March 2017 Tydings

Communion Services at CPC
Wednesday, March 1
12:05 pm in the Chapel
& 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

“Smoke practically comes out of the organ when he plays”

Sunday, March 19 at 5:00

Do you remember a few years ago when the ceiling caught on fire while Chelsea Chen, our guest organist, was here practicing for her upcoming concert? The press quote from above was taken from a director of music at another church where Mr. Houlihan played.

So, will there be smoke coming out the sanctuary again? We highly doubt it, although it is quite coincidental. Mr. Houlihan does have quite a spark when he plays!

The concert is co-sponsored by the Canton American Guild of Organists Chapter and the Gibbs Music Fund at CPC. A free-will offering will be received.

Enjoy this wonderful recitalist in a live concert and remember that we are blessed to have such a young artist with unsurpassed talent come to Canton and share his talents.

Mario Buchanan,
Gibbs Music Intern

Let’s Get Creative!
Saturday, March 25th
11:00am-1:00pm

Families are invited for a fun afternoon where parents (or grandparents or aunts or uncles or cousins or special grown up) and kids create special projects TOGETHER.

Be sure to wear clothes that let you explore your artistic side without worry! We’ll also be creating our own pizzas for lunch and decorating cookies for dessert!

To confirm your attendance at this free event you must register by March 20th either online,
Our Core Identity

As Lent and Easter approach, I am reminded again of the power of our liturgical calendar. Every year we enter into the various “seasons” of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We “live into” each season, each year, and in this movement our lives take on a certain rhythm; the rhythm of Christ. We are “conforming” our lives to the life of Jesus Christ.

Last month I mentioned that the next several Pastor Notes would explore the idea of The Four C’s of Christian Formation. We start by considering our self-identity; along with Dietrich Bonhoeffer we ask “Who am I?” The Hebrew Scripture tells us that the people Israel found their self-identity often changing. They started knowing themselves as slaves. Then they were free people. Then they were wanderers...then nation builders...then exiles and refugees...then... In many ways, their identity constantly changed as the years passed.

In yet another way—a more important way—their identity remained solidly consistent; they never forgot that the Lord had taken them as “my own people, and I will be your God” (Exodus 6:6). In the deepest places of their being, the people Israel knew that they were God’s people. To the core, they belonged to God.

The work of spiritual formation begins as we consider our own identity. We ask “Who am I?” When answering the question, we are quick to respond as the Psalmist: “Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture” (Psalm 100:3). But who we are...whose we are...gets easily lost in the busyness of life. There are many things that tug for our attention, devotion, loyalty, time, talent, and treasure. The world is full of enticements and our lives are full of interruptions. Thousands of voices “out there” work to tell us who we are, what we want, what we need, what we value, what we fear, and what we love. Those voices all want to define us, shape us in their image! For the faith seeker, the many challenges can call us to lose heart.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that only one has the right to define who we are and who we are to become: “Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart” (Hebrews 12:1b-3).

As we “fix our eyes on Jesus,” we begin to see who we really are. The first task of spiritual formation is to begin (again) redefining yourself as a child of God. Indeed, all other identities seem to pale in relation to our identity in Jesus. This is the wonder that Paul speaks of when he writes: “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:2). We are called to position ourselves in such a way that we might make ourselves available so God might shape our core identity into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

As Lent begins, I invite you to pick up your copy of Responding to The Call of Christ. Remember, you got a copy of this guide in worship about 16 months ago. Additional copies are set out throughout the church. Consider, again, how God seeks to “melt you, mold you, fill you, and use you.” Enter into this season of change allowing the “Questions That Help Us Reflect on Our Life of Faith” challenge your understanding of who you are. Remember again who you are...whose you are. Remember again your core identity.

