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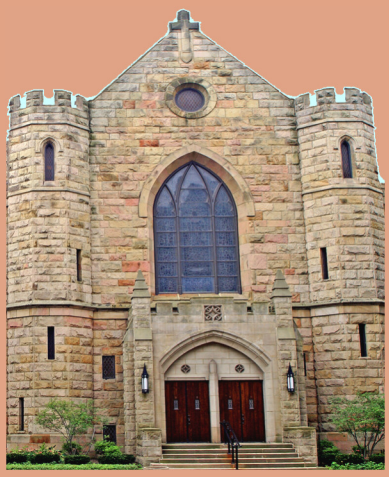


Concert in the Courtyard

Summer Series 2021

Friday, July 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets and start your weekend off with beautiful music live in the courtyard. Afterwards, head into downtown for the festivities at Canton's First Friday.

SUMMER FUN AT CPC!

Don't miss the remaining **VBS-style days** for children age 3 through 5th grade—packed full of faith filled fun, games, crafts, music, and more! There are still a couple of spots remaining for each spot!

- **Each day will run from 9:00am-1:00pm**, has a unique theme, and includes lunch.
- **The maximum number of children per day is 12** to allow for social distancing and **masks will be required for attendees.**
- **You can find the link to sign up on the church webpage** and in the sign up link will also be a registration form for you to complete.
- **You can sign up for just one, or both if you want!**

TUESDAY JULY 13th: THE KNIGHTS OF WESTMINSTER

Our young Lords and Ladies of the realm will complete feats of cunning and bravery earning their armor of God to become valiant Knights of Westminster.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4th: +Super> +Sc,ienc,e Lab

Get a close up look at the God's wonderous earth and the elements of faith during this science packed day!

SIGN UP TODAY!

PRAYER CHAIN:
Whenever there's a need for prayer, please call one of our Prayer Chain co-chairs:
Sandy Kohler ~ 330-575-5874
midnightingaletoo@gmail.com
Judy Smith ~ 330-771-0598
judithllsmith@gmail.com
Carol Orin ~ 330-327-6543
jloca04638@gmail.com

FRIENDS HELPING FRENDS:
If you are in need of temporary assistance or medical equipment, we want you to know that we care. God has His hand in this ministry, sees your need, and wants you to receive this assistance through Friends Helping Friends. Please do not hesitate to call coordinator:
Sue Nelson—330-832-2999

WORSHIP
Sundays—in Person
8:30 & 10:30 am

And Broadcast LIVE
Sunday mornings at 10:30 am
via:

News-Talk 1480 WHBC

YouTube
www.youtube.com/ChristPresbyterianChurchCanton

www.facebook.com/CantonCPC/live

PASTOR'S NOTE

On my eleventh birthday, May 7, 1970, The Temptations released the hit single "Ball of Confusion (That's What the World is Today)." In essence, the song is a long diatribe about the ills of the world: the Vietnam War, Nixon's government, drug addiction, segregation, integration, unemployment, rioting, gun violence, and unemployment, among other things.

Eve of destruction, tax deduction, city inspectors, bill collectors
Mod clothes in demand, population out of hand
Suicide, too many bills, hippies moving to the hills
People all over the world are shouting 'End the war'
And the band played on.

The conclusion?

So, round and around and around we go.
Where the world's headed, nobody knows.

Round and around and around we go! The song was written 51 years ago but in so many ways, the sentiments continue to resonate. Just where are we headed? Who knows?

We are living in strange yet familiar times. As I mentioned in a recent sermon, race issues, economic realities, political discord, and cultural challenges continue to raise anxiety levels, feed angst, and fuel fear. But, as someone once said, "time is your friend." I can begin to see an interesting result of our COVID reality forming in my heart and spirit.

It begins with a simple truth; hindsight is helpful. Hindsight is the reflective understanding of a situation or event only after it has happened. Sometimes looking back gives us a clearer perspective and understanding of what has happened. Perhaps this is why our Jewish brothers and sisters are so often called to "remember," to think back over a time or event: "Moses said to the people, 'Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the Lord brought you out from there by strength of hand'" (Exodus 13:3). Disciples of Jesus are also called to remember. The women who came to his empty grave were told to "remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." (Luke 24:7) How God's hand moves is often much clearer when considered in hindsight.

As we begin to look back over the course of the last 18 months, will we remember God's promise? God has never, ever promised us a rose garden. Pain, sacrifice, heartache are all part of the faithful disciples' lot in life. As it was for Christ, so it is for us. But God has promised to bring us through the storm and to calm the waters. As the prophet Jeremiah put it, "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope (29:11)."

