



November 2012

Chimes

Christ Presbyterian Church

Each season bears gifts, but to me, fall gives the most: days cool and mild, scents of baking apples and burning wood, and above all, trees turned ruby, ginger, and gold. This my first Geauga County fall has been the most spectacular I have known. I have hiked North Chagrin and Sunnybrook, Chapin Forest and West Woods, and Orchard Hills and our own church grounds grateful for woods set aside just to be, and for me to be in them. When the wind shakes leaves from branches it feels like a ticker tape parade for God.

This sense of gratitude, wonder, and responsibility has a theological term: *stewardship*. Stewardship is not particular to one season, but in the church stewardship tends to get the most mention in fall—campaigns, pledge cards, sermons on the widow’s mite (Mk. 12:41-44) and giving “not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). For some, stewardship season in the church is an affliction endured because, after all, churches do need budgets and funds to run.

That money is a reality of church life is simply the case. But just as God’s hand of blessing and Jesus’ call to discipleship reach us in more seasons than fall, so is stewardship a theme of Christian life for more than pledge dedication Sunday. Some of my favorite stewardship texts are the less obvious ones, like:

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...and saw that it was good” (Gen. 1:1, 9).

“Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Col. 3:17).

“You are not your own, for you were bought

with a price. So glorify God in your body” (1 Cor. 6:19b-20).

Whether it be trees alight, the skills of our hands, our bank accounts or our salvation, what is “ours” is not ours, but God’s. All of life is a gift, and stewardship has to do with how we handle what God has given. When we live well, we wonder at God’s generosity, lifting every gift of God to Christ’s service. In this light, Christian stewardship has as much to do with playing with children as it does with writing checks to the church.

At the start of November, the Stewardship and Finance Committee will send a letter and pledge card to Christ Church members and friends. These will invite financial pledges to the church for 2013. These pledges are helpful to the church’s budget planning and are needful to the mission we live.

But as important as they are, finances are only a piece of our stewardship life. When we dedicate pledges in worship on November 11, our whole self truly belongs in the plate—all our heart, soul, mind and strength; every thought, word, and deed—and groves of blazing Geauga County trees to boot.

The Lord be with you all,

NOVEMBER 11, 2012

Pledge Dedication Sunday

Post –worship Congregational Meeting for electing Church Officers

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jen Congdon, Director
jen@christpcusa.org

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

This year CPC will be a relay center for Operation Christmas Child. CPC will be open for the public to drop off boxes the week of November 12-19. We will store the boxes here at church, then deliver them to our local OCC headquarters on Monday, November 19.

Your role as a CPC volunteer would consist of:

- Greeting visitors
- helping to unload cars/vans
- putting boxes in cartons
- keeping a count of boxes received
- helping to assemble additional shoeboxes
- packing boxes
- wrapping boxes

THE HOURS ARE:

Monday 11/12	10:00am-2:00pm
Tuesday 11/13	6:00pm-8:00pm
Wednesday 11/14	5:30pm-8:00pm
Thursday 11/15	2:00pm-4:00pm
Friday 11/16	4:00pm-7:00pm
Saturday 11/17	11:00am-1:00pm
Sunday 11/18	6:00pm-8:00pm -Youth Group
Monday 11/19	10:00am-1:00pm



If you simply want to donate items, money and/or boxes, the children involved with the Discovery Time will be packing boxes during one or two of our meetings. Any donations would be much appreciated.

Last year we had a goal of 50 boxes and we met our goal. Our 2012 goal: **55 BOXES.**

THE SIGN-UP SHEET TO HELP IS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

Mark your calendar



November 4:
9:45am Parent Meeting for Christmas Pageant

December 9: Advent Lunch following worship service.

December 23: the children and youth of CPC will lead us in hearing from the Gospel of Luke through a short vignette.

- December 24:
- 5:00pm Traditional Family Candlelight Service
 - 9:00pm Candlelight Communion Service

ATTENTION CHILDREN AND YOUTH GRADE 3 AND UP:

We are starting up our acolyte program again!

Becoming an acolyte is a very important role in the life of the church as you join with the other leaders of the church to help the congregation worship God.

On Sunday, November 4th, we will hold a training and information session followed by a pizza lunch for interested youth and their parents. Please meet in the Sanctuary immediately following worship.

Please contact the Acolyte Coordinator, **Sue Stamey** at 440-840-3495 for further information.

