More Than A Book Club
July 22, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm
Christ Presbyterian Church Westminster Hall

“The biggest political fact in America right now is that by 2040 or 2050, we will no longer be, for the first time, a white majority nation. We’ll be a majority of minorities. That changes the whole narrative.”

Copies of the book are available for $5 in the main office or by contacting Pastor Michael.

After reading the book, come join us for a potluck meal and to discuss America’s Original Sin.

Wakonda Needs Your Help!

Camp has an 11-year history with both Royal Family Kids Camp and Jackson Cross Country, and we need your help to host them this summer! We need people to help work in the kitchen and display the hospitality of Wakonda over July 8-13 and August 4-10. If you can help for any meals on any of these days, please either sign-up at the Kiosk or contact Pastor Ben.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Pastor Michael will teach a special Sunday School class on the Stained Glass Windows of CPC August 5, 12, 19, 26

Women’s Summer Bible Study
COLOSSIANS

Tuesday mornings 10-11:30 am in the Parlor through August 7
(come as your schedule allows)
Childcare provided.
To sign up, please contact Courtney Wallace.

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get in the game at this year’s
WAKONDA IN THE CITY!
Monday, July 9th - Friday, July 13th
9:00am-3:00pm

You’ll score big at our week long day camp as you enjoy all that you love about Wakonda: our awesome counselors, games, songs, vespers and more; all right here in Canton at Christ Presbyterian Church!
(530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton 44702)

It’s all fun as we play sports & games from all over the world, enjoy camp classics, and even create a few games of our own! All meals, snacks, and activities are included in the $120 cost. (financial assistance is available)

Join the team today by registering at www.WakondaCamp.org

GAME ON!
Elections draw near. Are you ready to vote? Sorry, different election. A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, July 8th, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose? It is time to elect the new slate of Elders and Deacons.

The Nominating Ministry is pleased to place the names of Michael Ophardt, Barbara Bartchy, and Nancy Irving (nominated to second term) for the office of Elder. They are equally pleased to nominate Nicholas Grinder, Susan Nelson, Debbie D’Antonio, and Sue Oliver for the office of Deacon (Debbie and Sue are also nominated to a second term). Year after year we are privileged to elect people who have a deep passion for the church, the gifts and talents needed to keep the church focused on ministry, and a deep, abiding faith in Jesus Christ and are dedicated to living and leading as obedient disciples.

Several years ago the congregation decided to approach leadership differently. Instead of seeking people with particular skills to lead a particular Ministry (teachers to lead Adult Discipleship, accountants to lead Finance, etc), it was decided the real need was for spiritually mature people, after all their first calling is to lead the church spiritually. The desire is to stay attuned to God’s guidance and direction first (faith before function). The best run ministries are of no account if they are not directed in the way of Christ.

Those who are called to consider a position on the Deacon Board or the Session are asked only after careful consideration, discussion, and prayer. Candidates are then encouraged to pray for a period of time before responding to the invitation. Among the many questions they may ponder, three stand front and center:

- Are they truly committed to Jesus Christ and His ministry at Christ Presbyterian Church?
- Are they willing to sacrifice their time and talent, and dedicate it to these purposes?
- Do they sense it is God who calls them to this position?

If they have a spouse, they are asked to discuss the invitation and pray together about the commitment. In the end, our way of calling leaders to positions of responsibility seems to faithfully depend upon the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Their election does not leave the rest of us free of responsibility. In the 13th chapter of his letter to the Hebrews, Paul writes: Be responsive to your pastoral leaders. Listen to their counsel. They are alert to the condition of your lives and work under the strict supervision of God. Contribute to the joy of their leadership, not its drudgery. Why would you want to make things harder for them?