Perhaps we will begin to see that God has used, is using, and will continue to use these past 18 months to form us ever more into the likeness of Jesus Christ. As we "come through to the other side" of COVID, we can begin to contextualize our experience through the eyes of Christ. Perhaps asking yourself some pointed questions will help this process!

1. What role did God play in the unfolding of this COVID experience? Do I see how God has "brought me through the storm" and is proving faithful to the promises of Jesus?
2. Do I look at people differently? Do I more clearly see the face of Christ in those around me?
3. Do I have a new understanding of what it is to be "the church?" Do I more clearly see the sacrificial nature of our calling?

The lens we look through makes all the difference. Paul's words to the Romans proves a good place to start; "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purposes."

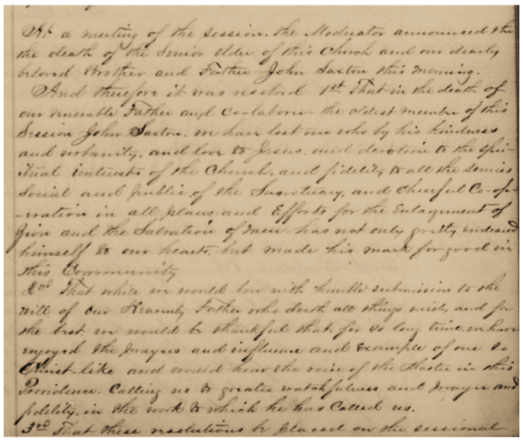
Peace to you, in the name of Jesus Christ!

Pastor Dave

Archives & Bicentennial Ministries

As many of you know, this coming September marks our 200-year anniversary as a congregation. Over the next year, we will certainly celebrate our past, but we will also look forward to all that God is still calling us to do and all the ways that God is calling us to be servants and ministers in downtown Canton. Dr. Robert Webber once said, "The way to the future runs through the past" (*Ancient-Future Evangelism*). In order to best discern where we are going, we need to understand better where we have been. Part of the calling of those who are serving on the Archives and Bicentennial ministry is to uncover and retell our church's history. Might you consider becoming a part of this ministry? We need people to help organize, transcribe, scan, summarize, and more. If you're willing to help, please contact Pastor Michael.

Recently, as we were preparing for the McKinley/Saxton wedding reenactment, Jennie and I dove into some Session minutes from around the wedding to see if we could find anything interesting. Unfortunately, there was no mention of the wedding; however, a few months after the wedding, on April 16, 1871, it was announced at the Session meeting that Ida's grandfather, John Saxton died. John, who is best remembered as the founder of the Canton Repository, was also a pillar of this congregation, serving to help raise funds for the now-150-year-old sanctuary, and he had also served as an Elder for many years. Most Session minutes from this era are—admittedly—a little boring, but this one stood out as heartfelt and worthy of sharing with you all. In honor of the death of one of our earliest patriarchs and Elders, John Saxton, I share these Session minutes with you:



At a meeting of the session, the Moderator announced the death of the Senior Elder of this Church and our dearly beloved Brother and Father John Saxton this morning. And therefore, it was resolved:

1st That in the death of our venerable Father and co-laborer, the oldest member of this Session John Saxton, we have lost one who, by his kindness and urbanity, and love to Jesus, and devotion to the spiritual interests of the Church, and fidelity to all the services Social and Public of the Sanctuary, and cheerful co-operation in all places and efforts for the enlargement of Zion and the Salvation of Men—has not only greatly endeared himself to our hearts, but made his mark for good in this Community.

2nd That while we would bow with humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father who doeth all things wisely and for the best, we would be thankful that for so long time, we have enjoyed the prayers and influence and example of one so Christ-like and would hear the voice of the Master in this Providence. Calling us to greater watchfulness and prayer and fidelity in the work to which he has called us.

3rd That these resolutions be placed on the Sessional records of this Church, and a copy of them be given to each of the papers of this city for publication. –Alex Bierce, Clerk (April 16, 1871)

What is a Mezuzah

Back in 2016, there was a group who traveled together to Israel with Pastor Dave and Rabbi Spitzer. Upon returning, Rabbi Spitzer gifted the church with a mezuzah, which now has been mounted on the wall across from the light switches as you enter the sanctuary from the southwest doors. You might be asking, what is a mezuzah? It is a small box that is traditionally placed on the right doorpost of homes at all exits and major doorways. Inside the box is a parchment with verses from the Torah (first five books of the Hebrew Bible). This ancient tradition comes from Deuteronomy 6 where we read, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart… *and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates*." In the Hebrew, the word doorpost is מְזוּזָה or mezuzah. The website My Jewish Learning tells us that, "Some people believe that the mezuzah provides special protection over the residents of the home where it hangs, and when they pass by a mezuzah some people have the custom of kissing it (usually touching the mezuzah with their hand, then kissing their hand)." When you enter the sanctuary and see the mezuzah, you are encouraged to remember how our God loves us, has called us into relationship, and has made covenants with us throughout the ages.

