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March TYDINGS 2022

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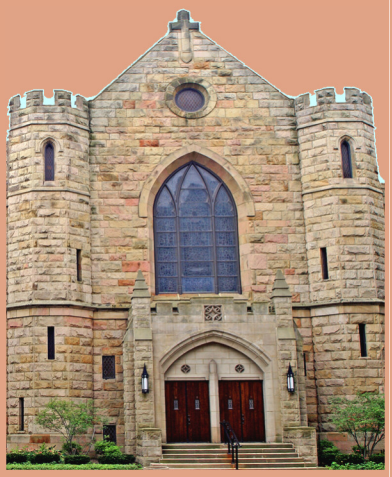


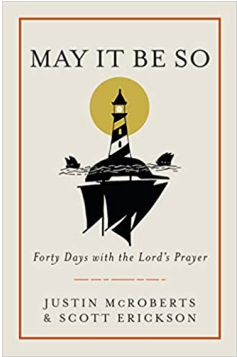
Concert Series 2021-2022
Friday, March 18 at 7pm

Celebrating its **24th** anniversary season, the **EUCLID QUARTET** enjoys one of the most highly regarded reputations of any chamber ensemble of its generation, with its members constituting a multinational mix representing three continents: violinist Jameson Cooper (Great Britain), violinist Aviva Hakanoglu (United States), violist Luis Enrique Vargas (Venezuela), cellist Chris Wild (Canada). Formed in Ohio in 1998, the Euclid Quartet takes its name from famed Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, home to a wealth of renowned artistic and cultural institutions.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 2, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Join together to mark the beginning of Lent. We receive the sign of the cross as we enter into this season of prayer, fasting, and repentance. We gather in the Sanctuary and worship in the Taizé tradition as we focus on prayer, scripture, and silence preparing ourselves, finally, to receive Eucharist.



Ladies of CPC: You are invited to join the women's Bible study on a Lenten prayer journey. We will ponder together the images and prayers in *May It Be So: Forty Days with the Lord's Prayer* by author Justin McRoberts and artist Scott Erickson. You may remember that the 2020 churchwide Lenten study was a similar book by these two authors.

The "wise women" Bible study meets on Zoom each Thursday morning from 9:30-11. We are a welcoming, multi-generational, come-as-you-are type of group. We would love to have you join us! Contact Courtney Wallace for any questions or to join the Bible study.

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

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

"A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing personal opinion" -Proverbs 18:2

Ananias of Damascus is mentioned but once in the Holy Scriptures. You will find him in the 9th chapter of the Book of Acts. But his story starts in the 8th chapter. Here we find the Jewish leader, Saul, determined to destroy those committed to Jesus Christ. Saul was "…ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison" (Acts 8:3).

But Saul would soon have an experience that would change the course of his life. Armed with a warrant to imprison Christians, Saul headed off to Damascus. At some point on his journey, he sees light flashing all around him. He falls to the ground and hears Jesus' voice:

> "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground blinded. His friends "led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus."

Enter Ananias of Damascus, a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. Sometime after Saul arrives in Damascus, Ananias has a vision from the Lord. He is told to *"get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight"* (Acts 9). But Ananias has already heard about this man Saul, about *"how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem."* The last thing Ananias wants to do is go lay his hands on Saul. For all he knows, Saul might regain his sight, only to arrest him.

But the Lord prevails by saying to Ananias *"Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."* Ananias obeys the Lord by going to Saul and laying his hands on him. Saul's vision is restored; he is baptized and then given some food to build up his strength.

We are then told that Saul stayed with the disciples in Damascus "for several days." This fact fascinates me to no end. We are to understand that Ananias took Saul to "the church." What happened there, among the believers in Jesus? I suspect everybody was a bit uncomfortable, but still they gathered. What did they do together? Since we are story-telling creatures, I suspect everyone took turns telling their story. They gave Saul a wider context in which to understand their experience as well as his own experience. In these moments Saul was truly "born again," for the idea of being born again suggests a change of mind and gives witness to movement in a new direction. Saul became Paul!

In the world of social relationships, we often mistake opinions for facts. Just ask Paul. The truth is, until everyone's story is heard, our "facts" are mere opinion, and nothing more. Hearing only the stories we want to hear serves to falsely "factualize" opinion. But facts are not clearly revealed until everyone's story is heard and considered. I suspect that both Paul and Ananias would have been more comfortable hanging out among those who thought and believed as they each did. It wasn't to be. They were brought together for a purpose. It was God's purpose!

