# Christ Presbyterian Church

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## January TYDINGS 2022

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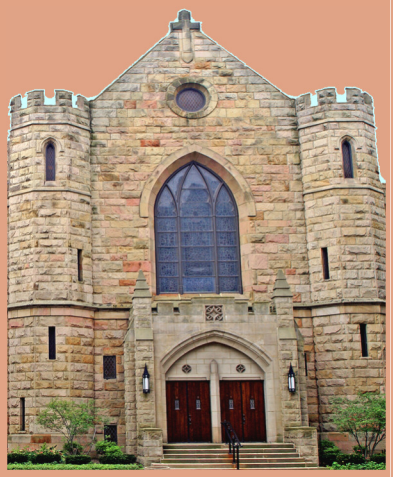

Hey kids! Get ready for–

Put on your comfiest jammies for church on

**Sunday, January 9th!**

It might be winter outside, but we'll be comfy and cozy inside with cocoa, treats, games, and stories. Don't forget your slippers!

## CPC January Family Event: Ice Skating after church
## Sunday, January 23rd
**(bad weather makeup date is January 30th)**

**We'll enjoy a warm lunch here at the church right after Worship and then head to the downtown rink for a few hours of family fun. We'll cover the admission costs, but there is a fee if you need to rent skates there ($2). All are welcome. Please sign up at the kiosk or by contacting Jennie or Bonnie so we know how much lunch to prepare!**

### 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

BE the BRIDGE

MOVING TOWARD
RACIAL RECONCILIATION

*Keep alert, stand firm in your faith,*
*be courageous, be strong.*

I Corinthians 16:13

Come the New Year, you will have the opportunity to delve deeply into one of the defining issues of our day, and to do so in a courageous way. COVID grabs the immediate headlines, but the long-term conversation revolves around the elusive goal of racial unity. Partnering with Christians from all around Canton we will share conversations and glean insights through a program called *Be the Bridge*. I do not hesitate in the least to suggest, as would the Apostle Paul, that "all this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 2:18).

*Be the Bridge* is a faith-based, relationship-based study that calls for blacks and whites to join in conversation centered on the reality of racism in our midst. Like I said, this calls for faith lived out courageously. My role will be the same as yours. I want to experience this program as a student rather than as a leader. The study will be co-led by Pastor Shawn Maurer of First Christian Church, and Andrea Ramsey, Director of Multicultural Services at Malone University and Assistant Pastor at Zion's Temple Church of God, Canton. Both have experience in leading this program which will be an added blessing to us.

The commitment required for meaningful participation is considerable ("*From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required."* Luke 12:48). This is a nine-week study that will gather every Monday evening beginning January 24th. To be frank, both the leaders and members of the planning group are praying for a 1-to-1 black/white ratio. We will gather at The One Center which is located about ½ mile from CPC, at 6:00 p.m., and we will finish by 8:00. There is a workbook designed to guide us through our times together. Some additional time for study, reflection, and action during the week will also be required. Due to the relational nature of these gatherings, participants must commit to attending at least eight of the nine sessions. It also precludes the possibility of ZOOM participation. The nine weeks conclude with the planning and execution of a project designed to build a bridge across racial lines.

If you have any questions, or if you would be interested in joining in this conversation, please contact me at ddevries@cantoncpc.org.

"Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid or dismayed."

Pastor Dave

Be the Bridge

Nine weeks, beginning on Monday January 24, 2022

6:00-8:00 P.M.

The One Center, 901 Tuscarawas St E, Canton, OH 44707

## Westminster Sunday School

Our Westminster Sunday School class will continue the theme of "Saints and Sinners," and we will move to developments in the modern era, particularly regarding religion in America and the growth of Christianity in the non-western world. Among other topics, we will look at Puritans, Quakers, religious trends in American culture, black Christianity, the emergence of women in ministry, and dynamics of World Christianity.

Throughout January and February, we will welcome Dr. Jay Case, Professor of History at Malone University since 1999. After graduating from Taylor University in 1984, he and his wife worked as missionaries in Kenya for six years, where they taught at Rift Valley Academy. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. in American history from the University of Notre Dame before coming to Malone. Dr. Case's main area of scholarship is in American Religious History.