1 Rosie Anderson, Margie Wise
2 Philip Barr, Lydia Moss, Patty Roberson
4 Cathy Dillon
5 Moriah D'Antonio
6 Heather Leadbetter, Abbi Leon, Barb Stanley, Ken Wise
7 Jim Smith, Dianne Williams
9 Maureen Barr, Melva Hofmann
10 Christian Everett, Ryan George, Perry Lazich
12 Lexi Halter, Miriam Hinterleiter
15 Juliana Burdeshaw, Tim Ramsayer
16 Dan Moretta
17 Jon Graef
19 Brian Leggett
20 Bradley Beach
21 Miriam Carter
22 Abram George, Fred Linxweiler, Debby Paulis, Stephanie Werren
23 Deanna Dallas, Wayne Johnson
26 Rich Geib, David Kraft
27 Judy Doebereiner, Joyce Mason
28 Ray Ohlinger, Beth Pansino
29 Landon Davison, Teresa Houston, Deanna Maze
31 Xander Ohler, Jeanette Rownd

Christ Church celebrates birthdays of members who are 95 years or more:
Miriam Hinterleiter 95) - July 12
Miriam Carter (96) - July 21

News from the Food, Clothing and Prayer Ministry:

And it is big news indeed! After a very long break from being indoors, we are finally back to our Food Ministry being in-person gathering. And with our new space comes a new opportunity to make some improvements to our Ministry. We have been preparing for months.

HERE'S A LOOK AT WHAT'S NEW:

Fellowship. Something that we are blessed to take for granted, but with our friends, fellowship might not be a natural part of their day. We invite all of our friends into West Hall at 7:45 for a light breakfast. This is a time to chat with their friends, pray with us, seek help if needed, then join us in the Chapel for music and song. The goal is to get away from standing in a line, asking for a "hand-out". Instead we are seeking to provide them dignity in a welcoming new environment where laughter and friendship are encouraged.

Help Centers. We turn part of West Hall into our new Help Centers. The stations will include *Listening Ears* (formerly Prayer Partners), *Habitat Home,* and then lastly, a rotating *Community Health Center.* In the past we offered Prayer Partners and the Habitat Vouchers in the midst of our distribution time. It was often hectic and rushed. We hope that having these stations available during breakfast will allow our friends a calm environment to engage with us.

Our **Community Health Centers** will offer varied health related services, something new each time. Our first one was a *Vaccine Information Center*. Future ones include topics such as Oral Care, Foot care, blood pressure screenings, and ways to navigate Medicare and Medicaid. We plan to invite experts in for each distribution. **We are always looking for additional ideas!**

Clothing Room. We have begun taking in items for our Clothing Room, but we have some necessary stipulations. **All clothing must be in-season. No exceptions.** It is a burden on our volunteers to sort through bags to find the in- season clothing. All off-season clothes will be boxed and driven over to Goodwill. **The most sought after items are casual T-shirts, gym shorts and white athletic socks, primarily XL and larger.** In addition to clothes, we would love to have any **gently used sheets, towels, dish cloths, pillows and comforters.** These are luxuries to our friends and they go quickly when we have these types of things.

Volunteers. We have the most amazing group of volunteers. Would you like to join our team? We have a few "Job Openings", no experience necessary. Just a willingness to feel the power of the Holy Spirit reach out and embrace you at the end of the day. Best paycheck ever.

Blessings to you all—Lorraine

SONG OF SONGS 2:12

"Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."

There is so much symbolism in the Bible around flowers, about gardening, about blossoming in our faith. Chancel flowers at CPC have always honored those who have come before us and those who are special among us. Flowers give special meaning to worship services and special events in our church. And yes, they do wither and die but leave behind the seeds so more may sprout.

As we live into our new worship space and discover ways to add beauty as inspiration to the word and sacrament, we are wanting to embrace the additional beauty that cut flowers can bring to that space. We are looking for gardeners in our midst who are willing to bring fresh cut flowers to the church on Friday, July 9 and Friday, July 16, by 10 am. No need to call or plan or think too much about it, just offer whatever you have in your garden. We will do the rest. It will be amazing to arrange your flowers with your neighbor's flowers to create beauty for Sunday morning. We are also asking for containers and vases for use in this ministry at your convenience. Thank you. CPC's Flower Art Ministry.

