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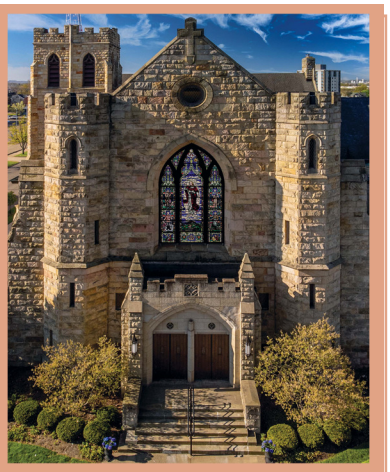


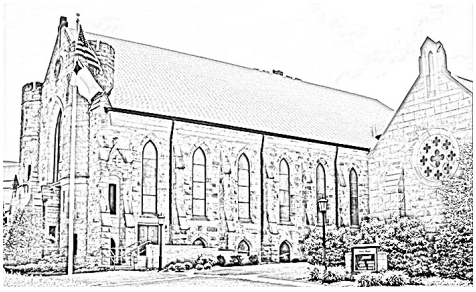
Congregational Meeting—Sunday, May 15

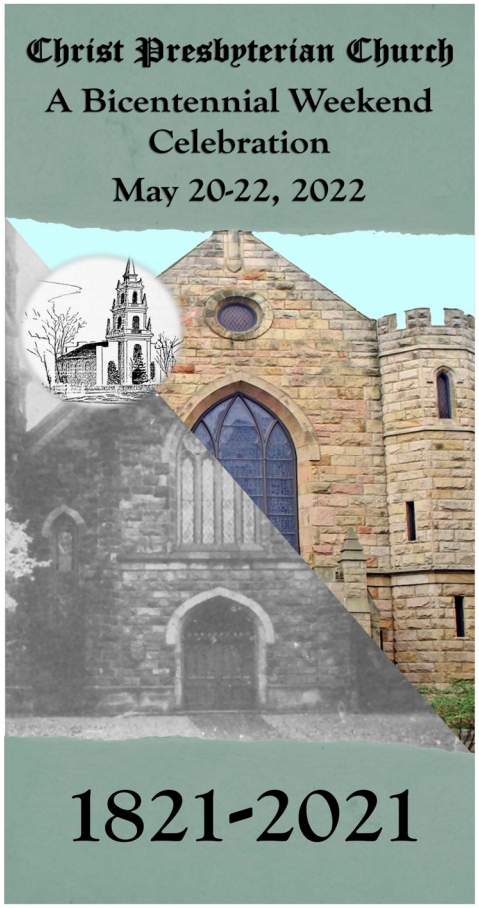
A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, May 15, immediately following the 10:30 worship service, for the election of Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Ministry. Quorum is 53.

Concert in the Courtyard Summer 2022

Friday, May 20
Gatehouse Band

Friday, July 1
Cleveland Jazz Orchestra





Calendar of Events

Friday, May 20, 2022
Gateway Band: Jazz Concert in the Courtyard
6:00pm
A great night for the whole family! Lively music, fun food, kid friendly activities.

Saturday, May 21, 2022
Celebration Dinner
4:00pm
Appetizers, fellowship, live music
5:30pm
Dinner ($20 tickets required)
6:30-8:00pm
Celebration Program

Sunday, May 22, 2022
Honoring Our Past/ Celebrating Our Future
9:15am
Sharing Our Stories: A Conversation
(In Westminster Hall with a continental breakfast)
10:30am Worship
(no 8:30am service)

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

And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said.
He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows
where his grave is. Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died,
yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. (Deut. 34:5-7)

There is so much that I fail to truly comprehend! Like:

- The distance from the earth to the sun is 93 million miles. Hard to grasp.
- The world's population in 2020 is said to be 7.753 billion people. What?
- My son and daughter are soon to be 25 and 23, respectively. Ouch!
- Physics. I no longer even try.
- Why people say, "Where are you going to?" It's redundant!

Then there are the everyday oxymorons that continue to stump me, such as "awfully good," "bittersweet," "original copy," "definite maybe," and "crash landing." There is much in the world that continues to stump me, confuse me, intrigue me, overwhelm me, and leave me in awe.

The weekend of May 20-22 CPC will celebrate its bicentennial. The saints of CPC have lived and proclaimed the gospel at the corner of Tuscarawas and McKinley for 200 years. That's not the fact that astounds me. Our commitment to the city of Canton, and particularly the city center, is in our DNA. It's a very part of who we are.

