



# The Chimes

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Christ's  
Ministry**

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## CRANSTON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Got an article, announcement or other suitable info for the next CHIMES? Please submit by Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> to: Michael Findlan Call (513) 553-3149



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Any appropriate topic or idea for the Chimes is always welcome.

**Cranston Mission's  
Bread Ministry**  
Every Saturday morning, around 8:15am until at least 9:00am.  
Come on down!



### New Richmond Area Ministries News

NRAM provides God's helping hand to those in need by operating the NR FOOD PANTRY, weekly, at its temporary location. It is now at the Nazarene Church on Hamilton Street. It is open every Wednesday. Hours are from 8-9:30am and then again 5-6:30pm.



NRAM and the Food Pantry are not funded by government entities such as Cincinnati's Food Bank. Our local endeavor relies on food and monetary donations allowing us to run it similar to a grocery store. Rather than recipients receiving a pre-packaged box, they may pick and choose from the wide selection of food stuff and personal products available on our shelves. Much of what we make available are goods that are purchased. Therefore we make a sincere plea for donations from the community. Write monetary donations to NRAM, note on memo line to "NR Food Pantry", send to NRAM, 942 Old US Rt. 52, New Richmond, OH 45157. You can drop off donations at the pantry when we are open or call Ron Stang for pick up. Warehousing of supplies is also a real issue. NRAM needs a larger building for this Food Pantry. Contact Rev. Bill Bockhorst, 513-520-7454; Deacon Ron Stang, 516-309-5340; or Mike Findlan, 513-623-8272 if you can help.

*Come join us each Sunday for our services and fellowship!*



### CRANSTON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Formed in 1821, Sanctuary built in 1856

### Historical Notes of our Beginnings

*A tidbit from the 1993 History of Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church by Aileen Whitt:*

By the sheer amount of space dedicated to the subject, Aileen Whitt testifies that Children and Young People are of huge significance to our church. Lists of names, stories of Vacation Bible School, Sabbath School, Sunday School, and Youth Programs cover more pages of the history than any other subject! She has fun with the topic as well, as in her notes entitled "Frisky Young People", regarding the "Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor" Sabbath Evening prayer meetings in 1894. She cites the opinion of the pastor at the time "that this meeting needs to be carefully guarded by the Session in order to prevent or allay any spirit or conduct of irreverence . . ." Aileen Whitt adds the following in parenthesis: (WHAT! Our grandparents and great-grandparents were acting up at prayer meetings!) She then celebrates a notation from 3 years later that such meetings continued "with gratifying results." (pp 111-128) -Chris Torrey

### CELEBRATE CRANSTON'S 200th YEAR OF MINISTRY TO THIS COMMUNITY!

Come join us in celebrating the fact that this church has been at this site ministering to the New Richmond area for **Two Centuries!** There is an incredible amount of history associated with our Presbyterian Church and we are proud of it! We're having a big celebration on **Sept 26<sup>th</sup>**, with a Meet & Greet and Box Lunch gathering. Special music presentations are scheduled for Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. Plus we plan to have a historical minister type presentation in October.

If you have a suggestions for what else we could do as a congregation to make this a memorable bicentennial, please contact Bob Lees at (513) 310-3069 or by email at: bob.lees@gmail.com



### Summer Bible Study

The Summer Bible Study was held on Tuesdays starting in July. Rev. David Annett presided over the Studies that were held in the Fellowship Hall and broadcast online. This series was very successful and proved to be most revealing to the participants. Those attending, or watching online, explored the important spiritual aspects of the "Book of Revelations". The purpose of the book was to strengthen the faith of members of the seven churches that were in Asia Minor. It gave them the assurance that deliverance from the evil powers that were arrayed against them was close at hand. It was an admonition to Christians of the first century (the Apostolic Age) to stand firm in their faith and to avoid paganism, as practiced by the Roman culture of the time, despite the threat of adversity and martyrdom. Revelations is one of the most debated books of the Bible as its obscure and extravagant imagery has led to a wide variety of Christian interpretations.



Session again discussed how best to address the lingering spread of Covid-19. It was decided the practice of wearing face masks is rescinded for those who have been fully vaccinated. Session strongly encourages those not vaccinated to please continue to wear masks in consideration of others. The Bibles and hymnals have been returned to the pews, along with use of the collection plates. This is subject to change though.



As we prepare to celebrate our 200th Anniversary with an event using the big tent, it's interesting to note an entry from Aileen Whitt's history:

*"In 1990 St. Peter's Catholic Church and Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church jointly purchased a large tent for outdoor events. St. Peter's Church uses it for their annual fund-raising weekend, and Cranston uses it for our annual steer roast. It is amusing to note that the Session minutes refer to it as "The Ecumenical Tent." (page 174)*

**We replaced the leaking asphalt shingles over the Fellowship Hall, kitchen and side foyer in June. Warner Roofing did the work at a cost of \$12,000.**



Please consider making a generous donation to help replace the general fund monies that were used. **Mark your generous donation "Roof Fund".**

**CRANSTON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Corner of Washington and Union St.  
New Richmond, Ohio 45157

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Please provide your email address, if you have one.