March Youth Events

Sunday, March 5th—Progressive Dinner (RSVP by Sunday, Feb. 26)
4:00-7:30 pm - Meet and pickup at Christ Presbyterian
Travel by van to have a different course at the homes of: Pastor Dave and Jeanne, Miss Jennie, Kevin and Jen Anderson, and Adam and Bonnie Wiggins

Sunday, March 12th—Bowling (more info to follow)

Sunday, March 19th—No Meeting

Sunday, March 26th—Camp Wakonda Sunday: 6:00-7:30 pm in the Youth Room
A visit from some of our camp crew, camp style games, and sign up for Wakonda this summer!
To all those thoughtful, kind people at Christ Presbyterian,

Thank you so much for my birthday card. I’m still thinking on the fact that I’m 95. It really doesn’t affect how I think or feel, because in my head I could be 35 instead of 95......that is until some real physical activity comes along and I actually have to think...can I do this?? And then I try. So far it’s good!

Again, thank you for thinking of me. I will keep you all in my prayers!

Sincerely,

Marylu Byrom

A big THANK YOU to my CPC Family for the love you have extended to me over the past eight months. I feel so blessed by your prayers, cards, meals, flowers, calls and visits. I thank God for each of you.

Barb Bartchy

from the Deacons’ Bench

There are many among our family and friends who feel cut off and apart from the mainstream world. As Deacons, we are called by God to be “A friend among the friendless and to help anyone in need.” With that thought in mind, we as Deacons are looking to update our visitation list and would appreciate knowing of anyone who would need to be visited regularly or who would like communion served to them. Special arrangements can be made to accommodate them in this regard if there would be an interest. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit or who would enjoy receiving Homebound Communion, a call to the church office (330-456-8113) would be appreciated so those names could be forwarded to us.

TAG – Tuesday Afternoon Group

Tuesday, March 21

TAG continues on Tuesday, March 21 with a return visit from Fran Kitchen, wildlife rehabilitator in Summit County. Fran has rehabilitated rabbits, squirrels, hawks, possums, owls, weasels and many more for 54 years. She currently takes in 600 to 1000 animals a year. She recently handled a bald eagle for the first time. The goal and mission of her work is to get those animals back into the wild where they belong. She is the first wildlife rehabilitator to be inducted into the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Hall of Fame. Not only will she tell us about her adventures and misadventures with wildlife, she'll bring some with her! Be prepared to get up close and personal with a fox and a box turtle.

As always, you are sure to enjoy the wonderful meal and the entertaining and informative program. You will want to plan to gather in Westminster Hall 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.

Mission West Dates for 2017

driving: July 15-25 flying: July 16-22

If you have even the slightest interest in going on the Mission West trip, please let us know so that we can answer any questions you may have and include you in our plans. We will be creating our own curriculum for the Vacation Bible School, working on publicity and fund raising as well as working on improving what we do. If you are interested in any of these please let us know. We can use your help!

For information, contact:
Nancy Montgomery (330 768 7878)
JoAn Smith (330 309 1938) or
Becky Blackford (330 452 2307)
Sunday Morning Adult Classes—9:15-10:15 a.m.

The Library Class is studying “Women of the Bible,” by Jean E. Syswerda.
The Parlor Class is studying from the Present Word. 3/5—The Source of All Love, led by Jim Smith; 3/12—God’s Overflowing Love, led by Steve Patterson; 3/19—God’s Love Manifested, led by Fred Bohse; 3/26—God’s Love Restores, led by Jack Ketterer.
The Contemporary Issues and Biblical Thought Sunday School Class meets in the Quilting room and is currently studying the Book of Mark.

The Intergenerational Sunday School (ages 13-130): A discussion oriented class that focuses on the weekly readings in scripture (the Daily Grace, printed in each week’s bulletin). Facilitated by Michael Ophardt, this class meets in the Upper Room, above the Parlor class.

Engaging Teens in Faith: This class for parents of teenagers, based on the book, “It’s Not Too Late: The Essential Part You Play in Shaping Your Teen’s Faith,” by Dan Dupee, meets in the Pine Room. Parents with younger children are welcome to attend to get a head start on “what’s coming.” Parents with college age children are invited to attend to share your experience with the group.

The Westminster Class: Dr. T.C. Ham of Malone University is teaching on the Book of Job through March 5. Join us for the unified Adult Sunday School class, Sabbath as Resistance: Saying “No” to the culture of now, led by Pastor Dave de Vries during Lent (3/12-4/2) in Westminster Hall.