(Tentative schedule)

Jan. 9 – Puritans and Quakers
Jan. 16 – Religion and American society – (Franklin and Edwards)
Jan. 23 – Ordinary (non-famous) women and ministry
Jan. 30 – a history of Bible translation and cultural diversity
Feb. 6 – the Black church
Feb. 13 – William Wade Harris and the growth of World Christianity
Feb. 20– World Christianity, education and democracy

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**Sunday Morning Schedule**

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| 8:30-9:15 am | Gathered Worship Service—Chapel |
| 9:00-9:30 am | Children's Choir – Choir Room |
| 9:00 am | Children and Youth Classes open |
| 9:45-10:15 am | Children Sunday School (Zoom) |
| 10:30 am | Gathered Worship Service—Sanctuary Also on Facebook, YouTube, and WHBC |
| 11:45am-1:30pm | Confirmation Class |
| 11:45am-1:30pm | Youth |

**Monday** - 10:00 am - Staff Meeting—Parlor

**Tuesday**

9:30-11am Dave's Bible Study – Zoom
11:30am-12:30pm Handbell Rehearsal

**Wednesday**

8:00-9:00am Men's Bible Study – Zoom
7:30-9:00pm Dave's Bible Study – Zoom

**Thursday**

9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study – Zoom
7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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**Saturday, 1/1**
New Year's Day
**Sunday, 1/2**
No 8:30 Worship
No Sunday School
11:45 am Degreening the church
**Monday, 1/3**
Church Closed-New Year's Holiday
**Wednesday, 1/5**
7:00pm Deacon's - Parlor
**Thursday, 1/6**
1:30-3:30pm Alzheimer's Support Group – Parlor
**Saturday, 1/8**
8:00-10:00 am Food Ministry breakfast – Westminster Hall

**Monday, 1/10**
1:00pm Property Meeting - Parlor
**Tuesday, 1/11**
12:00-2:00pm Personnel Meeting - Parlor
**Wednesday, 1/12**
7:45-11:00am Food Ministry
1:00-3:00pm Small Group - Parlor
4:00 pm Worship Ministry – Parlor
**Tuesday, 1/18**
11:15am-2:15pm TAG – BJ's Restaurant
6:30 pm Session—Parlor
**Wednesday, 1/19– TYDINGS DEADLINE**
**Wednesday, 1/26**
7:45-11:00am Food Ministry
1:00-3:00pm Small Group - Parlor

1 Elyse Ohlinger
3 Christopher Magoon, Jordan Miller
4 Corey Utterback
5 Marylu Byrom, Joyce Effinger, Eric Ward
6 Marilyn Eadie, Dana Ray, Mark Snavely, Fidel Zamolo-Lori
7 Jan Bartchy, Janet Peckingpaugh
8 Judith Freeland, Kristos Dallas
9 Janet Mason
10 Mitch Miller
11 Gail Moore, Lori Spillman
12 Megan Cooper, Emma George, Amy Simon
13 Nicholas Kling, Ian Ohlinger
14 Dustin Davison, Laura Milligan, Rachel Shaffer
15 Reed Grinder, Edith Ophardt
17 Cincy Camp, Ellie Grinder, Jack Ketterer, Ruthanne Lungociu
18 Michelle Ryals
20 Kevin Rice, Betsy Smith
21 Betty Hahn, Cheryl Rodriguez
22 Randy Bailey, Bob Carter, Dave Fedder
23 Kathy Domin, Peggy Hulit
25 Marilyn Renner
26 Andrew Hubsch
27 Matthew McCahan, Carol Rechkemmer
28 Milo Dallas
29 Amanda Carter, Doris Langsdorf, Marilyn Schneider
30 Pete Bate
31 Pam McElroy, Theo Wiggins

***Christ Church celebrates birthdays of members who are 95 years or more:***

***Marylu Byron (100) January 5***

***Joyce Effinger (95) January 5***

***Betty Hahn (101) January 21***

TIQVAH
Hands of HOPE

MERRY CHRISTMAS! We had such an eventful December so far! Our partnership with the Eric Snow YMCA has been so great for the kids that they were able to swim, do zumba, yoga, and play in a bounce house! The YMCA staff has been so great to our students.
Our most recent event has been our Family Christmas parties! We had it catered by Sisters Soul Foods right here in Canton, and were blessed by the staff members of Target Fairlawn for volunteering their time, and helping us create such fun memories with the students. We also were able to provide our students with the Elf Shop to help them get some presents for their loved ones! BIG shout out to Terrie Dillon and her Angel helpers for putting that together and supporting the students with such LOVE!

As always, we appreciate this Church family more and more each day. The relationships we have with the staff here reflects the definition of support. We cannot emphasize that enough!
THANK YOU!

Blessings,
Your Tiqvah Hands of Hope Family.

**The Parlor Class — The Present Word**

January 2: Justice, Vengeance, and Mercy led by Karl Hershberger
January 9: Hagar and Ishmael Not Forgotten led by Kari Hershberger
January 16: The Laws of Justice and Mercy led by Betsy Smith
January 23: Justice, Judges, and Priests led by Dottie Rasnick
January 30: Justice and the Marginalized led by Jim Smith

**G**iving Thanks
**R**efreshing the Spirit
**A**ppreciating little Things
**T**hinking Positively
**I**dentifying Goodness
**T**reasuring each Moment
**U**niting in Kindness
**D**elighting in Laughter
**E**xpressing joy

Saying "Thank You" just doesn't seem adequate enough to express my gratitude to you all for the many cards, gifts, and wishes on my retirement. I cherish the many years of working at CPC and of the many memories of this caring and generous congregation.
Blessings - - Caryn Smith

"Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done."
1 Chronicles 16:8

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The CPC staff kicks off the New Year by welcoming a new member to the team!

