CREATING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP
AND FELLOWSHIP LUNCHES
(following 10:30 a.m. Worship)

November 1—The Purpose of Our Life Together
November 8—The Rhythm of Our Life Together
November 15—Questions That Help Us Reflect on
Our Life of Faith

EVERYONE IS INVITED—EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
CHILD CARE PROVIDED EVERY WEEK

“For Everything There Is a Season: A Time To . . .”

Christ Church Hymn Festival
Sunday, 8 November, 5:00 pm

Choirs, organ, instruments,
readings, scriptures, prayers.

This event is a precious hour for us to be “off-line,” to be apart from the busy digital world, to be engaged physically, mentally, spiritually, and vocally in the beauty of holiness. We sing our prayers and pray our songs through the amazing poetry and scriptures of great hymn writers. Each hymn is a succinct and poignant sermon about how our lives can be richer in the many seasons of this complicated world. We will get lost “in wonder, love, and praise” with the themes of contrast in Ecclesiastes 3. We will allow ourselves to be challenged by the extremes of birth and death, of weeping and laughing, of tearing and mending, of silence and speaking. For everything there is a season: a time for connecting to the digital world, and a time to refrain from being online. Let’s revel in our freedoms to make choices for these seasons. Come to the hymn festival; we may discover a time for healing.

New Class - A Step on Your Faith Journey: A class on the search and discovery of our own spiritual gifts is being offered this fall. Our gracious Lord has given different gifts to each of us. If we are to be true apprentices to Christ in this community it is up to us to discover our individual gift or gifts and use them to His glory. Join with this small group to work on this task. It is only two short evenings. We will meet on Nov. 10 and Nov. 17 from 6:30—9:00 in the Parlor at CPC. Nancy Montgomery is the facilitator. Please sign up at the Kiosk in Cloister Hall, online, or call the Church office. There is a spot just for YOU!
**Sunday Morning Adult Classes**

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

- **The Library Class** is studying the Letters of John: *The New Daily Bible* by William Barclay; *Let’s Study the Letters of John* by Ian Hamilton.
- **Contemporary Issues and Biblical Thought Adult Class** meets in the Quilting Room Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15 a.m. and is studying a book by Dee Breslin entitled, “Proverbs and Parables, God’s Wisdom for Living.”
- **The Parlor Class** is studying from the Present Word.
  - 11/1—God Releases the Captive, led by Steve Schott
  - 11/8—God Makes No Distinction, led by Don Bowers
  - 11/15—From Derbe to Philippi, led by Paul & Barb Batchelder
  - 11/22—Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens, led by Betsy Smith
  - 11/29—Teaching God’s Word, led by Jim Smith
- **The Upper Room Class**, led by Mike Ophardt, meets on the second floor above the Parlor.
- **Westminster Class**: November 1—“Come to the Wedding: Jewish Marriage Rites and the Kingdom of God,” led by Zev Rosenberg.

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**Christmas & Epiphany Madrigal Feast and Annual Visit of the Three Kings**

Wednesday, the 6th day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Twenty-Sixteen

In the Great Hall of Westminster at Christ Church

Come gather with friends to celebrate in grand style the conclusion of Christmas Revelry, feasting, pageantry, and entertainment featuring the Firestone High School Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Chad Pittman. Fare: grapes & cheeses; roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, bread pudding, and beverages. Doors open at half-past five; feasting begins at six o’clock; tickets available at the church office beginning Monday, November 16, at the cost of $20 per person ($5 for Children & Students). **Proceeds from this event benefit the Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry of Christ Church.**

Be sure to purchase your family’s tickets before December 1st, when the general public can begin buying them on line. Seating is limited to 120 guests.

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Mark your calendars now for the full schedule of TAG programs this year:

**Tuesday, November 17**—Advent Wreath made with Biblical Herbs, demonstration and talk by Nancy Quinn

**Simon, Canton Garden Center**

**Tuesday, December 15**—’Tis the Season, presented by Bob Morrison

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016**—A History of Wedding Traditions, presented by Kimberly Kenney

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016**—Celebrating the Bösendorfer Piano, presented by David Kienzle & friends

**Tuesday, April 19, 2016**—Edith Roosevelt, presented by Janey McClelland Davis

**Tuesday, May 17, 2016**—Pluses and Minuses of Getting Older, presented by Verna Barrett

Delicious homemade meal prepared by the TAG chefs. We gather at 11:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship and greeting friends, followed by a meditation at 11:45 a.m., and lunch at Noon. The program begins at approximately 12:45 p.m. and concludes by about 1:30 p.m. The cost is still only $7.00. Call the church office or register online.
Dear Members of our Christ Church Family,

Thank you for remembering my September 4 birthday by signing and sending me a birthday card.

