepare for VBS, we welcome your prayers. We ask for prayers for planning, prayers for great volunteers to "climb aboard" our crew, and prayers that each child knows that God is their Lord and Savior.

For more information on VBS, to register a child or to volunteer, please stop by the Focus Table in Fellowship Hall or call Beth Bouchek (440-338-1926), our Church office or check our website.

It's time to give those teachers who taught throughout the year a break...



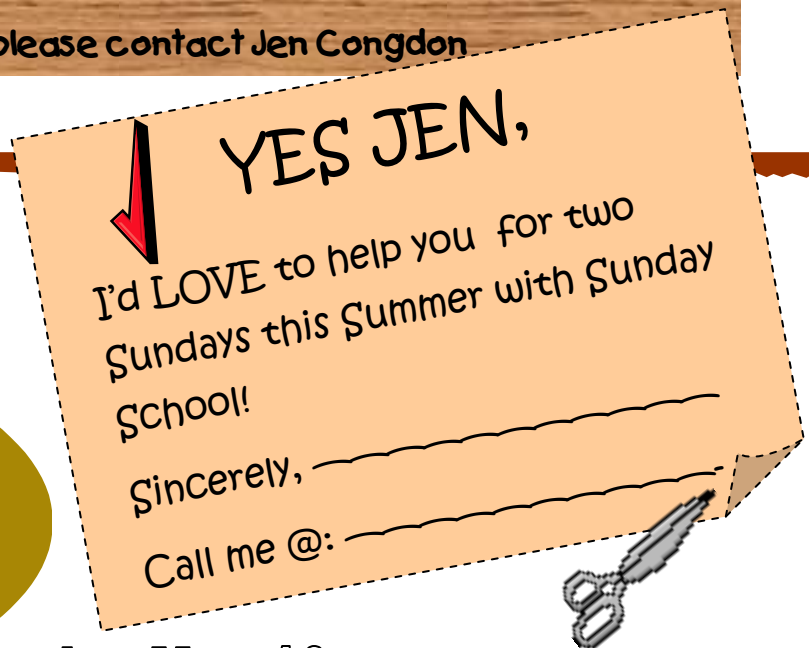
Sunday school teachers and Children's Moments leaders for the Summer.

*Summer Sunday school class will be designed for children who are entering 3rd grade and under.

The class will be a combination of a video series and regular curriculum for young Elementary.

*Children's Moment leaders starting in June.