What remains particularly incomprehensible to me is the fact that three pastors have served as senior pastor to this congregation for 86 (46%) of the 200 years that the congregation has existed. George Parkinson served CPC for 36 years. Ebenezer Buckingham served the congregation for 28 years, and I am now in my twentieth year of service (so far :-). Doing some simple math, I figure that both George and Ebenezer served this congregation for almost half their life, from birth to death (both right about 46%). I have served here just about a third of my life.

Perhaps even more amazing to me is the ministry of Dick Barnard. Though not ordained in the most formal of senses, Dick was every bit a pastor! He was hired here as director of Christian Education in 1952. After 41 years of service Dick retired in 1993, however was rehired for numerous long-stretches of time to help Camp Wakonda and to serve the church through various crises! Dick died in 2012 at the age of 84. Do the math and you come to realize that he served CPC for <u>well over</u> half the span of his life…and just about all his adult life.

Then, consider this. Caryn Smith, who retired two years ago now, served this congregation for 37+ years. Diane Nave has served here for 30 years (with no end in sight!). Kurt Gottschick has served for 25 years, Jennie George for 17 years, and Ron Pelger for 15 years.

I realize I stand in the midst of some amazing company. It continues to humble me. I give thanks and praise to God for such a privilege.

Shalom, friends,

Pastor Dave

SUMMER FUN AT CPC!
Created in Christ!

This summer we will have THREE individual art themed days for children age 3 through 5th grade—packed full of faith filled fun, where we will create, explore, inspire, and imagine!

- **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** so sign up early!
- **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 two, or all three if you want!**

TUESDAY June 7th: GOD'S MASTERPIECE!

Be sure to wear clothes to paint in as we will spend this day in color as we are inspired by God's creation all around us!

TUESDAY July 12th: CREATED TO CREATE!

Prepare to explore different types of art! From clay, to textiles, to mosaic, who knows what your imagination can create!

TUESDAY AUGUST 9th: OUR TALENTS SERVE GOD!

Join in God's Chorus at this music themed day, where we will sing with joy as well as prepare to sing at Worship on August 14th!

SIGN UP TODAY!

YOU WILL FIND THE REGISTRATION LINK AT

WWW.CANTONCPC.ORG

Concert in the Courtyard

6:00pm

Gateway Band

(House Jazz band at Trinity Episcopal in Cleveland)

Friday, May 20th

We start our bicentennial weekend with a lively evening of jazz in our beautiful courtyard!

Bring your blankets and chairs to enjoy a great night for the whole family filled with music, food, and fun activities for the kids.

Please join us in celebrating the

200th Anniversary of Christ Presbyterian Church

at a Dinner on

Saturday, May 21, 2022

4:00pm	*Appetizers, fellowship, live music*
5:30pm	*Dinner in Westminster Hall*
6:30pm	*Celebration Program*

Kindly return the response card with payment below to Christ Presbyterian Church or you can also register and pay online at www.cantoncpc.org

There is a 200 person limit so please do not delay in purchasing your tickets.

Help at our CPC Summer Fun Days!

We are excited to be bringing back our summer fun days for our kiddos, this year with an emphasis on art! Here's how you can help!

- We could use 1 or 2 helpers at each session (9am-1pm) just to lend the kids a hand if they need it. No art experience is required, just a willing spirit!
- We could use 2 kitchen helpers to prepare the simple lunches for each day (9:45-12noon) Nothing difficult, it just will help Jennie focus on the activities
- Art supplies are expensive so donations are always appreciated to help offset the programming costs! Indicate "summer fun" on the memo line. Thank you!

To volunteer to help, contact Jennie George or sign up at the information kiosk! We're looking forward to a great summer!

SESSION NOTES - APRIL 19, 2022

Session met in person and began by sharing the excitement we all felt following Holy Week culminating in a fantastic Easter Service.

Elder Byrdie Stocker provided a tasty meal.

Elder Becky Banfield provided a meaningful testimonial and led Session in a period of worship and prayer.

T.J. Hon reviewed the Treasurer's report and the Audit report of Kathy Kettlewell. Both reports were received on motion. Session agreed to authorize T.J. Hon and Diane Nave to award 2022 academic Scholarships. Elder Smith was named Session liaison.

Upon motion, the minutes of the March meeting were approved.

The Clerk's report was presented and upon motion, was approved.

Pastor Ben reported on seasonal matters related to Camp Wakonda. A report from the Wakonda Task Force will be presented at the May Session meeting. Communion was authorized for Wakonda on a weekly basis. Steve Stocker agreed to chair the Wakonda Capital campaign.

Pastor Michael reported on the process of confirmation including their retreat and meeting with Session. He reported on the need for Van drivers. He also reminded Session of the exciting opportunity to visit Israel in February 2023.

