



Chimes

May 2013
Christ Presbyterian Church

I have learned that listening to those around me is important to knowing myself. Those “outside” of me notice aspects of my life that I fail to see within it. Sometimes this is humbling. Nearly always it is a gift, even a gift from the Spirit who lives and moves in others just as much as in me.

I wasn't truly an outsider to the Session's daylong retreat last Saturday, but I wrote down the ruling elders' thoughts more than I offered my own. Across the day, the Session prayed over and shared conversation on the sort of people God wishes to send into the world. What, we asked, what would be involved in Christ Church becoming and living as such people?

While this conversation about God's purpose for the church is not over (is it ever, really?) and there is surely more to discern about the next practical steps in our life (aren't there always?), I want to name for the church some things said about its life. It was said that Christ Church would:

- know and love God
- live with compassion toward others
- give witness to Christ through practical action
- be a church founded on relationship

Not only do these values of church sound like the congregation I am getting to know better each week, they also sound like Someone I want to know better across my whole life. As I stand back from the Session's retreat conversation, I notice that the people the Session would have us become sounds a lot like the person of Jesus.

This is what happens when churches fall prey to the work of the Holy Spirit: they want to become more like Jesus, and then, by grace, they do. They take steps like opening a Director of Youth Ministry position, as this newsletter announces we are doing. They start community meal ministries, as we are exploring to do with the Beachland Church. They gather for formative study and for prayer as this church does week by week.

Our God who lives outside of us is ready to show us who we are. Even if God humbles us in this way, it's for our empowerment to live for Christ by the indwelling Spirit's power. The coming Day of Pentecost says as much: the Spirit “came from heaven” (outside) and “filled the entire house where they were sitting” (inside) [Acts 2:2]. The best I can tell, the Spirit doesn't behave any differently today.

The Lord be with you all,

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GET INVOLVED!

DEACONS NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Geauga County Dog Shelter is in immediate need of laundry detergent, canned dog food, and dog treats (none from China please). There will be a box in Fellowship Hall for any items during the month of May. Thanks.

-Marsha Zimmermann

THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

would like to encourage you to join us in creating outreach programs and sharing God's love in a variety of ways. Please prayerfully consider this invitation and contact Shirley Wood at 440-554-6875 for more information.

LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS GAME

JUNE 14

A sign-up for tickets to the Lake County Captains game on June 14th at 7:00pm is available in the Fellowship Hall. Each ticket costs \$9.00. Please make checks payable to CPC and write *Fellowship / Captains* in the memo line of your check. Contact Bill Gripp at 440-729-9539.



DEACONS TO ASSIST LOCAL FAMILY

A single mom with 4 children will receive aid from Deacons. She has a 15-year-old son, a 14-year-old daughter and 5 and 2-year-old sons. The mother is working part time and is receiving food stamps but no child support. The younger children are in day care.

Their immediate needs are for hygiene and household items--laundry detergent, toilet paper, salt for water softener, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. The 2 year old needs pull ups for day care--size 3/4. The younger children can use new or gently used clothing. The 15-year old son, who is 5'8", likes sweat pants, basketball pants, t-shirts, etc. Gift cards to Kohl's, Wal-Mart, Giant Eagle, or gas cards would be appreciated.

Any gift cards should be left with Karen in the church office. There will be a box in Fellowship Hall for donated items. Thank you so much for your love and support.

Contact Joy Kule at: 440-729-2992 or Marsha Zimmermann at 440-338-1898 with questions.



CPC GOLF LEAGUE IS UNDERWAY

Join the "Team" Monday evenings at Berkshire Hills Golf Club. Tee Times run at 4:00pm- 4:45pm. All ages and playing levels are welcomed! Contact Bill Gripp for details at: 440-729-9539.

CPC WORK DAY

Our annual CPC Work Day is at hand! Please join us on **Saturday, May 18th** from 8:00am till early afternoon as we work together to beautify the Christ Church building and grounds. Bring your work gloves and tools AND your appetite—lunch will also be served! Sign up in Fellowship Hall so we know how much we need to feed the masses. Contact Bill Fischer at: bestfischer@sbcglobal.net

CHAPEL CIRCLE MEETING AT THE HOME OF BARBARA KROSS

Wednesday, May 15th at 11:00am. Ruth Scharlotte will lead Devotions. Charlotte Wood will lead the lesson: Chapter 12 pp. 96-106. Janet Davis will lead devotions. *-Janet McIntee*

THANK YOU FROM THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We truly appreciate the donations of beautiful yarn. With donations such as these, we glorify God immensely!

