Take me out to the ballgame...🎶🎵

Enjoy a Rubber Ducks game at Canal Park with your CPC Family as we head to the ballpark for a Family Fun Day on Sunday, July 21st.

The game begins at 2:00 pm but fans can come early to play catch on the field, and post-game kids can run the bases!

Tickets are specially priced at $5 per person and we'll be seated together at the field but you have to sign up and pay by Monday, July 1st to be included in the group! You can register and pay online at www.cantoncpc.org or by signing up at the kiosk and turning your payment into the office. Jennie will get tickets out to you by the 14th.

SIGN UP BY JULY 1ST!

Life can be a struggle for families in so many ways, especially when parents are helping the kids keep their commitments to sports, band, or other activities that take you away from worship on Sunday. Our kid-friendly worship activities will now be posted on the website. These follow our lectionary. They can be used alone or while listening on the radio, by ALL ages.

We are so excited to have FOUR of our youth attending this year’s PC(USA) Youth Triennium being held at Purdue University! From July 16-20 Joey Anderson, John Ophardt, Ty Ohlinger, and Ellie Ohlinger will gather with Presbyterian youth from all around the county (and the world!) at this life changing, life giving, and faith growing gathering. Please pray for these youth as they attend with a delegation of youth from our Presbytery.

Congratulations to Michael & Courtney Wallace on the birth of their son, Nathaniel Bright Wallace born June 2, 2019. Theo & Neva are the proud siblings.

Congratulations to Moriah & John Michael Roberts on the birth of their twin sons, Giannis Warren Roberts & Alastor Cyrus Roberts born June 7, 2019. Mike & Edith Ophardt are the proud grandparents.

Youth Events
Thursday, July 25th
Spider Man Far From Home Movie Night Meet at Tinseltown. RSVP by Tuesday, July 23rd
Bring $5; *Stay tuned for evening movie times

Sunday, August 11th
Ice Cream at Handel’s on E. Maple St
6:00-7:30 pm-One last Hurrah!

Summer Family Events
Sunday, July 21st
Akron Rubber Ducks Family Event

Friday, August 2nd
Family Movie Night in the Courtyard

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 11, 2019, to receive the Ministry reports, approve the Terms of Call for Rev. David de Vries, Rev. Michael Wallace, and Rev. Benjamin George, and to receive the General Fund Budget. Ministry reports are due in to the Church office no later than Monday, July 15th. Please contact Caryn in the Church office if you have any questions.
The Apostle Peter reminds us that Jesus has big shoulders. “Cast all your cares upon Him, because He cares for you.” What does it mean to suggest that Jesus cares for us? The Cambridge Dictionary defines care as a desire “to protect someone or something and provide the things that that person or thing needs.” Just how Jesus protects us is the message we hear in the Gospels. In his teaching and healing, in his comforting and encouraging, in his challenging and provoking, in his death and resurrection, Jesus shows us the depth of his care. Cast all your worry, all your need, all your sorrow, grief, fear, and desire on Jesus, Peter tells us. His shoulders are big enough to carry the load.

What about our shoulders? Just how big are they? The Apostle Paul writes to the church in Thessalonica; “So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us” (1 Thess 2:8).” Paul is suggesting that we are to care for those around us just as Jesus cares for us. So the question: how big are our shoulders?

God has placed us in the city center of Canton. I say it often; we’re here for a reason. I can’t help but think Paul is attempting to put words in our mouths, as if we were to say to all downtown Canton, “So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.” Yet sometimes I sense that we are in such a hurry to save the world that we forget God has already set us in a specific place for a specific purpose. God has put us in the center of Canton to care for the people of the city-center of Canton!

Paul’s challenge is significant. He is suggesting that we would care about our “mission field” because the people of our mission field have become “very dear to us.” In Greek the word is “agapetos,” and the root of the word ought to look familiar. Consider the word agape, which means Christian love. Agape love is not a feeling but an action. It is an action of the will. It is a deliberate choice. As one author puts it:

Christ so loved (agape) the world that he gave his life. He did not want to die, but he loved, so he did what God required. A mother who loves a sick baby will stay up all night long caring for it, which is not something she wants to do, but is a true act of agape love.”

In the life of the Christian, agape is love in action. It is also an act of obedience. In response to the love we have received from God Jesus commands us “to love one another."