Jennie George reported on Lenten events including the Easter egg hunt "inside" and her enjoyment of having the children with her in person for her message. She reported for the Bicentennial program indicating we already have 52 reservations for the dinner.

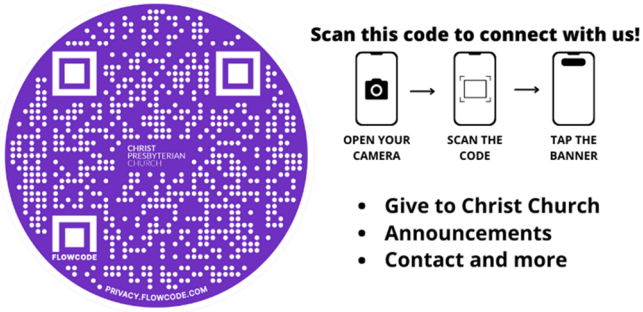
Pastor Dave reported that some of our past ministers will be attending the Bicentennial festivities -stay tuned! He is excited about the ongoing Bible studies and recognized the challenge of visitation- he is a busy man.

Under new business – Session reviewed the study leave policy and also the policies related to sabbaticals.

Under old business- Session agreed to ask SARTA for further details on a bus shelter. The nominating committee is finalizing the slate of candidates for Elder, Deacon, and Nominating positions.

After receiving prayer requests, Session closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
John Haas



UNDIE SUNDAY

Refuge of Hope, the only men's shelter in Stark County, has sent out a pleas for underwear for their clothing ministry. They are asking for women's, men's, girls', and boys' BRAND-NEW underwear in all sizes. Please support this project with a generous donation of either underwear or cash. Donations will be accepted in the hall on Sundays, May 1st, May 8th, and May 15th. Other times you may drop off your donation in the office. Just put yourself in the place of these people in need and imagine having to go without underwear. It is taken so for granted it is almost unimaginable. Thank you for your support.

MAY

Sunday Morning Schedule
8:30-9:15am Gathered Worship Service—Chapel
9:00-9:30am Children's Choir – Choir Room
9:00am Children and Youth Classes open
9:15-10:15am Adult Sunday School –West. Hall
10:30am Gathered Worship Service—Sanctuary
Also on Facebook, YouTube, and WHBC

Monday - 10:00am - Staff Meeting—Parlor

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

Wednesday
7:30-9:00pm Dave's Bible Study – Zoom

Thursday
8:00-9:00am Men's Bible Study – Zoom
9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study – Zoom
7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 5/1 - Communion
11:45-1:30pm Youth - Nerf Fest
Tuesday, 5/3
No Handbell rehearsal
11:45am Office Closes -Staff Appreciation Lunch
Wednesday, 5/4
7:30-9:00pm Deacon's - Parlor
Thursday, 5/5
1:30-3:30pm Alzheimer's Support Group – Parlor
Monday, 5/9
1:00pm Property Meeting - Parlor
Tuesday, 5/10
9:30am Endowment - Westminster Hall
12:00-2:00pm Personnel Meeting - Parlor
Wednesday, 5/11
7:45-11:00am Food Ministry
1:00-3:00pm Small Group - Parlor
4:00 pm Worship Ministry – Parlor
Friday, 5/13 - Sunday, 5/15
Youth - Camp Wakonda Retreat
Saturday, 5/14
8:00-10:00am Food Ministry breakfast – West. Hall

Sunday, 5/15
Congregational Meeting
Tuesday, 5/17
11:15am-2:15pm TAG – Westminster Hall
6:30pm Session - Parlor
Wednesday, 5/18-TYDINGS DEADLINE
Friday, 5/20
6:00pm - Gateway Band - Courtyard
Saturday, 5/21
4:00pm Celebration Dinner - West. Hall
(Reservation required)
6:30-8:30pm Celebration Program
Sunday, 5/22
No 8:30am Worship
9:15am Sharing our Stories: A Conversation - W.Hall
Confirmation Sunday
Wednesday, 5/24
7:45-11:00am Food Ministry
1:00-3:00pm Small Group - Parlor
Monday, 5/30 - Memorial Day
Church Closed

