BEGINNING AGAIN

Getting Back to Faith Basics
Programs for Adults, Children & Youth

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
FEBRUARY 25–APRIL 1, 2015
6:30–7:45 P.M.

OPTIONS FOR ADULTS

• FAITH REBOOT: CHRISTIANITY 101
  Led by Rev. Dave de Vries
  Christianity doesn’t need to be difficult! The incarnation of Jesus reminds us that faith is a very human and natural thing. Come remember the simplicity of “the good news.”

• THE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES 101
  Led by Dr. Linda Leon
  Spiritual disciplines are regular habits that we intentionally weave into our lives and that grow our understanding of God. Join the exploration.

OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

• FAITH DOESN’T STAND STILL
  Led by Jennie George and Jon Mathewson
  Do not come to this adventure expecting to sit around and be bored. After all...Jesus never stayed still for very long! Take a walk through the arts as we get creative and glorify God making a video, painting a mural, and other projects over these six Wednesdays.

Simple Dinner available every Wednesday
Soups, Salads, and Breads will be available in Westminster Hall between 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 15, 2015
6:00pm

The Passion According to John – J. S. Bach

Christ Church Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Marcio de Oliveira, evangelist/tenor
Jeffrey Strauss, Jesus/bass
Jean Burnquist, soprano
Joseph Schlesinger, counter-tenor
Britt Cooper, Pilate/baritone

René Schiffer, cello continuo;  Heather Cooper, organ continuo
Peter Lekx, concertmaster;  David J. Kienzle, conductor

Free-will offering, with suggested donation of $15 to $20.
Reception in Westminster Hall following the performance.

What to expect when we attend the performance of Bach’s St. John Passion:

Two hours of sublime and engaging music – shorter than Mel Gibson's popular movie “The Passion of the Christ” 11 years ago; with a free-will offering, intermission, and public reception to greet the musicians.

Professional orchestra with artists from Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Columbus, Akron, Canton, who perform this work using Baroque instruments especially suited to the uniquely expressive style of this music.

Professional soloists from Stark County, Cleveland, Chicago, Boston, and Montreal, who have performed this work with famous orchestras and for recordings.

A tenor soloist, called the evangelist, who tells the story in a declamatory style known as recitative, with dramatic interjections and biblical quotations sung by Jesus (bass) and Pilate (baritone) and Peter, a servant, and a maid.

The Christ Church Chancel Choir as the unruly crowd, often too quick to falsely condemn and naively vilify the accused One.

Lyrical and often emotional arias by soprano, alto (counter-tenor), tenor, and bass, which give the listener a chance to enter into the story on a more personal level, contemplating feelings, and the spiritual dilemmas at pivotal moments in the story.

Simple hymn-like songs, called chorales, sung by the choir, and composed to give the congregation a voice: expressing angst, fear, devotion, humility, contrition, bewilderment, and much more inner turmoil as the events of Christ’s crucifixion unfold.

Rhythmically articulate, expressively nuanced, artfully engaged musical performance for listeners of all musical backgrounds and preferences.

A sense of the depth of engagement, preparation, personal sacrifice and devoted passion evident in the 50 singers in the chancel.

A profoundly moving spiritual experience, offering every listener an opportunity for worship.
**Sunday Morning Adult Classes**

*9:15-10:15 a.m.*

The Library Class is studying the Apocrypha.

Contemporary Issues and Biblical Thought Adult Class meets in the Quilting Room and is studying a book by James W. Moore entitled, “The Power of a Story.”

The Parlor Class is studying from the Present Word.

Intergenerational Bible Study Class in the Upper Room (on the second floor above the Parlor): Mike Ophardt leads the discussion.

**Westminster Hall Class:** TBA

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**2015 Easter Flower Program**

This year we will decorate the Chancel with a variety of spring plants for our Easter services. You may purchase a plant or plants at a cost of $12.00 per plant. You may also give a memorial or a gift of any amount. This will be divided between the fund to purchase spring plants and the Food Ministry Fund. Call the Church office by Sunday, March 8, to place your order and indicate your plant choice and quality: tulips, Gerbera daisy, or lilies.

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**TAG — Tuesday Afternoon Group—March 17**

TAG continues on Tuesday, March 17 with an interesting program presented by our own Rich McElroy. Rich is a distinguished author, biographer, educator, historian and presidential scholar. His program, *Strange & Fascinating Facts of the Civil War*, will answer such intriguing questions as: In what year did the last surviving widow of a Civil War veteran die? How many Union generals came from Ohio? Which state lost the most soldiers in the Civil War? You are bound to learn something new!