Many years ago I was ordained a Deacon at Christ Church, and I did not then take lightly my duties as a Deacon and member of Christ Presbyterian Church, nor do I now take lightly my ordination and membership in the church.

Our Lord has richly blessed each member of our family and we give thanks daily for his loving care.

Joyce joins me in asking God’s blessings on all of our church family members.

In Jesus’ name, we pray.

Gordon E. Effinger

To our friends at Christ Church,

Thank you so much for the lovely luncheon in honor of Hazel MacPherson. Everything was so beautiful! Our family greatly appreciated all the time and work put in by the church members to provide such a wonderful lunch for our family.

Rev. Eldon couldn’t have done a better job with getting to know our family and the caring and personal funeral service he provided.

Thank you again,

Don and Janet Little

Dear Church Family,

We wish to thank the people of Christ Church for their prayers, blessings and your many acts of kindness.

“The Grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.” 1 Timothy 1:14

Thank you for making a difference through Christ.

Ken & Joyce Wulff

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all who sent prayers, cards, and warm wishes my way during my past two hospital stays. Each day is better and my heart is returning to normal. Blessings to all!

Joe Orin

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The Hat and Mitten Tree will be up November 8-December 13. Hat kits, with simple instructions and worsted weight yarn, are available in Cloister Hall. If you wish to make a more elaborate hat or use your own yarn and directions, go for it. We accept all sizes of hats. Please watch for mitten and glove sales. All hands, both big and small, male and female get cold. Let’s have a “warm hands winter.” All of the donations go to Pine Ridge and our own Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry.

Box Tops for Education is running some great General Mills coupons on its website. When you open the site there is a “coupon” tab at the top. Tap on it and there are a variety of coupons. While you are on the site you can find a list of all the products that carry a Box Top for Education cut out symbol. When you use a product with the symbol, please cut it out and turn it in in a marked pew envelope and put it in the collection plate or drop them off at the office. Please try to buy these products if they fit your needs. Remember each symbol is worth 10¢ and 10 make a dollar. Every dollar means a lot to Allen School.

Project KARE Stockings are available in Cloister Hall. Signing up will be different this year. All that is needed will be your name, and gender and age of child/ren. Much easier. The age ranges will stay the same as will the suggestions for fillers.

The Knitter’s group is being restructured. Are you interested in knitting and chatting with friends? Please call Bette Maier (330-493-7247) to discuss what part you are able to play.

Thank you for your participation in the Mission Ministry’s activities.

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Sunday, November 22
Following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

It’s that time of year again and once again we are calling on all of you to help decorate God’s house in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Every year we get faster and better at this activity (last year we finished in 2½ hours). So if you can help this year, please sign up in Cloister Hall or online. There will be a free lunch for all decorators.
I am working diligently to get all my Christmas shopping done before First Advent. That gives me about three more weeks to finish up. If I get it all done I expect to be able to more fully enter into the purposes of Advent. Maybe Christmas could be Christmas again, and not just some mad rush to get all the things done that “need” to get done to satisfy the “Christmas machine.” So...earlier than usual, I’ve got all my Advent worship planning finished (and remember, I’m writing this on October 22nd!).

I admit, at 56 years of age, I am wondering if there any surprises—of a faith nature—left for me at Christmas. In other words, is there room for any new Christmas epiphanies?

**Epiphany:** noun epiph.a.ny /i-ˈpi-fa-nē/: a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way.

The three “wise men” had an “epiphany” when they bowed before the new born Jesus. They came to understand how God was now engaging the world in a different way. Encountering Jesus, they came to understand God in a new and “very clear way.” That’s why we call Epiphany...Epiphany!

It is fair to ask if there is anything new to discover or experience at Christmas. Is there any way we can feel amazed or astonished at Christmas 2015? In so many ways Christmas has lost its novelty. We already know all there is to know about this “holiday.” The writer of Ecclesiastes sums up just how we often feel about this “most wonderful time of the year:”

> All things are wearisome; more than one can express;  
> the eye is not satisfied with seeing, or the ear filled with hearing.  
> What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done;  
> there is nothing new under the sun.  

(Ecclesiastes 1:8-9)

Are there any new epiphanies to be had at Christmas? Are there any surprises left for those of us who have been around a while, or are surprises just for children? I think there are. I think there are many! In fact, we are going to look at five such surprises during Advent: Christmas surprises that will make you pause and think again. One surprise each week.

You may be surprised to know that, at Christmas God begins at the end and ends at the beginning. How can this be? You might be surprised to learn that, at Christmas something we credit as all-powerful and all-compelling, is actually utterly powerless and even laughable. Do we live a false reality? You might be surprised to learn that, at Christmas, home is not home at all, but still...there’s no place like home. Huh? You might be surprised to know that Christmas has something to say about (of all things!) birth control. Am I talking about a “hot-button” political issue during the holidays? You might be surprised to learn that Christmas suggests Christianity is not really “religion” at all. Will Christmas Eve find the pastor dismissing the faith? Surprise awaits on Sunday mornings and Christmas Eve at CPC.