1. Judith Graef, Amy Hosking, Bill Yoder
2. Barbara Fordyce, Karl Hershberger
3. Mary Ann Beck, Jean Burnquist, Doris Ponzani, Jim Rarric
4. Manny Leggett
5. Terry Carter, Molly Hudson, Tracy Jeffries, Jim Marks, Linda Norton, Linda Osborne
6. Dan McGrew, John Ophardt
7. Dave de Vries
9. Austin Andrews, Roger Gray, Basil Johnson, David Kienzle
10. Jan Anderson, Zach de Vries, Susanna Snavely, Melissa Weinsz
11. Paul Batchelder, Randy Bondor, Chris Burt, Ben George, Joan Lloyd
12. John Dallas
13. John Roberson
14. Levi George
15. Tom Okonak, Denise O'Wesney, Grace Simon, Wanda Young
16. Shawn Campbell, Max Roberts
17. Timothy Pansino
18. Bob Shaffer
19. Donald Barnhart, Lincoln Chance
20. Lucy Andrews, William Badger
21. Ed Irving, Karen Lyons, Soteria Mathewson, Emily Vigil
22. Bob Stanley
23. Kate Murphy, Bonnie Trubee
24. Hoy Whipkey
25. Sue Campbell, Don Montgomery, Hadley Moss
26. Josh Burdeshaw, Brian Ohler
27. Gregg Schorsten
28. Dee Dee Hewit
30. Kathryn Nutt
31. Jen Bobish, Angie Leggett, James Postlewaite, Annika Williams

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

Paul Batchelder (95) May 11

TIQVAH Hands of HOPE

As we get closer and closer to the end of the year, we have turned some of our attention to the Summer Tiqvah Program! We are so excited about the different field trips, events, and tutoring sessions that will be taking place this summer. Again, our focus will be to enhance every aspect of Tiqvah when it comes to our student interactions, whether that is family dynamic, mental health, education, or relationships with the Lord. Recently we have dedicated our Double Edge Time to learn about the Parables in the Bible that Jesus used to teach his core lessons. This includes teaching the kids what a parable even is, and why it was important for Jesus to use them in his teachings.

We had our annual Tiqvah fundraiser, Evening of Hope, on the 23rd of April. Partnered with the Martin Center, we were very excited to show the community around us what we have been able to accomplish this year, as well as, giving thanks to the volunteers, donors, and staff, that have made the growth possible! We ask that you pray for our Tqivah Community as we change, and morph into the organization that the Lord has in store for us.

As always, we are accepting any type of volunteer or partnership as we continue to invest in our students, families, and community as best we can. We are always looking for help, specifically during our academic time, as the students work on their reading skills. We are so thankful for what the Christ Presbyterian Community has done with our partnership and cannot thank you enough for the support.

Blessings,
Tiqvah Hands of Hope

Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 5pm

EVENSONG

CHRIST CHURCH CHANCEL CHOIR

This contemplative service, rooted in the Anglican tradition, draws the day to a close with liturgy and psalms.

An Update on our Food, Clothing & Prayer Ministry:

IMAGINING NEW WAYS TO BLESS OUR COMMUNITY:

Not all people who walk through our doors do so on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Not all go back to a house or apartment once they have visited, sometimes they return to the streets or to transitional housing.

We know that this is a reality, and we want a do something that recognizes all underserved people who live on the fringe. Our program is called ***Blessing Bags*** and it is geared toward two distinct needs we see; those who lack a daily meal and those who are transient and need daily toiletries. They are as much in need of our support as our regular Food Ministry friends, possibly more so because their need is immediate.

Our ***Blessing Bags*** will be prepared bags that can be handed to anyone (at any time), no sign-ups and no specific days. We will have them available in the office during normal business hours. They will also be available to someone who might come in off the street on a Sunday during worship times. We will offer these bags every day, to every person who asks.

We are planning to create two separate bags- ready-to-eat foods and one will be a traveling bag of sample size toiletries.

We will gladly accept donations to help us begin our ***Blessings.*** Our first need will be for the food bags. There will be baskets throughout the church to take your donations. They must all be shelf-stable because they will not be refrigerated. Here are a few ideas of things we would like:

Peanut Butter crackers, Carnation Breakfast drinks, Multigrain fruit bars (soft please, they struggle with dental care!), Protein bars, Sausage sticks, Muffins or cookies, juice (10-12 oz), and non-perishable packaged cheese. We are hoping to fill each bag with a couple of protein items, a beverage, and a couple of treats. We will start making bags in the next week, but this program will be ongoing, so your support is always welcome.

It is so wonderful to know that our congregation supports the many missions of our church. We are blessed and so we share those blessings. Lorraine

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TAG

Tuesday Afternoon Group

Tuesday, May 17, 11:30 am

For May TAG, we welcome Janet Weir Creighton who will present “Dining with the Presidents”. Currently serving as one of our Stark County Commissioners, Janet was the first woman elected mayor of Canton. Her path of service took her to Washington, DC where she served as Deputy Assistant to President George W. Bush, and as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. She no doubt has some fascinating stories to tell about her time in the White House. She will also bring along some samples of White House china for us to examine.