CPC MISSION COMMITTEE AND ALTERNATERM

CPC gives money to missionaries in the US as well as in many other lands. This is part of our church's budget and is paid faithfully. However, our Mission Committee has felt the need to help our surrounding community needs. During the month of May, we will be collecting the following items for Alternaterm Pregnancy Services in Cleveland Heights:

- Diapers -newborn through size 6
- Baby wipes
- Powder
- Lotion
- Baby wash
- New baby clothes (onesies, sleepers, wash cloths, blankets etc.)

There is a basket labeled "Missions" in Fellowship Hall.

THE MISSION OF ALTERNATERM is a Christ-centered ministry dedicated to preserving life now and for eternity. They provide spiritual, emotional, medical and practical support to individuals as they deal with issues relating to sexual responsibility and pregnancy.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER:

CPC Missions Committee will be collecting for *LAURA'S HOUSE*, which is a part of the City Mission that supports women in need.

COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY TO BE HELD MAY 15TH

A number of interested people, led by Jim Kule, met with Dave Starke to discuss the possibility of starting a community meal at Beachland church, an intercity church in the Lakeshore (East 185th Street) area of Cleveland. Some of our congregation were, until recently, serving a meal at the City Mission (which ended) and many have expressed an interest in continuing this type of mission in a new setting.

Dave is the pastor of Beachland Church and a member of Christ Church. He has a vision for opening Beachland to the neighborhood to establish it as a partner in the community. He sees this community meal as one way to accomplish that. He knows, however, that Beachland Church doesn't have the manpower to tackle this alone. Dave described several community meals where small, intercity churches have forged partnerships with suburban and rural churches in order to serve.

In an attempt to bridge that partnership, plans were made to hold a meal at 6:30pm on May 15th. This will gauge the interest, both of the servers and the community, as well as identify logistical changes that might need to be made in order to transform the meal into a regular monthly mission for Christ Church.

Persons who are interested and feel called to mission by serving at such a meal are invited to speak to Jim Kule at 440-729-2992. There are many opportunities available: including procuring, cooking, serving, and participating in the meal.

Please pray for this ministry that God may be glorified through service. *-Dave Starke*

TAKE A PRAYER CARD TO SHARE

The Evangelism Committee is offering prayer cards to give to someone you come across whom God leads you to pray for. Keep it in your wallet or purse, in your car or at your workplace, for giving to someone who needs God's care.

JEN CONGDON
Children's Ministries
Director
jen@christpcusa.org
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Easter Sunday 2013

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2013

June 17 – 20, 9:00am - noon

Come join us in Athens as we join Paul on his dangerous journey to share the truth. We expect this journey to be an amazing experience as we explore ancient Athens through the eyes of Paul. The kids will travel in small groups called Oikoi meaning family and led by our CPC youth (6th – 12th grade). These families will travel to hear of Paul's adventures, attend Arena Games, Music and the Marketplace. The Marketplace will provide different types of crafts and snacks.

Volunteers of all ages are needed for the fun packed week. Please stop by the focus table to sign up or contact Beth Boucek 440-338-1926.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Geauga County's 9th Annual Kidsfest
May 4 from 12:30-1:30
Metzenbaum Center
8200 Cedar Road, Chesterland

There will be fun hands on activities and entertainment:

- Spitunia the Clown
- Casey the Balloon Guy
- a miniature horse
- Jasmine's Dragon
- Refreshments

Contact Jen Congdon at 440-622-6563 to meet at Metzenbaum school at 12:30pm.

PUPPET EXTRAVAGNA Saturday, May 18

Disciples Christian Church
(216) 382-5344
3663 Mayfield Rd,
Cleveland, OH



Meet at CPC at 5:15pm
For Dinner Reservations at Disciples Christian Church contact Jen Congdon at: 440-622-6563. The puppet show will follow.

Lasagna dinner served by Disciples Church
\$8 Adult
\$5 Child ages 5-12 (4 and under are free)
\$25 Family Max.

MAY IS MATCHBOX CARS & SMALL DOLL COLLECTION MONTH.

Children's Ministries is continuing to collect items for the Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. You will find a shoebox in Fellowship Hall for your donations of Matchbox cars and small dolls to fit in the shoeboxes. These donations to fill shoeboxes for the 2013 Operation Christmas Child in December are truly appreciated!



