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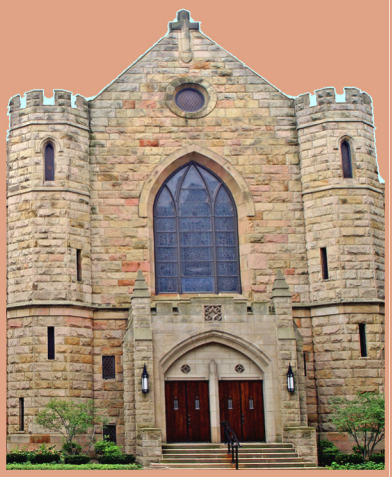


Congratulations!

The Scholarship Ministry wishes to congratulate the following recipients of the 2021 Scholarship Awards: **Joey Anderson, Romy Anderson, Austin Andrews, Lexi Andrews, Hannah Bartels, Maggie DeLap, Jacob Hon, Molly Hudson, Riley Hudson, Jaret Kline, Noah Leon, Joanna Lucardie, Jonathan McCahan, Jack McCain, Elizabeth Ohlinger, Tian Ohlinger, and John Ophardt.** God's blessing to each of you in your future education.

These Scholarships were made possible from the earnings of the Vera and Elizabeth Yoder Education Scholarship Fund and the Endowment Earnings Scholarship Fund.

Concert in the Courtyard
Summer Series 2021

Maura Rogers & The Bellows

Friday, September 3, 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.

PRAYER CHAIN:
Whenever there's a need for prayer, please call one of our Prayer Chain co-chairs:
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

I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world may know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."
Jesus, in John 17

Ever made a U-turn? If you possess a driver's license, then you've made a U-turn. You've missed the turn and now you have to go back. You consider the best place to make the turn. You quickly calculate the turn radius to the road/shoulder space in front of you. You look around carefully for the presence of law enforcement officers! This Pastor's Note is a bit of a U-Turn.

In last month's *Tydings* I introduced an opportunity for CPC members to sign on to an opportunity to join with others to consider one of the most divisive, yet defining, issues of our day. It is often difficult to have a thoughtful, considerate, and honest discussion focused on racism and racial unity. The vehicle to be used is a faith-based curriculum entitled *Be the Bridge*. **Be the Bridge** is designed to bring white and black Christians together to talk about faith, race, and justice issues. Making use of scripture, prayer, liturgy, and authentic conversation, participants consider the personal elements that contribute to ongoing racial tension. This is NOT a "something else or someone else out there is the problem" kind of experience. *Be the Bridge* is a call to the very difficult work of personal reflection.

The study group putting the program together has elected to delay the start until after the Advent/Christmas holiday. The reason is simple enough; we do not want to rush through what is likely to be a transformative process. Circumstances do not allow us to begin the program until the end of September or early October. Once Thanksgiving hits, well…you know. We could rush through the material, but that would not serve anyone well.

In the meantime, the study group is planning what you might call "a bridge to *Be the Bridge*." In order to better prepare ourselves for *Be the Bridge*, we first invite you to join in another faith-based study put together by Sojourners, a long-respected ministry that is based in faith and culture. In their own words, their "mission is to inspire hope and action by articulating the biblical call to racial and social justice, life and peace, and environmental stewardship."

You are invited to join in a four-week reflection entitled *Christians and Racial Justice*. Like *Be the Bridge*, this gathering is designed to spark thought and conversation about how to live out God's call in a way that is faithful to the words of Jesus, the pronouncements of the prophets, and the will of God. The assumption made by the authors is that racism is not just a personal, structural, and/or economic problem. Racism is a spiritual problem. The faithful can find a way forward by studying and praying the scripture and through honest self-reflection and conversation among other people of faith. We can make a difference in the real world through our discipleship…our willingness to follow where Jesus leads.

Dates and times of these gatherings will be announced shortly. Until then, consider your willingness to engage this opportunity as a meaningful step in your own sanctification and as a witness to the discipleship to which you have been called by Christ Jesus.

Shalom,

Pastor Dave

SESSION NOTES
AUGUST 17, 2021

Pastor Dave and Jeanne de Vries hosted the August Session meeting at their home. A fine meal of wraps, chips, cookies and beverages was served.

