



# Chimes

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Christ Presbyterian Church

Even before we learn to talk, we learn that things break. A toy truck tire comes off. Dolly loses an arm. With eyes wet with grief we hear, “Maybe we can fix it.” Our truck comes back “good as new.” Our dolly gets “all better.” This discovery that things can be fixed serves us well. Life is something of an ongoing repair project. Homes and cars, bodies and relationships and a whole lot more endure wear and tear, accidents and misuse. We’re never without something in need of fixing.

But accompanying the discovery that things can be fixed is learning that some things can’t. “I’m sorry, honey. This can’t be glued,” is a small-scale version of, “Honey, Grandma isn’t going to be with us anymore.” Whether a mourner is seven or eighty-three, the qualifier, “Not in this life,” can’t make it all better. We have limits to what we can repair, especially in the essential matters of being human. When broken people attempt to fix others or themselves, the result can be just greater breakdown.

The gospel tells us our lives don’t need fixing, but resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus says that God doesn’t mean to repair us. God means to make us new. Perhaps this is why, when we give God our problems for solving, we often end up disappointed. It can seem God hasn’t answered or given a suitable solution. When this is the case, it’s not because God isn’t able. It’s because God’s purpose in Jesus isn’t to fix problems, neither our own nor the world’s. We know this because when Jesus went down to death, he didn’t come back repaired—he rose up new.

Our desire that God simply fix things—our situations, other people, us ourselves—turns out to be too small a wish. God’s desire is bigger and better. God doesn’t want to patch us, but to *renew* us. God’s plan isn’t to mend us, but to *recreate* us. “If anyone is in Christ,” says Paul, “he is a new creation: the old has passed away; behold, the new has come” (2 Cor 5:17). The best our repair efforts can manage is to make “as new” or “like new.” Only God can make entirely new. To be sure, the resurrection life awaiting us will exceed even the best of our life now.

But the gospel also tells us that new life is not just in the life to come. The season of Pentecost toward which Easter leads says God’s newness breaks in here and now—into our church and our families and the concrete spaces of our lives. But to receive this newness we need to look less for God’s fixing and more for his recreating. We need to look not for solutions to problems but, rather, for a new way to walk. “For...Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father...so we too might walk in newness of life” (Ro 6:4).

The Risen Lord be with you, with all the newness he brings.

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# GET INVOLVED!

## FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

This committee is an extension of Property & Maintenance. We are looking toward the future and considering what steps should be taken to update and beautify our building. All are welcome 11:45am April 7th in the Russell Room. -Karen Perko

## CHAPEL CIRCLE MEETING AT CPC

Wednesday, April 17th at 11:00am. Ruth Scharlotte will lead Devotions. Janet McIntee will lead the lesson: Chapter 12 pp. 91-98. The Group will enjoy lunch out in Chesterland. -Janet McIntee

## LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS GAME

**JUNE 14**

A sign-up for tickets to the Lake County Captains game on June 14<sup>th</sup> 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. - Bill Gripp

Contact Bill Gripp at 440-729-9539.



## Fresh Air

**Sundays, April 7 - May 19th.**

## Fellowship Hall

Based on the book by Jack Levison, this class is a gateway to knowing the Holy Spirit, the source of our daily breath and God's uncontrollable power, in ways both biblical and practical. We will study the experiences of the Holy Spirit in the Bible and listen for how to connect with the Spirit ourselves. Expect to be inspired and challenged!

**FEELING CALLED TO SERVE?** If so, give some prayerful consideration to joining the Adult Ministries committee. Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the church (the next being April 8<sup>th</sup>). -Cory Keller

Contact Cory Keller at 440-520-4732 or [cory\\_keller@hotmail.com](mailto:cory_keller@hotmail.com) for more information.

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG

That means that 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. -Bill Fischer



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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



**Children's  
February Mini-Golf Event  
at the Library**



**PUPPET EXTRAVAGNA**  
**Saturday, May 18**  
Meet at CPC at 5:15pm  
Dinner at Disciples Christian  
Church at 6:00pm

*The puppet show will follow a lasagna dinner served by Disciples Church.*

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



Thank you for all the socks that were donated for the Samaritan's Purse project in February. We collected over 50 pairs of socks!

April's donation is toothbrushes and toothpaste. A Samaritan's Purse box will be upstairs in fellowship hall during the month of April to collect the donations.

*-Jen Congdon*

## 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 (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## YOUTH GROUP SERVES HOLLY HILL RESIDENTS

It was a joy to witness youth from our church serve residents at Holly Hill on March 17th. The youth teamed up with God Cares Ministry in leading a worship service. Cory Boucek opened in prayer, Carson McCandless shared a passage of scripture, Eric McCaslin gave a moving message about salvation in Christ, and Emma Fisher closed in prayer. The youth also helped in singing hymns, passing out music lyrics and memory verses, and singing a beautiful rendition of "Oh How He Loves You and Me" as special music. Cory played his guitar along with the hymns to everyone's delight, and several of the youth colored Easter pages they gave to the residents along with bookmarks. We were thrilled to serve one of our own members, Ann Wong, as well as Joy Kule's father, George, who were in attendance. Thank you to all the participating youth, parents, God Cares Ministry group, and Youth Committee for making this possible!