If interested please contact Jen Congdon



Teacher Appreciation Sunday-May 16

Youth Ministries

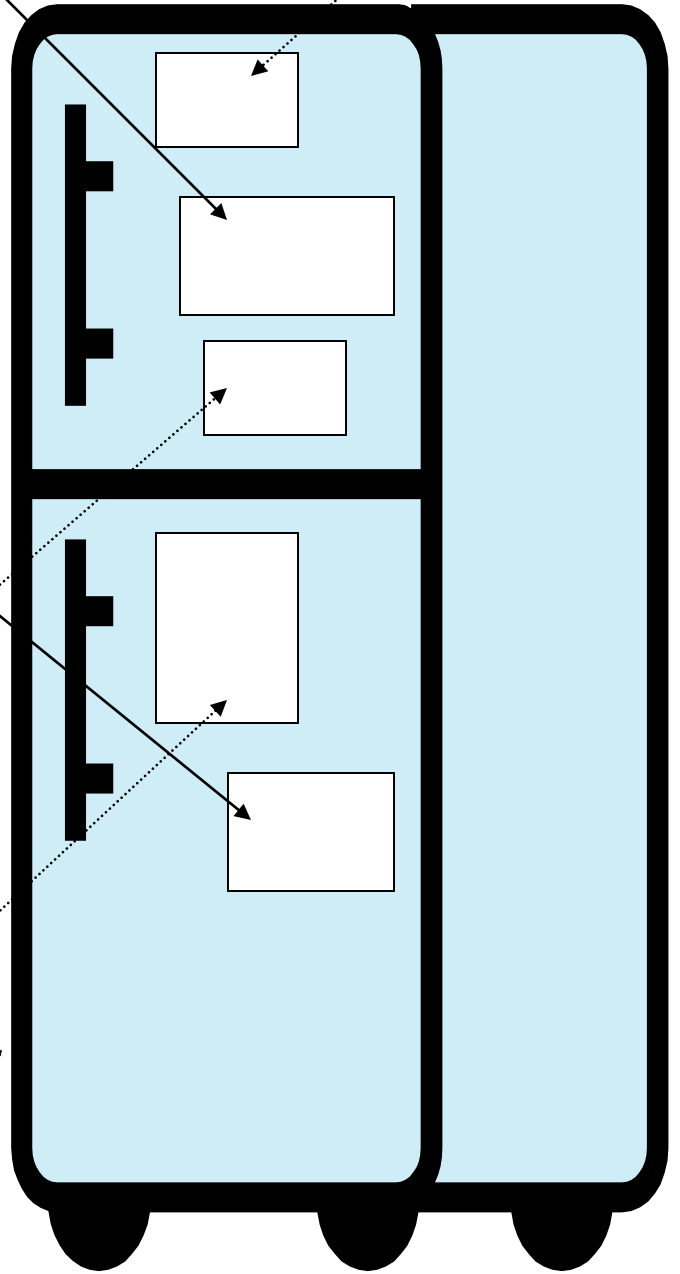
May 1st
Chesterland
Progressive
Lunch with other
churches
12pm-3:00pm

Youth Group:
May 2, 16, 23,
& June 6th
6:30pm-8pm

VBS Youth Aids
Needed!!!
June 14-17

June 13th
Youth Sunday!

May 2, 23 & June 6
Confirmation Class
10:45am-12:15pm.
June Service Project for
the Confirmation
students.



Andrea Milnar
Youth Ministries Director
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IN THE LOOP

Here are the Minutes from the April Deacon's Meeting!

Welcome Jim Hart, April's Session Representative,. Jim reported on CPC activities, the survey results and on the Unified church service. (see the next page for the detailed results). Did we hear new Hymnals? Keep us filled in Jim!!!

Committee reports were given and everything seems to be going well. Vacation Bible School was discussed. Save the date...June 14-17. Things are moving along. Sign-up for volunteers is in Fellowship Hall. -HINT, HINT, HINT!

Blessings and thanksgiving that *Hal Clyde and Meredith Washburn* are both home and doing well after their surgeries. They're on their way to recovery! No meals were needed this past month, but our food committee provided sandwiches and desserts for our visit from our Missionary who spoke on Palm Sunday. There was a cake for New Members, *Lindsey Moritz, Chuck & Sue Stamey and Vic & Miriam Strebeck*. Welcome to them!

Deacons are excited about several things...

1. The new Sunday evening Communion church service. We highly recommend it! We encourage everyone to experience it once a month.
2. Phone calling from Deacons to our church family is being implemented. Everyone will be called within the next few months. We look forward to some GREAT conversations.
...and last, but not least...

3.

3. The gift of giving. Monetary donations were made from Deacons, to the following:

-VBS

-WomenSafe

-Geauga Volunteers (County Jail Program)

In Christian love,

Barb Albrecht

(excerpts taken from Barb's Minutes)



Report to Congregation

Survey on Unified Lenten Services

During four services of Lent, the Worship Committee distributed surveys requesting general congregational feedback on the unified Lenten services, which combined traditional and contemporary styles and music. Special music during the anthem slot alternated between the traditional choir and the praise team. When the praise team was featured, there were more traditional hymns. When the choir was featured, there were more praise songs. The children offered short performances during each of the Lenten services, which began at 9:30.

The survey requested both positive and negative opinions as well as specific comments on any topic. Because of the survey's subjective format, it is not possible to provide a purely statistical report, but rather identify trends and patterns. It is important to note that not all attendees responded to the survey; therefore, ***the random sampling does not necessarily reflect the opinions of all CPC members and friends.***

Your Worship committee will use these survey results to make decisions about the future direction of CPC's worship service structure and style.