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**FINANCIAL NOTES**

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This reporting reflects the General and Camp Funds from July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR PLEDGE CURRENT. THANK YOU!**

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**2017 Per Capita Communicant Apportionment**

$29.11 per member
7.50—General Assembly
3.25—Synod
18.36—Presbytery

Your assistance in donating to help defray the cost to the church will be greatly appreciated. Please indicate on your check for the 2017 apportionment.

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**mission MOMENT**

Please remember to watch for and cut out Box Tops for Education. Please put your unexpired box tops in a marked envelope in the collection plate.

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**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 CANTONPC 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.

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**Tiqvah Invites You to an**

**March 18, 2017—5:30—9:30pm**
Cultural Center for the Arts
1001 Market Ave. N.

Join us and experience the joy of Tiqvah as our children perform music and dance that will touch your heart. Live and silent auctions are a wonderful opportunity to win bids on fantastic items while supporting Tiqvah Hands of Hope!

Appetizers, Music, & Silent Auction, 5:30pm
Dinner & Program, 6:30pm
To make reservations or a donation visit tiqvah.org/events
Hello Friends!
I am sure you have seen that registration is open for the 2017 season! This year, we have changed our early-bird discount to a credit for the camp store. This credit is also applicable to the family and adult events, but it only lasts until April 1st! Our other discounts are back this year as well. The discounts are all described on our website (WakondaCamp.org). So please head over to see the discounts, schedule & event descriptions, and online registration for all Wakonda offerings!

Speaking of our adult and family events, be on the lookout for a brochure that is only for these events. This should give you all an idea of the fun and adventure that goes on at these camps and retreats!

Our Wakonda Days of Mission are coming up on April 29th and May 6th. We hold these days to give our friends the opportunity to “give back” to the Wakonda ministry. There are many things that we need help with on these days including:

- Waterfront set-up - including taking the dock, canoes, and kayaks down to the waterfront and setting them up.
- Cabin Cleaning - wiping down mattresses, cleaning doors and windows, and cleaning the outside of the buildings
- Landscaping - weeding flower beds, spring leaf clean-up, picking up the sticks from the winter, etc.
- Outdoor Furniture and Equipment Set-Up - Putting picnic tables, benches, chairs, and any other outdoor furniture and equipment in place for the season

This is just a small number of the things we need to do before we get started for the season. Many hands make light work, so please think about giving us a hand on these days. Campers and parents can earn credit towards their camp fees for every hour they work.

We also have a number of special projects that we can use some extra hands with. Let me know if you have some extra time, I would love to plan some time to work on these projects together.

We are still seeking extraordinary individuals to become a part of our crew for the summer. If you, or anyone you know would like to talk about becoming a counselor, maintenance/janitorial worker, or kitchen help, please contact me to talk about these positions.

At the church staff retreat a few weeks ago, Pastor Dave asked me what it is I do in the “off-season.” The truth is, this time of year is actually much more work for me personally, as I do not have all of the summer crew members around to help out. I rely on the volunteers who give their time to the ministry to accomplish these things. My answer to Pastor Dave’s question was, “A LOT.” There is maintenance to catch up on, planning for the next season, hiring the crew, recruiting campers, and the list goes on and on. If you want to be involved in this ministry, we have a place for you. Please contact me about any of these opportunities.

Shalom my friends,
Chris

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A Festival of CPC Organs & Organists
Sunday, 23 April @ 5:00

Who wants to compute the math for this extravaganza? In the sanctuary of Christ Church on Sunday evening, the 23rd of April, there will be all THREE organs of our church: the little continuo pipe organ in the balcony, the mid-size chapel pipe organ on the floor in front of the pulpit, and the very large complex pipe organ in the chancel. There will be TWO organists sharing the duties: David J. Kienzle on the two smaller instruments and Mario Buchanan on the big one. What is the sum of all the pipes? There will be a total of 84 ranks of pipes—meaning complete sets of unified timbres of organ tone, giving us a total of about 4,946 pipes in all. Those will be played on SEVEN keyboards and TWO pedalboards.

Further: there will be 15 musicians playing stringed instruments (OK, that is actually 60 strings), and three timpani (but one player). But wait for it: there will be ONLY SIX composers representing FOUR centuries of organ music, and all of this in less than one hour! It will be a delightful spring tryst: from the celebrated Pachelbel Canon (in its original form, btw!) through the energetic and passionate Poulenc Concerto, which Mario Buchanan had played as the concerto competition winner two years ago at the University of Akron.