The TAG chefs will be back with one of their scrumptious homemade meals. Plan to gather at 11:30 for a time of fellowship and greeting friends, followed by a meditation at 11:45, and lunch at noon. The program will begin at approximately 12:45 pm. The cost is only $7.00.

**Mark your calendars:**

Tuesday, April 21—Songs Without Words, presented by Christopher Kenney of the McKinley Museum

Tuesday, May 19—A Visit from Ida McKinley

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**from the Deacons’ Bench**

Friends Helping Friends!! What a wonderful opportunity to show God’s love to other members of our congregation. It is easy and such a joy. There are NO meetings and can be done when it works for your schedule. All you need is email access, transportation, and the desire to help a member who needs a ride for a medical appointment or a meal after a medical issue. It is a special opportunity to get to know the members of our church. By giving your time, a smiling face and a helping hand, you are being a disciple of Jesus. If you need assistance or would like to learn more about volunteering with our ministry please call or email: Carol Burt: 330-492-8261 or @cburt34@att.net

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**Toothbrush Drive:** The Food, Clothing & Prayer Ministry continues to be overwhelmed by the generosity of the congregation. Thank you. Here’s another simple way to help the needy among us. Starting in January we were no longer able to purchase "disposable" toothbrushes to give our clients at Distribution. We contacted the Colgate company and they generously donated 360 store-quality toothbrushes to give away. While this was wonderful, we serve about 170 families for a total of approximately 700 individuals each month. Many families have more than one person in the family. If you are able to help us, we would love to have **toothbrushes for children** to add to the adult size we received from Colgate. Additional adult size brushes will also be appreciated.

We continue to need used plastic grocery bags, and infants’ and young children’s clothing, small size disposable diapers and baby wipes. We are ever so grateful for whatever you can give.

Thank you. Lorraine Murphy
"Satan does not care how many people read about prayer if only he can keep them from praying." -- Paul E. Billheimer

How often we note of Jesus going off by himself to pray. He seems to need prayer. He needs to be close to God in those ways and places that diminish interruption and commotion and foster peace and solitude. One hardly thinks of him reading off a laundry list of wants when he comes alongside his Father. Rather, one imagines him resting comfortably with Him, soaking up God’s peace and purpose. He does not hurry the time away, but often his prayer time ends with an interruption (See Mark 1:35-36).

We tend to think that those who lived “back then” as having more time for prayer. Their life was less hectic and more serene than ours. We assume life was easier back then. I hardly think so. If anything, I suspect life was more burdensome. For many, simply finding work for food enough to feed the family was a full time occupation. Preparing food, making clothes, keeping warm, staying cool, bathing, and a host of other daily chores occupied countless hours, whereas today, we merely walk to the refrigerator, turn up the furnace...fluff and fold. When did they find time to pray?

Like most everyone else, I struggle to make time for prayer. Frequently enough, I have to re-affirm my commitment to prayer, inaugurate a new prayer season, and/or formulate a new “prayer plan.” Sometimes I simply have to start all over again. And there have even been times when I have noticed that I am more interested in reading about prayer than I am in actually engaging in prayer, so I keep the quote from Billheimer close to my heart. It is all too easy to have good intentions toward prayer, to value prayer, to think about prayer, to talk about prayer...but to actually pray very little...sparingly!

What keeps you from the richer life of prayer? Lent is a great season to overcome the hurdles and start afresh!

Pastor Dave
As part of this year’s event, we are collecting toothbrushes to benefit the CPC Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry. Donations of child and adult size brushes are greatly needed and appreciated.

Donations of individually wrapped candies that can fit in an Easter egg are greatly needed. Drop off in the church office anytime or the downstairs classrooms on Sundays by Wednesday, April 1. Thank you!
Hello Friends,

The 2015 Wakonda Auction is fast approaching! Last year’s auction was really my first big event with this church family. It was great fun, and your generosity raised approximately $20,000 to go towards the campership fund. I have been more involved this year, and I am getting a small glimpse at the countless number of hours that are focused on this wonderful event. My endless thanks to Katie Miller, Chrissy Rice, Tracy Jeffries, Jennie George, and Nancy Montgomery for putting their time into the auction this year! I must also thank Julia Frankland and Stephanie Werren once again for the years they put into this event as we are seeing the number of hours it takes. A heartfelt thank you to all of you!