The five general topics mentioned most frequently have been recorded and compiled for your review. Individual comments have also been documented.

Style of music

Concept of a blended service

Starting time

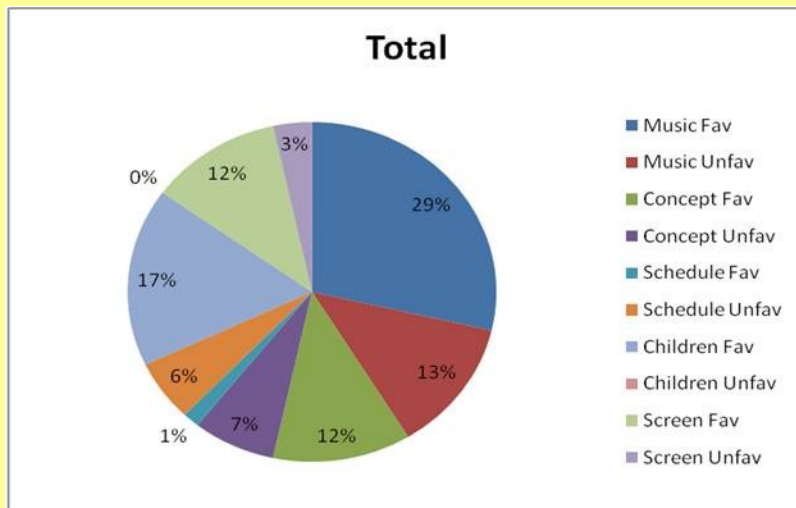
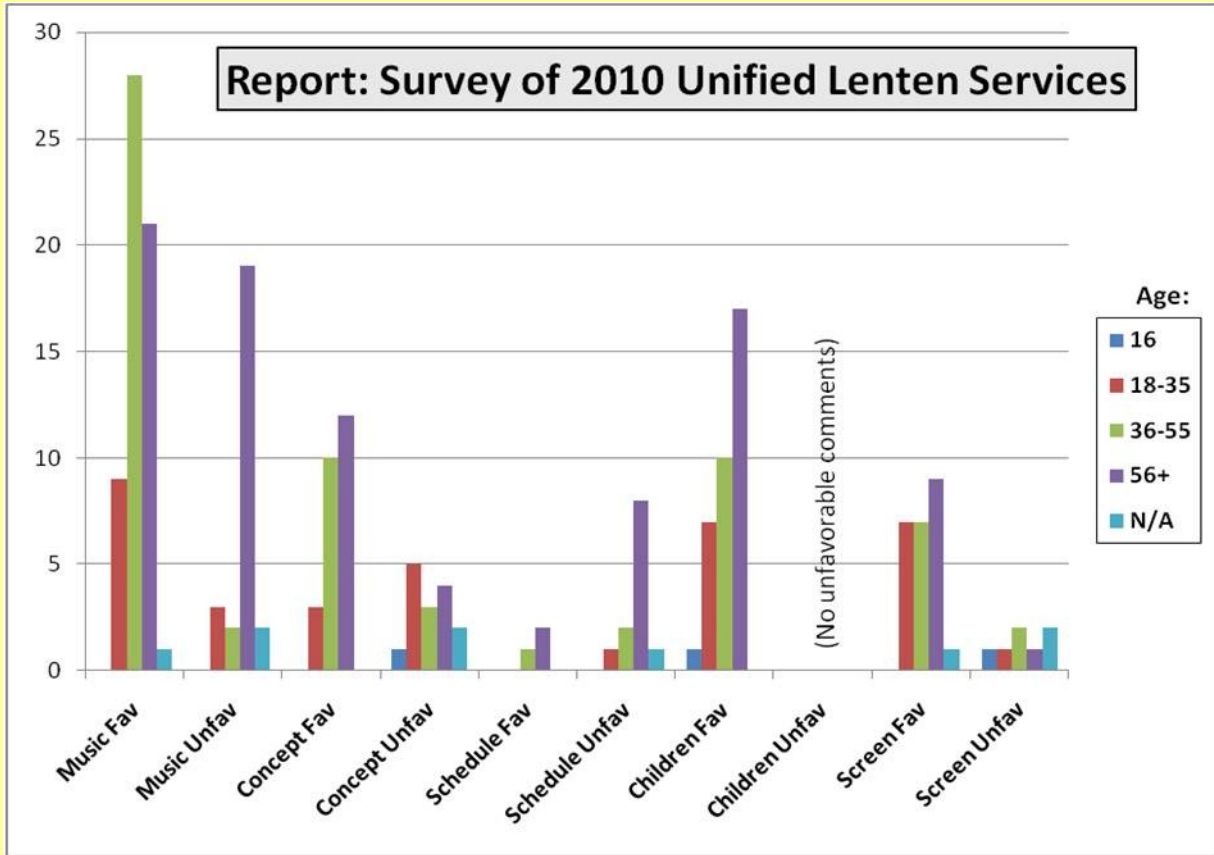
Children's participation in worship