The meeting was brief. There were no staff reports since Pastor Michael Wallace and Jennie George were enjoying well-deserved vacations. Pastor Ben George was working at Camp Wakonda hosting guest groups.

The minutes of the July meeting and Treasurer's report for July will be read and acted on at the September meeting.

Actions taken:

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept a gift of $10,000 from the Dori and Rollin Reiter Estate. $5,000 will be distributed to the Computer Fund and $5,000 to the Cathedral Hour Fund.
Motion was made, seconded, and approved to sign the final change order from Regency Construction. The change order resulted in a $6,940.85 cost reduction of the Spirit and Space project.
Motion was made, seconded and approved for Pastor de Vries' request for combination vacation and study leave on the dates 8/25 – 9/2. Kathryn Ophardt will preach on August 29. Pastor de Vries has 8 vacation and 7 study days remaining.

Other discussion:

Pastor de Vries reported that the new office organization including Financial Secretary Tracie Schmolt and Business Administrator Diane Nave is working very well.

Session discussed the new approach to serving communion that has emerged. Congregants appreciate pastors serving communion to those that cannot come forward. Session discussed ways to be sure that these persons were never overlooked when serving communion.

Pastor de Vries led Session in a celebration for those elders whose terms have ended. He made thoughtful comments about Carol Orin, Michael Ophardt, and Nancy Irving and their contributions to Session. He presented each of them with a candle representing Christ's light in the world.

The meeting was closed with prayers of thanksgiving for the retiring session members and with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Elder Albert Smith

Westminster Sunday School Class starts on Sunday, September 12

As we kickoff our congregation's bicentennial, we are also going to be holding a year-long course entitled, "Saints and Sinners," which will progress through church history and 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.

Sept 12	Rabbi Adland	Progression from Priestly to Rabbinic Judaism
Sept 19	Pastor Michael	Introduction to our course
Sept 26	Rabbi Spitzer	Early Chasidim (Baal Shem Tov, Bratzlaver, etc.)
Oct 3	Rabbi Komerofsky	Ideological Founders of the Modern streams of Judaism

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Cameron Daniska
2 Bev Girard, Eva Leggett, Robert Sautters
3 Joey Anderson, Sharon Schorsten, Lieselotte Smith-Penzel
4 Alex Weinsz, Ruth Ann Winkelman
5 Parker Cole, Steve Lucas
6 Pat Knoch, Nancy Okonak
7 Kevin Walker
8 Charlotte Mathias, Kristen McKimm
10 Allison Burdeshaw
11 Cynthia Kilduff, Lorraine Murphy
12 Cameron Allerding, Peyton Allerding, Darla Frederick, Carolyn McCain
14 Fred Gibbs, Sina Howe
15 Grace Werren, Hannah Werren, Jack Werren
17 Kati Roberson, Donna Wood
18 Anastasia Halter
19 Romy Anderson, Mike Fisher, Pamm Ohlinger
20 Jane Lindquist
21 Maurice Plains
23 Andrea Brown, Taylor McCarty, Steve Stocker
24 Laurel Effinger, Robert Putnam, Beth Souers
25 Jonathan Chance, Chester Willey
26 Debbie D'Antonio, Scott Watterson
27 Barbara Deuble, George Kemper, Betty Stoffer
28 Amelia Chenevey, Theo Wallace
29 Beth Goodchild, Jan Rausch, Madelyn Vigil
30 Dave Hudson, Joyce Wulff

TIQVAH Hands of HOPE

This year we are making some changes to the Tiqvah staff. Sadly, Lesley Doan had to step down as Executive Director as her family moved to Columbus, OH. We keep them in our prayers and hope for the best for them! In her place, we have the privilege of bringing on Maquitta Stokes as our new Executive Director. We are excited, as an organization, to see what the Lord has in store for us this year.

Our capacity for students this year is at an all-time high of around 90 kids, as we add on another elementary class to meet our rising numbers.

We hope that you join us and support us with prayer that our relationship with our kids and families grow stronger and stronger and we are able to show the love of Jesus to our community the best way we can.

We are also in need of donations for cleaning supplies, snacks, and monthly donors as we grow and need to meet needs financially.