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	2 Youth Group - "Acquire the Fire" - Cleveland 7:00pm Couples Bible Study	3 Youth Group - "Acquire the Fire" - Cleveland 8:00am Men's Tres Dias Reunion 9:00am New Members Class
4 *Sunday morning schedule 9:45am Christmas Pageant Meeting 11:45am Acolyte Training and lunch	5 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Deacons 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	6 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp 7:00pm Adult Ministries Meeting	7 6:30am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Tiger Scout Meeting 7:00pm Worship Meeting	8 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	9 4:00-8:00pm Private Event	10 8:00am Men's Sat Bible Study at Irene Clyde's 1:00-5:00pm Private Event
11 *Sunday morning schedule 2:00-5:00pm Private Event 5:00pm Youth Group	12 9:30am Children's Ministries Meeting 10am-2pm Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse drop off 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	13 9:30am Prayer Group 6pm-8pm Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse drop off 6:30pm Bootcamp 7:00pm Youth Ministries Meeting	14 6:30am Men's Bible Study 5:30pm-8pm Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse drop off 7:00pm Girl Scouts	15 9:30am Garden Club Luncheon 2pm-4pm Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse drop off 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	16 4pm-7pm Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse drop off 7:00pm Couples Bible Study	17 8:00am Men's Tres Dias Reunion 11am-1pm Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse drop off
18 *Sunday morning schedule 6pm-8pm Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse drop off	19 10am-1pm Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse drop off 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group CHIMES DEADLINE	20 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp 7:00pm Session	21 6:30am Men's Bible Study 11:00am Chapel Circle -CPC	22 THANKSGIVING	23	24 8:00am Men's Sat Bible Study at Irene Clyde's
25 *Sunday morning schedule 11:45am Bell Choir Rehearsal	26 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	27 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp	28 6:30am Men's Bible Study	29 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	30	

***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

Deacons

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Coffee Hour: Beth and Cyndie reported on coffee hour with the later time and new table/serving set up. Splitting the tables and placing the creamer in the middle of the table really allowed the line to flow faster. There was much discussion on the amount of time required of us to prepare and clean-up for coffee hour and that we have asked for help from the congregation to actually host a coffee hour. It was also decided to eliminate the vegetables/relish tray to save us time. Jim and Joy have coffee hour in October so they will report back to us the results of simplifying the coffee hour. Mike will see to getting more forks and small plates. College Students –Beth reported she has 21 college students this year. She has also added Annette Mahon (daughter of our missionaries) to her list of college students.

Flowers –Lila reported that she and Irene Clyde delivered flowers to Nancy Cintron, gave flowers to Liz McArthur, and to the Kellers for Mary's baptism. Lila also reported that no one signs up to purchase flowers for anniversaries or birthdays anymore and that the arrangers pay for the flowers themselves. She will put a notice in the next Chimes to see if there is anyone interested in purchasing flowers for special occasions.

Outreach –Joy has met with the wife/mother of the family we have been helping. She was told that her husband got a job promotion and that she is taking on an additional job helping an elderly couple. She also said they would not have been able to make it without our help. It was agreed that we would support them again this month with a \$300 check and consider them for our Thanksgiving Meal donation (Joy and Marsha will get back to us about that).

Ushers –Cyndie reported she mailed out a new list for the second half of the year which included a new usher and that she has four young men (3 high school boys plus Mitchel) to usher together for a couple of Sundays instead of adults/couples. Any new ushers she puts with the Gedeons or herself and Mike for training and direction.

Jim Kule talked about a potential new mission instead of the City Mission dinner. He was approached by Dave Starke to possibly host a community dinner at his church in Euclid. More details have to be addressed and then Jim will report back to us. However, this would be open to the whole church, not just the men of our church. It would be held at the end of the month when families' monies/resources are running out.

Respectfully Submitted, Cyndie Tروف

DEACONS OUTREACH

Just a little update as we approach the Holidays....

We continue to support a local family with gift cards for food and groceries. In addition, we will again be supporting Prison Ministries & WomanSafe.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

**Joy Kule and
Marsha Zimmermann**



DEACONS AND COFFEE HOUR NEED YOUR HELP!!



Deacons are responsible for providing over 50 coffee hours a year, as well as hosting luncheons, receptions, etc. We are looking for help with our weekly coffee hour after Sunday worship.

Coffee Hour is a fun social experience, and set-up and clean-up are a breeze! Deacons will “show you the ropes” and supply the snacks if you do not provide them yourself.

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring and/or hosting a coffee hour or two by partnering with us. We would love your help! Contact Barb Albrecht at 440-729-1277 or Mike Maclellan at 440-668-4053.