The church was able to welcome Paul only after it had heard his story. Paul was only able to welcome Christians into his life once he had heard their stories. I wonder what wisdom this story might lend to us in matters of race relations. And a certain irony cannot be lost here. Black History Month ends, and the people of faith enter the season of Lent.

Be the Bridge!
Pastor Dave

Have You Registered for Camp Yet?
Go to www.wakondacamp.org to check out the exciting summer ahead & get registered today! Scholarships are available. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Ben at bgeorge@cantoncpc.org or call 330-735-2740.

Want to Help Camp Wakonda Prepare for this Summer?
Check out our Amazon Wish List at https://bit.ly/WakondaWishList OR make a donation at http://give.classy.org/SupportWakonda - you can even become a recurring donor, supporting Wakonda as often as you'd like!

March

Sunday Morning Schedule
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
9:15-10:15 am Adult Sunday School –West. Hall
9:45-10:15 am Children Sunday School (Zoom)
10:30 am Gathered Worship Service—Sanctuary
Also on Facebook, YouTube, and WHBC

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

Wednesday, 3/2
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service– Sanctuary
Thursday, 3/3
1:30-3:30pm Alzheimer's Support Group – Parlor
Friday, 3/4
5:45-10:00 pm Youth-Strongsville Toboggan Chutes and Chulet (meet at the church parking lot)
Saturday, 3/5
8:30 am– 12:00 pm Session - Parlor
Sunday, 3/6 - Communion
11:45am-1:30 pm-Youth Fellowship Time
Tuesday, 3/8
12:00-2:00pm Personnel Meeting - Parlor
Wednesday, 3/9
7:45-11:00am Food Ministry
1:00-3:00pm Small Group - Parlor
4:00 pm Worship Ministry – Parlor
Saturday, 3/12
8:00-10:00 am Food Ministry breakfast – West. Hall
Set Clocks Ahead One Hour Before going to bed.

Sunday, March 13
11:45am-1:30pm Youth-Summer Opportunities
Monday, 3/14
1:00pm Property Meeting - Parlor
Tuesday, 3/15
11:15am-2:15pm TAG – Westminster Hall
6:30 pm Session - Parlor
Wednesday, 3/16-TYDINGS DEADLINE
Friday, 3/18
7:00 pm Euclid Quartet– Sanctuary
Wednesday, 3/23
7:45-11:00am Food Ministry
1:00-3:00pm Small Group - Parlor
Thursday, 3/24
9:30am-12:00pm Youth-Spring Break Volunteer Day (Food, clothing, & Prayer Ministry)

1. Ken Douglass, Terry Everett, Skip Shriver
2. Linda Shriver
3. Barbara Mansfield
4. Kathryn McDaniel, Tommy Paulis, Marsha Wise
5. Kennedy Schlabach, Libby Wilson
8. Rosie Fisher, Andy Roth, Chuck Troescher
9. Robert Roberts
10. Jerry Jacob, Owen Lycans, Anne Magoon, Robert Yoder
11. Claudia Cox-Plottner, Lois Hilton, Frederick Peters, Barbara Schotts
12. Eva Airhart, Sarah Grinder
13. Wendy Gray, Van Misheff, Berry Rausch
16. Norm Gaynor, Nancy Linxweiler, Stevie Stewart, Joy Timken, Eldon Trubee
17. Ella Lazich, Chrissy Rice
19. Paige Clark, Mike Ophardt, Tim Shea, Mike Weinsz
20. Jeanne de Vries, Hope Simon
22. Jacob Airhart, Daphne Thornburg, Bonnie Wiggins, Karen Wulff
23. Leanne Ward
24. Hannah Kemper, Kelly Kilduff, Margie McDonald
25. Barbara Belden, Ann Cranor
26. Verna Barrett, Marlys Hershberger
28. Alice Bailey
29. Marna Holcomb
30. Shirley Yoder
31. Marilou Berg, Cindy Lycans, Dave Miller

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

Lois Hilton(100) March 11

Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for Volunteers that would be interested in becoming a part of our Tech Team!
We need volunteers to help run video and audio for our livestream and radio broadcast.

Email Brian if you would be interested bohler@cantoncpc.org

Scan this code to connect with us!

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THE CATHEDRAL HOUR
Sunday Morning Broadcast
on WHBC-1480

The Cathedral Hour's value to shut-ins, 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.

SESSION NOTES - FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Pastor Dave opened our meeting with Prayer.

Session gathered in person as well as Zoom.

A delicious meal was provided by Elder John Haas.

We had two guest speakers, Jim Camp and the Rev. Matt Skolnik, General Presbyter.