In short, we are called to love those to whom we’ve been sent. Our mission field is the city-center of Canton. Can we say the people of the city-center “are very dear to us?” Can we love them with an agape love—a love lived out through actions of care and concern? Will we, as obedient Christians, reach out to all the people who make up the city-center of Canton in ways that enact the good news of the Gospel and speaks of our care and concern for them as people? Will we find a way to engage the teachers, the businessmen and businesswomen, the government workers, the elected officials, the first responders, the shop owners, as well as the residents of our city-center and “share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves?”

This is our calling. Stay tuned...

Pastor Dan
REGISTER FOR WAKONDA!

There are still openings. Register online (www.wakondacamp.org)

Join us for

Camp Wakonda’s
60th Anniversary Camp

September 21-22, 2019
Register @ www.wakondacamp.org
$80 (18 y.o.+)
$25 (3 y.o.+)
Children under 3 are free

This is the weekend to celebrate the 60 year history of Wakonda! We’ll share stories, sing camp favorites, and catch up with other alumni around the campfire.

The event will culminate in our annual Ox Roast! This overnight is for adults and families (children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian).

Event officially begins Saturday at 10:00 am, but guests are welcome to come Friday night (dinner and breakfast on your own).

Take a stand!

Support the

Camp Wakonda Staff!

Sponsor a Wakonda Staff Member
Sponsor a staff member for a few days, a few weeks, or the whole summer.

Donations to fit every budget!

1 Day = $32
1 Week = $224
1 Month = $960
Whole Summer = $1920

**Please make checks payable to Christ Presbyterian Church and put “Sponsor Wakonda Staff” on the memo line. Or make donations online at the church webpage under the category Camp-Sponsor a Staff Member."
Session began our June meeting with a delicious meal provided by Nancy Irving. During dinner, TJ Hon gave the financial report. There was much discussion on the 2019/2020 budget as well as the Gather Us In Capital Campaign which has been well received and is moving along as hoped. Our meeting continued with the approval of our previous Session Meeting minutes as well as the Clerk’s report, the communion schedule and the recently awarded scholarships. All passed unanimously.

Pastor Dave reported that Michael is working from home while he and Courtney adjust to their new addition. Michael will be preaching a six-week sermon series over the summer. Camp is thriving; despite the rain, all seem to be making the best of it. Gather Us In/Spirit and Space are happy to report that we are in the construction planning phase. More than likely, we will be enlisting the Design/Build process. Construction could begin after Easter 2020. This year’s Mission West trip had to be altered due to all of the rains and flooding that the region has been experiencing. Sleeping accommodations were the biggest factor in reducing the number of people attending. There is still a group going; it was decided that the youth should attend as well as accompanying chaperones. Please continue to keep the people of the Reservation and the surrounding areas in your prayers.

We continued our meeting, lifting up our congregation with prayers and praise led by Pastor Dave. We then moved to the Chapel where we were led in worship to conclude our evening led by Mike Ophardt.

Respectfully submitted by Shawn Campbell

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).

Summer Book Club

Summer is a great time to enjoy a good book and it’s even better when you can share it with friends! So, let’s read together! I’ve found a great book I’m excited to share and I hope you’ll join me in reading it:

Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. And when her parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven moves with them across the country knowing that she’ll have to answer the question over and over again.

Her new life takes an unexpected turn when she bonds with Connor, a classmate who also feels isolated because of his own disability, and they discover a room at Stagecoach Pass that holds bigger secrets than Aven ever could have imagined. It’s hard to solve a mystery, help a friend, and face your worst fears. But Aven’s about to discover she can do it all, even without arms.

The recommended reading age is 4th-8th grade, but I’m enjoying it at 46 so I’m not going to limit the age of the group! If you’d like to read it, I have a few copies to borrow in the “Mini Library”, it’s available at the Stark County Library, or for purchase on Amazon for $7.99 softcover or Kindle for $6.29.

We’ll get together on Sunday, July 28th after church for lunch and to discuss the book.

Please let me know if you’re reading so I can include you on Book Club updates and mailings!

