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CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 2026
Tydings

Happenings with the Food Ministry:

As you read this month's article you might simultaneously also see our FCP Christmas Tree going up in Cloister Hall. The annual Christmas Party for our community friends will be held a bit early—on December 9th this year. We have helpers scheduled to organize and assemble the gifts on December 2nd and 3rd, so that means we need to be proactive in soliciting your support this year so that all of our gifts will arrive at the church before December 1.

Like past years, our Tree will have an assortment of gift ideas for both children and adults. We hope that you will stop by and take a tag or two.

As I've mentioned in recent months, we are starting to see a significant increase in our regular numbers with the Food Ministry. From our monthly reports we track the demographics of those that seek our help, so I thought I'd share that with you.

- For the past couple of months, we've averaged about 385–400 families in the month
- The average family we see has three people in the household, so that's 1150–1200 individuals that we support EACH month.
- Of that total, over 270 are children

So why am I telling this to you??? In the past, we've tried to have around 1000 assorted gifts on our Gift Tables. But in order to fully embrace all of the folks that we support, it looks like our gift tables should jump to about 1400 total gifts for this holiday (we try to have more than one gift per child)

I hope that you will be thoughtful and generous towards our program. I know that the Food Ministry is only one of many ministries that we support so please know that I am aware of the ask and its impact on your household budget. Please keep in mind that we have a team of "Super Shoppers" so a monetary donation can be stretched to help many folks.

Happy *early* Holidays, with much love and gratitude,
Lorraine

PRAYER CHAIN

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

Barb Bartchy
(330) 494-4003
bbartchy@hotmail.com
Judy Smith
(330) 771-0598
judithllsmith@gmail.com

or scan the QR code below

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10:30 Sunday services are broadcast LIVE on

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Session Meeting • October 20, 2026

The Session opened with prayer led by Pastor Ben George and a meal provided by Elisa Case.

Worship was led by Pastor Michael Wallace. He spoke from Matthew 18, sharing the passage, along with a scholarly article, to highlight, for starters, that faithful biblical interpretation demands discernment and should be conducted with humility.

New Business

Kari Hershberger and Hannah Miller were guests to the first part of the session meeting.

Session welcomed Kari Hershberger as CPC's new treasurer. We are grateful for her willingness to serve in this way.

Hannah Miller shared that she feels called to go to seminary and start the ordination process through Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Session was unanimous in their recommendation for her to pursue being an inquirer with PCUSA. Elder Jen Anderson offered to be CPC's Session liason for Hannah, walking alongside Hannah supportively throughout this process.

Pastor Michael is making inquiries about a potential training by the PCUSA to develop a security and safety plan for the church.

Session is reviewing the summer camp situation and looking at ways to improve communication.

Relationships

There is an upcoming Stark Parish joint service; we will be worshipping at Central Presbyterian Church in Massillon on January 10, 2027.

CPC will host Canton's interfaith Thanksgiving service on November 24th.

We heard from Brian Leggett with an update on Camp Wakonda's subcommittee's long-range plans for the camp.

Ministry

Pastor Michael has applied for several grants. We are still waiting to hear from some of them. One of them is an application for a $5000 grant from Sharing Hearts Fund to support the cost of the McKinley Band meals.

There will be an upcoming Soul Shop Training led by Linda Leon and Courtney Wallace. This one-day workshop is designed to equip faith community leaders with the skills and resources necessary to minister effectively to individuals impacted by suicide. The workshop will be held on Nov 21 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Structure

Beth Pansino noted that YouTube video attendance sometimes eclipses our in-person attendance.