How can the rest of us be supportive? Paul is succinct: “be responsive.” Your Session and Deacon Board present all but endless possibilities for you to be involved in gospel-true, faith-deepening, and community-changing ministry. Respond. Get involved in opportunities new and established. When they call, answer! When they ask, reply. When they offer, accept. Step forward. Then again, remember you don’t even have to wait to be asked!

from the
Deacons’ Bench

The Deacons are always welcoming outside volunteers from the congregation to help us in our various activities. The two that come to mind are the Food and Clothing Ministries on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Prayer Partners are needed to pray with the clients before they receive food and clothing. It is best to arrive at 8:30 am and be prepared to stay until 11:00 am. We also have a Saturday morning Breakfast the second Saturday of each month. It is best to arrive by 7:30 am to help in food preparation. We begin serving the clients at 8:30 am and continue until 10:00 am. Cleanup takes an additional half hour. What an opportunity for good food and fellowship and also having the satisfaction of serving those in need.

Submitted by Steve Schott

Youth Summer 2018 Events

July Event:
Wakonda and Alive (Scholarship available)

Friday, July 20th-Monday, July 23rd
Want to play at Wakonda AND go to the concerts at the Alive Festival? Now you can! Join in camp activities, staying overnight at Wakonda, then travel to Alive to see your favorite Christian music artists. The best of both worlds! (Alive tickets for Saturday and Sunday included in camp cost.)

August Event:
Sunday, August 26th- Pool Party at de Vries home

*We encourage all of our youth to sign up for a week at Wakonda. Please visit www.wakondacamp.org to register!

Helen L. Jeffers Neff
June 4, 2018

Jonathan “Mark” Greene
June 14, 2018

Christian sympathy is extended to the Jeffers and Greene Families.
**Sunday, 7/1**
11:45 am Reception for Mario Buchanan—West. Hall

**Tuesday, 7/3**

**Wednesday, 7/4—Church Office/Building Closed**

**Thursday, 7/5**
4:00 pm Wakonda for All Camp begins (ends 7/7)

**Friday, 7/6**
10:30 am Bible Study—Parlor

**Saturday, 7/7**
Mission West trip thru July 17

**Sunday, 7/8—Communion**
11:45 am Congregational Meeting

**Monday, 7/9**
9:00 am-3:00 pm Wakonda in the City

**Tuesday, 7/10**
9:00 am-3:00 pm Wakonda in the City
1:00 pm Personnel Ministry—Parlor

**Wednesday, 7/11**
8:00 am Food Ministry
9:00 am-3:00 pm Wakonda in the City
4:30 pm Worship Ministry—Upper Room

**Thursday, 7/12**
9:00 am-3:00 pm Wakonda in the City

**Friday, 7/13**
9:00 am-3:00 pm Wakonda in the City

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**Have you remembered your church in your will?**

While people often think that only the elderly need to have a will, it is advisable for adults of all ages to have one. If you die without a will, there’s no guarantee who will inherit your assets. Generally, if you were married with kids, your surviving spouse and children will then inherit your assets. If you had minor children, the state will choose their guardians. If you were single and childless, your state will likely determine which of your relatives will inherit your financial assets and property.

Studies show 55% of American adults die without a will or estate plan. Please take time to consider making a will, and consider remembering Christ Church. Questions about one’s will should be asked of an attorney; for questions about making a bequest to CPC, feel free to contact any member of the Endowment Ministry (Jack Burnquist, Roger Gray, Teresa Houston, Linda Norton, or Steve Stocker).
July Birthdays

1 Rosie Anderson, Margie Wise
2 Philip Barr, Martha Cox, Lydia Moss, Patty Roberson
3 Pat Richter
4 Cathy Dillon
5 Heather Leadbetter, Abbi Leon, Barb Stanley, Ken Wise
6 Jim Smith, Dianne Williams, Stan Wood
9 Maureen Barr, Melva Hofmann

10 Christian Everett, Ryan George, Perry Lazich, Kay Wallace
12 Alexandra Halter, Miriam Hinterleiter
13 Whitby Montgomery
15 Juliana Burdeshaw, Tim Ramsayer
16 Dan Moretta
19 Brian Leggett
20 Bradley Beach, John Meeks
21 Miriam Carter
22 Abram George, Fred Linxweiler, Deborah Paulis
23 Deanna Dallas, Wayne Johnson
26 Rich Geib, David Kraft
27 Joyce Mason, Judy Doebereiner
28 Ruby Neil, Ray Ohlinger, Beth Pansino
29 Landon Davison, Teresa Houston
31 Jeanette Rownd

Christ Church celebrates birthdays of members who are 95 years or more:
July 10—Kay Wallace (95)  July 28—Ruby Neil (101)

FINANCIAL NOTES

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This reporting reflects the General and Camp Funds from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018.
PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR PLEDGE CURRENT.  THANK YOU!

