ANNUAL REPORT
2025-2026

Christ Presbyterian Church
(Canton, Ohio)



Worship AT CPC



Rev. Michael Wallace Rev. Benjamin George
Co-Pastors

Attendance Numbers

- 8:30 Average 18
- YouTube Average 167
- 10:30 Average 155
- Christmas Total 359
- Easter Total 278

Membership Summary

417 Total members

WOW!!!
22 NEW MEMBERS

102 WORSHIP SERVICES

- **25** ACOLYTES
- **80** MUSICIANS & CHOIR
- **27** LITURGISTS
- **10** GUEST PREACHERS
- **32** USHERS
- **4** SOUND TECHS

Sermon Series:

Lessons from Luke
Discipleship 101
Kingdom Ethics
Conversations with Jesus
Faith Fundamentals
Our Story & Our Song



Guest Preachers (at left):

Hannah Miller, Director of Children's & Family
Courtney Brown, Habitat for Humanity
Edgar Sanchez Cruz, Wakonda Counselor
Rev. Kathryn Ophardt, MVP Partnership
M.L. Schultze, St. Paul's Episcopal
Pastor Ro Robinson, MVP Partnership
Rev. JR Rozko, Common Life Church
Elder Jennie George, CPC
Zack White, Camp Wakonda
Pastor Tim Pollock, Bloomfield Presbyterian



44
CHANCEL CHOIR



15
HANDBELL CHOIR



15
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

175+
CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

60+
CHOIR ANTHEMS

195+
REHEARSAL HOURS

15+
HANDBELL PIECES

15+
CHILDREN'S CHOIR & YOUTH RESOUND SONGS

8
YOUTH RESOUND MEMBERS





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STEPHEN MINISTRY

7 STEPHEN MINISTERS

4 STEPHEN LEADERS

8 CARE RECEIVERS

A lay caring ministry that equips and empowers trained Christian caregivers to provide confidential, one-to-one support for people experiencing life's difficulties.

"This ministry has only been positive for me. My caregiver has helped me by always being supportive of me. She has a positive attitude on life. Through her I see and feel Christ. I've had many challenges since first meeting my caregiver, but through her stability, I see that I, too, will heal and become whole again. Praise Jesus!" -Stephen Ministry Care Receiver

OFFICE MINISTRY



14 OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

DEACONS MINISTRY

12 DEACONS SERVING

17 HOMEBOUND MEMBERS





The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group has 14 members, including active and widowed caregivers, along with expert facilitators. Most active caregivers provide care at home, though the group supports both home and facility-based challenges.

"As widows, we're still grieving and bring a real perspective to the Alzheimer's journey. Active members are navigating their own paths, and our experience helps them through the difficulties. Group support doesn't end when a loved one passes away; we stay to help others, laugh, cry, and share wisdom."
Member of the Alzheimer's Support Group

wakondacamp.org



Camp Wakonda

2025 Season



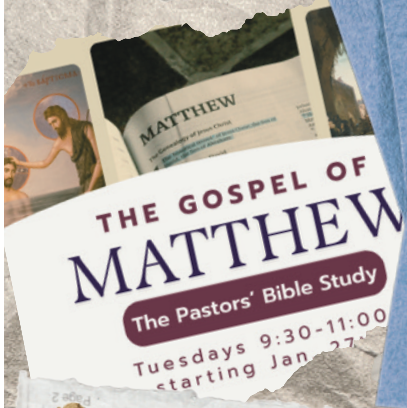


1,939
LIVES TOUCHED

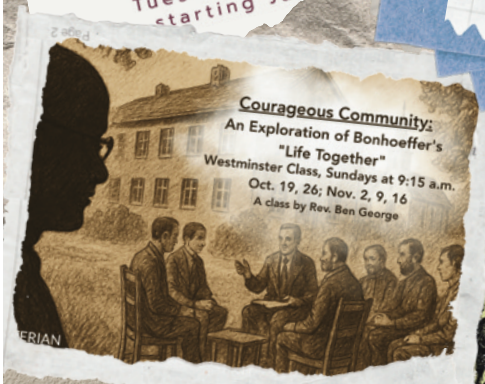
- **205** PROGRAM CAMPERS
- **939** GUEST GROUP ATTENDEES
- **20** STAFF
- **185** OX ROAST ATTENDEES
- **90** RETREAT CENTER GUESTS

