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CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY TYDINGS 2023

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We are pleased to announce the we have appointed a new Interim Director of our Children's Ministry, **Kate George**. Kate is bringing a wealth of knowledge, experience and dedication to our children's ministry. Kate has a deep commitment to serving our children, nurturing their faith, and building strong relationships that align with our church's mission and vision.

Please keep Kate in your prayers as she settles into her new role to inspire, mentor and guide our children. We believe that under her leadership, our children's ministry will flourish and have a positive impact on our young members.

Please let us join together in celebrating this new chapter in our church's children's ministry and continue to uplift one another in faith.

Martha Ash, Chair of Personnel Committee

Almost without fail, whenever anyone sees me at church on Sunday, the first question they ask me is, "When are you going to Colombia?" This tells me that it has been too long since I have given a Tydings update! The Wallace family will fly to Barranquilla on July 18 and we return November 21, but my Sabbatical will extend for another few days, so we can decompress and readjust to life back in Canton.

Our family is hard at work trying to dust off or learn Spanish for the first time. Michael is getting ready to teach two systematic theology courses by reading course materials and preparing lectures. Daily we are using DuoLingo (a language learning phone app), reading the Bible in Spanish, watching Daniel Tiger and other shows in Spanish, and more.

At the end of April, we were so excited to host our Colombian missionary, Rev. Dr. César Carhuachín and his wife Dania. During shared meals and conversations, we dreamed together about various ways that we could establish and deepen our relationship with the Presbyterian Church of Columbia and with the Reformed University. As Pastor Ben and I shared about our ministry here in Canton, César and Dania were excited to learn that Camp Wakonda is holding its first ever Spanish camp this summer! They jumped at the chance to be a part of that, and we are excited that they will return to Ohio at the top of July to enrich that camp experience.

As our sabbatical approaches, we are wrestling with opposite feelings of excitement and sadness, as we will be separated from the church for four months. However, we are prayerful and confident that God will work in this season to strengthen the church in new and unexpected ways for the building up of the congregation. We are so appreciative of the many families and individuals who have donated to the sabbatical over the last few months. At last count, your contributions have added up to over $21,000! This means that our sabbatical is fully funded and that we have a safety net, in case of emergencies. The plan is that any

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PRAYER CHAIN

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

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PASTOR'S NOTE

July 2023

You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting (Psalm 104:19)

I sit down to write my July Tydings article on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, which also happens to be the longest day of of the year. Officially, it is the first day of summer. Hurray! By the looks of things, it is going to be a very busy July and August so below find some things to put on your calendar. They are things you don't want to miss!

Gather Around the Flag

After a prolonged effort to replace the flagpole in the front lawn of the church—if you remember, several years ago a driver cut across the lawn, demolishing all in its wake—we are now able to resume our tradition of gathering around the flagpole on the Sunday closest to July Fourth. Join me on Sunday, July 2nd at 10:10 a.m. for a time of prayer and song around the flagpole in front of the church building. We will finish in time to move into the sanctuary for Sabbath worship at 10:30.

Sunday Potluck with Mt. Zion United Church Of God in Christ

As you already know, CPC is partnering with Mt. Zion UCGIC in the 2023 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. In the spirit of unity and fellowship, the two congregations are joining together on Sunday, July 9th for a potluck meal. We will gather at Mt. Zion (1208 Sherrick Rd. S.E.) at 12:45. Mt. Zion will be providing the meat course and we are asked to bring side dishes, salads, and/or desserts.

If you can join in the fun and fellowship, please sign up at the Kiosk, via the church website, or call the church office. Together we will celebrate our Habitat work, make new friends, and witness the power of God to draw strangers together in the unity of faith. See ya there!

The Wallace Family Is Off to Barranquilla, Colombia

On Sunday, July 16, Pastor Michael will preach his last sermon before packing up his family and heading to Barranquilla, Colombia for a season of sabbatical. More information about what Michael and his family will be up to during this time away in another article in this edition of Tydings. What I want to stress here is the one thing we can all do to support the Wallace family over the course of their time away: pray. You can pray for the safety of the Wallace family. You can pray that this time apart is an opportunity for the family to grow together as they share new experiences and make new friends. You can pray for the teaching Michael and Courtney will be doing, and the school that Theo, Neva, and Nathaniel will attend. You can pray for safe travels as they take opportunities to explore Barranquilla and other parts of Colombia. The list is endless. The important thing is to get it on your prayer list NOW.

Christmas In July

The Mission Ministry invites us to donate new or gently used bed sheets of all sizes. All donations will be offered to those in need through the Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry. Through the month of July you are encouraged to bring donations to church and place them in the large basket in Cloister Hall. If you have unused bedding stored in your closets or see it on special sale at Kohls or offered at garage sales, snatch it up and bring it to the church. There is greater need than you and I might guess.