SESSION NOTES
JUNE 15, 2021

Pastor Dave began the evening with devotions. Minutes of the last meeting and the clerk's report were received and approved.

Finance Report: Jerry Norton reported for Spirit and Space that they are waiting for one final billing from our church remodeling project.

Communication: Pam Moretta had the Elders sign up to provide Session meals and worship for the upcoming year.

Staff Reports:

Jennie George: Tuesday, June 15, was the first summer Fun Day at CPC. The theme was "All Aboard". Those involved had a great time. She will be heading for Wakonda to assist with staff training.

Michael Wallace: The McKinley Wedding was well received. All the participants were, "exceedingly pleased" with the turnout of about 425 observers during the 3 reenactments. The Sunday worship service was also enjoyed with Michael mentioning that although the sermon was a little longer than normal, it was shorter than the historical one! Michael also reminded Session that our church bicentennial will kick off in September.

Dave de Vries: Dave mentioned that he felt as if he played a bit of a "supportive role" lately because the staff dove into the reenactment. His support was through prayer for them. Much of May and June was spent in reaction to COVID and our changing times due to COVID. It has required a lot of thoughtful time and prayer. Dave continues with Bible study. He also stated that he is grateful for TJ Hon and his expertise. Dave also reported that Diane Nave will take Steve Andrews' position as Business Administrator/Assistant Treasurer.

Old Business: Discussion was held over placement of the Christian and US flags in the Sanctuary. It was agreed upon that these flags will be replaced in the southeast corner of the Sanctuary. The former Sanctuary Baptismal Font will be moved to the Chapel for continued use. The former Sanctuary Communion Table will be dismantled and discarded. The three middle artistic panels will be preserved until a suitable form of display may be conceived, designed and produced. Both Michael and Ben will participate in the Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference in September.

New Business: Nancy Irving completed orientation for our 3 new Session members. The August Annual Meeting has been scheduled for August 15. Communion for July 4th has be rescheduled for July 11th. Session received and discussed the Personnel Report.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Dave.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Banfield

BIG GOD
BIG QUESTIONS
CONFIRMATION FOR A GROWING FAITH

Confirmation Begins this Fall
for 8th, 9th, and 10th graders

We are very excited that a new confirmation class will begin this September. This year-long course is primarily geared towards those in grades 8, 9, and 10. The purpose of confirmation is to enable youth to *confirm* that the faith into which they were baptized (for most as children) is indeed the faith they want to follow into adulthood. By studying major topics and having a safe space to ask the big questions, we believe that this experience will help the youth to grow stronger in their faith and confirm their commitment to Christ.

We will be using the "Big God, Big Questions" curriculum which incorporates student journaling, videos, infographics, and even home/ mentor guides for each confirmand. We will meet most Sundays throughout the school year, and our schedule is being finalized now. We will also have a retreat as part of our confirmation class. In the next few weeks, families who have students in these grades will receive a letter with more information and inviting them to respond and commit to confirmation.

In anticipation of and throughout the confirmation year, we would ask that you please pray for our class. Specifically, we would ask you to pray for the preparations of the leaders, that the students' hearts would be opened to the Spirit at work in their lives, and that we all would be transformed by God working in our hearts.

Finally, we are seeking adult mentors who are mature Christians and who would be willing to be matched with one of the student confirmands, to meet with them monthly, encourage, and pray for them. If you are interested, please reach out to Pastor Michael or Bonnie Wiggins.

The Church Office/Building will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, July 6.

WAKONDA NEEDS KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS!

If you would be willing to volunteer in the kitchen at Camp Wakonda sometime from June 27-August 7, please email Pastor Ben (bgeorge@cantoncpc.org) to get on our volunteer list.

We will be scheduling the summer soon. (Volunteers must be able to provide a cleared Volunteer Disclosure Background Check through CPC.) THANK YOU!!!

Camp Wakonda Registration is OPEN for this summer!

Go to www.wakondacamp.org to sign up today!

SPONSOR AN INTERNATIONAL STAFF MEMBER:

See flyer for more information.

Sponsor an International Staff Member

I would like to donate:	Price		Quantity	Total
☐ Day	$53	X	_____	$_____
☐ Week	$371	X	_____	$_____
☐ Month	$1484	X	_____	$_____
☐ Whole Summer	$3050	X	_____	$_____

Grand Total: _____

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Address _____

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Phone _____

Please make checks payable to **Christ Presbyterian Church and put **"Sponsor Wakonda Staff"** on the memo line. Or make donations online at give.classy.org/SupportWakonda.