Unfinished Business

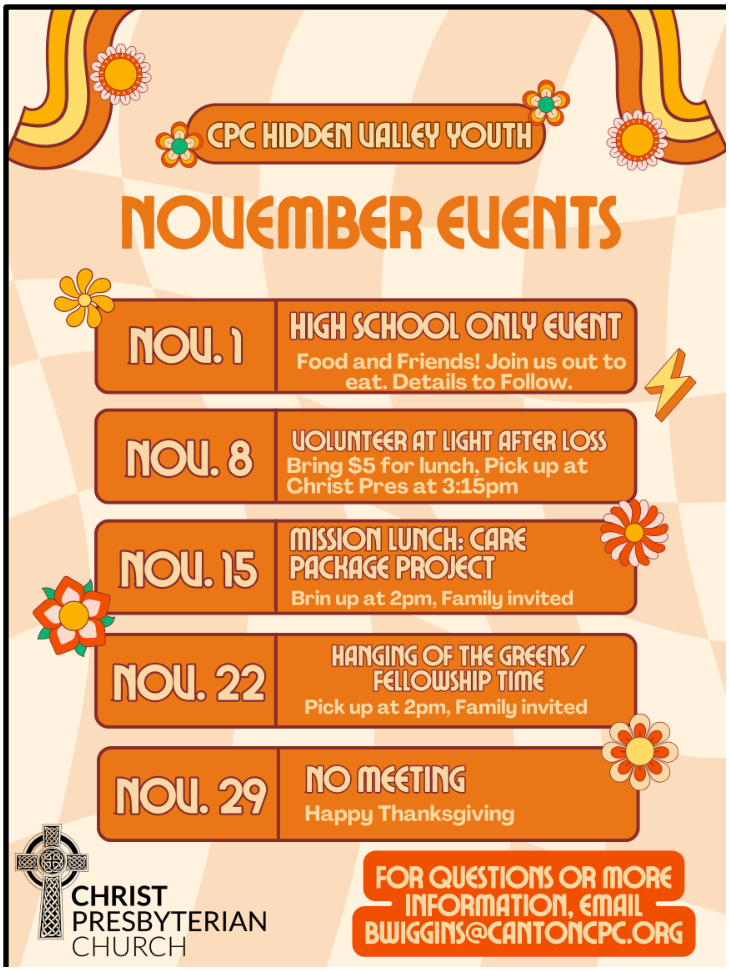
The instillation review of Pastors Michael Wallace and Ben George still needs to be undertaken.

Omnibus Motions

Session approved the Property Ministry's request to authorize funds for the repair of the church's front entrance steps.

The meeting was closed with singing and a closing prayer by Pastor Ben.

Respectfully submitted by Elisa Case



November 2026

Sunday
9:00 AM Children and Youth Classes
9:15 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday
10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday
9:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study (Parlor)
11:15 AM Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday
8:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Online)

Thursday
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 1 • All Saints' Sunday
11:45 AM High School Only Youth Event

Tuesday, November 3
7:00 PM Mission Ministry Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, November 4
9:15 AM Endowment Meeting (Parlor)
1:30 PM Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
6:00 PM Taizé Worship (Chapel)
8:00 PM Camp Wakonda Board Mtg. (Online)

Thursday, November 5
1:30 PM Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group (Parlor)

Sunday, November 8
11:45 AM Youth Group Event

Monday, November 9
6:30 PM G.I.F.T.S. Small Group (Offsite)

Tuesday, November 10
4:00 PM Property Meeting (Parlor)
5:30 PM Finance Meeting (Parlor)
6:00 PM Personnel Meeting (Pine Room)

Wednesday, November 11
8:00 AM Food and Clothing Ministry
3:30 PM Worship Ministry Meeting (Parlor)
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting (Online)
8:00 PM Cluster Small Group Meeting (Offsite)

Friday, November 13
7:00 PM Concert Series: Choral Masterworks and Gems (Sanctuary)

Saturday, November 14
8:00 AM Food Ministry Breakfast

Sunday, November 15
11:45 AM Mission Luncheon: Care Packages

Tuesday, November 17
12:45 PM Handbell Concert (Offsite)
6:00 PM Session Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, November 18 • Tydings Deadline
1:30 PM Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting (Parlor)

Saturday, November 21
8:30 AM Soul Shop (Westminster Hall)
5:00 PM CPC Goes to the Christmas Fair

Sunday, November 22
11:45 AM Hanging of the Greens
12:00 PM Lunch Bunch Meeting (Offsite)

Monday, November 23
6:30 PM G.I.F.T.S. Small Group (Offsite)