Summer blessings to all,

Pastor Dave

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unused funds from the sabbatical account will go towards strengthening our congregation's relationship with the Presbyterian Church in Colombia and toward Colombian missions. Thank you for your incredible support and I pray that God will be glorified in this whole venture.

While we are away, it may feel like we disappear for a time. This is intentional. While we love you all and appreciate your support, sabbaticals work best when there is minimal contact between pastor and congregation. For that reason, I will not be checking my church emails for the duration of the sabbatical. Instead, Audrey from the office will be checking that regularly and forwarding on timely messages to Dave or Ben. I intend to provide a monthly update in the Tydings, and you may see a few pictures on Facebook now and again. With all that said, feel free to drop us a letter or postcard at the following address:

Quinta Iglesia Presbiteriana
Rvdo. Michael Wallace, Sra. Courtney Wallace, Teo, Neva, Nathaniel
Calle 73 B # 41-10
Barranquilla, Colombia

Blessings to you all and we look forward to worshipping with you again in person after Thanksgiving.

Pastor Michael

July 2023

Sunday
8:30–9:15 Worship Service (Chapel)
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir (Chancel)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Zoom)

Sunday, July 2
10:10 a.m. Gather Around the Flag

Tuesday, July 4—Church and Office CLOSED

Thursday, July 6
1:30 p.m. Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group (Parlor)
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanct.)

Saturday, July 8
8:00 a.m. Food Ministry Breakfast (West. Hall)

Sunday, July 9
12:45 p.m. Potluck (Mt. Zion)

Monday, July 10
1:00 p.m. Property Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday, July 11
6:00 p.m. Special Session Meeting (Sanct.)
6:00 p.m. Ice Cream at Handel's
7:00 p.m. Mission Ministry (Parlor)

Wednesday, July 12
8:00 a.m. Food, Clothing and Prayer Ministry
1:30 p.m. Faithful Friends Sm. Grp. (Parlor)
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry (Zoom)
6:30 p.m. Summer Fellowship (Dogwood Park)

Friday, July 14
12:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, July 18
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, July 19—TYDINGS DEADLINE

Monday, July 24
6:00 p.m. Spirits and Spirituals (Barrel House)

Wednesday, July 26
8:00 a.m. Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry
1:00 p.m. Faithful Friends Sm. Grp. (Parlor)

Thursday, July 27
7:00 p.m. Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*

Food, Clothing and Prayer Ministry, Blessing Bags, and Blessing Box

As we continue to walk with Christ, the members of Christ Presbyterian Church work to meet the needs of the Canton community every day. We seek to reach those in need with three different programs, designed for specific situations encountered by them. This is to clarify our outreach programs.

Food and Clothing Ministry: On the second and fourth Wednesday, 85–100 friends join us for a home-cooked breakfast in Westminster Hall. Representatives from various local support organizations are present to help with information. Community Building Partnership provides flyers on financial planning advice and access to assistance for homeowners. Beacon Charitable Pharmacy attends with COVID and influenza vaccines as well as Narcan kits. Aultman Hospital brings a nurse for blood pressure checks and personal care supplies, to name a few.

After breakfast, our neighbors visit the Clothing Room where they can find seasonal appropriate clothing and sometimes sheets and towels. Next, they visit our Pantry for personal care items such as paper towels, toilet paper, body wash, body lotion, shampoo, deodorant, razors, dish detergent and more. Our Pantry also stocks non-perishables such as canned soups, tuna fish, and spaghetti. Friends then choose from a wide selection of meats and dairy, many through our partnership with the Akron/Canton Food Bank. Attendees receive a far more robust quantity of items than is possible with either of the other two programs alone.

Blessing Bag: Stored in the CPC office and in the Food Room, Blessing Bags are handed to folks in need between times of scheduled distributions. Bags are available when the office is open and on Sundays. These are lunch-bag size. They contain two servings of protein, two salty snacks and two sweets—all prepackaged, shelf stable, and ready to eat without utensils. A typical Blessing Bag might include a beef stick, one Ensure, a granola bar, packaged cookies or muffins, and two snack size bags of chips/pretzels.

Blessing Box: This small cabinet stands near the Wells entrance stocked with individual items such as pudding cups, mini raviolis, and granola bars. Personal care items stocked there include, for example, toilet paper, tampons, menstrual pads, toothpaste. A complete list is attached to the cart in Cloister Hall. Because of the Blessing Box's location, folks can remove items anonymously without needing to register. This is to help even when the office is not open. To touch the hearts of those using the box, inspirational messages are placed for folks to take. A list of sites to access food is posted on the doors also.

The needs are great. The response from our congregation has been generous. Be assured that your contributions are appreciated. Monetary donations help as we have been able to find the best places to stretch our funds so that we do the most good.

