Getting the Big Picture of the Bible
Starting September 9, 9:15 am Westminster Hall
We will hold a year-long study of the Bible featuring several teachers (including some new ones!), focusing on different areas of the Bible. If you want to learn more about the Bible, this class is for you! In the fall, we will focus on the Torah, the prophets, and the history of Israel.

Gifts to Go—Our Church in Action
Ministry Fair
Sunday, September 16, 2018
After 10:30 am Worship
If Not Here—Where? If Not Now—When? If Not You—Who?

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in our church, our community and enhance your journey with God? Look no further! Christ Presbyterian Church has so many worthwhile opportunities for you to serve God, our church, and our community. Get involved and get to know your fellow parishioners. What are the various ministries and how can you become involved?

Join us at our Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 16, 2018, in Westminster Hall following the 10:30 am service.
The purpose of the Fair is to share all of the opportunities for involvement at our church. You will be amazed at how many programs we have for our parishioners. There will be representatives from each ministry to share what their group is doing, and how serving in this manner has strengthened their relationship with God. Please join us, to learn how YOU can get involved.

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Give Thanks
A study on the Sacrament of Communion for children in 1st through 5th grade
This Fall during the 9:15 Hour
September 23rd, 30th & October 7th
“Do this in memory of me.” Luke 22:19b

Ox Roast at Camp Wakonda
Sunday, September 23
Join us for the annual Ox Roast at Wakonda on Sunday, September 23, following worship (Noon–5 pm; lunch served until 2:30 pm). Come experience God’s presence anew and enjoy the great food and warm fellowship as we delight in the coming of fall! Go for a walk through the woods, take the family on a wagon ride, or just sit and delight in the view from the back porch with a cup of coffee. This is a space and time to delight in God’s Shalom!

Sundays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 following the 10:30am worship service in the Parlor.

This class is for those interested in learning more about the church or becoming members.

Light lunch provided.

Questions?
Talk to Pastors Dave or Michael.

Please sign-up in Cloister Hall or online (www.cantoncpc.org).

May you be strengthened with all power according to His glorious might for all endurance and patience with joy.

Colossians 1:11

SAVE THE DATE!
CPC Women’s Retreat
September 28–29, 2018
at Camp Wakonda
I have noticed that, recently, I have been quoting Romans 12:1-2 frequently. It is a familiar passage that we hear often:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

You hear that often enough, and it easily becomes “God-speak.” Here are lofty sounding words with religious connotations, and a challenge. But the challenge can get lost in all that lofty, religious God-speak.

Yesterday I was reading Eugene Peterson’s translation of the New Testament and decided to turn to this old familiar passage to see how he had interpreted it. It works for me!

So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

I have been praying on this passage all summer and have concluded that the idea of offering myself to God in the hope and expectation that He will develop me into a “well-formed maturity” is a bit un-nerving. What does “well-formed maturity” look like? Does it mean leaving my current self behind? What kind of person does that leave me being? Is this just another way of saying I am supposed to “imitate Jesus” much like a monkey imitates the trainer, or is there more to it? Can this “maturity” be named and measured?

I guess I’ve come to believe that there are certain markers that can be named and measured as we make our way toward this well-formed faith maturity, and I’ve decided to tackle 6 specific markers in a sermon series beginning on Sunday, September 9th. Noting that Paul speaks of Christian maturity in terms of a Spirit-led transformation, or as movement, I am also going to focus on a “from...to” structure. As I’m beginning to understand this, we need to be speaking of moving:

- from Self-Reliance to God-Reliance,
- from Spiritual Indifference to Spiritual Growth and Vitality,
- from Concern with Externals to Concern for Character,
- from Concern for Self to Concern for Others,
- from Independence to Community,
- from Self-Absorption to Concern for God’s Kingdom.

If you are interested in doing some preparatory reading, consider the following: Jeremiah 17:5-8, James 2:1-4, and Mark 7:31-37; I Peter 1:3-8 and Mark 8:27-38; I Samuel 16:7, James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, and Mark 9:30–37; Philippians 2:3-4, James 5:13-20, and Mark 9:38-50; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and Mark 10:2-16; and Hebrews 5:1-10 and Matthew 6:25-34.