Feel free to invite your friends to read along and join us for Book Club. If you have any trouble getting a copy please let me know and I’ll make sure you get one. Happy reading!! ~Jennie George
Redeeming Revelation: Summer Sermon Series
July 7-August 11

“Jesus is coming soon, are you ready?”
“Repent! The end is near!”
“Don’t be left behind!”
“Whatever you do, don’t take the mark of the beast!”

Growing up in more evangelical and especially Southern Baptist circles, I heard these types of phrases frequently from the pulpit, from youth leaders, and even from my own grandma. As the phrases suggest, I was led to believe that the Bible teaches that:

(1) Jesus was indeed coming back very soon,
(2) those who put their faith in Jesus would be raptured (taken up to heaven),
(3) anyone who didn’t believe in Jesus would be left behind, and
(4) these unbelievers would endure seven years of tribulation, in an effort to convert them.

Points 2-4 are a shaky theology cobbled together from a pastiche of verses taken from the epistles, the gospels, and especially the book of Revelation. My community of faith and I were steeped in this “rapture theology,” and it was pretty much all that mattered. Since the end was near, the most important thing was to get ready to be carried off to heaven. Since the end was near, I didn’t have to worry too much about the future, because, as a believer, I probably wouldn’t be around much longer anyhow.

While we were waiting around for Jesus to take us away, we often would read and talk about a series of novels called *Left Behind*, which fictionalized this rapture theology into 16 different books. Rather than realizing that these were indeed fiction, I fully believed that the books’ authors were modern-day prophets who had actually figured out the chronology of exactly what would happen and when it would happen. If Revelation was the mysterious, ancient book, the *Left Behind* series became the clear-cut, modern-day thriller. Then, several of the books were made into movies! If you couldn’t plumb the depths of Revelation, at least you could go to the movies to see how the world was going to end, according to the Bib...erm—according to the *Left Behind* series.

Talking about the end-times and reading Revelation was our bread and butter. Now, with hindsight I realize that this intense focus meant that I was not led to develop a strong personal ethic for everyday living. Certainly, I should avoid the bad things—to ensure I kept my salvation and that soon I would be raptured. However, I wasn’t taught extensively about loving your neighbor (unless you could convert them) or about stewardship for the earth (since it would probably be destroyed soon enough anyhow, right?).

In the years that followed, as I evolved in my faith and starting listening to a broader and more diverse set of voices, I came to realize the extreme indoctrination of my youth. While I still fully believe in the second coming

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of Christ, I ditched my shelf full of end-times books and I didn’t touch the book of Revelation again. That would have likely continued for many more years to come, if the Spirit had not had other plans. This last year for Sunday School, we had a year-long Westminster Hall class on “Getting to Know the Big Picture of the Bible”. Each teacher tackled a different genre of biblical literature, from Gospels to Writings and including Revelation. The teacher who had agreed to teach Revelation had some emergency health issues and had to back out from teaching with only a short notice. Since I hadn’t touched the book of Revelation since my Southern Baptist days, I scrambled to find someone else to teach the class, but to no avail. With only a few weeks left before I had to teach, I strove to become an expert.

What I ultimately found completely surprised me! What I had formerly thought of as a book exclusively about foretelling the end-times, was now a multifaceted book that had both historical and present-day significance. John the Seer, author of Revelation, writes to encourage the Church to stand firm in her convictions against the cultural and imperial influences of the day. In all my study, I have been so blessed by revisiting this book that I will be preaching a sermon series this summer on the book of Revelation.

If you haven’t ever tried to read and understand Revelation, or if you’re anything like me, and you haven’t read it for some time, you might be wondering, why read Revelation in the first place? “Our unhesitating answer must be, ‘To know Christ better.’” Michael Gorman, author of **Reading Revelation Responsibly**, writes that “In this last book of the Christian Bible, Jesus is portrayed especially as

- the Faithful Witness, who remained true to God despite tribulation;
- the Present One, who walks among the communities of his followers, speaking words of comfort and challenge through the Spirit;
- the Lamb that was slain and now reigns with God;
- the Creator, sharing in the devotion and worship due God alone; and
- the Coming One, who will bring God’s purpose to fulfillment and reign with God among the people of God in the new heaven and earth.

“Revelation is therefore also about being true to God and heeding the Spirit by following Jesus, specifically in

- faithful witness and resistance;
- attentive listening;
- liturgical (worship-infused) living; and
- missional hope.”