Jim offered his insight on Faith Build 2022 and future Habitat projects. Christ Presbyterian has been approached again to be involved in building 3 additional homes partnering with the Southeast Church of Christ. 2 homes in Canton in the Southwest end and 1 home in Massillon. Once the project is completed, there will be a dedication service. A motion was made, and support was given to approve the project.

A motion was made to approve receive and accept the minutes from the previous session meeting.

The Clerk's report was presented, a motion was made to approve, seconded, and approved by all.

The Rev. Matt Skolnik reported that he sees our congregation as a growing, loving, strong faith community and sees a lot of future growth coming from our Congregation. He also challenged us to engage with people that are different from ourselves or outside our comfort zone.

Rev. Ben George reported that Camp registration is open, Campers and Staff positions are being filled but the need for staff is still on going, Ben continues to make visits to colleges as well as Zoom meetings trying to fill those positions. Bonnie Wiggins has accepted the position of Program Director for the upcoming season. Ben continues to preach around the area and is also promoting the upcoming Camp season. There will be guest program directors as well as visiting Chaplins. The Wakonda task force is finalizing a new Wakonda board.

Pastor Michael reported that Sunday school is continuing to go well. Confirmation class has a great group of kids. Pastor Michael continues to take classes to further his ThM degree. Saturday morning breakfasts are well organized, and attendance has been good. Michael also continues to sing in the Choir as well as serve on the Calvary Presbyterian Session meetings.

Pastor Dave reported his Bible Study class is going well. He continues to work on the Liturgical planning as well planning a sermon series for Eastertide which is fast approaching. He continues to be thankful for how the people of Christ Presbyterian continue to thrive even in the midst of the pandemic and is encouraged by the continuing growing number of folks that are attending on Sundays.

Jennie updated Session that Zoom Sunday school has been a success but said it was also truly a blessing to be back in person in February. Kids church had the CPC Olympics, and the kids had a great time. She would like to see a more involved program for the kids on Communion Sundays and is looking for ways to expand that. Acolytes and training have been on hold due to Covid, but she is looking for ways to re-open the program in the future. Jennie continues to explore the idea of a spring program, details to follow later. Summer at CPC will consist of 1 VBS day per month over the summer.

TJ Hon reviewed the Treasurer's report. Some expenses for different programs have increased due to the impact of COVID-19. Other expenses have increased as the Church is now fully reopened but giving continues to be going well. A motion was made to receive the Treasurer's report.

A motion was made and approved by all to expand the Hearing loop into the Chancel area. Discussion was held on holding a Bi-centennial celebration for the weekend of May 20th with several events happening over the entire weekend, including live music, dinner and special programing including a Historical worship service celebrating our 200th year anniversary. A motion was made to approve the Annual Statistical Report from 2021.

Session closed by reciting the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Campbell

Westminster Sunday School

Our class continues to study Saints and Sinners by studying key figures throughout church history. We started off our year by learning about the major turning points in the history of the broader Church. In the coming weeks, we will welcome several different teachers, who will focus on meaningful individuals from different places and time periods. Then, in our final weeks, we will welcome anyone and everyone to join us as we host conversations during which we will all share about our own stories about our church and its own history. As always, we welcome you to join us in person at 9:15 AM on Sundays or on YouTube.

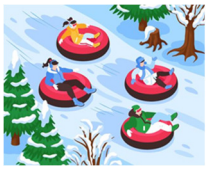
March 6 Pastor Michael
(Corrie ten Boom & Madeleine L'Engle)

March 13 Pastor Matt Skolnik
(Palestinian Christianity)

March 20 Pastor Ben
(John Calvin)

March 27 Pastor Ben & Brian Husted
(Eugene Peterson & NT Wright)

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



What's New with Youth/Confirmation?

Friday, March 4th	5:45-10:00pm Strongsville Toboggan Chutes and Chulet (meet in Church Parking lot) $5 per person, RSVP by Sunday, Feb. 27th (bwiggins@cantoncpc.org)
Sunday, March 6th	Fellowship Time
Sunday, March 13th	Summer Opportunities
Sunday, March 20th	No Meeting
Thursday, March 24th	9:30am-12pm Spring Break Volunteer Day (Food, Clothing, & Prayer Ministry)
Sunday, March 27th	No Meeting

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.

TAG Tuesday Afternoon Group

Tuesday, March 15, 11:30 am

In March, TAG comes back to the church. The TAG chefs will be back from their winter break so prepare yourself for a yummy homemade meal.