Peace in Christ,

Session Notes - August 21, 2018

Session met on Tuesday, August 21 at the home of Pastor Dave who provided a delicious meal. We were joined by our two retiring elders Alice Bailey and Edith Ophardt. The meeting portion of the evening was opened with prayer. All expressed gratitude and joy at the wonderful response to Pastor Dave’s budget letter. The 2018-2019 budget was presented by TJ Hon and it was accepted. New officers for the year were elected for the Board of Trustees: Nancy Irving, President; Pam Moreta, Secretary/Clerk of Session; and TJ Hon, Treasurer. Jerry Norton provided an update on Spirit & Space, and Session voted to engage Chambers, Murphy, and Burge Studio/Perspectus for architecture services to develop schematics for our proposed project; and to engage Generis for capital campaign guidance. All expressed gratitude for the contributions and witness provided by Alice and Edith during their respective 6-year tenures on Session. The formal meeting concluded following the Prayers of the People. The evening concluded with a time of fellowship.

Respectfully submitted by Elder Nancy Irving

Confirmation

We are very excited that in September a new year of confirmation begins and we look forward to engaging a new class of students as they consider what it means to confirm that the Christian life is the one that they want to live out. We start on Sunday, Sept 9 at 5:00 PM just prior to youth group. We will average two Sunday meetings per month and will have a Wakonda retreat at the beginning and end of the confirmation year. An ALL youth retreat (with special time for just confirmands) will be held Friday Sept 21-Sunday Sept 23. We will meet at the church on Friday 5:30 PM for a quick pizza dinner before heading down to camp together at 6:15 PM. More details are forthcoming.
Dear Members of Christ Church,
Thank you so much for your financial support. Your church has blessed me and my family in so many ways. I am now the third person in my family to receive financial support from Christ Church, and I am grateful. I appreciate everything you have done for me and my brothers. I plan to attend Allegheny College this fall and to play golf for the school. I do not know what I want to study at the current time, but I trust that God will be with me every step of the way. Thank you so much.

In Christ,
Ryan Dayton

Dear Christ Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for the scholarship! It means a lot to me and my family. I can’t wait to see how God uses it through my education next semester! Thank you for being such an amazing church family to my grandparents and aunt. May the Lord bless each of your members.

Sincerely,
Anna Wulff

Thank you so much for your generous scholarship gift again this year. I absolutely loved my freshman year at Hope College. I met so many wonderful people and grew so much in knowledge, character and faith. Thank you for helping me to be able to attend such a wonderful school.

In Christ,
Riley Wilson
(Roger & Verna Barrett’s grandson)

Dear Christ Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for giving me scholarship money to help pay for my education! Often times I worry about not just how to pay for college, but other things like will I ever graduate. But God works in wonder and I fully trust him with my future and my life! My goal for the coming up school year is to talk to God more through writing!
Thank you again!
Elyse Ohlinger

Christ Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for your generous scholarship. I am so blessed to have a church home that supports me, and the other students, like this church does. I am really excited for this coming year and the spiritual opportunities it will offer. I will be a small group leader at OSU this year so please keep me in your prayers so that I may lead with confidence and humility. Thank you again for the scholarship. I am so grateful!

Sincerely,
Drew DeLap

Dear Christ Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for your generous support for my freshman year at Grove City College. I’m planning on studying marketing and possibly minoring in Spanish. Please continue to pray for this next adventure in my life.

Sincerely,
Abbi Leon

Dear Christ Presbyterian Church,
I would like to thank the church for gifting me with a scholarship. This scholarship will aid me in fulfilling a prosperous education and take me another step closer toward being a servant of God in my career path. I am extremely grateful for this gift as well as the opportunity God has given me to attend college.

Sincerely,
Ian Ohlinger

Dear Members and Staff at Christ Presbyterian Church,
Thank you again for supporting me in my continuing education. As a single mom on a limited income, you have been an incredible blessing!

With much appreciation,
Amy Kline

Dear Christ Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for the kind and generous scholarship. We really appreciate it and will continue to study hard at The Ohio State University and the United States Naval Academy. Thank you!

Shalom,
Jack, Hannah, and Grace Werren

Dear Christ Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for the scholarship money! It is incredibly helpful and I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I am. I have attended your church whenever I visit my grandparents and everybody has always been so kind. Again, thank you so much for the scholarship!

