



Chimes

May 2014
Christ Presbyterian Church

For all that Jesus said about the kingdom of God, he never actually defined it. Instead, talked about what the kingdom is like, often with stories and snapshots from everyday life. During the season of Lent, Christ Church reopened its eyes to daily space, seeking to capture instances of God's kingdom in the plain spaces of life. As we did this, we were using our imaginations in the same way as our Lord.

The dozens of submissions to the "Picturing the Kingdom" project came as photographs, poetry, song lyrics, and written accounts. These gave witness to God's rule:

In a front yard, living room, cemetery. Town square, medical clinic, convenience store.

The beach, kitchen, hospital. A field, library, museum.

During the morning commute, a family trip, a day's hard work, a school trip, a snowstorm.

In the midst of grief, rejoicing, thanks, pain, relief, a typical day.

These submissions, some of which we saw in worship, suggest what we already know—that the whole world really does belong to God, and that there is no place or situation over which Jesus is not Lord.

I can't help but wonder, what would happen if picturing God's kingdom went from being a Lenten project to being the church's normal way of intending the world? What would change about where we look for God, and what our vision is for God's purpose? We would discover, I suspect, that living fully in the world and living fully open to God purpose are two sides of the same coin.

In our Good Friday service we read the text from Matthew in which, at Jesus death, "the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom" (Mt. 27:51). The theological import of this tearing was that, in Jesus giving himself for us, God was let loose on the world. God lives fully in the world (not a temple) and invites the church to meet him there. This must be why, in Matthew 28, Jesus would tell his disciples to go into all the world—for surely he'd be with them there, always.

The people of Christ Church are submitting the evidence: God is on the loose and the kingdom of heaven is near. This is good news worth believing. I pray that, having seen God's kingdom among us, our eyes are hungrier to see more.

A blessed Eastertide to you all,

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, June 29

Sunday, July 27

Sunday, August 24

OPPORTUNITY

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

We hope you have marked your calendars for the coming events at CPC. There is great fellowship happening at CPC every day, but the Committee is working to bring you a few out-of-the-ordinary events, including:

June 6 – The Lake County Captains - Fort Wayne Tin Caps baseball game, fireworks show, and Faith Night will be at Captains Stadium, Eastlake. Bill Gripp has the tickets for this event and either he or one of the Committee Members can accommodate your needs and answer your questions. Last year, we had a great showing of CPC members and friends at the game and are hoping to surpass that number this year!

June 25-26 – Gettysburg tour led by Greg McCandless. The sign-up sheet awaits you on the table in the Fellowship Hall. See Greg or a Committee member for more details.

July 27 – Annual Picnic at the Church Pavilion and Golf Outing/Scramble at Fowler’s Mill Golf Course. Watch the church bulletins for further details.

September 27 – Second Annual Clambake.

If you have questions about any of these events, or if you have thoughts of other events you would like us to consider bringing to CPC, don't hesitate to ask one of the Committee members (Bill Gripp, Debbie Brooks, Paula Martillotta, Sheila McKenzie, or Sam Martillotta), or call Sam at (216)-310-3367. See you soon!



PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE

Let's talk about the tough decisions that will eventually have to be made:

Communicating your wishes
Financial Information
Legal & estate planning
Advance health care planning
Long term care
Choosing Hospice care
Funeral planning
Spirituality & your funeral services

Monday May 19th

1:00 to 4:00

**West Geauga Senior Center
11414 Caves Road, Chesterland
440-729-2782 to register**

Seniors please feel free to invite your children for this discussion.

Professional panel of speakers:

Pat Schraff - Elder law Attorney
Rev, Cassie Wolfe- Senior Independence Hospice
Michelle Thompson - DeJohn Funeral Services
Chesterland Ministerial Group
Gauga Dept. On Aging

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: April 27 – June 1. Join us as we explore the Heidelberg Catechism and discover how this 450 year old confession is a reliable and inspiring companion in a world where faith and doubt coexist. The course is based on the book, *Body & Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism* by author M. Craig Barnes. Facilitated by Cory Keller.

SAVE THE DATE FOR A FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT October 24 and 25, 2014

The Original ICU: Reclaiming the Healing Christ
A retreat planned for YOU to experience healing and spiritual growth.