YOUTH MINISTRIES

CPC WORK DAY SATURDAY MAY 18

CPC Youth will be creating a fire ring by the pavilion, as well as, prepping the volleyball court for the summer. This will be part of the Spring clean up day put on by Property and Maintenance. Meet at the Church by 9:30am. Free lunch for all at 12:00pm



Following the work day, join us for a river walk 1:00pm-4:00pm

At the end of the walk everyone will be treated to Ice Cream and then return to church by 4:00pm. *Invite your friends!*

Youth meet every Sunday during the Adult Sunday school hour at 9:30am for your own Youth gathering.

At the end of May, we will be joining the Adult study for the first half of the summer in a special youth and adult small group stay tuned!

SESSION OPENS DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES POSITION

At its April meeting, at the recommendation of the Youth Ministry Committee, the Session began the process of hiring a Director of Youth Ministries with the intent of filling the position in time for the start of the 2013-2014 school year. The approximately half-time position will provide leadership of youth ministry grounded in mission and service, fellowship and relationship building, education, worship and prayer, all for learning discipleship to Jesus within the life of the church. Please keep the search process in your prayers, and if you know of interested applicants, please direct them to contact Frank Lyon, Youth Ministry Committee chairperson, at fri@southshorecontrols.com.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY STUDIES UPDATE FROM PASTOR REEVES

When I began ministry with Christ Church in November 2011, I had just completed my first year of Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) studies with the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary (UDTS), one of the seminaries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Now in the third year of the four-year program, Congregational Revitalization: Renewing Biblical Preaching for the Twenty-First Century, I continue to find the coursework not only intellectually stimulating, but also informative for and supportive of my ministry with Christ Church.

In advance of my third and final residential seminar at UDTS at the end of May, I have been reading assigned texts by some of the modern church's most influential thinkers and preachers, among them Karl Barth, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Readings have also explored the purpose and practice of preaching, particularly within the realities we face in the 21st century.

After the third year seminar and a paper I will write this summer, I will enter the final phase of the degree program, the dissertation project. In 2014, the church and I will have the opportunity to engage in a ministry project rooted in the congregation's life and connected with my D.Min. focus. More than just "academic," this dissertation project will be occasion for me to reflect extensively on the biblical and theological foundations of ministry and their practical import for Christ Church.

Until then, I still have a good bit of work ahead of me. I am blessed not only to enjoy the D.Min. program so much, but also, especially, to have a supportive congregation with me in it. I will be grateful for your prayers! I look forward to what we will do together. — Pastor Reeves

DEACONS MEETING APRIL 1, 2013

8 Deacons present (4 absent)

Session Elder: Shirley Wood

Chairperson, Cyndie Tropf, called the meeting to order with prayer and devotion.

March minutes and the Treasurer's report were approved as presented.

Committee reports were given for the following committees:

- Coffee Hour
- College Students
- Food
- Greeters
- Ushers

Lila Latta reported for the Flower Committee: Deacons placed about 30 Easter plants in the sanctuary. Many of them were sold after the Easter service. The remaining were available the next Sunday.

The Outreach Committee Chairpersons Marsha Zimmermann and Joy Kule, reported that they will be in touch with Geauga Social Services to obtain the name of a new family that we may help.

Old Business:

We will have a cake at the April 28 coffee hour to honor our many volunteers. This comes at the end of National Volunteer Week.

We will be in touch with Metzenbaum Residence Advisor, Louise Reames to see if we can aid them by bringing some of their residents to church, play games with them or whatever else they may need.

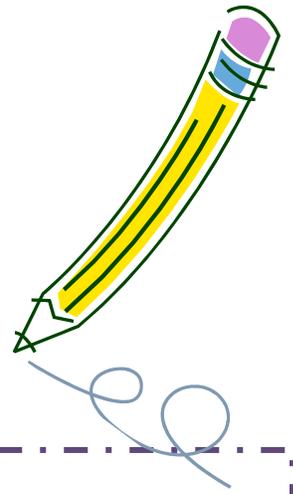
New Business:

We were reminded of the Church Work Day on Saturday, May 18.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lila Latta



SESSION NOTES

Your Session has been busy with a number of enjoyable projects at hand.

We had an all-day retreat on Saturday April 20, 2013. There was a lot of prayer and discussion and small group meeting on the life and purpose of CPC as a congregation. We also enjoyed the fellowship that came from this all-day get together where much of our focus was to ultimately serve the people of CPC.