Lastly, Tiqvah is on the search for a Food Coordinator as the school year approaches. If anyone is interested, please reach out to our Site Director, Emma Hayward, with any questions you might have. Her email is emma.hayward@tiqvah.org

We appreciate Christ Presbyterian Church for all of the support that you give Tiqvah. We see your prayers and support play out every day as our kids grow closer to Christ.

The Parkinson Fund Ministry recently posted an informational video on the Church website. Its purpose is to raise awareness and educate church members within the Muskingum Presbytery that there are funds available to individuals who may want to pursue a call to the Ministry. The video was a group effort of the Parkinson Ministry but particular thanks go to Joel Maze, Bert Smith and Pastor Michael.

To watch the video go to Cantoncpc.org, click on the "Learn and Grow" section and start the video. Please share this link with anyone that you think might benefit. https://cantoncpc.org/learn-grow/parkinson-theological-education-fund/

High Holy Days at Temple Israel

Pastor Michael and Merle Smith will be singing High Holy Day services at Temple Israel in Canton in September. If you want to hear some beautiful music and learn more about the Jewish faith, you are invited to attend either virtually or in person (sign ups required). For more information, please visit https://templeisraelcanton.org/hhd/

Monday, Sept. 6	8:00 p.m.	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
Tuesday, Sept 7	10:00 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
Wednesday, Sept. 15	8:00 p.m.	Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) Service
Thursday, Sept. 16	10:00 a.m.	Yom Kippur Morning Service
	3:00 p.m.	Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
	5:30 p.m.	Yom Kippur Neilah (Concluding) Service

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30-9:15 am	Gathered Worship Service—Chapel
9:00-9:30 am	Children's Choir – Choir Room
9:00-9:15 am	Kids' Chapel Time—via ZOOM
10:30 am	Gathered Worship Service—Sanctuary Also on Facebook, YouTube, and WHBC
11:45am-1:30pm	Confirmation Class
11:45am-1:00pm	Youth

Monday - 10:00 am - Staff Meeting—Parlor

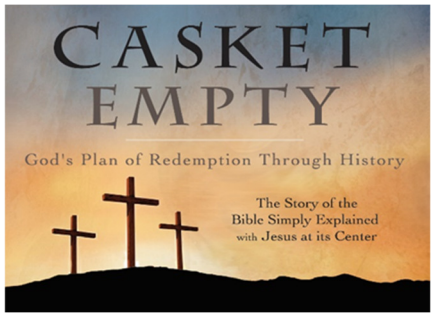
Wednesday, 9/1
8:00-9:00am Men's Bible Study - Zoom
7:00pm Deacon's meeting – Parlor
7:30-9:00pm Dave's Bible Study – Zoom
Thursday, 9/2
1:30-3:30pm Alzheimer Support Group – West. Hall
7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 9/3
6:00pm First Friday Concert– Courtyard
Sunday, 9/5-Communion
Monday, 9/6 – Labor Day
Church Office/Building Closed
Tuesday, 9/7
9:30-11:00am Dave's Bible Study – Zoom
11:30am-12:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, 9/8
7:45-11:00am Food Ministry
8:00-9:00am Men's Bible Study - Zoom
7:30-9:00pm Dave's Bible Study – Zoom
Thursday, 9/9
9:30-10:30am Women's Bible Study – Zoom
7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 9/12 – Bicentennial Celebration Kickoff
Sunday School classes start up
3:00-6:00pm Community Open House
4:00 Dedication Ceremony & Reception
Monday, 9/13
1:00pm Property – Parlor
6:00pm Dave's Book Study Group-Zoom or CPC
Tuesday, 9/14
9:30-11:00am Dave's Bible Study – Zoom
11:30am-12:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
12:00-2:00pm Personnel Ministry – Parlor
Wednesday, 9/15
8:00-9:00am Men's Bible Study - Zoom
7:30-9:00pm Dave's Bible Study – Zoom
Thursday, 9/16
9:30-10:30am Women's Bible Study – Zoom
7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 9/17-Sunday, 9/19
Wakonda For All at Camp Wakonda
Sunday, 9/19
12:00-4:30pm Ox Roast – Camp Wakonda
Tuesday, 9/21
9:30-11:00am Dave's Bible Study – Zoom
11:30am-12:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm Session Meeting-Parlor
Wednesday, 9/22 -TYDINGS DEADLINE
7:45-11:00am Food Ministry
8:00-9:00am Men's Bible Study - Zoom
7:30-9:00pm Dave's Bible Study – Zoom
Thursday, 9/23
9:30-10:30am Women's Bible Study – Zoom
7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, 9/28
9:30-11:00am Dave's Bible Study – Zoom
11:30am-12:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, 9/29
8:00-9:00am Men's Bible Study - Zoom
7:30-9:00pm Dave's Bible Study – Zoom
Thursday, 9/30
9:30-10:30am Women's Bible Study – Zoom
7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