A question I have been asked is, “What is this campership fund?” Well, we have a promise in this ministry. The promise is that we will never turn away a camper for not having the resources to pay the fees. Our campership fund is in place to help out those who cannot afford to pay for camp. We do not single these campers out, nor do we give them a minimized experience. The counselors do not know if campers are on a campership or not. We give every camper the best experience we possibly can, and we hope the experience impacts their faith journey.

Please come out and support this wonderful ministry on April 10th. We will have some great food, great fun, and lives will be impacted!

Shalom my friends,
Chris

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Please continue to bring old cell phones and eye-glasses to the Church office to be recycled.

Paper and cardboard (flattened) can be dropped in the recycling bin in the parking lot.

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Join us for this magical night filled with food, entertainment, and an auction benefiting the Campership Fund and Camp Programming. Your support will allow more campers to experience the power of Wakonda. This event will take place in Westminster Hall on Friday, April 10. Ticket price is nominal donation.

Please fill out the form below if you would like to make a donation. Please return to the church office no later than April 3.

**Please Print:**

Monetary Donation: ______________________

Item or Service Donated: ______________________

Estimated Retail Value: _________

Check if anonymous donation____

Donor Name: ______________________

Address:______________________________

Phone Number:________________________

Donation Description:___________________

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Name of person to be contacted for additional information or to complete arrangements:

Name:______________________________

Phone Number:_______________________

Questions? Contact:

Katie Miller, klinxmill@gmail.com (330-472-7716) or Chrissy Rice, rice1515@sbcglobal.net (330-705-0126)
MISSION MINISTRY ANNOUNCES
“60/40 LENTEN PROJECT”

The Mission Ministry is joining hands with Hartville Migrant Ministry in filling Welcome Bags for the migrant workers. With the advent of health and safety concerns the migrants cannot bring their basic necessities with them and the Migrant Ministry provides a Welcome Bag to tide them over until they can shop. Christ Presbyterian Church was asked to take part in this mission by filling bags.

It was named 60/40 Lenten Project because it takes place during Lent and the filled bags will run either $60 or $40. Couples get the $60 bag and children and singles each get $40 bags. Lent is a time to open your hearts.

Sign ups, bags, and lists of items will be available starting Sunday, March 1 in Cloister Hall at the 60/40 table. You are not limited to just one bag. If you cannot fill a bag, please make out your check to Christ Presbyterian Church and note Migrant Ministry in the corner for either $60 or $40 or $100 or more. Shoppers: Migrant Ministry suggests you go to Dollar General for the items.

**Deadline for filled bags and checks is Sunday, March 23rd.** (The Migrants start arriving April 1)

Please return them to the 60/40 table with your name clipped to the bag.

For questions or if you are not able to make it to church to sign up, please call Bette Maier at 330-493-7247. E-mail is in the directory.

Note – This congregation filled 100 Christmas stockings, can it do 100 60/40 bags?

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**Israel and the Holy Land**

February 14 - 24, 2016

The Jewish Passover Seder concludes with the expression "L'shanah haba'ah b'Yerushalayim! - Next year in Jerusalem!"

Planning for the pilgrimage began almost a year ago, and it seemed impossibly far off in time; now it’s less than a year away. Leading our group to the Holy Land are Pastor Dave de Vries, Rabbi John Spitzer, and Dr. John David Geib. With this leadership, we expect to have an unparalleled spiritual and educational experience.

The tour includes visits to Tel Aviv, Galilee, and Jerusalem, including stops at many biblical sites such as the Sea of Galilee and the Garden of Gethsemane. We will also visit places of significance to the Israeli people including the Holocaust Memorial Yad Vashem. In addition to the 11-day/9-night tour of Israel and the Holy Land, there is an optional extension to Eilat on the Red Sea and the Ruins of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, February 24-26, 2016.

**Thirty-one people** have already registered for the trip, but we have room for several more. To learn more, including answers to frequently asked questions, check out the information on the trip website at www.cantoncpc.org/holylandtrip2016, or contact Nancy Irving at 330.280.1868 / nbirving@gmail.com.

Next year in Jerusalem!