Online Giving with a Credit/Debit Card or directly from your Checking or Savings Account.
Designate amount, general fund (or choose other fund), one time or recurring gift, credit card or debit bank.
Text CANTONCPC to 73256 to give using your text messaging. Standard text messaging rates may apply.
Need help or have questions? Contact Diane in the Church Office 330-456-8113.

CALL FOR WEDDING PHOTOS
If you (or a family member) were married in Christ Church in the 1950s or 1960s, and you have any pictures featuring the stained glass windows, Pastor Michael would love to have a copy for his August class.

In September, a new confirmation year will begin, which is primarily geared towards those in grades 8 and 9. Recall that the purpose of confirmation is to enable youth to confirm that the faith into which they were baptized (for most as children) is indeed the faith they want to follow into adulthood. By systematically studying major topics and having a safe space to ask the big questions, we believe that this forthcoming experience will help the youth to grow stronger in their faith and confirm their commitment to Christ.

We will be using a brand-new PC(USA) curriculum called “Big God, Big Questions,” which incorporates student journaling, videos, infographics, and even home/mentor guides for each confirmand. We will meet twice monthly just prior to the normally scheduled youth group meetings. We will also have two retreats as part of our confirmation class. In anticipation of and throughout the confirmation year, we would ask that you pray for our class. Specifically, we would ask you to pray for the preparations of the leaders, that the students’ hearts would be opened to the Spirit at work in their lives, and that we all would be transformed by God working in our hearts.
Pastor Michael attended the CREDO conference in June

During the month of June, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Presbyterian CREDO conference, sponsored by the Board of Pensions. ‘Credo’ comes from the Latin word meaning, “I believe,” or more deeply, “I give my heart.” The conference itself is a two year commitment and during the first year, 22 participants convened for a week-long retreat in Richmond, Virginia (the chapel for the Roslyn Retreat Center is at left). During the second year, they will reconvene in Loranger, Louisiana to conclude their journey together.

The purpose of this particular conference is to help PC(USA) pastors in the first five years of ordained ministry to cultivate their “spiritual, vocational, health, and financial well-being, as well as their leadership potential.” Through community building, small groups, as well as regular worship, workshops, and one-on-one consultations, each participant is reminded of his or her call to ministry and of the many ways to pursue and enhance well-being in the above areas. The key theme of the week was IDPT, an acronym standing for Identity, Discernment, Practice, and Transformation. After being reminded of who and whose we are, we can discern what God is calling us to be and do in the world, we can practice or live out that calling, and thereby be transformed by the ongoing work of the Spirit. The culmination of all of the work together was that each person developed a “Rule of Life.” Rules of life go back to the early church as communities covenanted together to be and do certain things together. Given that each person has their own gifts, callings, and personalities, each rule was different as each person discerned those practices that would best sustain and feed them on their spiritual, vocational, health, and financial journeys.

Through my discernment, I developed my own rule of life, which includes such things as regularly practicing mindfulness, taking in the good, and spending more time outside; daily prayer or meditation; weekly Taizé devotionals and exercise; monthly dates with Courtney; and going on an annual retreat. I am very grateful for this opportunity, which has given me new energy and vision for my calling. I feel rejuvenated by the work of the Spirit and I feel extremely supported by our denomination. I close this short article with a quote that spoke to me during my retreat from Barbara Brown Taylor’s fine book An Altar in the World. She writes, “Prayer, according to Brother David, is waking up to the presence of God no matter where I am or what I am doing. When I am fully alert to whatever or whoever is right in front of me; when I am electrically aware of the tremendous gift of being alive; when I am able to give myself wholly to the moment I am in, then I am in prayer. Prayer is happening, and it is not necessarily something that I am doing. God is happening, and I am lucky enough to know that I am in The Midst.” So, brothers and sisters, let us wake up to the presence of God that is already at work in our lives!