My hope and prayer for us all this summer as we walk through the puzzling, convicting, evocative, and beautiful book of Revelation is that, you may know Christ better, you may be encouraged in your faith, and you may have a renewed hope in the love and sovereignty of our Triune God.


 Pastor Michael
OUR CHRIST CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY IN TRANSITION
A Report from David J. Kienzle, Director of Music

These past few weeks, I have learned more about the wisdom of community for doing the work of the Christian journey. As I write this column I continue the arduous process of organizing or discarding 21 years of archival documents, “letting go of” many books and musical scores, and savoring so many beautiful gift items from dear friends and colleagues in my ministry at Christ Church.

Also, as I write this Tydings article, Heather and Britt Cooper have just finished a successful year of professional peaks (including performances at Carnegie Hall), and now are engulfed in a week of continuing education, inspiring their interim ministries here at CPC. They are fully engaged in the experiences and resources at the Montreat Worship & Music Conference in North Carolina, led by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM), under the auspices of our PCUSA.

Now I am reflecting on our annual cycle of the liturgical year: we have just celebrated Trinity Sunday—in effect, the conclusion of the Christian story which we re-live from Advent Sunday, through Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Eastertide, and Pentecost. The holy mystery of the Trinity inspires us for the complete sacred narrative of our faith journey. As Pastor Dave has explained to us in his sermon on Trinity Sunday, we need all three experiences of God in community—as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—so that we may know how fully present God is here on earth. Through these “three Persons” we are more open to the Wisdom of our community; we are more ready to receive the spiritual gifts of the whole “village.”

Dave devVries reminds us that “There is wisdom to be found in community... when every voice is heard and every opinion respected.” The myriad gifts of the Spirit are pooled for wise sacred leadership in a healthy church. While we could try to have leadership “from top-down,” our Christian sojourners help us remain grounded by the Creator God, the Redeemer God, and the Indwelling God, for our guidance. These spiritual gifts are offered TO the whole community BY the whole community; we cannot expect Wisdom to be visited upon us by only a few professionals of our church.

That is why the Music Ministry conducted an evening exercise for a large group of people to offer their collective wisdom for a new Mission Statement for Music Ministry. We were all impressed by the enthusiastic contributions of 33 people (a dozen of whom were not members of the adult choir). This event was organized by:

Kathy Schlabach (Chair of Music Ministry),
Bert Smith (Chancel Choir President and Ruling Elder),
Jon Peterson (Worship Ministry member and Malone University Choral Director)
Britt Cooper (Interim Director of Music at Christ Church)

Our facilitator was the delightful and gentle Dr. John P. Harris, Prof. of Business Administration at Malone University; his extensive experience in Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management was readily evident. The final Mission Statement will be crafted by a few people before bringing it to the Music Ministry for finalization; it will then be presented to Worship Ministry and Session for evaluation and acceptance.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.
—Ruth Duck (1993): v. 3 of Hymn No. 174
“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom” in Glory to God.
**FINANCIAL NOTES**

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**Stewardship—May**

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**Thank you**

Dear Pastors & Christ Presbyterian Friends,

Thank you for the nice card signed by members of Christ Presbyterian. It was “heart warming” and cherished. As I read all of the names of those who signed it, a feeling of warmth and good memories came into my thoughts.

Thank you, each, and everyone for the kindness you have shown. Please know how grateful I am.

Sincerely,
Joan Lloyd

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**Celebrating Christ Church**

More pictures and memories are desired by the Bicentennial Archives Committee. We appreciate those we have received, but are confident there are many more lurking in your attic. So get busy and start digging out those memories. We could use your stories of how CPC has touched you for the documentary film video we intend to make.

Thank you from the Archives team:
Dale Davis, Carolyn Hess, Don Montgomery, and Beth Pansino

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**Spirit & Space Team Report**

Greetings from the Spirit & Space Team! As of the Tydings’ June 19th publication deadline, the Gather Us In Campaign had received pledges totaling $2,003,136. To those of you who are reading this article in late June after its normal early monthly release, who believe in our mission, wish to invest in CPC for future generations, and plan to make a commitment but have yet to do so, there is still time to get your Gather Us In pledge into the church office by June 30th. Knowing an amount pledged by that date is essential to shaping actual project design discussions with our architects from Chambers, Murphy & Burge. The first of such meetings was conducted on June 11th during which Project Delivery Method options were discussed. These Methods define the relationships, roles and responsibilities of CPC (as owner of the project), architects and construction contractors.