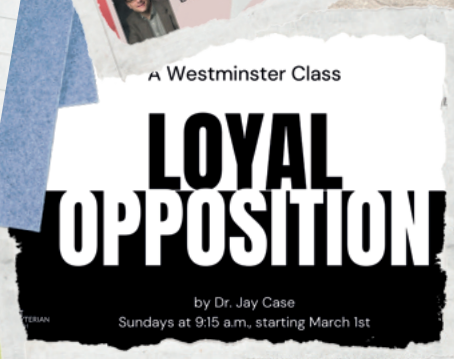


Adult Discipleship at CPC









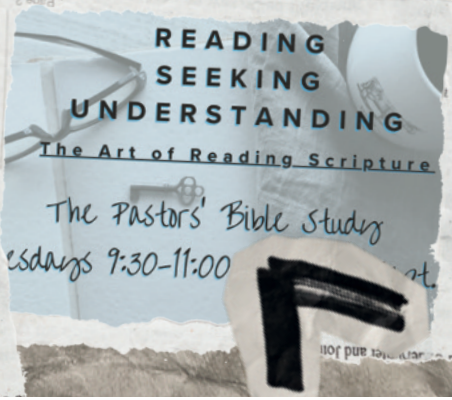


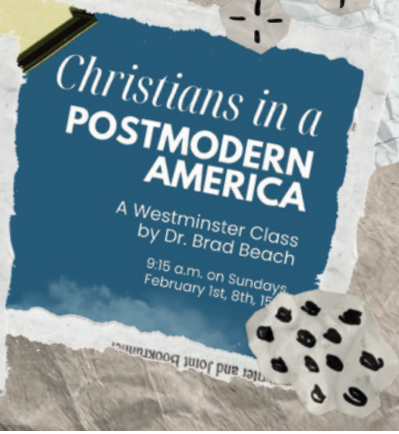




















Youth, Children, & Family Discipleship at CPC

7 SERVICE/ MISSION PROJECTS

3 YOUTH CONFERENCES / RETREATS

41 YOUTH FAITH LESSONS

5 CHURCH LIFE ACTIVITIES

7 FAMILY EVENTS

80+ CHILDREN'S FAITH LESSONS

20 CHILDREN'S CHAPEL SERVICES

7 FIELD TRIPS

10 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

cpc on the road



Wakonda for All



Youth Group at Taggarts



VBS at Faith United Methodist



Women's Bible Study at Wakonda



Stark Pride Festival



Habitat Faith Build



Working at Habitat



Youth Group Trip to the Museum of Illusions (Cleveland)



Presbyterian General Assembly
(Milwaukee, WI)