INTERIM NO MORE

It is with great pleasure that the Session announces that Heather Cooper has been hired as the Director of Music & Organist of Christ Presbyterian Church. The Session is equally pleased to announce that Britt Cooper has been hired as CPC Director of Chancel Choir. After considerable conversation, reflection, and prayer we rejoice in removing the term "Interim" from their position descriptions.

In 2019, upon the retirement of Dr. David Kienzle, the Session decided to put off the search for his replacement until after the Spirit & Space construction project was completed. This would allow for position candidates to know the strengths, as well as the limitations, of the improved worship space. In the meantime, we knew how very fortunate we were in securing the skills, talents, and ministry perspectives of both Heather and Britt for the interim period.

Their welcome here was as a baptism of fire. They received both the pandemic and the sanctuary renovation, not as tests to be endured, but as challenges to be overcome. Their already considerable skills and talents adopted and flourished to "new ways in new days" leaving the church staff, the church leadership, and the congregation astonished. The Personnel Ministry and the Session have concluded that any further search is only to the congregation's detriment. The fact is, we recognize a blessing when we see one…or two. Thanks be to God.



Confirmation Announcement

We are very excited that, prior to starting into the "Big God, Big Questions" curriculum, we will start our confirmation year off with an eight-week overview of the Bible through the acronym CASKET EMPTY. The acronym of CASKET (for the Hebrew Bible) stands for Creation, Abraham, Sinai, Kings, Exile, Temple. The acronym of EMPTY (for the New Testament) stands for Expectations, Messiah, Pentecost, Teaching, and Yet-to-come. Developed by Dr. Carol Kaminski and Dr. David Palmer, this curriculum identifies the major turning points throughout the story of God's people and how the big story points to God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. We look forward to digging into the scriptures to provide a solid foundation to each confirmand. For any questions about confirmation, please contact Pastor Michael or Bonnie Wiggins.

Stewardship Kaleidoscope
Real Tools for Real Ministry

Attending a Virtual Conference

Pastor Ben and Michael are looking forward to attending the Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference virtually on Monday September 13-Wednesday September 15. This annual conference offers education, worship, and amazing opportunities for growth in stewardship and generosity. We look forward to learning together how we are being called to discuss faithful giving and engaging the congregation further.

Join us for a fun Fall at Camp Wakonda!

Wakonda For All (Sept. 17-19) - $105 for each adult & $77 for each child
(1-night : $50 for adult & $35 for child)
Campers of all ages are invited to delight in a Wakonda Fall. Relive the wonder of childhood or make brand new memories - all are welcome at this camp!
Join us for the weekend as we explore nature, play games, and learn about God together. Come as a family or come on your own! (Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.)
This event will culminate in the Annual Wakonda Ox Roast
(donation for lunch not included in the registration cost).

Register at www.wakondacamp.org

Ox Roast! (Sept. 19th) Noon-4:30pm

Celebrate fall at Camp Wakonda's Annual Ox Roast. Join us for food, outdoor games, a hayride, or merely walk the beautiful trails and delight in God's creation. Meal is by donation. (If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Ben at bgeorge@cantoncpc.org)

So you can't make any of the events, but you still want to support Camp Wakonda?
Go to http://give.classy.org/SupportWakonda and make a donation today!