You are welcome to join in all this Advent speculation. I have no doubt you will experience surprise! I have no doubt you will find this Christmas filled with new and wonderful observations, and surprising revelations. This Christmas, you just might feel the same surprise and wonder of a child.

**Pastor Dave**

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**THE POWER OF EPIPHANY**

The Surprises of Christmas  
Advent Sermons at Christ Church

Sunday, Nov. 29: An Epiphany: God Begins at The End  
Sunday, Dec. 6: An Epiphany: The All Too Powerful, Isn’t  
Sunday, Dec. 13: An Epiphany: There Really is No Place Like Home  
Sunday, Dec. 20: An Epiphany: Birth Uncontrolled  
Thursday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve—It’s Rumored to Be Good News
Hazel J. MacPherson
September 24, 2015
Wanda McKinney
October 9, 2015

Christian sympathy is extended to the MacPherson and McKinney Families.

THE CATHEDRAL HOUR broadcast on WHLO—640 AM has many unsponsored Sundays for November and December. Its value to shut-ins, those unable to attend Church for various reasons, and also those without a Church home, has been invaluable over the years. Your continued support is needed to sponsor a complete program at a cost of $225 per Sunday. However, partial contributions are extremely important to the continued existence of this program, and it is to this end that we encourage you to consider contributions to the Cathedral Hour as part of your “above and beyond” support of our Church. Please call the Church Office for available dates.

FINANCIAL NOTES

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This reporting reflects the General and Camp Funds from July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016. 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.
Need help or have questions? Contact Diane in the Church Office 330-456-8113.

Deacons’ Bench

Can you carry a tune? If you answered yes—the Deacons WANT YOU! Yes, it’s time for the annual Christmas Caroling. Let’s bring the Christmas spirit and smiles to our homebound members.

Saturday, December 5
Meet in Westminster Hall at 2:00 p.m.
Returning for refreshments at 4:30 p.m.

Sign up online or in Cloister Hall.
Come Join in Song!

2015 Poinsettia Program: Order your poinsettia now to decorate the Chancel for our Christmas services. The cost is $10.00 per plant or you may give a gift of any amount, large or small, proceeds to benefit the Food, Clothing and Prayer Ministry. Deadline for ordering poinsettias is Sunday, November 8. Order forms are available in the Narthex at the Kiosk and your Sunday Order of Worship.
Attention High School seniors, their parents, and their grandparents:

Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA, is a PCUSA related college that offers a wonderful opportunity to college-bound students who are members of a PCUSA congregation. The Board of Trustees of Westminster developed the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program (YPS) which each year offers 150 scholarships now worth $18,500.00 per year (($74,000 for four years) to outstanding PCUSA students. It encourages growth in faith and leadership while on the Westminster College campus.

To be nominated, the senior high school student must:
- have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5
- be a member of a PCUSA congregation
- be nominated by the pastor

If any high school senior is interested in being nominated for this phenomenal scholarship, please submit a letter of interest to the church office no later than November 15. Letters received after that date will not be considered.

Students must apply to the college by December 15. We are able to nominate 2 students for the scholarship.

For more information on the Young Scholars Program go to www.westminster.edu/yps.

Hello Friends,

As I write this article we are heading into our Fall Work Day at the end of the week. This means another season of Wakonda programming has come to an end. Of course, this is bittersweet to me. The winters can get a bit lonely out here, but it certainly is nice to have a bit of time to recharge as well.

A lot of people consider this time of year my “slow” time. However, this is actually some of my busiest time of the year. The 2016 programming is set but needs some final adjustments, the 2016 camp brochure is started but needs to be finished, and the Wakonda Operational Council is getting into the most important part of our visioning and planning. It is a busy time indeed!

We had a wonderful 2015 season, serving over 700 guests! We had an amazing crew, both for programming and for site and kitchen work. We had amazing guests, amazing volunteers, and amazing prayer and financial support from all of you! Thank you to all who has contributed, in any way, to this ministry. We certainly appreciate you!

As we look forward to 2016, it will again be a year of change. We have some people taking on different roles in the ministry, but we feel this change will be much easier than the past two. Bonnie Wiggins will be leaving her role as Program Ministry Coordinator (and my assistant director), but she is going to continue to be an active part of this ministry! Bonnie has been instrumental in getting me up to speed in these two years, and although she will still be a part of the ministry, I will certainly miss working as close as we have the past two years. Thank you Bonnie, for all you have done in this role, and all the years you have served this ministry!