Hayden Bartels

Dear Christ Presbyterian Church and Faithful Friends,
Thank you for the lovely card signed by members of Christ Church. It lifted my spirit. I will keep it for a long time. I will always have a “special place” deep in my heart for Christ Presbyterian.

Thank you from my heart.
Joan Lloyd
This summer has been filled with many blessings for me and our Children’s Ministry and I wanted to take a moment to share a couple of them with you.

Last spring I was asked by Spirit and Space if I would consider applying to Leadership Stark County’s Signature Program. This program is a 10 month long course where participants develop their leadership skills and gain an increased awareness of our community by meeting and learning from business, civic, and political leaders of Stark County. I am honored to have been chosen from an exceptionally talented group of applicants and am excited to represent Christ Church as part of the 32nd class. I look forward to sharing with all of you what I am learning and using that knowledge to better develop our role in the community. I want to thank the members of Spirit and Space and our Session for their sponsorship and continued support as I begin this exciting adventure!

One of the really cool parts of my job is getting to work with other groups in helping, developing and facilitating great opportunities for kids. This summer I had the opportunity to share some resources and spend some time at a day camp for area immigrant children run by the Immigrant Worker Project. I went in worried about the language barrier and would they even find the project (solar ovens made from pizza boxes) interesting? What a blessing that time was! I met the most incredible young men and women there! I’m amazed by their fortitude, resiliency, their great faith, and their willingness to speak openly about their experiences. I met a young man who, like my daughter, is a senior this year and his family is just as overwhelmed by looking at colleges as we are. He talked excitedly about becoming an Immigrant Youth Ambassador and his hope to make the experience of coming to a new country and a new school easier for new students than his was. Two young brothers were so excited to come to camp they had their mom buy them new shirts just for the occasion. As for the language barrier, I needn’t have worried as there were several bilingual students who were happy to interpret for me. And the solar ovens were a success! We melted cheese on nachos and made cheese quesadillas and had a lot of fun getting to know each other a little better.

I look forward to forging more new relationships with area groups through Leadership Stark County and through the friends I made at IWP. We as a congregation have many gifts to share and it’s my hope to be able to help all of us build stronger connections with our community.

In Christ’s Service,
Jennie George

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Celebrating Our Saints of Sacred Song
The Legacy of Our Chancel Choir Saints

“God of glory, around whose eternal throne all the heavenly powers offer their ceaseless songs of praise...” is the opening of a beautiful prayer composed by the legendary preacher, author, and hymnologist, Erik Routley. These words can startle us into an awareness of timelessness: no time, no past/present/future, not here and now. Rather itimpels us into an appreciation for GOD’S TIME, in another realm.

Joyfully, not sorrowfully, this understanding of the eternal becomes our connection with the Saints of Sacred Song who have shaped our ceaseless songs of praise here on earth. The Christ Church Chancel Choir has been so richly blessed with committed servants who have shared their God-given talents with us in our weekly worship, and who recently have joined those heavenly powers and principalities. Further, here on earth these saints were amazing conduits to so many other musicians and artists throughout the larger Stark County and Northeast Ohio community.

Consider, for example, the wide network of singers and musicians inspired by the late Eleanor Kear, a long-time member of our choir and of Christ Church. On August 9th, Christ Church hosted an Eleanor Kear Musical Tribute evening. There was a large emotional crowd of admirers who had been influenced by her sensitive piano accompanying, her public school music teaching, her vocal coaching, and her limitless sharing of her time, talent, and cheer-leading. Performing that evening (on short notice, only three weeks after Eleanor’s death), there were 25 solo musicians along with our Chancel Choir participating. These people represented several hundred, or possibly about a thousand others, who had been touched by her life. Eleanor’s web of contacts brought together many different styles of music and types of performers.

Consider also the far-reaching connections of other choir members who recently have been “promoted” to the heavenly choir: Bev Badger, long-time alto; Chuck Reiman, bass and consummate musician whose network spanned a fifty-mile radius; Ward Scott, bass and owner of a wonderful theatre costume shop; Lee & Rose deGraaf, bass and alto who were dedicated supporters of our Canton Symphony Orchestra; Sally Grizer, soprano; Ursula Larson, soprano, Bob Schlabach, bass. We cannot miss the opportunity to mention spouses of choir members who have died, and who maintained an influence in our church, such as Jim Kettlewell, for whom our Hymn Festival last May was dedicated.