For more information about how you can help with any of these programs, contact one of us.

Lorraine Murphy (MurphyL0911@gmail.com)
Nancy Montgomery (nlmonty321@gmail.com)
Beth Prosser Pansino (BPansino@aol.com)

Session Notes—June 20, 2023 Meeting

- Meeting started with dinner provided by Elder Nancy Okonak. During the meal, Ben discussed our reaction to a "get to know you" activity that each member particpated in. Each session member as well as pastors were asked to share information about themselves.
- TJ Hon gave the finance report as well as the first draft of the 2023–2024 budget.
- Worship was led by Elder Bert Smith.

Relationships

- Pastor Michael gave a roll review update with feedback from letters previously sent. Pastor Ben made a request to add Wakonda staff as affiliate members.
- CPC has received several letters of transfer that were discussed.
- Elder Bert Smith discussed scholarship distribution among applicants.

Ministry

- Pastor Ben reported that camp is off to a great start. There are many campers, and the staff has been excellent. The Pass It On campaign continues, and contributions are still welcome.
- Pastor Michael has been planning ahead for Westminster classes this fall. He also gave an update on the Personnel Ministry.
- Pastor Dave reported that there will be a meal with Mount Zion Church of Christ with whom we have been partnering with Faith Build. Classes are being planned for the fall, and the preaching schedule has been set.
- Elder Adam Wiggins reported on the exit interview with Jennie George. Since this interview, efforts have been made to support church staff.

Structure

- Pastor Dave recommended that the annual congregational meeting be held August 20 and Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons August 27.

- Pastor Dave hopes that the gun violence sign will be installed by Sunday, June 25.
- There will be a retreat for Session at Camp Wakonda.
- Omnibus motions were approved.
- The meeting was closed with a sharing prayer led by Pastor Michael and concluded by Pastor Ben.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Hudson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ :

Listen! Do you hear it? Dave told us in service on June 18th it would be happening. Camp Wakonda is full—full of campers, shrieking as they play games, swim in the lake, sing before and after meals. What we may not hear as loudly is their prayers—prayers of thanksgiving for a camp they can go to to get closer to God, make some new friends, meet some really neat and inspiring counselors and staff. Prayers of thanksgiving for those staff members who are so willing to share the Good News through vespers, quiet time, just being who they are and witnessing by their actions. We also should remember to keep all of them in our prayers each week.

Since camp program is in full swing, many of the projects that are part of the Pass It On campaign are put on hold. But rest assured, Ben and the team members are working on scheduling those projects as soon as program weeks are completed, late August and into the Fall. But Wakonda still needs your support and commitment to the capital fund drive so those plans may come to fruition. So, please continue your strong support through your pledges. If you have not made a commitment to support the camp in this way yet, please consider doing so now so that we can be financially prepared to move forward with them promptly. Thank you.

Blessings for your summer adventures and remember, no matter where you are, rejoice in the Good News and Pass It On. It only takes a spark....

Wakonda Pass It On Team

CPC Shakespeare Outing

Join us on Thursday, July 27 to enjoy Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, presented by the Ohio Shakespeare Festival. Tickets are $15, and individuals should purchase their own tickets at www.ohioshakespearefestival.com/12n.

This is an outdoor event at Stan Hywet. The CPC contingent will meet there at 7:00 for picnic/play time with kids (you can bring your own food, or purchase on-site). The comical pre-show (Green Show) is at 7:30, then the actual play begins at 8:00.

For any questions and to RSVP, please contact Heather Cooper (hcooper@cantoncpc.org).

Dear Pastors, Staff and Members,

I would like to thank the pastors, staff, and CPC members for their care and support following the passing of my mother. My family felt the love of the church in so many ways.

Sincerely,
Darrell Holland and Family

THE CATHEDRAL HOUR
Sunday Morning Broadcast
On WHBC-1480

To shut-ins, those unable to attend Church for various reasons, and also those without a Church home, the Cathedral Hour has been invaluable over the years. Your continued support is needed to sponsor a complete service 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.

Confirmation begins Fall 2023!

We are very excited that a new confirmation class will begin this September. This year-long course is primarily geared towards those who will be in grades 7th, 8th, and 9th grade in the Fall of 2023. The class will be held at 9:15–10:15 a.m. from Sunday, September 10th, 2023–May 2024

We look forward to engaging a new class of students as they consider what it means to confirm that the Christian life is the one that they want to live out. By studying major topics and having a safe space to ask the big questions, we believe that this experience will help the youth to grow stronger in their faith and confirm their commitment to Christ.

Students who are unsure if they would like to be confirmed are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Students ultimately make their own decision about whether to be confirmed.

Please contact
bwiggins@cantoncpc.org
with any questions.