As you will recall, Caryn Smith retired this past October. After 37 ½ years of service to the CPC ministry, she has earned this time of her own making! The problem, of course, is that her absence has left a sizable and significant gap in our "way of being!" Her tasks were essential to the smooth operating of our ministry. She is greatly missed.

After Caryn announced her retirement date, the Personnel Ministry decided to evaluate the position description and, if need be, realign appropriate areas. This led to a thorough conversation involving members of the Personnel Ministry, members of the Session, and all the staff. We all know the world is changing quickly, and just like businesses, churches are struggling to keep up. This is especially true in the communications arena. The result of our staffing conversations has led us to hire a new staff person with skills specific to communications, media, and technology. In fact, the new position description calls for a *Director of Communications, Media, and Technology*.

We should have expected that God was already at work to provide such a person to our team. We are excited to welcome Mr. Brian Ohler as a full-time member of the CPC staff. You know Brian as our Sunday morning sound engineer/Facebook director/YouTube producer/Camera operator, etc. He leaves his position as assistant technical coordinator at Malone University where, among other things, Brian built stage sets, created and edited video content, ran sound and tech for worship gatherings, convocations, and meetings, while maintaining sound, video, and lighting systems. On the side, Brian is a licensed drone operator. His drone is video equipped!

Brian is originally from Carrollton, Ohio. He and Rachel have been married for 7 years. Their son Xander is 6. In 2020 they bought a home in Louisville where Xander keeps them both busy with his energetic and inquisitive nature! Often times you will find Xander following dad around on Sunday morning.

We are excited to welcome Brian to the staff and ministry of Christ Presbyterian Church. If you know him, welcome him to his new position. If you have yet to meet, make the effort to introduce yourself. You'll find a new friend with a ready smile and a "get it done" attitude.

Dear Pastor Dave and Members of Session,

There were times as I planned the bike trip and pedaled across the country, to raise money for the Bowery Mission's services to the hungry and homeless in Manhattan, that I felt a little like one of the least (though I've been so fortunate in life). The feeling, however, was because so many churches-nearly 150 decided not to return our calls or requests for overnight assistance.

Your church, with Pastor Dave's support and the extravagant hospitality of Nancy and Ed, were grace-filled exceptions.

Thank-you for your Christ-like hospitality at the beginning of the Session meeting in July, and we pray God's continued blessings upon your church life, in ministry and service to Christ's presence in the least of his brothers and sisters.
Sincerely, Chuck Monts

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40

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

# What's New with Youth/Confirmation?

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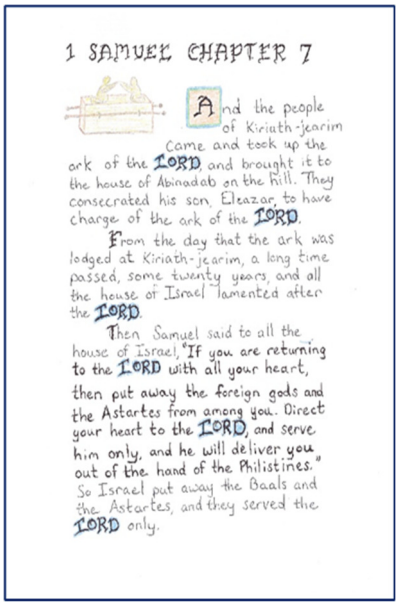
| Sunday, Jan. 2nd | No Meeting, Happy New Year |
| Sunday, Jan. 9th | Pajama Jam Sunday-Prince of Egypt Movie |
| Sunday, Jan. 16th | Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry Service Project |
| Sunday, Jan. 23rd | **Family Event:** Ice Skating at Hall of Fame City Ice Rink, $2 per person, ending at 2pm |
| Sunday, Jan. 30th | Fellowship Time |

**Youth Group and Confirmation meet directly after church until 1:30. All 6th-12th graders are welcome. Lunch is provided.**

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

***Thank you for your generous donations to support our meals after church. We still need help with prepping and cleaning up meals. Please contact Bonnie if you are interested in helping!***

## Canton Corona Bible Project



1 SAMUEL CHAPTER 7

And the people of Kiriath-jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill. They consecrated his son, Eleazar, to have charge of the ark of the LORD.