Let us give thanks to God for the wealth of musical talents which we enjoy week to week and year to year here at Christ Church—not only in worship. These saints have collaborated widely beyond our church through leadership or membership in many other ensembles throughout our region.

In Christ,
David Kienzle
TAG
Tuesday Afternoon Group

The TAG coordinators have been busy this summer! It's time to mark your calendars now for the first three TAG programs this fall. Stay tuned for more details.

Tuesday, October 16
Judge John Haas and Courthouse Tour

Tuesday, November 13
Bob Morrison and Poets of Tin Pan Alley

Tuesday, December 18
David Kienzle and Joyce Corbett
Christmas Program

As always you can look forward to a delicious homemade meal prepared by the TAG chefs. We will gather at 11:30 for a time of fellowship and greeting friends, followed by a meditation at 11:45, and lunch at noon. The cost is still only $7.00.

September Birthdays

1 Cameron Daniska
2 Bev Girard, Eva Leggett, Robert Sautters
3 Joey Anderson, David D’Antonio, Sharon Schorsten
4 Gordon Effinger, Alex Weinsz, Ruth Ann Winkelman
5 Steve Lucas, Cole Parker
6 Pat Knoch, Nancy Okonak
8 Luke Johnston, Charlotte Mathias, Kristen McKimm, Ian Murphy
9 Chloe Vugrinovich
10 Allison Burdeshaw
11 Cynthia Kilduff, Lorraine Murphy, Kris Piekarski
12 Cameron Allerding, Peyton Allerding, Darla Frederick, Carolyn McCain
14 Fred Gibbs, Sina Howe
15 Grace Werren, Hanna Werren, Jack Werren
17 Kati Roberson, Donna Wood
18 Anastasia Halter, Dorothy Michael
19 Romy Anderson, Mike Fisher, Pamm Ohlinger, Dalton Van Valkenburg
21 Maurice Plains
23 Taylor McCarty, Steve Stocker
24 Laurel Effinger, Robert Putman, Beth Souers
25 Jonathan Chance, Chester Willey
26 Debbie D’Antonio, Scott Watterson
27 Barbara Deuble, George Kemper, Betty Stoffer
28 Theo Wallace
29 Beth Goodchild, Matthew Johnston, Jan Rausch
30 Dave Hudson, Joyce Wulff

Christ Church celebrates birthdays of members who are 95 years or more:
September 18—Dorothy Michael (97)
Sunday, 9/2—Communion
Monday, 9/3—Church Building/Office Closed
Wednesday, 9/5
  6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision—Parlor
  7:00 pm Deacon Meeting—Pine Room
Friday, 9/7
  10:30 am Small Group Meeting—Parlor
  6:00 pm Session Retreat—Camp Wakonda
Saturday, 9/8
  8:30-10:00 am Food Ministry Breakfast
  9:30 am Presbytery Meeting—Muskingum University
  2:00 pm Session Retreat Ends
Sunday, 9/9
  11:45 am Mission West Shareholders Lunch—Westminster Hall
  5:00-6:00 pm Confirmation
Monday, 9/10
  4:00 pm Property Meeting—Parlor
Tuesday, 9/11
  1:00 pm Personnel Meeting—Parlor
  6:00 pm 2nd Mile Meeting—Parlor
  6:30 pm Spirit & Space—Library
  7:00 pm Discipleship Meeting—Parlor
Wednesday, 9/12
  8:00 am Food Ministry
  4:30 pm Worship Ministry—Upper Room

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Have you remembered your church in your will?

We are an active and giving congregation. Besides giving to CPC each year, many of us also give to other charities in Stark County and beyond. When we pass on, however, many of us do not think to include the church in our wills. God has indeed been generous to us. Let us plan to return some of our wealth back to God to continue the work of this church. Please consider making a bequest to Christ Church in your will. You can amend your will with a call to your attorney. For questions about making a bequest to CPC, feel free to contact any member of the Endowment Ministry (Jack Burquist, Roger Gray, Teresa Houston, Linda Norton, or Steve Stocker).

Doris M. Williams
August 2, 2018

Christian sympathy is extended to the Williams Family.