Youth Volunteering at Mt Zion

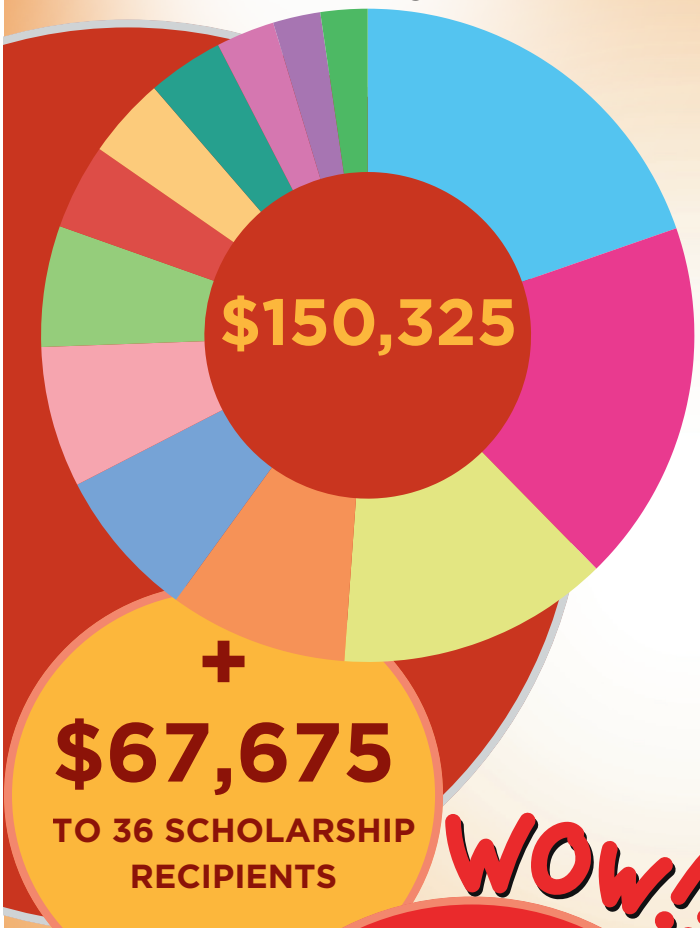


Presbyterian Youth Triennium
(Louisville, KY)



The Hobbit
(Ohio Shakespeare Festival)

TOTAL MISSION IMPACT



Food and Clothing Ministries	$42,355
Parkinson Scholarships	$38,675
Undergrad Scholarships	$29,000
Tiqvah Donations, Total	$19,027
Gifts to Wider Church (per capita)	$16,044
Misc. (Incl. Simply Youth, Rahab)	$15,031
Camp Scholarships (2025 season)	$12,893
House Fire Relief	$9,118
Mckinley Band Meals	$8,607
Missionary Support (3 people)	$8,100
Benevolence (Community Help)	$6,237
PC(USA) Offerings	$5,060
Habitat for Humanity	$5,000

+

$67,675

TO 36 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

WOW!!!

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$218,000*

GRAND TOTAL GIVEN TO MISSIONS!

Camp Wakonda Est. 1959

TIQVAH Hands of HOPE

RAHAB A Ministry of Hope

Night to Shine Tim Tebow Foundation

Shipley Free Health Clinic

I.W.P. Immigrant Worker Project

Simply Youth

Bulldogs Canton City School District

Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio

*Mission total comes from both the annual budget and restricted funds for fiscal year July 2025 - June 2026

STORIES OF MISSIONAL IMPACT

"Our ministries bring comfort & hope to our neighbors:

- "Tom" came from the hospital on a freezing day wearing flip-flops and a blanket. At our church, he was able to find food and clothing.
- "Sarah" had only a beanbag in her apartment until we donated surplus church furniture to help furnish her home.
- "David" arrived with a broken leg and left with food and help from our food ministry and Canton for All People.
- "Marcus" stepped in from the bitter cold to charge his phone and await a shelter opening, warmly declaring we'd "be dancing together in heaven someday."

- Carl Brand, Business Administrator

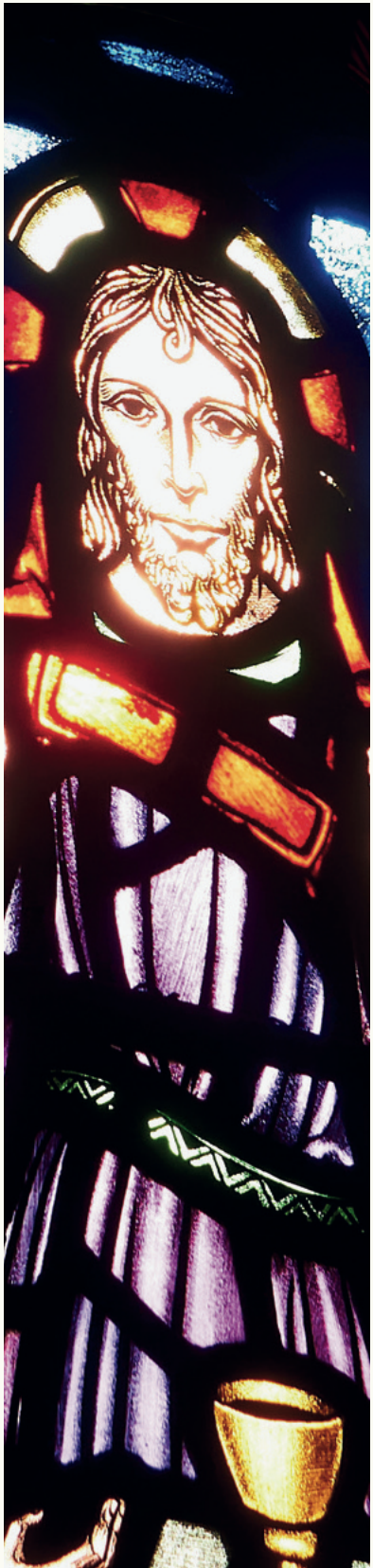
"For over 30 years, Christ Presbyterian Church has partnered with Habitat for Humanity to bring housing and hope to Canton. Alongside Mt. Zion Church, our shared faith and side-by-side service continue to strengthen our community. Habitat of East Central Ohio has now built or repaired 691 homes, offering hundreds of families a stable, fresh start. Each home dedication is more than construction—it is a tangible reflection of God's love and what we can achieve when we serve together."