—The Evangelism Committee

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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Our family has recently been rediscovering our old home videos. One minute into a video, and I am transported back to that former chaos: Samantha practicing her violin with Alex alternating between running, dancing, and climbing on the furniture. Melody is reading with Mom, and Monica is crawling around the family room trying to see through her bangs that are growing out. I look so young, but so tired. Back then, a thought had occurred to me, "I want to speed up the days, but slow down the years." Young parenthood was, to be sure, demanding and exhausting, yet still all too fleeting.

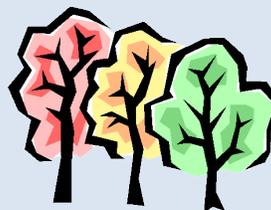
For those of you in the midst of this season of life and maybe looking for ways to savor it and create lasting memories, I'd like to share a wonderful resource I've found: a free online magazine called *My Kids Adventures* (www.mykidsadventures.com). It was conceived by a dad who suddenly realized that the years with his kids were passing by too quickly, and that while he had been building a business, his kids had found entertainment and adventure with their gadgets. The entire website is dedicated to sharing unique ways for families to play and spend time together, from how to set up glow-in-the-dark bowling at home to turning a park into an adventure wonderland for kids. I'm borrowing a few ideas myself for church family gatherings and even Sunday school lessons. When you slow life down, you find room for what you truly value.

As you plan your own summer family adventures, remember to make church a part of it. We're taking our time too, with an exciting Vacation Bible School week, outdoor activities, and Discovery Time and Sunday school lessons that enrich and provide new perspectives on our faith story. Every season has its meaning, and this one will too. I'm looking forward to the slower pace, the warm weather, and the new experiences it will bring.

God Bless. *Elizabeth*

The Legend of the Three Trees

A Lenten Children's Drama



So proud of our kids serving as preachers of the Gospel!



The first little tree looked up at the stars and said: "I want to hold treasure."

The second little tree said, "I want to travel mighty waters and carry powerful kings."



The third tree looked at the valley below. "I don't want to leave the mountain at all..."

I want to grow so tall that when people stop to look at me, they'll raise their eyes to heaven and think of God."





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Wilderness Escape – Where God Guides and Provides
Monday – Friday June 16th – June 20th
9:00am – noon

Caravan with Moses and the Israelites as they escape Egypt and learn to trust God!

Day 1

Bible Point: God is with us. So...trust God!

Key Verse: “God answered, ‘I will be with you.’” (Exodus 3:12)

Bible Story: The Israelites cross the Red Sea. (Exodus 14: 1- 15:21)



Day 2

Bible Point: God gives us what we need, so...trust God!

Key Verse: “For your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!” (Matthew 6:8)

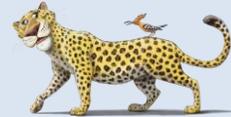
Bible Story: God provides manna and quail. (Exodus 16)

Day 3

Bible Point: God gives us strength, so ...trust God!

Key Verse: “For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13)

Bible Story: Israel defeats the Amalekites. (Exodus 17:8-16)



Day 4

Bible Point: God saves us, so...trust God!

Key Verse: “‘For I am with you and will save you,’ says the Lord.” (Jeremiah 30:11)

Bible Story: Moses remembers Passover. (Exodus 12:1-30)

Day 5

Bible Point: God guides us, so...trust God!

Key Verse: “I will bless the Lord who guides me.” (Psalm 16:7)

Bible Story: God gives the Ten Commandments. (Exodus 20)



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Saturday, May 3

8:00am-noon Christ Presbyterian Church work day.

From there, Youth will go on a “Movie Field Trip” (Movie TBD), then dinner and conversation.

Sunday, May 11

5:30 Youth Group - *Leadership: Bravery vs. Selflessness*, What really makes a leader?

Friday, May 16 - Saturday, May 17

7:00PM - 8:00AM

Lock-In at Christ Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 18

Senior Recognition during worship - CPC graduating seniors are:

Nick Elswick, Eric McCaslin, and Milan Tropf

*Coffee Hour celebration to follow!

MISSION NEWS

MAY 17 "GOSPEL IN THE CITY" RETREAT

Join us this spring as we do in-depth study in the book of Isaiah and spend time in Cleveland witnessing the Good News of Jesus as it is made real in our city.