Session has authorized the personnel committee to begin a search for a new director of youth ministries as we feel we must staff for growth. We have a good many children coming up to the junior and senior high school level and need to have people in place for this. Our financial situation has improved to the point where this is feasible. Much thanks to all of you in the congregation for your help in this area.

The Committee on Ministry (COM) of the Presbytery has been invited to our May meeting to help us in discussing the transition of the pastor's call from Designated to Called (without term). This is something that we have been waiting to do and with the help of the COM will make it happen as soon as possible.

We are hopefully doing God's work and the work of the people here at CPC. Please let us hear from you with any ideas you have.

Chuck Scott

Clerk of Session

May

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:30am Men's Bible Study	2 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	3 7:00pm Couples Bible Study	4 8:00am Men's Tres Dias Reunion -CPC 10:00am F.L.I.P. 12:30pm Kidsfest at Metzenbaum
5 *Sunday Morning Schedule	6 9:30am Children's Ministry Meeting 7:00pm Deacons 7:00pm Evangelism 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	7 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp	8 6:30am Men's Bible Study	9 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	10	11 8:00am Men's Bible Study - CPC 3:30pm Tres Dias Reunion
12 *Sunday Morning Schedule 11:45am Mission Committee Meeting	13 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting 7:00pm Adult Ministries 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	14 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp	15 6:30am Men's Bible Study 11:00am Chapel Circle 6:30pm Community Meal at Beachland Church 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting	16 9:30am Garden Club 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	17 7:00pm Couples Bible Study	18 CPC Work Day 8:00am Men's Tres Dias Reunion -CPC 1:00pm Youth River Walk 6:00pm Children's Puppet Extravaganza - Disciples Church
19 *Sunday Morning Schedule	20 6:30pm Girl Scout Leaders 7:00pm Property & Maintenance 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group CHIMES DEADLINE	21 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp 7:00pm Session	22 6:30am Men's Bible Study	23 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	24	25 8:00am Men's Sat Bible Study -CPC
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***SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:**

- 9:30am Sunday School for Adults and Youth
- 9:30am Discovery Time for K-5th grade
- 10:30am Worship
- 10:30am Sunday School for 3 years-5th Grade

Celebrate!

ANNIVERSARIES

Vic & Miriam Strebeck	05/14
Victor & Dee Bello	05/19
John & Dolly Carlton	05/19
Pam & Matt Lyman	05/20
Bob & Barb Albrecht	05/22

BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Evans	05/02	Leah Coso	05/16
Bob McKenzie	05/04	Morgan Johnson	05/17
Adam Nitz	05/04	Beth Bouchek	05/18
Rob Stone	05/04	RonSchmidt	05/20
Brett Congdon	05/08	Dick Sulc	05/20
Paul Lawrence	05/08	Andrea Milnar	05/23
Dave Varner	05/10	Shirley Balogh	05/24
Jared Lyon	05/11	Greg McCandless	05/24
Winnie Martinson	05/11	Charlene Schmidt	05/24
Simon Fischer	05/12	Kim Welch	05/24
Kirstin Weiss	05/12	Ron Congdon	05/26
Alice Stamey	05/13	Deloris Cunningham	05/28
Edna Beharry	05/14	Hailey Clapp	05/29
Larry Elswick	05/14	Matt Levine	05/29
Kelly McCandless	05/15	Bob Brooks	05/30
		Mim Gripp	05/31

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

People to host coffee hours in September 2013. The Deacons are unable to host the five Sundays in September and need your help. Please call Cyndie Trof at 440-729-3764 if interested. The Deacons provide the coffee and cookies. The hosts bring the coffee creamer for that Sunday and prepare everything for coffee hour and then stay to cleanup.

Church office hours:
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Monday - Thursday

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SHARE IN THE PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT: Each year CPC contributes an apportionment per member toward the administrative and missions ministries of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. This year's per-member apportionment is \$25.00. Please consider sharing in this cost by contributing all or part of your household's per-member amount using the per capita envelope in your offering envelopes box, or by submitting a check with "per capita" on the memo line. Contributions help free CPC budget funds for other ministry efforts.

-Jim Hart, Finance Chair

CPC FINANCIAL UPDATE 2013 OPERATING BUDGET

<u>Month</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Difference (Income-Expenses)</u>
Jan-Mar	\$74,819.04	\$60,365.17	\$14,453.87
Reserve as of January 1,			\$ 9,875.51
Operating Fund Balance			\$24,329.38