It's the start of another school year! Tiqvah’s first day back is Tuesday, September 4. We would like to gather as many people as possible to welcome the children that day. Please meet at the church by 3:30 pm and share your love and encouraging words to the children of Tiqvah.
Congratulations to Adam & Bonnie Wiggins on the birth of their son, Joshua Jai Wiggins born August 21, 2018. Theo is the new big brother. Bert & Judy Smith are the proud grandparents.

Nancy Hannon

FINANCIAL NOTES

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This reporting reflects the General and Camp Funds from July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019. PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR PLEDGE CURRENT. THANK YOU!

Online Giving with a Credit/Debit Card or directly from your Checking or Savings Account.
Designate amount, general fund (or choose other fund), one time or recurring gift, credit card or debit bank.
Text CANTONCPC to 73256 to give using your text messaging. Standard text messaging rates may apply.

Need help or have questions? Contact Diane in the Church Office 330-456-8113.

COMING SOON!

This Fall, help us celebrate the many wonderful families, groups, and ministries that make up Christ Presbyterian Church!

Information on family photo dates and times will be available soon. We'll be arranging times for our committees and ministry's to have group portraits taken and collecting photos taken by the congregation at recent church events and activities. We want every person to participate! Keep an eye out for sign up information and how you can help make sure our directory reflects the inspiring faith community we have!

Pastor Michael will be singing and Mario Buchanan will be directing High Holy Day services at Temple Israel in Akron in September. If you wanted to hear some beautiful music and learn more about the Jewish faith, you are invited to attend: Erev Rosh Hashanah—Sun, Sept 9 (7:30-9:30 PM); Rosh Hashanah—Mon, Sept 10 (10:30 AM-12:30 PM); Kol Nidre—Tue, Sept 18 (7:30-9:30 PM); Yom Kippur—Wed, Sept 19 (10:30 AM-12:30 PM OR 2:30-6:00 PM)
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@cantoncpc.org no later than Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

**Return Service Requested**

**Worship with Us**

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

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

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

**Friends Helping Friends:**
If you are in need of temporary assistance or medical equipment, we want you to know that we care. God has His hand in this ministry, sees your need, and wants you to receive this assistance through Friends Helping Friends. Please do not hesitate to call co-coordinator:
Heather Dominik—330-459-4590
Alice Rauch—330-494-2997

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**Spirit & Space Team Report – Recent Accomplishments**

The Spirit & Space Team was charged by Session to determine how we can continue to be a welcoming community by empowering the structural, visual, and practical design of the space we call our church home. We recently accomplished two (2) very important milestones, and we would like to share them with you:

- With Session approval, the Team recently decided to approach a professional consultant, Mr. Craig A. Loscalzo, Ph.D., Senior Generosity Strategist with Generis, to assess the current generosity climate here at CPC. Mr. Loscalzo made an onsite visit with Pastor Dave, other members of church staff, members of Session, members of various church ministries, lay leaders, and other members of the congregation at large, and reviewed CPC’s giving history, financial statements, budget reports, and church communications. In his report he offered 1) affirmations, observations, and recommendations as to our church’s opportunities for everyday generosity, 2) a determination of our readiness to conduct a building renovation program and a capital stewardship campaign, and 3) a recommended pathway for our church to move forward with these opportunities. Mr. Loscalzo’s professional opinion is that CPC has the capacity to fund our vision of empowering the practical re-design of the structural and visual space we call our church home. Certainly the success with which members of our congregation met the challenge of making up for the $34,000 shortfall in CPC’s 2018/2019 general budget affirms his conclusions. At this juncture we have yet to sign a formal contract committing our church to any kind of a capital stewardship campaign.

- The Team also decided to engage the firm of Chambers, Murphy and Burge for architectural services. It is a preeminent master planning, architecture, interior design, and historic architecture firm that employs both licensed architects and licensed historic architects with offices in Akron and Cleveland. Their team of professionals has the proven capability to work with us in assessing and redesigning our church space in its context as a historic structure. Their team will employ care and concern not to disturb that space which now successfully meets our needs, but will employ creative design solutions in recommending how we can enhance our church space so as to make us a more welcoming community. We have asked what the firm needs, to begin drawing up a design proposal, but have not yet signed any commitments to them.

We will surely keep you informed of our progress. Look for additional reports in the *Tydings*, and check out our Spirit & Space link on the CPC home page for further updates.