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**Weather/Building Related Closings**

In the event of church services/activities being cancelled due to inclement weather, the closing will be announced on the local television stations, WKYC-TV3; NewsChannel 5. You may also check the websites: www.wkyc.com; www.newsnet5.com; or www.fox8.com.
March Birthdays

1. Kendal Douglass, Terry Everett, Skip Shriver, Terry Speelman
2. Linda Shriver
3. Kayley Carter
4. Ruth Bowser, Thomas Paulis, Marsha Wise
5. Rod Mears, Libby Wilson
6. Abby Clark, Carter Edwards
7. Andy Roth
8. Mike Fries, Harry Osborne, Dori Reiter, Carol Zimmer
9. Jerry Jacob, Owen Lycans, Anne Magoon
10. Claudia Cox-Plottner, Lois Hilton, Frederick Peters, Barbara Schotts
11. Eva Airhart, Carl Dazey
12. Wendy Gray, Van Misheff, Sam Pollard, Beverly Rausch
13. Jane Greene
14. Norm Gaynor, Nancy Linxweiler, Stephanie Stewart, Joy Timken
15. Wanda Frease, Ella Lazich, Chrissy Rice
16. Conner Edwards
17. Paige Andrews, Carol Carr, Mike Ophardt, Tim Shea, Mike Weinz
18. Jeanne de Vries, Jamey Groetz, Hope Simon
19. Jacob Airhart, Oliver Dyhanichand, Bonnie Wiggins, Karen Wulff
20. Herman Gillette, Leanne Ward
21. Josephine Jacob, Hannah Kemper, Kelly Kilduff, Margie McDonald, Irene Smart
22. Barbara Belden, Jessica Brown, Ann Cranor
23. Verna Barrett, Nathan Eastman, Jim Groetz, Marlys Hershberger
24. Liz Pollard
25. Alice Bailey
26. Marna Holcomb
27. Allen Frease, Debbie Garren, Janie Wimer
28. Bradley Banfield, Marilou Berg, Philip Kopatz, Cynthia Lycans

Christ Church celebrates birthdays of members who are 95 years or more:
Herman Gillette (97) - March 23

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This reporting reflects the General and Camp Funds from July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015.
PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR PLEDGE CURRENT. THANK YOU!

Emogene (Dolly) Cook
February 6, 2015

Christian sympathy is extended to the Cook family.

Elli Lane Factor, daughter of Cullen and Joni (Roberson) Factor was baptized Sunday, February 15 at Christ Presbyterian Church.
March Calendar

Sunday, 3/1—Communion/Homebound Communion
12:00-1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
12:00-2:00 p.m. Bass Rehearsal
6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, 3/2
6:30-8:00 p.m. Soprano/Alto Rehearsal
8:00-9:30 p.m. Tenor/Bass Rehearsal

Tuesday, 3/3
6:30-8:00 p.m. Alto/Bass Rehearsal
8:00-9:30 p.m. Soprano/Tenor Rehearsal

Wednesday, 3/4
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting—Pine Room
7:00 p.m. SM Supervision—Parlor

Friday, 3/6
6:30 p.m. Sr. High Winter Jam Retreat

Saturday, 3/7—Turn clocks ahead an hour before bed

Sunday, 3/8
9:15 a.m. Communion Class
6:00-8:45 p.m. Youth at JKPC

Monday, 3/9—Fundraiser at Max & Erma’s
3:00 p.m. Property Ministry—Parlor

Tuesday, 3/10
1:30 p.m. Personnel—Parlor

Wednesday, 3/11
8:00 a.m. Food Ministry
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry—Upper Room

Saturday, 3/14
8:30 a.m. Food Ministry Breakfast—West. Hall
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, 3/15
9:15 a.m. Communion Class
12:00-1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Concert
6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, 3/17
11:30 a.m. TAG Luncheon/Program—Westminster Hall
6:00 p.m. Session Dinner/7:00 p.m. Meeting—West. Hall

Wednesday, 3/18—Tydings Deadline

Sunday, 3/22
9:15 a.m. Communion Class
12:00-1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, 3/24
7:00 p.m. Mission Ministry Meeting—Parlor

Wednesday, 3/25
8:00 a.m. Food Ministry

Sunday, 3/29—Palm Sunday/OGHS Offering Received

Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday, March 7.

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

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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 coordinator:
Carol Burt ~ 330-492-8261

Youth Items for March

March 1—Youth group 6:00-8:00 p.m.

March 6-8—Sr. High Youth Retreat $45
Leave at 6:30 p.m. from CPC, return Sunday morning as service finishes

March 8—Youth Group at John Knox Presbyterian Church
6:00 p.m. (CPC) or 6:30 p.m. at JKPC.
Service ends at 8:15 p.m., so back at CPC by 8:45 p.m.

March 15—Youth Group 6:00-8:00 p.m.

March 22—Youth Group 6:00-8:00 p.m.

March 29—No Youth Group (Spring Break begins)

Wednesday Nights in March—6th-12th Grade
Come on out for Lenten Art Projects 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Confirmation Class
March 1, March 15 & March 22