Dear Scholarship Ministry,
Thank you so much for another year of financial assistance through this scholarship. It has truly been a blessing and I am very grateful for all that the church has done for me as I have grown up. Thank you so much! Sincerely, Noah Leon

Dear Members of Christ Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for granting me the scholarship! The money will be a great help to me and fund my academic and faith journey at Asbury University. It means so much to have the support and prayers.
Thank you, Joanna Lucardie

Dear Pastor Dave and Scholarship Committee,
Thank you so much for the generous scholarship you awarded me. I cannot wait to use this money to help further my education through Kent State. I have been so blessed to be a part of such a loving and supportive community. Thank you, again. Love, Riley Hudson

Dear Christ Presbyterian Church,
I feel so humbled and blessed to have received a scholarship from you that is going to help me as I pursue higher education. I'm thankful to be a part of such a generous and supportive congregation. I will take these values with me as I leave for school and will seek to serve the Lord in everything I do.
I'm honored to be a recipient of your generosity. Sincerely, Maggie DeLap

Thank you everyone at Christ Presbyterian Church,
Your generosity is very much appreciated! May God bless you all, Jacob Hon

Donations Needed for Confirmation and Youth Group Meals

This year, Confirmation and Youth Group will be meeting directly after church. We will provide meals for those who are participating, but we need your help!

If you would like to *donate financially* to cover the cost of simple meals, please mark as Youth Ministry with the designation "meals".

If you would like to assist by *preparing meals or bringing a meal*, please contact Bonnie at bwiggins@cantoncpc.org or 234-262-0016.

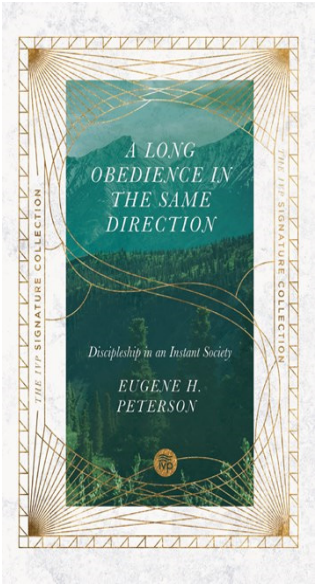
The Chapel is open Monday—Friday, 9:00am—3:00 pm daily for quiet prayer and meditation.

What's New with Youth?

Sunday, Sept. 5th	**No Meeting (Labor Day Weekend)**
Sunday, Sept. 12th	**Directly after church until 1:30- Tournament Time and Back to School Devotion**
Sunday, Sept. 19th	**Ox Roast at Wakonda**
Sunday, Sept. 26th	**Directly after church until 1:30- First Confirmation Class and Youth Group**

Please contact Bonnie at bwiggins@cantoncpc.org or @cantoncpcyouth on Instagram for any questions.

Calling all women of CPC: You are warmly invited to join the Women's Bible Study!



CPC Women's Bible Study
Thursdays 9:30—11 a.m.
Contact: Courtney Wallace

September 9, we will begin a new study, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society* by Eugene Peterson. We look forward to learning to pray the psalms together as we follow Jesus.

Our group is multi-generational, and all are welcome. We say come as you are, come when you can. :) Contact Courtney Wallace to join in the fellowship and fun!

TAG is BACK!!!

The Tuesday Afternoon Group is coming back! Please mark your calendars now for these fascinating and entertaining upcoming events. Stay tuned for more details.

Tuesday, October 19 – A Canton History Stroll along W. Tusc presented by Dick Haldi
Tuesday, November 16 – College Football Update presented by Todd Blackledge
Tuesday, December 14 – Christmas Music presented by Heather Cooper and the CPC Bell Choir

As always, you can look forward to a delicious homemade meal prepared by the TAG chefs. We will gather at 11:30 for a time of fellowship and greeting friends, followed by a meditation at 11:45, and lunch at noon. To celebrate our first TAG event following all the recent challenges, and to observe the church's 200th anniversary, we are planning to waive the normal $7 cost.

PLEASE sign up for October TAG by Sunday, October 17 in the kiosk area, online, or by calling the church office. It's important to sign up in advance so we know how much food to prepare.

The TAG chefs are looking to add two or three volunteers to the team to help with setting tables, prep work, and serving. Please reach out to Judy Douglass (330-388-7599) if you can help. Helpers (and presenters/performers) always eat free. Thank you!