Use of the projection screen

The data is displayed according to age groups. As you can see from the following table and chart, more responses were favorable than unfavorable.

If you would like to offer additional feedback, please speak with any Worship committee member, listed below.

**Worship Committee: Chuck Scott (Elder), Josh Chenoweth, Sue Congdon,
Rev. Randy Working, Bob Russell Jr., Bob Russell Sr.,
Gary Stumpf, Amy Rau, Bill Gripp.**



Fellowship - a group of people who share common interests, goals, experiences, or views
- companionship or friendly association

Fellowship is best characterized by unity. Unity is what God wants for us in order to be part of what God is blessing. Scripture tells us in Acts 2:42 that early Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." We often hear about the need for unity at CPC, that with 2 services you just don't have the opportunity to meet each other easily. Our committee is striving to offer opportunities for you to meet and get to know others in the church through a variety of events. Our first potluck event took place in April; we offered a potluck/ game show night. If you have never attended a CPC potluck, you don't know what you are missing. We have some of the best cooks in Geauga County right here in our church! Phantom of the Opera tickets (July 29th) have been made available for the past several weeks through this committee as well. If you have not paid for your tickets (\$23.00 each) please do so as soon as possible. Make checks payable to Christ Presby. Church and write "Phantom" on the memo line. Checks may be placed in the offering plate or in the box marked Fellowship in fellow-ship hall. We have several events coming up that you may want to "save the date" for. More details and information will be made available for future Chimes reports and in the Sunday bulletin.



- July 25 – Church Picnic/Golf Outing (3:00 picnic /1:00 start time for golf)
- July 29 – Phantom of the Opera
- Dec. 11 – Christmas Potluck
- We are currently looking into group tickets for a Captains game and an Indians game as well as planning a special event for October.



We will continue to watch, listen and be open to suggestions for creating fellowship events. We hope you will join us in building special memories and bonds with each other at Christ Church. If you would like to be part of the Fellowship Committee please contact Linda Russell at wwr549@yahoo.com or 729-3547.

CPC workday

Bring your work gloves,
and some gardening tools!

Saturday, May 15.

Work begins: 8:00am

Lunch: Noon

Sign-Up: In the Fellowship Hall

Call: Bill Fischer with questions
#440-729-4515



Christian Growth Calendar

LEADERSHIP:

Deacons... Monday, May 3rd
7:00pm.

Session... Tuesday, May 18th
6:00pm.

WORSHIP

Choir Practice... Thursdays @
6:00-7:00pm & Sunday
mornings @ 8:30am.

Contemporary Worship...
Tues./Thurs. @ 6:30pm &
9:00am Saturdays.