Do you like to “eavesdrop”? Well, then come on down to Christ Church to listen in on the conversation between strings and organs, especially for the Haydn and Poulenc concertos. Indeed, they often talk over each other, but still in consort! These are very delightful interplays of melodic assertions and appropriate commentary between strings and organ pipes.

Christ Church is richly blessed with these great pipe organs:

- our quaint and adaptable Grant Mason Memorial Continuo Organ (built by the Beckerath firm in Hamburg, Germany), and
- our diverse and moveable Hazel Parkinson Organ for the chapel (built by Charles Ruggles firm near Denver, CO), and
- our magnificent Gibbs-Preyer Organ on both sides of the chancel, on two stories with 72 ranks of pipes (built by the Schantz Organ Co., in Orrville)
Passion/Palm Sunday, April 9
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering received
Children process with Palms
(meet in Westminster Hall at 10:20 a.m.)

Maundy Thursday, April 13
6:00 p.m. Dinner—Westminster Hall (sign up online)
6:45 p.m. Communion Service in Westminster Hall and the Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 14
(Church Office Closed All Day)
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service—Sanctuary
(from light to darkness with scripture, hymns, and anthems)

Saturday, April 15—Annual Easter Egg Hunt
(for Children 12 and under)
11:00 a.m. Brunch and Activities
12:00 Noon The Hunt Begins

Donations of individually wrapped candy to fill the 1500+ eggs can be dropped off in the office or in any of the classrooms. Thank you so much for your support.

Easter Sunday, April 16
The Day of Resurrection
8:00 a.m. Celebration of Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Festival Service led by the Youth and Chancel Choirs in the Sanctuary

Session Notes
February 21, 2017

Session met at 6pm with dinner provided by Shawn Campbell. We moved into the chapel where Jerry Norton led us in worship for the evening. The minutes of the January 17th meeting and the Clerk’s report were approved. A list of people for prayer was developed by those present. Pastor Dave offered the prayers for the people.

Motions from the Worship and Personnel Ministry were discussed, amended for clarification, and approved. We received the Associate Pastor’s and the Pastor’s Report. We discussed and approved the 2016 Statistical Report as presented. Discussion then moved to a letter sent by Linda Leon. Motion was made and passed to continue support of the Coalition for Christian Outreach and Linda Leon.

A report was received of the 2017 Madrigal Dinner with an increase of donations over the previous year for a total of $1,743 raised for the Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry. Nominating Committee was discussed with the intent that they begin meeting soon. A signup sheet was passed around to attend Presbytery Meetings as representatives of CPC.

The March Session meeting will be a joint meeting with the Deacon Board and the April Session meeting will meet with Ministry Chairs or their representative. Discussion continued from last month’s meeting on reinstating our portion to General Assembly and Synod. Pros and cons were discussed. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made and passed to reinstate our per capita payments beginning July 1 which is the beginning of our fiscal year. The meeting was closed at 9:50pm by joining hands and praying the Lord’s prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Moretta

2017 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 19, to place your order and indicate your plant choice and quantity: Tulips, Gerbera Daisies or Lilies. Order forms are available in the Narthex and at the Kiosk in Cloister Hall.
**Sunday Morning Schedule**
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:15 a.m. School Classes All Ages  
10:45 a.m. Kids’ Church

**Tuesday Schedule**
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
1:00-3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting—Library

**Wednesday**
4:45-6:15 p.m. Boychoir Rehearsal  
5:30-7:00 p.m. Girls’ Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday Schedule**
7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—West. Hall  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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**Wednesday, 3/1**
12:05 p.m. Ash Wednesday Communion Service—Chapel  
6:30 p.m. SM Supervision—Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Communion Service—Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting—Upper Room

**Saturday, 3/4**
5:00 p.m. Young Families Small Group—Peterson’s

**Sunday, 3/5—Communion**
9:15 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel  
12:00-1:30 p.m. New Member Class—Parlor  
4:00-7:30 p.m. Youth Progressive Dinner