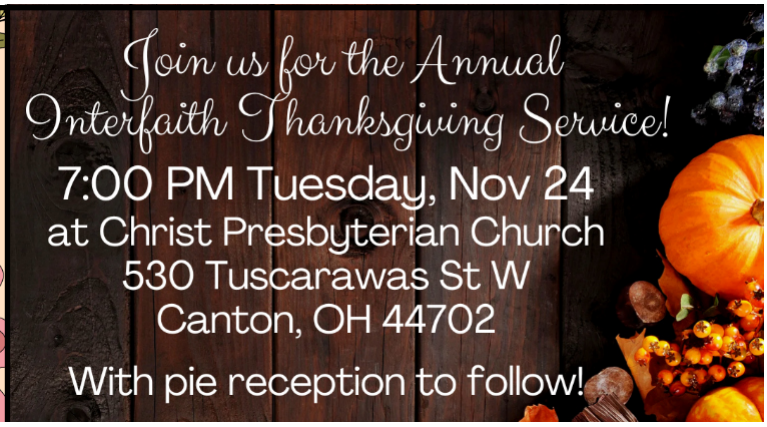
Tuesday, November 24
7:00 PM Thanksgiving Interfaith Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, November 25
8:00 AM Food and Clothing Ministry
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting (Online)
8:00 PM Cluster Small Group (Offsite)

Thursday, November 26 • Thanksgiving Day
Church closed all day

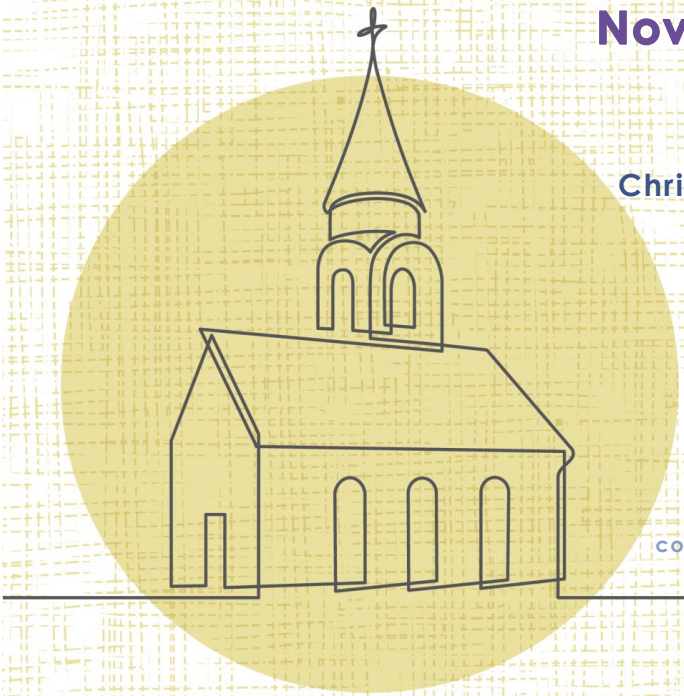
Friday, November 27 • Church closed all day

Sunday, November 29 • First Sunday in Advent
8:30 AM Prayer Service (Chapel)



Soul Shop™ for Leaders

This is a one-day workshop designed to equip faith community leaders to minister to those impacted by suicide. This includes the creation of worship resource, training congregation members in suicide awareness and basic conversation skills, and then how to extend the invitation to those who have been suicidal in the past to share their stories. This workshop engages the question of how to cultivate a soul-safe culture within your congregation.



November 21, 2026
8:30am – 4:00pm

Christ Presbyterian Church
530 Tuscarawas St W
Canton, OH 44702

Cost: $35
Includes breakfast, lunch and materials

For further information:
Courtney Wallace
courtney@soulshopmovement.org
724-992-9667

To register, visit:
https://tinyurl.com/zjykdbmk

Hanging of the Greens

November 22, 2026

Please join us as we gather together for the Hanging of the Greens. Following the service, a light lunch will be served for all the volunteers as we prepare the church for the Christmas season. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the kiosk for participants to share about 2 ½ hours of time, as we decorate several areas of the church, including the Sanctuary, Westminster Hall, and outside doors, for all to enjoy.

Many helping hands are welcome as we anticipate the blessings of Christmas and await the Christ Child.