Led by InterVarsity urban ministry leader Mindy Erdmann, we will partner with friends from Bethany-Covenant Church in Lyndhurst to meet God together as we serve, learn and have fun. Through Bible Study, discussion, and service in the city, we will explore reasons for the difficult circumstances we see in urban neighborhoods, and search the Scriptures to understand what the life, death and resurrection of Jesus has to do with it all. And we will discover that we have a lot to learn from those serving, struggling and surviving in our city.

The experience will consist of:

- Evening Bible studies from **7:00-9:00pm, May 6 & 13** and a study to be scheduled soon after the retreat day.
- A daylong retreat **9:00am-7:00pm Saturday, May 17** at Bay Presbyterian's Family Ministry Center in the Clark/Fulton neighborhood of Cleveland's West Side.
- The retreat will be at no expense to participants.

Find out more or sign up by contacting the church office or Pastor Matt, 440-729-1688 or matt@christpcusa.org.



PILOTS FOR CHRIST – NORTHEAST OHIO

Preparing to Serve the Lord through Aviation this Spring and Summer!

On May 1st, during the national day of prayer, Pilots For Christ members plan to fly near major cities in Ohio glorifying God and asking for His blessing on our nation's leaders, military personnel, and citizens. Other Christian aviators from around the country will also join us in this effort. On May 17th & 18th, members from the Northeast Ohio Chapter will join forces with members of the Cincinnati Chapter at the "Thunder Over the Valley" air show at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station to sell Amazing Grace Kettle Corn to air show visitors. This will also be an excellent opportunity to share the Gospel message with the crowd and talk about the mission of Pilots for Christ. We are also looking forward to the week of June 22nd when we will be volunteering with Brigade Air to minister to teens from Skyview Ranch at Aviation Camp in Coshocton, Ohio. Working alongside aviation missionaries from around the world, we'll be able to share our passion for flying and serving the Lord with a group of about 15 to 20 teenagers. We'll be giving introductory flights, discussing aviation concepts, and getting to experience firsthand what it's like to be a missionary pilot/mechanic at our Camp host Missionary Maintenance Services. Please keep us and these activities in your thoughts and prayers. We are so thankful for the ministry partnership we have with Christ Presbyterian Church as we would not be able to share the love of Jesus through aviation without your support. For more information, please contact chapter Secretary Eric Milnar at [440-813-2920](tel:440-813-2920) or pilotsforchristneo@gmail.com. You can also check us out on Facebook (Pilots For Christ – Northeast Ohio). God Bless!!!

DEACON NEWS

THE DEACONS met on April 7. They made changes in some of the positions for 2014. The new Treasurer is Larry Evans, and our Flower chairperson is Sue Stamey.

Deacons and CPC will continue to support the monthly dinners held at Beachland Church. We are serving approximately 65 people with hopes that the numbers continue to grow. Each month the dinner costs Deacons approximately \$100. Any donation of money or food is greatly appreciated. Cookies are always needed. Mike and Cyndie Tropf are working hard to promote this event. Cyndie is preparing photos and Mike constructed a large signboard advertizing the dinners.

Thanks to everyone who ordered the beautiful Easter lilies for our service. Many of the flowers were delivered to our church members who are unable to attend worship on a regular basis.

SUNDAY MORNING FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS: The Board of Deacons seeks additional flower arrangers to purchase flowers and arrange them in a vase for Sunday worship, now including communion Sundays. There is no cost to the arrangers, as the Deacons will cover the cost of the flowers and the vase. If you are interested in dedicating an arrangement in honor or memory of a loved one, the cost will be \$30. Contact Sue Stamey at 440-840-3495.

Our outreach committee met with the father of our Chesterland family in need. A \$200 Heinen's gift card will be given to them for the month. Joy was thrilled as the little five year old son gave her hugs!

Please as always keep our CPC family and friends in your prayers. We had many to pray for at this past meeting.

In Christian love and fellowship,

Barb Albrecht

CPC ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 3rd

8:00am - Noon

It's time for sprucing up our grounds after this long, snowy winter!

Bring your work gloves and tools.

Lunch will also be served!

Hope you'll consider joining us!

