



Chimes

January 2013
Christ Presbyterian Church

What is it that makes the New Year new? That a fresh calendar hangs in the kitchen, the bottom half twelve times thicker than the top? That a one digit larger number ends the date written on checks? And why is it that a stretch of un-lived days bracketed by New Year's Day and Eve inspires us to change—our diet, budget, some habit that's hung around too long—when we just as well could have changed these things in the middle of August?

Is the New Year truly new at all, if the year's turning reminds us our bodies are less new with each passing day? At what point is the New Year no longer new? February 1? When we see that what felt irksome last year in life, or in us, is there in the New Year as well? And what of the Old Year? Where does it go? Not truly away—words said, people lost, experience gained, things done somehow continue to be with us. Twelve months from January 1, the year called now New will join the ranks of the Old. Nothing stays new forever.

Except that's not true. There is newness that stays new. There is a freshness of life that's neither artificial nor arbitrary. There is change not dependent on us. There is a beginning that has no end, time not marked by calendar flips. This comes from the Lord who says,

"Behold, I am making all things new" (Rev. 21:5).

In the end, only God makes new. Making new—lives, hearts, attitudes, relationships, and finally, heavens and earth—is what God does in Christ. Unlike us, God doesn't know how to make old and tired. God doesn't make worn out. It's not in God's way to change for the worse. God makes new, God refreshes, God gives life that never perishes, spoils or fades.

It's easy to seek newness without God. We do it all the time. Eventually, though, we find that it isn't in our capacity to keep ourselves new. We discover freshness of our own doesn't have much staying power. If we need a resolution, why don't we decide we're going to stop trying to be new without God? We might have to decide this every day.

"I am making *all things* new," says the Lord. With all that the world has seen lately, these are words for sustaining the weary—and not just sustaining, but *vivifying, renewing*. And what's made new by God never loses that new life smell, scent with hints of resurrection.

May we receive God's newness this year,

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, January 6th,
following worship, for electing
two elders to Session.

WE LOVE OUR CHILDCARE STAFF!



PETRA ZERBIAN

Petra started working at CPC in the fall of 2012. She recently retired from Cuyahoga County MR/DD after 35 years of teaching children and adults with disabilities. She has two daughters, Abby, a former CPC Child Care Worker and Cary. Now that she is retired, Petra spends most of her time visiting family and friends.



LUDMILA SKERL

Ludmila has served CPC for almost 20 years! Amazing! She is a Kirtland resident and has both a son and a daughter. She has been a Nanny for many different families throughout the years, helping parents raise their children in a kind loving way.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jen Congdon, Director
jen@christpcusa.org

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped with the Advent Lunch and the Pageant:

Shirley Wood
Helen Frankmann
Heather Reeves
Beth Bouchek
Bill and Tina Fischer
Chris Keller
Susan Marino
Karena McCandless
Nancy Moritz
Sharon Schaeffer
Debbie Brooks

January 21

2nd Annual Lego Event

Meet at Beachwood Place at 10:00am. Pick out your Legos, then we'll go back to CPC to build and eat lunch!

February 18

Sledding Event (weather permitting)

LOST AND FOUND If you are unable to find something you have lost here at CPC, contact Karen in the church office at: 440-729-1688.



Read about:

**Therese Atlagovich and
Kendall Lyman**

in our February issue of Chimes.

FINDING GOD IN THE EVERYDAY- LEARNING PRACTICAL SKILLS TO LIVE A FAITH-CENTERED LIFE

Come join us in Fellowship Hall for a series of FREE workshops designed to help you learn practical skills that will deepen and inspire your connection to Christ. These workshops will offer different opportunities to learn how to open up to and be more aware of the love and grace that God provides in our everyday lives. Participants will leave the workshops with practical tools to live a life centered in Christ's love. Everyone is welcome to participate so feel free to invite a friend. These events are free and open to the public. Childcare will be provided for some of the workshops. You can also sign up online at: <http://www.christpcusa.org/> under the News tab.

January 26th, 2013 - Healthy Living Workshop (11:00am – 1:00 pm)- Kick off the New Year on the right foot. Learn from a Cleveland Clinic Lifestyle Coach the basics of eating right and managing stress. Learn how stress impacts our health and tools to recognize and manage it. Learn what foods can enhance health and prevent disease. Get healthy recipes and enjoy a nourishing light lunch together. You will learn why making healthy choices enables you to be a living vessel of Christ. This is a workshop designed to help busy individuals and families gain practical tools to live a healthier lifestyle.

February 16, 2013 – Awakening the Heart of Christ (1:30pm- 3:30pm) - Christ's love heals. This workshop offers tips on putting into practice living your life from the heart. Learn ways to affect positive changes in your life through God's grace and love. We will work on cultivating compassion for ourselves and our relationships. This workshop is designed to help you gain a deeper awareness and connection to Christ's healing love through the tools of contemplation and meditation.

March 16, 2013 – Growing Closer as a Family of Faith (1:30pm- 3:30pm) - It's time for Game Night! Outside activities and stressors can pose a time crunch for taking the time to just be with each other. We want to bring multiple generations together. Bring your entire family or a group of friends, share some snacks and learn tools and tips on how to connect more as a family of faith. Then spend some time together playing your favorite card or board game.

ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

April 13, 2013 Managing Your Money 101
May 18, 2013 Learn to Listen- Silent Nature Walk

Contact Chris Keller at 440-256-7170 for more information

COUPLES BIBLE STUDY *Managing Pressure in Your Marriage* begins Friday, January 11 at 7:00pm. The group will meet every other week for 6 sessions here at CPC. Sign-up by January 4th to order your book. Hope you can join us! Contact Bill or Tina Fischer at: 440-729-4515

CHAPEL CIRCLE

Chapel Circle will meet at CPC on Wednesday, January 16th at 11:00am in the Study at CPC. The group will study Chapter 8, pp63-70. Lunch to follow. All are welcome to join us!