Shalom,
Pastor Michael

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Christ Presbyterian Church
PARLOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

- Currently using the “Present Word” Uniform Lesson Series.
- Twelve class members with different teaching styles serve as teachers/discussion leaders.
- Emphasis on Bible study with contemporary applications.
- Class sessions are characterized as informative, challenging, revealing, inspiring, and, most important, Christ centered.
- Class members are characterized as fun-loving, welcoming, motivated, inquisitive, accepting, appreciative, and, most important, disciples of Jesus Christ.

Please join us on Sunday morning at 9:15 in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome!

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Session Notes • June 19, 2018

Our June meeting opened with a delicious meal provided by Pastor Dave. During the meal we heard from Kathryn Ophardt, who will be undertaking a year of service in Mexico City under the auspices of the ELCA. The Session will encourage the congregation to support her mission with prayer and gifts. Worship followed, led by Jerry Norton.

As is its custom, the Session discussed the needs and concerns of members of our congregation and then prayed for them. Approval was given for 22 scholarship awards to members and children or grandchildren of members who are enrolled in post-secondary programs. Session then considered the budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year beginning July 1. A select group was tasked to investigate possible cost-saving approaches and report at the next meeting; Session will pray over the budget challenges and be ready to finalize the budget in the July meeting.

After Pastor Dave’s report, Session reviewed recommended terms of call for the pastors and approved them for presentation to the congregation for its vote at the Annual Meeting on August 26. The congregational meeting for election of Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee was set for July 8. Spirit and Space provided an update of its activities, and authorization to borrow from internal funds for the initial phases of the project (eg. architect and fundraising costs) was given. The meeting closed with prayer.

Submitted by Jerry Norton
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 dnav@cantonpc.org

no later than Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

Sunday Mornings
8:00 & 10:30 am
Listen to the Cathedral Hour on
Sunday mornings at 10:30 am on 640AM WHLO, or log on your computer to www.640whlo.com for live streaming.

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00 am—5:00 pm

Prayer Chain:
Whenever there’s a need for prayer, please call one of our Prayer Chain co-chairs:
Miriam Hinterleiter ~ 330-966-5846
Miriam Carter ~ 330-832-5120
Alice Bailey ~ 330-456-6290
or email AliceB1519@aol.com

Friends Helping Friends:
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 co-coordinator:
Heather Dominik—330-459-4590
Alice Rauch—330-494-2997

Spirit & Space Team Report – Space Objectives

The Spirit & Space Team was charged by Session to determine how we can continue to be a welcoming community by empowering the structural, visual, and practical design of the space we call our church home. We completed our formation of Space objectives and presented them to Session in its May meeting. We thought we would share those objectives with you in this edition of the Tydings and how we arrived at them.

The Book of Order speaks of created space for worship as locations arranged in such a way to “invite and express God’s presence” while recognizing that God cannot “be confined in any one place.” Through listening, studying, visits to other churches, and discussion our Team established the following objectives, all the while cognizant of the fact that we must also provide resources to keep the building in good repair:

- “Create a worship space that fully embraces, facilitates and reflects the way we now come before the Almighty as a community of faith.” Specifically, in our efforts we should maintain a sense of tradition, but also reflect a forward looking timeless.
- “Provide access (exterior and interior) for persons with disabilities that preserves the historical character of the church and, to the extent feasible and practical that allows persons with disabilities the same experience indoors and outdoors as able bodied persons.” We should attempt to add accessibility features in all areas required by building codes or as desired to enhance ministry services.
- “Establish a reception area that is convenient and inviting for most who enter the building and that transitions into administrative and professional office areas.” Specifically, we should attempt to define where the main entrance to our church should be, as well as link the reception area and office to the main entrance.
- "Develop the outdoor space surrounding the church so that it signals our openness to the community and invites them in to the ministry of our church." Specifically, consider carving out adequate green space that is visually appealing and inviting to the community for gardening or gathering. Define sufficient properly sized handicapped parking spaces that are in close proximity to entrances with easy access into the building, etc.

“Members of the Spirit & Space Team realize that our church’s ability to accomplish these objectives will be defined by the ministries we are able to support, and the resources (time, talent and treasures) we are willing and able to commit.

Tom Okonak