- **Karena McCandless**



## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are gathering the last few pictures needed for the directory. Then we'll make finishing touches and submit the directory to Lifetouch the first week of April. I expect a proof copy before the end of April.

- **Beth Boucek**



## YOUTH APRIL EVENT: April 21st

### Ernst Lanes Bowling

10561 Grant Ave.

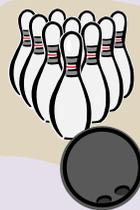
Chardon

Meet at the church at 2:30pm

Bowling & Pizza from 3-5:30pm

Return to church at 6:00pm.

Bring your friends and blow off some steam!



We are excited to announce Kelly Douglas as our new childcare provider. She will be working in the nursery on an every other month rotation. Kelly is a sophomore at Chardon High school. She enjoys running and has been on Chardon's track team for the past two years. Kelly is looking forward to running in a few upcoming races this spring and summer with her mom, Karen.



In the Nursery

**UPDATE ON CPC MISSIONARY PARTNER, WINNIE THUMA**

We've received a letter from Winnie Thuma, the niece and namesake of our Winnie Martinson, who currently lives in Thailand and is a missionary with Interserve USA. CPC has supported her for a number of years.

Winnie shared information about her latest trip to Siem Reap, Cambodia, a town that is famous because of its closeness to Angkor Wat, a huge deserted Hindu temple area in the middle of the jungle built around the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Winnie spent 2 1/2 days walking around, seeing the old temples. In a number of the temple areas, she was amazed to see the trees of the jungle had taken over and had grown so big that they were literally crumbling the temples. In her letter she said, "What an amazing lesson God is showing us. Man has built these temples to gods who have ears but don't hear and eyes that don't see. However, God is using something He created, a simple tree, to show His power and destroying what He hates – the worship of idols."

Winnie then shared that she will be retiring this spring. She will return to the USA, but will continue to be with Interserve for 6 months after she returns. After that time, she is not sure what she will be doing, but she plans on resting while taking time to sort out things that have been in storage since she left. She wants to visit all of us who have been very faithfully supporting her through prayer and financial contributions. She continues to say, "I have learned to live by faith and this is really just another step among a lifetime of steps. I am excited to see what God has in mind."

She asks for our prayers for the final part of her missionary journey. She will be attending her last conference in India and the last International Leadership meeting. Finally, she will go back to Nepal for a conference. She feels it is a very fitting end to her mission as that is where it all started for her years ago.

We look forward to seeing Winnie in person and hearing about her amazing life as a missionary.

**- Carol Hong**

**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**



<b>CPC FINANCIAL UPDATE 2013 OPERATING BUDGET</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>Actual Income</b>	<b>Actual Expenses</b>	<b>Difference (Income- Expenses)</b>
Jan-Feb	\$40,980.98	\$34,709.06	\$ 6,271.92
Reserve as of January 1,			\$ 9,875.51
Operating Fund Balance			\$16,147.43

# Check It Out!

## Anniversaries

Tom & Margie Clapp	04/11
Skip & Barbara Van Kampen	04/12
Charles & Alice Stamey	04/19
Sam & Paula Martillotta	04/25
Gary & Sandy Stumpf	04/28

## Birthdays

Bob Russell Sr.	04/01
Nicholas Elswick	04/03
Brad Moritz	04/03
Frank Mormino	04/05
Layla Sanchez	04/06
Brenda Varner	04/08
Carson McCandless	04/09
Jen Congdon	04/10
Haley Coso	04/10
Stacey Johnson	04/10
Stacey Everhart	04/11
Jane Lyon	04/11
Evelyn Hammond	04/14
Jonathan Moritz	04/14
John Johnson	04/17
Sue Stamey	04/19
Frank Lyon	04/20
Irene Wunderle	04/20
Mary Keller	04/21
Luke Russell	04/21
Lila Latta	04/22
Karen Perko	04/24
Glenn Rex	04/24
Leila Simpson	04/24
Trish Lawrence	04/26
Sean Arp	04/30
Peery Elswick	04/30
Carol Louis	04/30
Brinn Maclellan	04/30
Cyndie Troup	04/30

## BOOK AND MOVIE RECOMMENDATION

(New items in the Church Library)

Book title: **Left to Tell** This autobiography by Immaculee Ilibagiza, is a triumphant story of her remarkable journey through the darkness of the Rwanda 1994 genocide. It will inspire anyone whose life has been touched by fear, suffering, and loss.

Movie Titled: **Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story** Oscar winner Cuba Gooding Jr. (Actor in a Supporting Role, Jerry Maguire, 1996) stars in this true story about a renowned brain surgeon who overcame obstacles to change the course of medicine forever. Young Ben Carson didn't have much of a chance. Growing up in a broken home amongst poverty and prejudice, his grades suffered and his temper flared. And yet, his mother never lost her faith in him. Insisting he follow the opportunities she never had, she helped to grow his imagination, intelligence and, most importantly, his belief in himself. That faith would be his gift - the thing that would drive him to follow his dream of becoming one of the world's leading neurosurgeons.