FINANCIAL NOTES

		YTD 7/31/21	YTD 7/31/20
Beginning Balance Operating Funds as of 7/1		$ 190,018	$ 125,138
Revenue	Pledges	40,200	61,253
	Other	36,581	5,940
	Trusts & Endowments		
	Total Income	$ 76,780	$67,192
Expenses	Operating Expenses	(112,572)	(58,789)
Ending Balance Operating Funds as of 6/30/21		$154,226	$133,541

This reporting reflects the General and Camp Funds from July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.
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—July		
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	**July—21**	**July—20**
Attendance	111	0*
General Fund Income	$40,798	$63,120
G/F Budget Needed	$60,657	$61,033
Monthly Net + / -	(19,859)	2,087

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

THE CATHEDRAL HOUR
Sunday Morning Broadcast on WHBC-1480

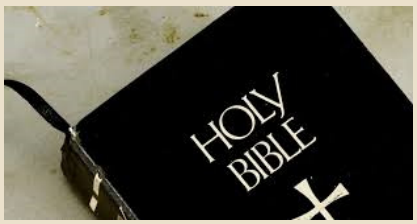
The Cathedral Hour's value to our homebound, those unable to attend Church for various reasons, and also those without a Church home, has been invaluable over the years. Your continued support is needed, to sponsor a complete program at a cost of $300.00 per Sunday. However, partial contributions are extremely important to the continued existence of this program, and it is to this end that we encourage you to consider contributions to the Cathedral Hour as part of your "above and beyond" support of our Church. Please contact the Church Office for available dates.

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.

The Parlor Class
The Present Word

September 5 - Moses & Miriam Praise God led by Jim Smith
September 12 -David dances before the Ark led by Jack Ketterer
September 19 - Glorifying God led by Les Morgan
September 26 - Believers Praise God led by Wanda Young
October 3 – Make a Joyful Noise led by Steve Schott
October 10 – Praise God for Justice & Righteousness led by Don Bowers
October 17 – Give Thanks for Deliverance led by Karl Hershberger
October 24 – The Joy of Worship led by Kari Hershberger
October 31 – Praise God with Music led by Betsy Smith



Monday, September 6, 2021

The Church office/building will be closed in observance of

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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 tschmolt@cantoncpc.org no later than **Wednesday, September 22.**

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September TYDINGS

In Christian Sympathy

David McMaken

July 24, 2021

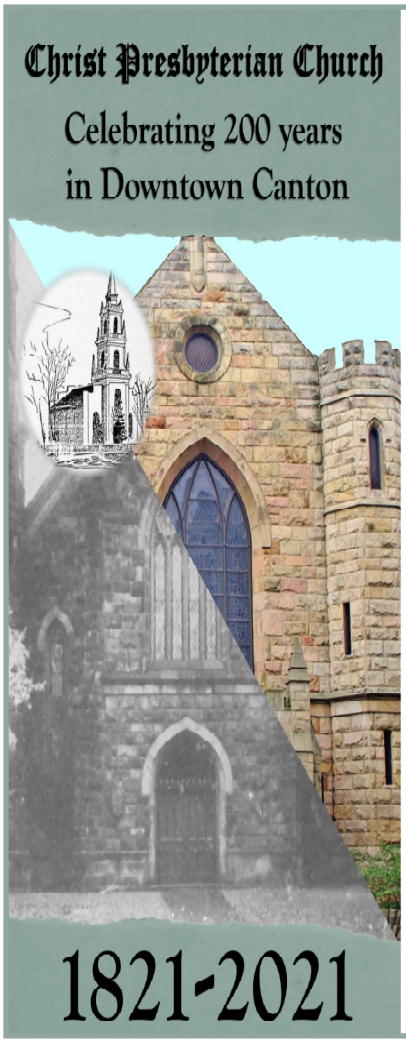
Jean Ann Koons

August 11, 2021

Connie Aycock

August 16, 2021

Christian sympathy is extended to the McMaken, Koons, and Aycock Families.



Join us in kicking off our year long Bicentennial Celebration as we dedicate our Sanctuary and recent renovations on

Sunday, September 12th

(There will be no early worship service)

10:30am Worship

Sanctuary Dedication

(with special music)

3:00pm-6:00pm

Community Open House and Reception

4:00pm

Dedication Ceremony

(with special music)