November Birthdays

3 Mark Amundsen, Nick Upp
4 Graham Deibel, Larkin White
5 Tad Clark, Rebecca McKinnon, Willow Speakman
6 Derek Zeedyk
7 Doreen Hund
8 Kent Berg, Steven James, Katie Norton, Kathie Zwick
9 Nancy Hannon, Azelynn Repasky
11 Brandon Phillips, Jane Rice, Lila Tibbits
13 Larry Linn
14 Scott McCahan
15 Bill Hannon, Cyndy Lucas
16 Steve Rauch, Judy Smith, Emmeline Smith-Penzel
17 Sylvia Hildebrand
18 Kevin Anderson, Karsten Burdeshaw, Bert Smith, Sally Sorensen
19 Judy Provo, Andrew Williams, Phyllis Wilson
24 Tracy Smith, Peter Snavely
27 Heather Cooper, Christine Testa
28 Julia Frankland, Kate George
29 Eva Burdeshaw, Becky Fort, Heath Frankland, Emily Linn, Joel Maze, Pam Ray
30 Tommy Rice

Financial Notes

		8/31/26	8/31/25
Beginning Balance	Operating Funds as of 7/1	$387,390	$480,111
Revenue	Pledges	157,793	109,547
	Other	120,651	121,789
	Trusts and Endowment	65	231
	Total Income	$278,509	$231,567
Expenses	Operating Expenses	(233,691)	(271,605)
Ending Balance	Operating Funds as of YTD—8/31	$432,208	$440,073

Average Monthly	August 2026	August 2025
Attendance	118	135
General Fund Income	$48,705	$74,565
G/F Budget Needed	$73,276	$71,411
Monthly Net +/-	(24,571)	(3,153)

This reporting reflects the General and Camp Funds from July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026.
Please remember to keep your pledge current! Thank you!
Gifts can be given online at www.cantoncpc.org or mailed to the Church office.

Joining Us for Worship Online?

Please fill out our online pew pad so we know who is tuning in! You can also let us know about any prayer requests you may have through the pew pad. Just go to cpc.im/here

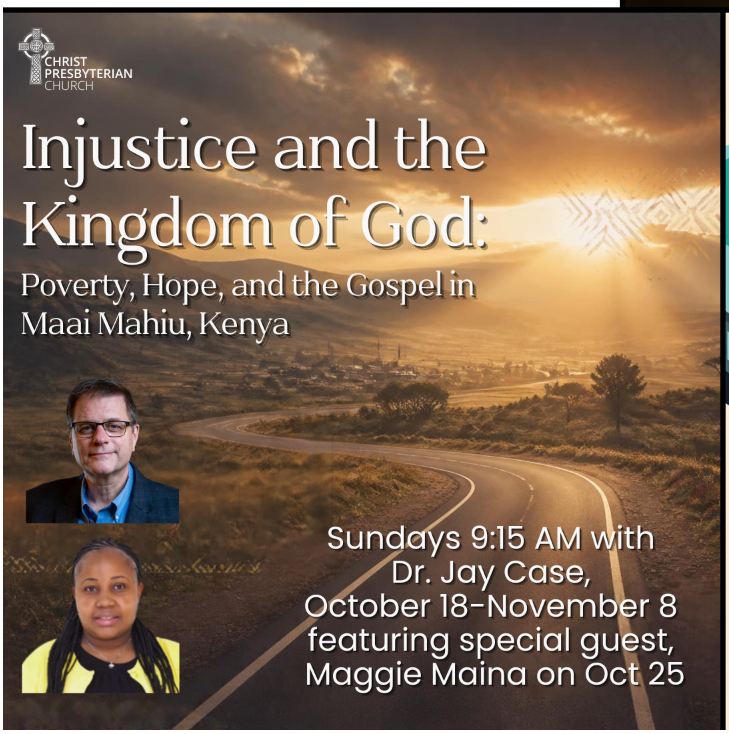
If you would like to sponsor flowers for a Sunday morning ($82), please contact the church office by emailing cpcoffice@cantoncpc.org or by calling 330-456-8113

THANK YOU!

To our Wonderful Loving Church Family ~

Nancy and I want to thank you for your love and encouragement, both in prayers and expressions of support, during my health journey over the last few months. You are most appreciated as we look forward a full recovery.

In Christ,
Fred Linxweiler



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Concert Series
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Chancel Choir
Masterworks and Gems

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✠ Friday, November 13 at 7:00 PM ✠