We will gather at 11:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship and greeting friends, with lunch at noon. The program begins at approximately 12:45 p.m. and will conclude by about 1:30 p.m. The cost is still only $7.00. As usual, the TAG chefs will prepare a delicious homemade meal.

Please sign up no later than Sunday, May 15 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.

What's New with Youth/Confirmation?

Sunday, May 1st	**Nerf Fest**
Sunday, May 8th	No meeting (Mother's Day)
Fri., May 13th-Sun., May 15th (Meet at church on Friday at 5:30pm for dinner, return to church at 9:45am on Sunday)	**Wakonda Retreat**
Sunday, May 22nd	**Confirmation Sunday**
Sunday, May 29th	**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.

Scholarship Ministry accepting 2022 Scholarship Applications:

Scholarship applications are being accepted now for students who have graduated from high school and who are currently enrolled in a post-secondary school education or vocational program in the Fall of 2022.

All applicants must have:

- A high school diploma or equivalent certificate
- Proof of enrollment in a post-secondary school education or vocational program consistent with Christian values

Applicants who meet the above criteria will be considered for either an Endowment Earnings Scholarship, or the Vera/Elizabeth Yoder Scholarship depending on how they meet the additional eligibility criteria defined below.

Endowment Earnings Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a member of Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) or be a relative of a member of CPC
  - ◊ Relatives of church members will be limited to the siblings, children and grandchildren of CPC members
- Applicant may be a non-member child of a current CPC employee or CPC Pastor.
- Applicant may be considered for an Endowment Earnings Scholarship if there are sufficient endowment earnings available.

Vera and Elizabeth Yoder Education Scholarship Fund Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a member of CPC or a relative of a member of CPC and be pursuing education or nursing as a career, including an advanced degree in those fields
  - ◊ Relatives of CPC members will be limited to the siblings, children and grandchildren of church members
- If sufficient income is available, then CPC members or relatives of CPC members seeking careers other than education or nursing may also be eligible

Application forms are available in the church office and should be returned there no later than **May 31, 2022**.

FINANCIAL NOTES

		YTD 3/31/22	YTD 3/31/21
Beginning Balance Operating Funds as of 7/1		$ 190,018	$ 125,138
Revenue	Pledges	483,951	424,643
	Other	319,868	242,744
	Trusts & Endowments	72,315	61,170
	Total Income	$ 876,134	$728,557
Expenses	Operating Expenses	(722,810)	(625,486)
Ending Balance Operating Funds as of 6/30/22		$343,341	$228,209

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—March		
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	**Mar—22**	**Mar—21**
Attendance	144	43*
General Fund Income	$73,989	$131,133
G/F Budget Needed	$60,657	$61,033
Monthly Net + / -	13,332	70,099

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

14 Faith communities will be building two houses in the SE section of Canton.

Volunteer
Our first Volunteer date will be May 7th, building exterior walls! The most exciting day on a Habitat Build!
We need 5-6 volunteers to build and a few volunteers to provide a snack in mid-morning and lunch at 11:30-noon. Please contact Cincy Camp at 330-936-1253, cincyc2005@gmail.com, or Jim Camp, at 330-495-0228, jcamp@cutlerhomes.com to volunteer or for more information. Our other two volunteer dates are June 24 and July 23.

Donate
($5,000 commitment to the Build) Please mark checks or envelopes to Habitat Faith Build. Thank you.

Pray
Please continue to pray for the families of British and Tessica, the volunteers, and the Habitat ministry.

Transportation Ministry

In the last few months, the Deacons have had many requests for the transportation ministry for Sundays and we would like to restart it soon. For those who don't know, prior to the start of COVID, we had a team of drivers who shared the responsibility of driving the church van around town on Sunday mornings and picking people up for worship, who otherwise could not attend, and later dropping them off at home. You do not need a special license or training to drive the van, but you must have a clean driving record. We are looking for several new volunteers, either to drive or to serve as a helper on the route. If this sounds like something that you would be interested in doing, please reach out to Pastor Michael.

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

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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, May 18**

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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!

Camp Wakonda Work Day

Join us Saturday, May 7th starting at 9 am for a Work Day at Camp Wakonda. We'll be setting things up and making sure the camp looks excellent and is ready to receive this summer's campers and staff! We'll have some breakfast treats and lunch provided. Contact Pastor Ben with any questions (bgeorge@cantoncpc.org). Thank you!