Please be on the lookout for the 2016 theme, schedule, and brochure. My goal is to have them out yet this year, and registration should open sometime in January. Again, thank you for all your support in 2015, and your continued support in the future!

Shalom,
Chris

Session Notes—October 20, 2015

Our meeting began with a supper prepared by Christy Paumier. September 15, 2015 Session Minutes were approved as printed. The Clerk’s Report was also approved.

Motion was approved to set up appropriate fund accounts for the new build and rehab project at Camp Wakonda.

Motion was approved to accept a bequest from a member’s estate, to be added to an endowment fund established earlier from a bequest from member’s spouse’s estate. Motion was approved that all Interest Income from this Endowment be used for programming purposes at the discretion of the Session.

Guests at this meeting included Staff and Ministry Leaders who gave brief reports related to their particular ministry. Jennifer George—Children and Family Ministry, Chris Harmsen—Outdoor Ministry, Tom McCain—Property, Don Montgomery—Worship.

Session members giving brief reports included Edith Ophardt—Adult Discipleship, Pam Moretta—Stephen Ministry, Nancy Irving—Stewardship, Alice Bailey—PNC.

Our meeting was closed with worship in the Chapel, led by Chris Burt.

Respectfully submitted by Alice R. Bailey
Sunday, November 12—Communion/Homebound Communion
11:45 a.m. Congregational Luncheon—Westminster Hall
6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, November 6
9:30 a.m. Endowment Meeting—Library
6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Play Practice
6:30 p.m. Wakonda Operational Council—Parlor

Wednesday, November 7
12:00—2:30 p.m. Employee Recognition Luncheon
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting—Westminster Hall
7:00 p.m. SM Supervision—Parlor

Saturday, November 17
8:30 a.m. Food Ministry Breakfast—West. Hall
10:00-4:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting—New Concord
10:00 a.m.—Noon Youth Christmas Play Practice

Sunday, November 18—Recognition of Veterans
11:45 a.m. Congregational Luncheon—Westminster Hall
5:00 p.m. Hymn Festival—Sanctuary
6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth—Laser Quest & Out to Eat

Monday, November 25
3:00 p.m. Property Ministry—Parlor

Tuesday, November 26
6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Play Practice
6:30-9:00 p.m. Spiritual Gifts Class—Parlor

Wednesday, November 27
8:00 a.m. Food Ministry
5:30 p.m. Israel Trip Meeting—Westminster Hall
7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry—Upper Room

Thursday, November 28
6:30 p.m. Taize Service

Sunday, November 29—Church Building Closed All Day

Sunday Morning Schedule
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes—All Ages
10:45 a.m. Kids’ Church

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

Wednesday Schedule
4:30-6:15 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
7:15-9:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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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@cantonepc.org no later than Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Return Service Requested

Worship with Us
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 ~ 330-832-5129
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

Sunday Birthdays

1 Gary Stewart
4 Elaine Alecsuan, Kenneth Douglass,
   Caroline Holmes, Carolyn Kortkamp,
   Audrey McDonald, William
   Schneider
5 Tad Clark, Freda Elliott
6 Marty Fries, Thomas Tuersley
7 Doreen Hund, Addison Long, Ava
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   Olmstead, Vashini Ramsaroop
8 Kent Berg, Katie Norton, Kathie
   Zwick
9 Jack Dawson, Nancy Hannon,
   Azelynn Repasky
11 Donnie Greenwood, Jane Rice, Lila
   Tibbits
12 Tracy Webber
13 Larry Linn
14 Scott McCahan
15 Bill Hannon, Cyndy Lucas, Robert
   McKinney
16 Steve Rauch, Judy Smith
17 Sylvia Hildebrand, Kristin Hutton
18 Justin Airhart, Kevin Anderson,
   Suzanne Birkbeck, Karsten
   Burdeshaw, Shaun Kojac, Luke
   Simon, Bert Smith, Sally Sorenson
19 Judy Provo, Marc Schneider, Sam
   Vasbinder, Andrew Williams, Audrey
   Wilson, Phyllis Wilson
20 Phyllis Milligan
21 Jeannine Moss
22 Debra Kraft, Louise Walker
23 Patrick Douglass, Dinah Ward
24 Peter Snively
25 Richard Sterner
26 Sallie Starrett
27 Heather Cooper, Gail Reinholz,
   Christine Testa
28 Julia Frankland, Thomas Miller,
   Brent Tucke
29 Eva Burdeshaw, Heath Frankland,
   Jim Kettlewell, Emily Linn, Lillian
   Rotfile
30 Joe Angeli, Connie Aycock, Judy
   Krew, Thomas Rice

Christ Church celebrates birthdays of members who are 95 years or more:
Caroline Holmes (95) - November 4
Freda Elliott (99) - November 5
Lillian Rotfile (96) - November 29