-Chuck Ash, Elder

"Because you gave, Simply Youth opened new futures for 98 high school students through college campus tours (many for the first time). Students without clear goals began to envision themselves in higher education, with our financial support allowing six students to participate."

"Because you gave, Night to Shine held its annual celebration honoring young adults with special needs. As a major sponsor, we helped create an unforgettable night of music, games, food, and limo rides, with 13 volunteers sharing joy and affirming the worth of every guest."

- Beth Pansino, Co-Chair of Mission Ministry



Food & Clothing Ministry

"A big part of our work is continuity with our community friends. Seeing their familiar faces lets us treat our guests like family: we ask about their lives, send food home for their kids, play with babies, and keep up with their health. We know who avoids pork and who covets bacon. In return, we feel deeply appreciated. Serving in the kitchen is a true blessing."
- Food & Clothing Ministry Volunteer

4,400
HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

90,000
MEALS ABLE TO BE PREPARED

36,000
TOILETRIES DISTRIBUTED

16,000
PEOPLE BENEFITTED

41,000 LBS
OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED

2,334
CHILDREN SERVED

2,429
SENIORS SERVED

AGES 18 - 59
LARGEST DEMOGRAPHIC SERVED



"We report numbers and facts because that's the most straightforward way to understand the Food and Clothing Ministry. But to those of us who volunteer, what we see is more complex. We are helping someone when they are at a vulnerable time in their lives, whether it's a temporary situation or long-term circumstances. I was talking to one of our friends recently, and he said, 'You're the first person who looked me in the eye this week.' Imagine how you would feel if no one 'saw' you." - Lorraine Murphy

TIQVAH
Hands of HOPE











"Because you gave, lives were touched and hearts were opened in ways only God can orchestrate. Because you gave, we were able to step forward in faith and serve with boldness. Meals have continued to be served nightly, students have a safe place where they feel loved, seen and supported and our vans keep running, which ensures that transportation is not an obstacle for families to be a part of our program. The fruit of your giving is already evident and will continue to grow. This year during our annual youth retreat for middle schoolers and high schoolers, we baptized over 60 students, 10 of whom were a combination of current and former Tiqvah students. Thank you for being part of something bigger than all of us."
- Ryan Cartwright, Tiqvah









THE 2025-2026 Concert SERIES

Brass, Percussion, & Organ (Sept)

Verona Quartet (Oct)

Halloween Spooktacular (Oct)

Mirror Visions Ensemble (Nov)

Vivaldi's *Gloria* (Dec)

Bryan Anderson, organist (Mar)

Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass* (Apr)

Choral Evensong (May)





"Among the many ministries of Christ Presbyterian Church, my husband and I have been blessed, so often, by the music. In particular we find inspiration and edification in the Concert Series. In its diverse offerings, we hear the work of God who gives to many the gifts of beauty, creativity, and musical talent. We have been blessed by works in the classical and contemporary genres, among others, and when we've had to miss a concert, we know we're truly missing out!" -Elizabeth Beach

OUR INCREDIBLE CHURCH STAFF



Rev. Benjamin George &
Rev. Michael Wallace
Designated Co-Pastors



Heather Cooper
Director of Music
& Organist





Dr. Britt Cooper
Director of
Chancel Choir

Hannah Miller
Director of Children's
and Family Ministries





Bonnie Wiggins
Director of
Youth Ministry

Zack White
Director of
Camp Wakonda





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