For our March program, senior history students from Malone University led by Dr. Jay Case will reprise their fascinating and inspiring look into our church's history. Initially delivered to the Westminster Sunday School class, **"A History of Christ Presbyterian Church"** dug into the "DNA" of our church. It addresses 3 facets of our past: sermons, children's ministry, and mission beyond our downtown area. In addition to sorting through church archives, the students interviewed several members of the church for their recollections, and you will see the interview video as part of the presentation. Be prepared to learn something you didn't know!

We will gather at 11:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship and greeting friends, and lunch at noon. The program begins at approximately 12:45 p.m. and concludes by about 1:30 p.m. The cost is still only $7.00. Please sign up no later than Sunday, March 13 to help make sure we make enough food. You can sign up in the kiosk area or call the church office. You can also sign up online. We look forward to seeing you there.

Planning ahead: For April TAG on 4/19, Pastor Michael will deliver an abbreviated version of his multi-week Sunday School class series about our stained-glass windows, continuing our look back at the last 200 years.

FINANCIAL NOTES

		YTD 1/31/22	YTD 1/31/21
Beginning Balance Operating Funds as of 7/1		$ 190,018	$ 125,138
Revenue	Pledges	404,575	332,851
	Other	301,802	66,290
	Trusts & Endowments	43,451	39,563
	Total Income	$ 749,828	$438,703
Expenses	Operating Expenses	(566,074)	(469,015)
Ending Balance Operating Funds as of 6/30/22		$373,771	$94,,826

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—January		
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	**Jan—22**	**Jan—21**
Attendance	75	0*
General Fund Income	$43,006	$33,106
G/F Budget Needed	$60,657	$61,033
Monthly Net + / -	(17,651)	(27,972)

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

Passion/Palm Sunday, April 10
8:30 & 10:30 am Worship/Communion
Children process with Palms
(meet in Westminster Hall at 10:20 am)

Maundy Thursday, April 14
6:00 pm Dinner—Westminster Hall
(Sign up online or at the kiosk)
7:00 pm Worship begins in Westminster Hall before moving to the Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 15
(Church Office Closed All Day)
7:00 pm Tenebrae Service—Sanctuary
(from light to darkness with scripture, hymns, and anthems)

Saturday, April 16—Annual Easter Egg Hunt
(for Children 12 and under)
11:00 am Brunch and Activities
12:00 Noon: The Hunt Begins

Easter Sunday, April 17—The Day of Resurrection
10:30 am Festival Service in the Sanctuary
On this Easter Sunday, we will combine services and hope that the whole family of CPC can gather together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

To the community and fellowship at Christ Presbyterian Church, Thank you! For your wonderful gifts and support after the apartment fire that affected so many families. We really appreciate what you did for us and what you do for the community! God Bless and Thanks again, Gab, Andrew, Liliana, and Sabrina

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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 tschmolt@cantoncpc.org no later than **Wednesday, March 16**

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March TYDINGS

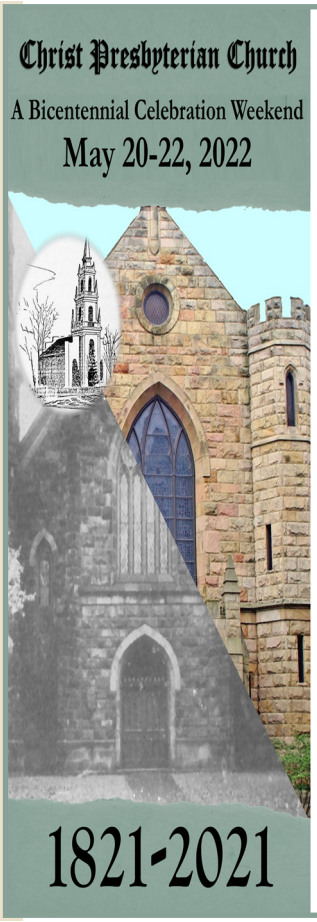
In Christian Sympathy

Chester Willey II
January 25, 2022

Joyce Wulff
January 25, 2022

Harriet Leadbetter
February 21, 2022

Christian sympathy is extended to the Willey, Wulff, and Leadbetter Families



Mark your calendars for a weekend celebrating 200 years of Christ Church!

Friday, May 20th
Concert in the Courtyard
6:00pm. Fun for the entire family! Great music, fun food, activities for kids

Saturday, May 21st
Celebration Dinner
4:00-5:30 Appetizers, fellowship, live music
5:30 Dinner ($20 per person, tickets required)
6:30-8:00 Celebration Program

Sunday, May 22nd
Historical Worship Service
10:30am Combined Worship (no 8:30am service)
No Westminster/Children's Sunday School

Full Details Coming Soon!