Thank you to all the bakers who contributed such delicious cookies for our Christmas Coffee Hour. Thank you also to Pat Gedeon for arranging and providing the festive floral centerpiece for the table.

-Beth Boucek and Cyndie Tropf

We'd like to send a very special "Thank You" to all who participated in contributing gifts to our WomanSafe and Geauga County Family Project this year. Your caring and loving generosity will be so appreciated by those who receive all of your wonderful gifts. May God richly bless you,

-Marsha Zimmermann & Joy Kule
Outreach Deacons

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

If you or someone you know is suffering, and in need of a Prayer Shawl contact the church office at 440-729-1688.

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 SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 10

Prayers of the Heart: A Study of the Psalms

The psalms have been called the prayerbook of the Bible, the prayerbook of Christ, and a geography of the soul. More than anywhere else, we learn to pray from the Psalms. Come for a 6-week small group study of the psalms that will open our hearts to the prayers of Scripture, and to the God we meet in them.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

Exciting news! Lifetouch Studios took 39 family portraits during the two photo days in December. Another 40 families have already signed up for the January dates. If you haven't signed up yet, here are the January dates:

Thursday, Jan. 10	2:30 – 8:30
Friday, Jan. 11	2:30 – 8:30
Saturday, Jan. 12	10:00am – 4:00pm

Please sign up on-line at www.christpcusa.org or in the Narthex on Sundays through January 6th. Hope to see you there!

STUDIO HOSTESSES NEEDED Six volunteers (3 hour shifts) are needed to assist the photographers signing in families. Please contact Beth Boucek at 440-338-1926 if you can help.

Thank you to Beth Boucek and Cyndie Tropf for their help in making Keith Rex's birthday so memorable! Keith was so excited to turn 60 years old. He had a lot of fun celebrating with his Church Family during the fellowship hour.

-Nancy Moritz and Family



January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>1</u> Office Closed	<u>2</u> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Worship	<u>3</u> 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> 8:00am Men's Sat Bible Study - Clydes
<u>6</u> *Sunday Morning Schedule - Communion Sunday ANNUAL REPORT DUE	<u>7</u> 9:30am Children's Ministry Meeting 12:00pm Staff 7:00pm Deacons 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	<u>8</u> 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp 7:00pm Youth Ministries Meeting	<u>9</u> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Girl Scouts	<u>10</u> 2:30pm Pictorial Directory 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	<u>11</u> 2:30pm Pictorial Directory 7:00pm Couple's Bible Study	<u>12</u> 8:00am Men's Tres Dias Reunion - CPC 10:00am Pictorial Directory
<u>13</u> *Sunday Morning Schedule 11:45am Mission Committee Meeting	<u>14</u> 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	<u>15</u> 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp 7:00pm Session	<u>16</u> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 11:00am Chapel Circle	<u>17</u> 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal CHIMES DUE	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 8:00am Men's Sat Bible Study @ Clydes
<u>20</u> *Sunday Morning Schedule	<u>21</u> CPC Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day 10:00am Children's Lego Event - Beachwood Mall 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	<u>22</u> 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp 6:30pm Girl Scout Leaders	<u>23</u> 6:30am Men's Bible Study	<u>24</u> 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	<u>25</u> 7:00pm Couple's Bible Study	<u>26</u> 8:00am Men's Tres Dias Reunion - CPC 11:00am Healthy Living Workshop
<u>27</u> *Sunday Morning Schedule ANNUAL MEETING	<u>28</u> 11:00am Staff 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	<u>29</u> 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp	<u>30</u> 6:30am Men's Bible Study	<u>31</u> 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal		

*SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:

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

January

Anniversaries

Frank & Eileen Mormino 01/07

Birthdays

Dick Sabo 01/01
Bill Shipitalo 01/01
Pat Garee 01/02
Skip Van Kampen 01/02
Shari McCaslin 01/03
Maveric Milnar 01/05
Bill Eichele 01/06
Sandy Stumpf 01/06
Marsha Zimmermann 01/07
Trae Zimmermann 01/08
Helen Frankmann 01/10
Peter Davidson 01/11
Rita Elswick 01/12
Bob Graham 01/13
Vic Strebeck 01/13
Connor Arp 01/18
Marsha Fischer 01/22
Carolyn Landis 01/22
Mitchell Nitz 01/22
Margie Clapp 01/23
Jong Hong 01/23
Rosemary Macedonio 01/23
Bob Albrecht 01/25
Linda Davidson 01/25
Bobby Brooks 01/29
Shannon Monsman 01/30
Evan Reeves 01/30
Eric Mathiott 01/31
Kathy Troyer 01/31

Annual Meeting
January 27, 11:30 a.m.

Annual Reports available on
January 6

2012 CONTRIBUTION

STATEMENTS should be ready to be passed out by Sunday, January 6 2013 and January, 13 2013.

NOTE: The **INITIAL OFFERING ENVELOPE** is used to offset the cost of the Pledge Envelopes only. Each box of Pledge Envelopes (including Youth) costs less than \$5.00 (as a reference \$). The **PER CAPITA** is a membership fee for being part of the Presbyterian Church of the Western Reserve Synod and changes yearly; **\$25** for 2013 per member.

Rusty Wenger
CPC Financial Secretary

Church office hours:

9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Monday - Thursday

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