SPECIAL EVENTS

**John McWilliams "Spiritual
Growth Weekend"...** -Through
both Sunday Services on May
2nd. **Campus Crusade for
Christ.*

CPC Workday... Saturday,
May 15 beginning @ 8:00am.

**Teacher Appreciation Sun-
day...** May 16 @9:30am

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday School...
Every Sunday morning 9:30am
and 11:00am.

**Children's Ministries
meeting...** Monday May 3rd @
9:15am. Room #8.

Christian Pioneers...
Thursday, May 20th @ 4:00-
5:30pm. Here @ CPC. Grades
2-5.

**Kicks & Flicks New Release
Movie Night...** Wednesday,
May 19th **Movie @ 6:15pm**
Bootcamp @ 6:30pm.

BIBLE STUDY

Men's Fellowship Group...
Wednesdays 6:30am @
Arabica in Chesterland
Saturdays 9:00am @ CPC.

Men's Discussion Group...
*Prayer , Does it Make a
Difference?* Sundays @
8:00am here @ CPC.

Women's Bible Study... Beth
Moore's, *He Is.* Tuesdays @
10:30am & Thursdays @
6:45pm. Held here at CPC.

YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Sunday School... 6th grade –
12th grade remain in the
church service on Communion
Sundays. The remainder of the
month they meet during the
9:30 service in their class-
rooms.

Youth Group... Sundays from
6:30pm-8:00pm. Here @ CPC.

Confirmation... May 2nd &
May 23rd @ 10:45am.

Faith Night... @ Cleveland
Indians, Progressive Field.
May 8th, game time.

Chapel Circle

What: **Study of Romans**
Lessons 7 & 8 -pp. 102-112

Led by: Charlotte Wood

When: Wednesday, May 19th

Where: Gail Sabo's home

Time: 11:00am

Hostess: Eila Hattendorf

Devotions: Jan Davis

*No sandwich needed

Per Capita

We are asking each member to pay \$21.50 to cover your share of our 2010 per capita. If you have not all ready done so, you can use the per capita envelope in your box of offering envelopes or just put "per capita" on the memo line of your check. Thank You, Jim Hart



**CPC Financial Update
2010 Operating Budget**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Income Shortfall</u>
Jan	25,436.34	27,702.95	2,266.61
Feb	19,911.85	19,483.05	(428.80)
Mar	<u>20,176.71</u>	<u>30,268.50</u>	<u>10,091.79</u>
	65,524.90	77,454.50	11,929.60

We started the year with a reserve of \$12,866.64.



Thank you...Vic Strebeck

**Our NEW "Aluminum Can Recycle
Commander & Chief"!**



**Vic has graciously offered to take the
aluminum Cans to the local Recycle Station.
The proceeds go to the CPC Food Pantry**

Kicks and Flicks Movie Night for kids

Wednesday, May 19 @ 6:15pm



During the Wednesday Adult Boot Camp Class



**Phone Books
Can NOW go into
the paper
recycling Bin**

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.

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.

THE PASTOR AND STAFF OF CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- *Dr. Randy Working, Pastor*
- *Bob Russell Jr., Director, Contemporary Worship*
- *Jennifer Congdon, Director, Children's Ministries*
- *Andrea Milnar, Director, Youth Ministries*
- *Jason Monsman, Evangelism Director*
- *Jessica Paradise, Office Manager*
- *Joshua Chenoweth, Choir Director*
- *Sue Congdon, Organist, Web Administrator*
- *Jerry Gibson, Custodian*
- *Karen Perko, Children & Youth Assistant*

How to contact us

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Want to receive your Chimes through a monthly e-mail?

In an effort to cut costs at CPC, we will be hand delivering the CHIMES newsletter during the Fellowship Hour on the **last** Sunday of each month and again on the **first** Sunday of the following month. Then...any newsletters not "claimed", will be mailed in the regular US mail.