Jane Lyon,

Property & Maintenance



Dear CPC Friends,

Thank you, thank you, for the many birthday cards you sent, and you can be sure I read and loved each and every card. You really helped to make this a very special birthday. It is also comforting to know that there are so many friends at CPC who are praying and pulling for me. I have felt your prayers and know they have helped me to cope with my illness. Our CPC friends are wonderful!

Bob Russell



MORE DEACON NEWS

I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. Matt. 25:40

The Deacons not only serve a meal every last Thursday of the month to the community surrounding Dave Starkes' church, Beachland Presbyterian, but we also fund the cost of this mission. As you may know, we also support another local family in need on a monthly basis; Womansafe was in great need of food so we supported them one month with a Giant Eagle gift card; we annually help with VBS; we cover the cost of flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings; and most importantly, we cover the cost of our Coffee Hours. Our yearly budget comes from our Christmas Eve offering. Unfortunately, that offering this past year was far less than what we have received in the past, and is inadequate to cover our missions for 2014. Any additional donations to the Deacons' Ministry would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me. God's Peace to you all. -**Cyndie Tropf**

THE CPC PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Our Committee has developed, and Session has approved, a new church policy that is designed to protect our members and visitors while they are involved in church activities, either on the church grounds, or off-site. This new policy is called the *Children, Youth, Volunteers and Staff Protection Policy*.

The policy's purpose is best described in the Policy Statement, where it declares that its intent is "...that all who participate in our mission and ministry have the right as persons created by God to be safe and free from harm in this church". The policy describes the new procedures that will be in place to ensure this safe environment.

For those interested, copies are available. Please contact Bob Russell Jr. at: 440-729-3547.

DID YOU KNOW?

Sue Stamey is a Senior Companion Caregiver? Sue has been working with seniors for 6 years in a nursing home and independent/assisted living communities and now is providing companion care on her own. Some of the services she provides are light housekeeping, transportation, errand service, laundry, meal prep, medication reminders and companionship. Sue feels our senior citizens are such a blessing to be around because of all the experience and wisdom they can share with us all. Sue says it is a privilege to be able to be a part of their lives and to put a smile on their faces and joy in their hearts. Please call Sue at 440-840-3495 if you or your loved ones have a need for her services.

Brenda Levine with the help of Barb Albrecht, keep the back of the pews filled in the sanctuary. You may not give it much consideration, but these ladies volunteer each month to be sure that there are adequate pew request cards and scratch paper for our little ones. They supply the pews with offering envelopes and sharp pencils as well. If you find yourself with an hour to spare, Brenda and Barb would love for you to join their "crew"! Contact the church office at office@christpcusa.org or 440-729-1688.

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	2 7:00pm Couples Bible Study	3 8:00am Men's Tres Dias -CPC Church Spring Work Day 8:00am-noon Youth Movie field Trip
				4 *Sunday morning schedule -Communion	5 9:30am Children's Ministries Meeting 7:00pm Deacons 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	6 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp 7:00pm Gospel in the City Bible Study
11 *Sunday morning schedule 11:45am Missions Meeting 5:30pm Youth Group	12 7:00pm Youth Ministries Meeting 7:00pm Adult Ministries Meeting 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	13 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp 7:00pm Gospel in the City Bible Study	14 6:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Worship Meeting	15 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	16 8:00pm Youth Lock-In	17 8:00am Men's Tres Dias -CPC 9:00am Gospel in the City Retreat 9:00am Youth Lock-In pick-up
18 *Sunday morning schedule HS Senior Recognition	19 7:00pm Property & Maintenance Meeting 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	20 9:30am Prayer Group 9:30am Evangelism Meeting 6:30pm Bootcamp 7:00pm Session	21 6:30am Men's Bible Study	22 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise Rehearsal	23	24 8:00am Men's Bible Study - CPC
25 *Sunday morning schedule 5:30pm Youth Group	26 CPC Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day 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 7:00pm Couples Bible Study	31 8:00am Men's Tres Dias -CPC

***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



SPRING MOVIE REVIEWS

-Nancy Moritz

Heaven is For Real: Produced by pastor T. D. Jakes, director Randall Wallace and Hollywood veteran Joe Roth, "Heaven Is for Real" stars Greg Kinnear and earned an A CinemaScore. The movie is based on the real-life story of Nebraska pastor Todd Burpo and wife Sonja Burpo, whose young son, Colton, said he found himself in heaven during emergency surgery. Colton recounts the details of his amazing journey with childlike innocence and speaks matter-of-factly about things that happened before his birth: things he couldn't possibly know. Todd and his family are then challenged to examine the meaning from this remarkable event. The film is adapted from the pastor's book of the same name, co-written by Lynn Vincent.