From the day that the ark was lodged at Kiriath-jearim, a long time passed, some twenty years, and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

Then Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to the LORD with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Astartes from among you. Direct your heart to the LORD, and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." So Israel put away the Baals and the Astartes, and they served the LORD only.

Many have asked and so I wanted to provide an update to the Canton Corona Bible Project. We are still receiving chapters and even whole books from various individuals, small groups, and churches in the area. Initially, I had hoped that we might be finished by Christmas 2021; however, there is so much more that needs to be written! Our new goal is Christmas 2022. Can we do it?

There are around 25% of the chapters of the New Testament that still need to be claimed and around 60% of the Hebrew Bible that needs to be adopted. As a reminder, this is a great devotional practice and way to slow down and ponder each and every word of the scriptures. For more information, please visit the website or contact me by email mwallace@cantoncpc.org. Thanks!

## 2021-2022 Concert Series
Friday, February 4 at 7:00 pm
Spencer Myer, piano

Lauded for "superb playing" and "poised, alert musicianship" by *The Boston Globe* and labeled "definitely a man to watch" by London's *The Independent*, American pianist **Spencer Myer** is one of the most respected and sought-after artists on today's concert stages. Myer presents a solo piano recital including works by Beethoven, Debussy, Chopin, and Libby Larsen on the Bösendorfer piano. This program is free and open to the public; it is also available as a live-streamed event.

FINANCIAL NOTES

| | | YTD 11/30/21 | YTD 11/30/20 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Beginning Balance Operating Funds as of 7/1 | | $ 190,018 | $ 125,138 |
| Revenue | Pledges | 243,771 | 220,231 |
| | Other | 247,786 | 34,272 |
| | Trusts & Endowments | 22,325 | 20,392 |
| | Total Income | $ 513,882 | $274,895 |
| Expenses | Operating Expenses | (422,731) | (335,777) |
| Ending Balance Operating Funds as of 6/30/22 | | $281,169 | $64,256 |

*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—November | | |
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| 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** | **Nov—21** | **Nov—20** |
| Attendance | 157 | 0* |
| General Fund Income | $36,815 | $47,666 |
| G/F Budget Needed | $60,657 | $61,033 |
| Monthly Net + / - | (23,842) | (13,368) |

*ONLINE STREAMING OF SERVICES DUE TO COVID-19

# TAG – Tuesday Afternoon Group

## Tuesday, January 18, 11:30 am – BJ's

For January and February, TAG is going out to eat! We will meet at restaurants while the TAG chefs take a well-deserved vacation. These lunches will also be easier to cancel in case it snows.

January's TAG will be held at **BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse**. BJ's is located at 6476 Strip Avenue NW, opposite Giant Eagle on the Strip. BJ's has an extensive menu: pizza, pasta, sandwiches, burgers, salads, dinners, etc. You will be able to order anything you'd like and get an individual check. We will gather at 11:30 for a time of fellowship and greeting friends, and we will order at noon.

Please note: In the event of bad weather, TAG will be cancelled if the Canton City Schools are closed for the day.

Because we will need to give the restaurant a headcount, **please** sign up for January TAG no later than Sunday, January 16. You can sign up in the kiosk area or call the church office. You can also sign up online. Thank you!

**2022 Per Capita Communicant Apportionment**
**Total Per Capita for 2022 is $30.59**
**MVP—$18.36**
**GA—$8.98**
**Synod—$3.25**
**2022 Total—$30.59**
**Your assistance in donating to help defray the cost to the church will be greatly appreciated. Please indicate on your check for the 2022 apportionment.**

Camp Brochures are Coming Soon!

Watch your mailbox later this month for the 2022 Camp Wakonda brochure! We have so many exciting camp events planned, many led by fabulous guest leaders.

Can't wait to learn more? Go to www.wakondacamp.org for more info today!

Have you checked out Camp Wakonda's Amazon Wish List?

Go to

https://bit.ly/WakondaWishList

to see how you can help Wakonda get ready for this summer!

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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, January 19**

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# January TYDINGS

**Susan McCarty**
**November 29, 2021**

Christian sympathy
is extended
to the McCarty Family.

## DID YOU KNOW???

Many of us are at the age where we must take our IRA distributions annually. An option to avoid paying tax on the required withdrawal is to have your IRA custodian make a portion of your distribution payable to a qualified charity. A check is mailed to you which you will then give or mail to the charity. This is a tax-saving way to both accomplish the distribution, and to meet your church pledge. Christ Presbyterian Church is a qualified charity for this purpose.

Here is some more information about Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs):

When planning your IRA withdrawal strategy, you may want to consider making charitable donations through a QCD. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met.

In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare. Also, QCDs don't require that you itemize, which due to the recent tax law changes, means you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction, but still use a QCD for charitable giving. A tax advisor can help you determine if both your IRA and charity qualify for QCDs.