**Tuesday, 3/7**
7:00 p.m. Adult Discipleship—Parlor

**Wednesday, 3/8**
8:00 a.m. Food Ministry  
7:00-7:45 p.m. Taize Worship—Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry—Upper Room

**Saturday, 3/11**
8:30-10:00 a.m. Food Ministry Breakfast—West. Hall

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**Sunday, 3/12**
12:00-1:30 p.m. New Member Class—Parlor  
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal  
TBA—Youth Bowling

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**Monday, 3/13**
3:00 p.m. Property Meeting—Parlor

**Tuesday, 3/14**
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
1:00 p.m. Personnel Ministry—Parlor

**Wednesday, 3/15**
6:30 p.m. SM Supervision—Parlor  
7:00-7:45 p.m. Taize Worship—Sanctuary

**Sunday, 3/19**
12:00-1:30 p.m. New Member Class—Parlor  
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Christopher Houlihan Organ Concert—Sanctuary  
Reception to follow in Westminster Hall

**Tuesday, 3/21**
11:30 a.m. TAG Luncheon—Westminster Hall  
6:00 p.m. Session Dinner/Meeting—Parlor/Chapel

**Wednesday, 3/22—TYDINGS DEADLINE**
8:00 a.m. Food Ministry  
6:00 p.m. Wakonda Operational Council—Parlor  
7:00-7:45 p.m. Taize Worship—Sanctuary

**Saturday, 3/25**
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Inspire: Families Creating Together—Westminster Hall

**Sunday, 3/26**
9:15 a.m. New Members meet with Session—Chapel  
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal  
6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth—Wakonda Sunday—Youth Room

**Wednesday, 3/29**
7:00-7:45 a.m. Taize Worship—Sanctuary

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**Upcoming**

**Friday, April 7 & Saturday, April 8—All Church Retreat:**

- Connecting Our Work to God’s Work
- Register with the Church Office, $15 for food and supplies.

**Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday**
6:00 p.m. Dinner/6:45 p.m. Communion Service

**Friday, April 14—Good Friday (Office Closed)**
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service—Sanctuary

**Saturday, April 15—Easter Egg Hunt/Brunch—11:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, April 23**
5:00 p.m. Organ & Orchestra Concert—Sanctuary

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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 dnave@cantoncpc.org no later than Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

Sunday Mornings
Worship with Us
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 coordinators:
Allen Plug—330-704-1107
Heather Dominik—330-459-4590

March Birthdays

1  Ken Douglass, Terry Everett, Skip
Shriver
2  Linda Shriver
3  Kayley Carter
4  Tommy Paulis, Marsha Wise
5  Rod Mears, Libby Wilson, Kennedy
Schlabach
6  Abby Clark
8  Andy Roth, Chuck Troscher
9  Harry Osborne, Dori Reiter, Carol
Zimmer
10  Jerry Jacob, Owen Lycans, Ann
Magoon, Robert Yoder
11  Claudia Cox-Plottner, Jon Gheen, Lois
Hilton, Fred Peters, Barbara Schotts
12  Eva Airhart, Sarah Grinder
13  Wendy Gray, Bev Rausch, Van
Misheff
16  Norm Gaynor, Nancy Linxweiler,
Stephanie Stewart, Joy Timken
17  Wanda Frease, Ella Lazich, Chrissy
Rice
19  Paige Andrews, Mike Ophardt,
Timothy Shea, Michael Weinsz
20  Jeanne de Vries, Hope Simon
22  Jacob Airhart, Daphne Thornburg,
Bonnie Wiggins, Karen Wulff
23  Herman Gillette, Leanne Ward
24  Josephine Jacob, Hannah Kemper,
Kelly Kilduff, Margie McDonald, Irene
Smart
25  Barbara Belden, Jessica Brown, Ann
Cranor
26  Verna Barrett, Marlys Hershberger
28  Alice Bailey
29  Marna Holcomb
30  Al Frease, Shirley Yoder
31  Bradley Banfield, Marilou Berg, Philip
Kopatz, Cindy Lycans, Dave Miller

Christ Church celebrates birthdays of members who are 95 years or more:

March 11—Lois Hilton (95)
March 23—Herman Gillette (99)
March 24—Irene Smart (96)