Of course, any pledges or one-time tax-deductible gifts received after the June 30th deadline will be gladly accepted. You can be certain that any amounts so pledged or gifted will be put to use in the overall Spirit & Space project plan.

Finally, to those of you who have already made a pledge to Gather Us In, the Spirit & Space Team thanks YOU for the trust and commitment you have made to “This Place” – CPC! And if you have friends who periodically attend church services, concerts, or other programs offered at CPC, and appreciate our community outreach, why not suggest to them a pledge, or possibly a one-time tax-deductible gift, to the Gather Us In Campaign? Pledge cards are available in the church office.

“Lord, take us as we are.
Summon out what we shall be.
Set Your seal upon our hearts,
and live in us.”

The Spirit & Space Team
http://www.cantoncpc.org/spiritandspace
Sunday Morning Schedule
8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Adult Classes

Monday Schedule
10:00 am Staff Meeting

Thursday Schedule
9:30 am Women’s Bible Study—Parlor

Thursday, 7/4—Church Office/Building Closed
Saturday, 7/6-14 Mission West Trip
Sunday, 7/7—Communion

Monday, 7/8
12:00 pm Personnel Ministry—Parlor
4:00 pm Property Meeting—Parlor

Tuesday, 7/9
4:00 pm Spirit & Space Meeting—Parlor
6:00 pm Discipleship Meeting at Edith Ophardt’s

Wednesday, 7/10
8:00 am Food Ministry
12:00 pm Bicentennial Archives Committee—Library
4:30 pm Worship Ministry—Parlor
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting—Pine Room

Thursday, 7/11
1:30 pm Alzheimer Care Giver Support Group—Parlor

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Saturday, 7/13
8:30-10:00 am Food Ministry Breakfast

Monday, 7/15—Deadline for Annual Reports

Tuesday, 7/16
Youth Triennium through July 20 at Purdue University
6:00 pm Session Dinner/Meeting—Parlor

Wednesday, 7/17—TYDINGS DEADLINE

Sunday, 7/21
2:00 pm Family Event: Akron Rubber Ducks Game

Wednesday, 7/24
8:00 am Food Ministry

Sunday, 7/28
11:45 am Tween Summer Book Club

Congratulations
The Scholarship Ministry wishes to congratulate the following recipients of the 2019 Scholarship Awards:

Hayden Bartles  Allison de Vries  Emma George  Moriah Howes
Molly Hudson  Abigail Leon  Soteria Mathewson  Mackenzie Miller
Katherine Norton  Elyse Ohlinger  Ian Ohlinger  Abby Wilson
Anna Wulff  Joseph Wulff

God’s blessing to each of you in your future education.

These Scholarships were made possible from the earnings of the Vera and Elizabeth Yoder Education Scholarship Fund and the Endowment Earnings Scholarship Fund.
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 17, 2019.

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:

Sandy Kohler ~ 330-575-5874
midnightingaletoo@gmail.com

Judy Smith ~ 330-771-0598
judithlsmith@gmail.com

Carol Orin ~ 330-833-2351
jlocaro6538@gmail.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:

Alice Rauch—330-494-2997
Sue McCarty—330-323-0934

Whether you have the summer off or simply haven't joined us before, you are invited to the Women’s Bible Study. We meet on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00, and childcare is provided. We are studying the Epistle of James. For more questions or to RSVP, please contact Becky Banfield.

Check out what’s new at the Mini-Library! We have some great new reads to help your young reader grow their reading skills while growing their faith:

Gritty and Graceful: 15 inspiring women of the Bible

The Friend Who Forgives: A true story of how Peter failed and Jesus forgave

Bible Infographics for Kids: Giants, Ninja Skills, a Talking Donkey, and what's the deal with the Tabernacle?

Maybe I can Love My Neighbor Too: A young girl discovers all it takes is a little kindness and creativity to show love to neighbors near and far.

Water Come Down: A lyrical story that introduces kids to the beauty, joy and meaning of Baptism.

New titles are added each month and are first found on the top shelf of the Mini-Library to easily identify and access them. Check them out!