Perhaps you'd prefer the newsletter in e-mail form. Then simply complete the bottom portion of this sheet, and return it to the basket in the Fellowship Hall marked CHIMES e-mail. OR, e-mail your response to cpceditor@sbcglobal.net

*Reminder, You can also view the newsletter at our website: www.christpcusa.org

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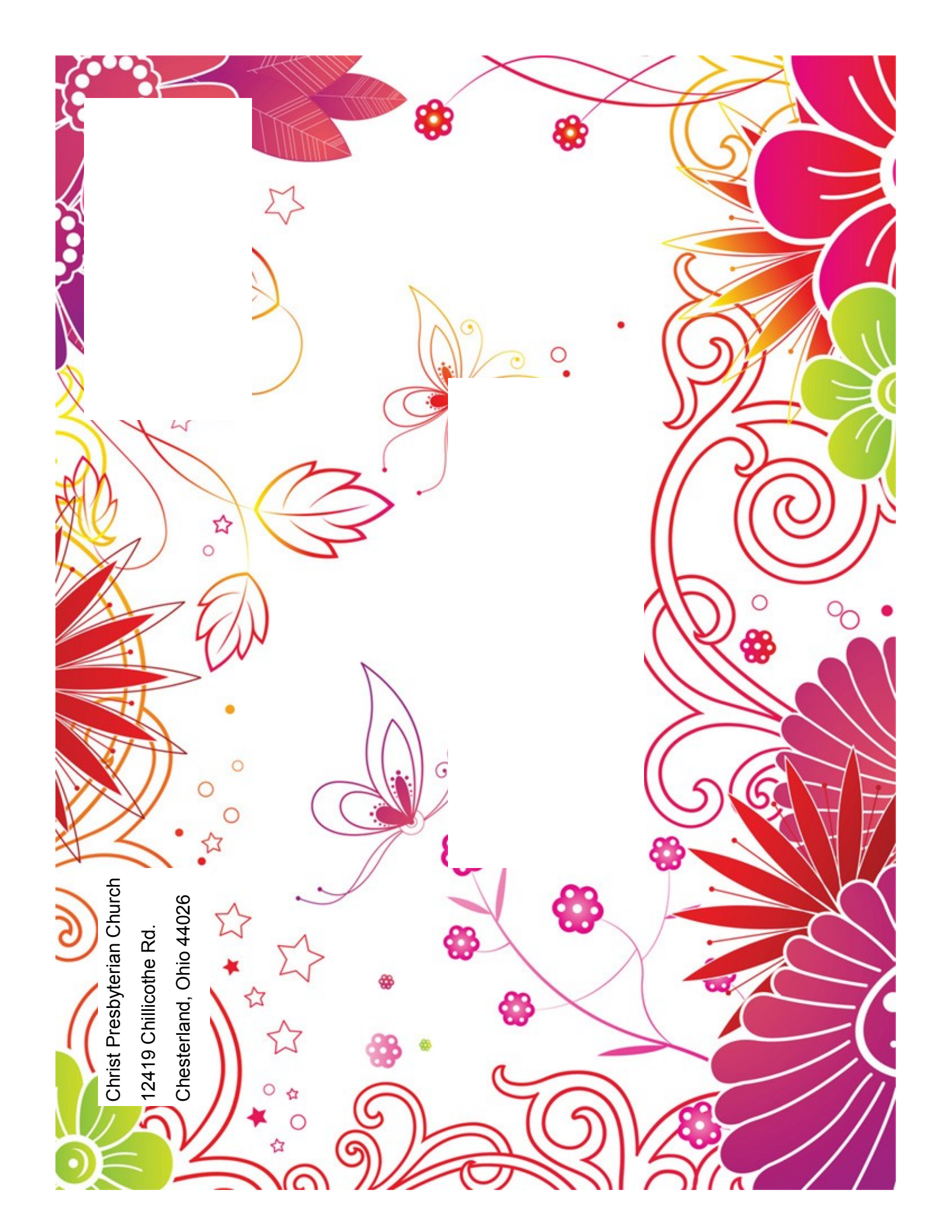
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