(*right* last year's confirmation class)

Christ Presbyterian is HIRING!

Christ Presbyterian Church is currently looking to hire a transport coordinator/van driver for approximately 8 hours per week. If you know someone who might be a good fit (or if that someone is you!), please contact Pastor Michael (mwallace@cantoncpc.org). More information is available at https://cantoncpc.org/announcements/job-postings/

Point and Shoot Digital Cameras for Wakonda

Do you have an unused Point and Shoot Digital Camera? Camp Wakonda is looking for cameras for their Photography group this summer. Used cameras are wonderful. Please make sure that they are working and that all accessories (like chargers) are together with the camera in a bag. Camera donations may be left in the main office. Thank you for your support!

July Birthdays

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

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

Perry Lazich (95)–July 10
Miriam Hinterleiter (97)–July 12

Summer 2023 CPC Youth!

Please contact Bonnie at bwiggins@cantoncpc.org or cantoncpcyouth on Instagram for any questions. Bonnie will be working at Camp Wakonda through July, but will still be available.

Remember to Sign Up as a camper at Camp Wakonda! Finishing 9th grade and up are invited to volunteer as Staff Assistants. www.wakondacamp.org

Tuesday, July 11 (6:00–7:30 p.m.) **Ice Cream at Handel's**
Meet at Handel's on East Maple Street

Thursday, July 27th (meet at 7:00 p.m.) **Summer Family Outing: Shakespeare's Twelfth Night**
(Stan Hywet) Bring your own food or purchase on-site for a pre-show picnic. Purchase your own tickets at www.ohioshakespearefestival.com/12n

Sunday, August 27 **First Youth Group of the School Year**

CPC Summer Fellowship Opportunities

Park play dates: Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30!

- July 12 at Dogwood Park, 241 7th St NE, North Canton. (Contact: Angie Leggett)

Camp is in Full Swing, and We Still Want to "Pass It On!"

We are so excited about the many projects we have gotten done at Wakonda, thanks to your generosity! BUT WE HAVE MORE IN STORE!

Want to help? Here are some of the projects we have in store:

- Finish Lodge Wood Paneling
- Repair Chimneys (Activity Building, Director's House, Director's Cabin)
- Upgrade whole-camp P.A. system
- Replace mower
- Replace camp truck
- Reseal wash house floors and showers
- Install solar system
- Fix runoff drainage systems
- and MUCH MORE!!

Give now at https://wakondacamp.org/pass-it-on---capital-campaign.html to help make these projects happen!

Ho! Ho! Ho! Why not? Summertime is no time to be a Grinch!

The Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry is looking for new and gently used sheets to be donated for use by those who have such a need. The Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry often get requests for bedding but our supplies are limited and sporadic.

Throughout July you are welcome to bring sheets and bedding and place them in the basket found in Cloister Hall. You know your gifts will be wisely used…and be very much appreciated!

Merry Christmas to all…and to all, a good night!

Financial Notes

		5/31/23	5/31/22
Beginning Balance Operating Funds as of 7/1		$328,310	$190,018
Revenue	Pledges	608,085	579,955
	Other	512,177	357,518
	Trusts and Endowment	76,609	72,316
	Total Income	$1,196,871	$1,009,789
Expenses	Operating Expenses	(1,054,807)	(885,983)
Ending Balance Operating Funds as of YTD - 6/30		$470,374	$313,824

This reporting reflects the General and Camp Funds from July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023.

Please remember to keep your pledge current! Thank you!

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

Stewardship—May

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

Average Monthly	May 2023	May 2022
Attendance	176	154
General Fund Income	$39,111	$67,761
G/F Budget Needed	$73,118	$69,507
Monthly Net +/-	(34,007)	(1,746)

2023 Per Capita Communicant Apportionment

Total Per Capita for 2023	$31.46
MVP	$18.36
GA	$9.85
Synod	$3.25

Your assistance in donating to help defray the cost to the church will be greatly appreciated.

Please indicate "for the 2023 apportionment" on your check.

The Chapel is open Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. for quiet prayer and meditation.

Christ Caring *for* People *through* People

That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If you or someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to Pastor Michael. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

We Need Coffee Cans!

We need old coffee cans to help transport flowers. They are perfect for transporting leftover flowers from our Chancel Vases after worship on Sunday. Please feel free to give them to Kurt or drop them off in the office.

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Thank you.

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In Christian Sympathy

Lynn Hamilton
May 31, 2023

Christian Sympathy is extended to the Hamilton family

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No flyer needed!
Just stop by. 😊
Good for pick up, drive-thru, or dine-in

Monday, August 14th
5-8pm
20% of all sales at the Hills and Dales Dairy Queen go to Wakonda's
PASS IT ON Capital Campaign.
(gift cards not included)