-CPC DEACONS



HUMOROUS STORIES FROM THE PEW

Years ago, Milan was probably 8 yrs. old and just starting to be an acolyte, when, one Sunday morning Mrs. Scott wasn't around to help him light the Christ Candles. I was off talking to someone when he needed to light the candle lighter and couldn't. He was most upset that his Dad or I weren't around to help him and he told us so after church. He said "I had to go and find Mr. Mickey to help me!" As we all know, Mickey knows about everything at church and Milan had noticed that as well, but knew better than to call him by his first name and since he didn't know his last name, "Mr. Mickey" worked just fine, wouldn't you agree Mickey? THANK YOU MICKEY FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US.

Remember, give me your funny stories so we can all laugh with you. *Cyndie Tropf* (729-3764)

November

ANNIVERSARIES

Lena & Jim Slater-Everhart	11/02
Monte & Jane Zimmermann	11/03
Chuck & Sue Stamey	11/22

BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Kule	11/03
Jane Zimmermann	11/04
Gary Karges	11/07
Milan Tropf	11/08
Doug Welch	11/09
Betty Gray	11/13
Eric McCaslin	11/15
Rob Zimmermann	11/15
Eric Milnar	11/16
John Perko	11/16
Bob Russell	11/18
Jinny Weiss	11/19
Gary Stumpf	11/20
Pat Gedeon	11/21
Pam Lyman	11/21
Cindy Wenger	11/21
Stephen Douglas	11/22
Joanne Graham	11/22
Matt Troyer	11/22
Jeanette Mann	11/24
Jason Monsman	11/26
Jane Larrick	11/27
Andi Levine	11/28
Bill Fischer	11/30
Keith Rex	11/30

THANKSGIVING HOSTS (FAMILIES AND SINGLES)

Interested in hosting one or more international students from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State or Notre Dame College for dinner?

We invite you once again to share your blessings with a couple of international students this THANKSGIVING. We are looking for families and singles to invite two (or more!) International students from around the world for a truly American cultural experience. Basic information and tips for befriending an international student can be emailed to you. It's a great entry point for world missions right here in your dining room! Please contact Bok and Heidi Chew (IVCF) at: isfcleveland@gmail.com or at 216 371-3114 as early as you can or before November 14th. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) is our local missions partner in campus outreach.

Our vision is to see the campus renewed, students lives changed and world changers developed.

Bok Chew

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
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Cleveland Hts, OH 44118
<http://www.case.edu/orgs/isf/main.html>
Cell: 216-371-3114



Ring & Sing!



ADULT BELL CHOIR will rehearse 11/25, 12/2, 12/16, 12/23 for the Christmas Eve service. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

CPC ADULT CHOIR:

Everyone is welcome to join the CPC Adult choir for the holiday season. We rehearse every Thursday from 7:00-8:15pm. Talk to any choir member for more information or contact Joshua Chenoweth.

Josh Chenoweth

440-231-1345

NEW MEMBERS GATHERING SATURDAY, NOV. 3:

All who would unite in membership with Christ Church, or simply explore what membership in Christ Church is, are invited to a conversational gathering with Pastor Matt and elders of the session from Saturday, November 3rd, 9:00am – 12:00pm, For both fairly new to Christ Church, and those who have shared some time in church life but not joined, this discussion-oriented time will explore what it means to profess faith in Christ and share in the life of Christ Presbyterian Church. To be part of the gathering or for more information, contact Pastor Reeves, matt@christpcusa.org or 440-729-1688.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Rob and Lindsay Russell, Advisors
 rlrussell8709@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ November 2nd & 3rd: **Acquire the Fire**
 at the Wolstein Center in Cleveland
- ❖ November 11th: **Youth Group**
 5:00pm-6:30pm here at CPC
- ❖ November 13th: **Youth Committee Meeting**
 6:00pm-8:00pm here at CPC

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Letter to the Philippians

October 28 – November 25

Led by Pastor Reeves and small group leaders Sam Martillotta, Frank Mormino, Shirley Wood, the class will spend five weeks receiving Apostle Paul's most joyous letter into our lives. Bring your Bible and eagerness to dwell in God's Word together.

CHAPEL CIRCLE

Chapel Circle will meet at CPC on Wednesday, November 21st at 11:00am. Charlotte Wood will lead Lesson 7 pp. 55-61. Barbara Kross will give the devotions. The group will head to Danny Boys, in Chesterland for lunch after the study.

CPC Financial Update 2012 Operating Budget

<u>Month</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	Difference <u>(Income – Expenses)</u>
Jan-Sept	\$179,710.65	\$160,283.77	\$19,426.88
		Reserve as of Jan 1	\$ 6,676.52
		Operating Fund Balance	\$26,103.40

**Church office hours:
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Monday - Thursday**

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Do you have a change of address during the winter months?



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

DATE OF DEPARTURE _____

DATE OF EXPECTED RETURN _____

*Return this information to the church office