"Saints and Sinners" Westminster Hall Sunday School Class Starting in September

As we celebrate our bicentennial and consider those faithful Christians who have gone before, our Westminster Sunday School class will begin a new year-long course this September entitled "Sinners and Saints." We will welcome various teachers, including our local Rabbis, some professors from Malone, and Pastor Michael. Progressing chronologically throughout church history, each class will focus on a particular person or group of people. At the end of the year, we will focus on the saints of our church and share our own stories. Our prayer is that, as we consider Church history and those saints who have gone before, we might be inspired and challenged in our faith journeys. Mark your calendar now for Sundays at 9:15 AM in Westminster Hall.

FINANCIAL NOTES

		YTD 5/31/21	YTD 5/31/20
Beginning Balance Operating Funds as of 7/1		$ 125,138	$ 152,147
Revenue	Pledges	502,974	570,865
	Other	260,332	179,535
	Trusts & Endowments	65,297	62,796
	Total Income	$ 828,602	$813,196
Expenses	Operating Expenses	(768,585)	(849,180)
Ending Balance Operating Funds as of 6/30/21		$185,155	$116,164

This reporting reflects the General and Camp Funds from July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021.
PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR PLEDGE CURRENT. THANK YOU!

Gifts can be given online at www.cantoncpc.org or mailed to the Church office.

STEWARDSHIP—May		
Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV		
Average Monthly	**May—21**	**May—20**
Attendance	112**	0*
General Fund Income	$35,396	$34,685
G/F Budget Needed	$61,033	$62,235
Monthly Net + / -	(25,637)	(27,549)

*ONLINE STREAMING OF SERVICES DUE TO COVID-19
**Limited Capacity Due to Covid Restrictions

Summer Vacation for Handbells!

The 5-octive Handbell set is off on a summertime adventure! They are on their way to the headquarters of Schulmerich Handbells near Philadelphia. Over the course of the next six weeks, they will receive "spa treatment" - much needed attention including new adjustable clappers, replacement of parts, and a thorough polish and shine! Their trip is courtesy of the Handbells and Instruments Fund.

Sunday Morning Chancel Flowers

If you would like to sponsor flowers for a Sunday morning, please contact the Church office at: cpcoffice@cantoncpc.org or by calling 330-456-8113.

YOUTH GROUP

Summer Time Youth Activities!

Wednesday, July 7th
6:00-7:30 pm
Water Balloon Fest in the Courtyard

Saturday, July 17th
9:00-11:00 am
Neighborhood Trash Clean Up with Faith Build
(Volunteer Opportunity)

Friday, August 13th
9:00-10:30 pm
Appetizers and Astronomy
(Fry Family Park)

Sign up for Camp Wakonda! Volunteer Opportunities available as well.

Please RSVP to Bonnie for all Summer Activities bwiggins@cantoncpc.org or 234-262-0016.

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The Church is charged for every returned Newsletter.

If you have moved,
or changed a seasonal address,
please notify the church office.
Thank you.

To be added to the Tydings email list or to submit an article for *Tydings*, please email dnave@cantoncpc.org no later than **Wednesday, July 21.**

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July TYDINGS

In Christian Sympathy

Martha Cox
June 12, 2021

Christian sympathy
is extended
to the Cox Family.

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Faith Build 2021
UPDATE

Habitat for Humanity® East Central Ohio

Christ Presbyterian Church is partnering with 15 other Faith Communities to build three homes in Northeast Canton this Spring and Summer.

You can help in three different ways:

Pray...for the Cundiff, Burch and Thomas families who will be purchasing these homes, for the volunteers helping to build the homes and for the Ministry of Habitat for Humanity of East Central Ohio.

Volunteer... Thank you for all of your support! The exterior framing went up on June 12th and Christ Church volunteers put up the interior walls on June 19th! It's not too late to help. We'll be doing siding and insulation Saturday July 17th and doing cleaning and painting doors on Friday, August 20th
To volunteer or for more information please contact coordinators
Cincy Camp: 330-936-1253, ccamp@sssnet.com or
Jim Camp: 330-495-0228, jcamp@cutlerhomes.com

Donate... Thanks to your generous hearts we have already exceeded the $5,000 commitment CPC made to the Faith Build! Thank you!
We will be posting pictures on the Church Facebook page.
God's Love in Action is Alive and Well at Christ Presbyterian Church!