## DEACONS MARCH MEETING:

**New Project:** Jim Kule presented a project that partners with Dave and Heidi Starke's church. They are starting a community dinner once a month and would like our assistance in serving those who attend. The intent of this project is to replace the visits to the City Mission that we no longer do. Dave Starke will speak on this topic at a later date.

**Open Forum with Judge Grendell:** Pastor Matt attended this forum on drug addiction and heroin use in our community. Judge Grendell shed some light on this very serious problem in Geauga County. This task force continues to seek volunteers to help with this recovery program.

## COMMITTEES:

- **Flowers:** Easter Flower sale after Easter worship.
- **Ushers:** Schedule complete for Holy Week.
- **College Students:** Parents are asked to keep Deacons up-to-date regarding their student's change of address. This ensures that they receive continued communication from our church.
- **Prayers:** Continue for those of our church family and friends who are in need.

**-Barb Albrecht, Deacons Secretary**

# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> CPC Office Closed  7:00pm Deacons  7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	<b>2</b> 9:30am Prayer Group  6:30pm Bootcamp	<b>3</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00am Men's Tres Dias Reunion -CPC
<b>7</b> *Sunday Morning Schedule  11:45am Fine Arts Committee Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:30am Children's Ministries Meeting  7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting  7:00pm Adult Ministries  7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	<b>9</b> 9:30am Prayer Group  10:00am Evangelism Committee Meeting  6:30pm Bootcamp	<b>10</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study  7:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00am Men's Sat Bible Study -CPC  10:00am F.L.I.P. Training
<b>14</b> *Sunday Morning Schedule  11:45am Mission Committee Meeting	<b>15</b> 11:00am Staff Meeting  6:30pm Girl Scout Leaders  7:00pm Property & Maintenance  7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	<b>16</b> 9:30am Prayer Group  6:30pm Bootcamp  7:00pm Session	<b>17</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study  11:00am Chapel Circle  7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal  <b>CHIMES DEADLINE</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:00am Men's Tres Dias Reunion -CPC
<b>21</b> *Sunday Morning Schedule  Volunteer Appreciation Coffee Hour  2:30pm Youth Bowling Event	<b>22</b> 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	<b>23</b> 9:30am Prayer Group  6:30pm Bootcamp	<b>24</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:00am Men's Sat Bible Study -CPC
<b>28</b> *Sunday Morning Schedule	<b>29</b> 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	<b>30</b> 9:30am Prayer Group  6:30pm Bootcamp				

**\*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

## HUMOROUS STORIES FROM THE PEW

By Cyndie Tropf

On Easter Sunday several years ago Dick and Gail were fishing in PA. They were joined by their daughter, son, daughter-in-law, three grandsons and two hunting dogs! Dressed in their Sunday best, they all piled into their son's van, including the dogs. They were off to find the church that the owner of the camp suggested they try. After driving 45 minutes and not finding the church, tensions were mounting and the dogs did not smell great. Finally they came to a little white church sitting on a side of a hill. The sign read "Sunday service 11:00 am," and it was only 10:40 -They were in luck!

Seating in the back of the church was full, so the eight of them, minus the dogs, walked down the center aisle to the front pew. The minister, his father and fourteen year old daughter were playing their guitars and singing the Johnny Cash song, "Ring of Fire." He stopped the service and warmly welcomed them. At this point they were ready to crawl under the pew. Fifteen minutes later, at 11 am the service was over. As they were leaving their eight year old Catholic grandson looked up at the minister and said, "That was the best church service I have ever been to in my whole life!" They later discovered that due to Easter, the service had begun an hour earlier!

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

This special week was designated by executive order by Pres. Richard Nixon in 1974 to recognize and celebrate our volunteers who give of their time and energy. This year it is the week of April 21st through the 27th. We all know that at CPC we have the greatest volunteers! There are countless examples of individuals who volunteer of their time, talents and energy to enhance the life and existence of our caring congregation. The Deacons plan to honor all our volunteers on Sunday, April 21st with a coffee hour in their honor. However, we invite and urge our church family to join in this celebration by taking the time to thank a volunteer at church during this week- "How can we thank God enough for you?..." | Thessalonians 3:9 NIV

### Correction from March Chimes (in bold):

I would like to thank the church family for all of their prayers and cards sent to me after my surgery. I want to thank the ladies; Karena McCandless, Julie Nitz, Marsha Zimmerman, Irene Clyde, Eileen Mormino and **Janet Davis** for the delicious dinners. Thank you Pastor Matt for your visits, phone calls and prayers for my recovery. I am on my way to recovery, but the doctors say it will take time. So thank you, you are wonderful people. You are so loving, concerned and caring. God bless you and our church.  
- **Janet McIntee**

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8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
Monday - Thursday

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