God's Not Dead: Present-day college freshman and devout Christian, Josh Wheaton, finds his faith challenged on his first day of Philosophy class by the dogmatic and argumentative Professor Radisson. Radisson begins class by informing students that they will need to disavow, in writing, the existence of God on that first day, or face a failing grade. As other students in the class begin scribbling the words "God Is Dead" on pieces of paper as instructed, Josh find himself at a crossroads, having to choose between his faith and his future. Josh offers a nervous refusal, provoking an irate reaction from his smug professor. Radisson assigns him a daunting task: if Josh will not admit that "God Is Dead," he must prove God's existence by presenting well-researched, intellectual arguments and evidence over the course of the semester, and engage Radisson in a head-to-head debate in front of the class. If Josh fails to convince his classmates of God's existence, he will fail the course and hinder his lofty academic goals. With almost no one in his corner, Josh wonders if he can really fight for what he believes. Can he actually prove the existence of God?

New Members:



CLAUDIA BROWN joins CPC as a new member. Her outgoing personality is something that is easy to connect with. She and her husband, Todd live here in Chesterland. Before and after worship, you'll find her downstairs in the nursery, picking up her beautiful son, 14 month old, Spencer. Claudia is an attorney. She got her undergrad at the College of Wooster, The Reeves' stomping grounds! Welcome to you and your family, Claudia!



BRUCE AND NANCY CLINE live in Painesville Twp. In the short time that they've been with us at CPC, they've become part of the choir. Often, you'll hear Nancy playing piano, accompanying our own Susan Congdon on the organ. Along with singing on Sundays, Bruce can often be seen reading scripture as the Liturgist. Bruce and Nancy have two children. Their oldest, Stephen is a college graduate and Laurel is a college junior. Welcome to you all!

May

Anniversaries

Vic & Mim Strebeck 05/14
 Victor & Dee Bello 05/19
 John & Dolly Carlton 05/19
 Pam & Matt Lyman 05/20
 Bob & Barb Albrecht 05/22
 Rob& Janine Stone 05/23

Birthdays

Peggy Evans 05/02
 Bob McKenzie 05/04
 Adam Nitz 05/04
 Rob Stone 05/04
 Brett Congdon 05/08
 Paul Lawrence 05/08
 Dave Varner 05/10
 Jared Lyon 05/11
 Winnie Martinson 05/11
 Simon Fischer 05/12
 Alice Stamey 05/13
 Edna Beharry 05/14
 Larry Elswick 05/14
 Kelly McCandless 05/15
 Leah Coso 05/16
 Morgan Johnson 05/17
 Beth Boucek 05/18
 Ron Schmidt 05/20
 Dick Sulc 05/20
 Aland Smith 05/21
 Andrea Milnar 05/23
 Shirley Balogh 05/24
 Greg McCandless 05/24
 Charlene Schmidt 05/24
 Kim Welch 05/24
 Ron Congdon 05/26
 Deloris Cunningham 05/28
 Matt Levine 05/29
 Bob Brooks 05/30
 Mim Gripp 05/31

USO OF NORTHERN, OHIO

The USO correspondent sent a thank you note to CPC for remembering the troops with the collection we gave. The Volunteer wrote: "We send them a little bit of home."

Thank you for supporting this mission.

-Sandy Stumpf

Need a gas dryer? Or know someone who does? If so, contact Jane Lyon at: jalyon@aim.com or 440-256-8944.



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

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CHAPEL CIRCLE will meet at the home of Barbara Kross on Wednesday, May 21st at 11:00am. Janet McIntee will lead Lesson 8 pp. 71-77. Jay Mann will give the devotions. Barbara will provide lunch. No sandwich needed.

CPC FINANCIAL UPDATE - 2014 OPERATING BUDGET

Month	Actual Income	Actual Expense	Difference (Income - Expenses)
January - March	\$60,361.05	\$65,770.97	(\$5,409.92)
Reserve as of January 1, 2014:			\$12,415.56
Operating Fund Balance:			\$7,005.64