# September 2021

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu               | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|---|--|--|-------------------|---|--|
| Aug 29<br><b>Chris Torrey</b><br>Presiding  | 30  | 31<br>Memorial service for Tom Boyles at 6pm | Sept 1   | 2                 | 3 William Murphy<br>Micheall & Sidnie<br>Reed | 4  |
| 5 <b>David Annett</b><br>Presiding  | 6  | 7<br>Ron Stang                               | 8  | 9                 | 10  | 911 Remembrance<br>11am at Bandstand   |
| 12 <br>Ma Crow & Company<br>Female Bluegrass Group | 13  | 14   | 15<br>Nathan Nelson                                  | 16<br>Ruth Saylor | 17  | 18 <br>National<br>Cheeseburger Day |
| 19 <b>Chris Torrey</b><br>Presiding<br>Vivaldi's "Four Seasons"<br>by a CCM group at 1pm  | 20  | 21   | 22<br>Autumn Equinox<br>Elephant Appreciation<br>Day | 23                | 24  | 25   |
| 26 <b>David Annett</b><br>Presiding<br>200th Celebration<br>Event. Meet & Greet<br>after Services                                   | 27  | 28<br>Ask a Stupid Question<br>Day           | 29   | 30                | Oct 1   | 2  |

# October 2021

## Clergy Appreciation Month

| Sun  | Mon                    | Tue                          | Wed | Thu | Fri                             | Sat                   |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 <b>David Annett</b><br>Presiding<br>COMMUNION    | 4                      | 5<br>Betsy Mitchell          | 6   | 7   | 8                               | 9<br>Moldy Cheese Day |
| 10 <b>Chris Torrey</b><br>Presiding                | 11<br>Beverly Bradshaw | 12                           | 13  | 14  | 15                              | 16<br>Braeden Price   |
| 17 <b>David Annett</b><br>Presiding<br>Caleb Price | 18                     | 19<br>Evaluate Your Life Day | 20  | 21  | 22<br>R. H. Varble              | 23                    |
| 24 <b>David Fisher</b><br>Presiding                | 25                     | 26                           | 27  | 28  | 29 National<br>Frankenstein Day | 30<br>Sidnie Reed     |
| 31 <b>Jackie Pinkowski</b><br>Presiding            | Nov. 1                 | 2                            | 3   | 4   | 5                               | 6                     |

Individual's name is their Birthday

Couple's name is their Anniversary

Some "events" are pending; as such special music or a guest presentation may not be listed here. Attend church for the latest calendar schedule.

Come join us for a very special music performance by internationally acclaimed violinist BoYun Li and some of the finest musical talents from the University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music (CCM) for a very special music event at the historic Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church at 1pm on Sept. 19th. Ms. Li has won many notable awards in her musical career starting when just five years old and winning a national prize two years later. Ms. Li and accompanying talent will perform Vivaldi's Baroque era "Four Seasons" arrangement. This will be an



amazing performance given as part of Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church's bicentennial year of celebration.

All are welcome to join us at 1pm. Admission is free with donations accepted and appreciated.

"Prayer is a force as real as terrestrial gravity. As a physician, I have seen men lifted out of sickness by the power of prayer. It is the only power in the world that overcomes the laws of nature." -Alexis Carrell

Pray for all those throughout this world we share, who have passed, were affected by, have or are trying to avoid the Covid-19 virus. Pray for those affected by the bombing in Afghanistan. Remember in your prayers the families of Dorothy Shultz, who passed in early July; along with those who are part of Tom Boyles extended family and loved ones. And offer prayers and condolences to Mary Haas and family as Don passed away recently. The power of prayer cannot be explained, but the power of prayer can be experienced.

Yours in prayer, Jackie Nelson

The Lunchbox Program provided another large batch of snacks and healthy food items to needy school age children again in August. Please continue with your generous monetary donations to Cranston's Mission. Mark them for "Lunchbox".

Sarah Stapleton and helper accept our August donation.



**Ma Crow & Company**  
Sunday, September 12th starting at 10:45 am, Cranston Memorial Church will have a special all music service featuring "Ma Crow & Company", a highly respected all female bluegrass band.



Ma is a multi-award winning performer deeply rooted in mountain music including bluegrass gospel music which the band will feature, while with us. Ma Crow and Company also includes Margie Drees, an accomplished fiddle player and vocalist who has written some wonderful songs including ones telling stories of the Underground Railroad which she will share with us. Vickie Abbot plays bass and contributes soulful vocals to the trio. Vickie has been a part of a number of bluegrass and country music bands and was a bluegrass radio anchor in the past.

This all music service is a part of Cranston Memorial Church's bicentennial year of celebration. All are welcome to join us.

Paul Nobis was very active in the church and generous. In Sept. 1977 he planted the Oak tree that still stands today at the corner of Union and Washington. Then in June of 1983 he donated the Dogwood trees that grace the Union St. side of Cranston Church. They were dedicated in memory to his grandson Jeff Nobis. (p 178)

Aileen Whitt passed away on August 23, 2021, just shy of her 97th birthday. Born August 25, 1924, in New Richmond, Aileen was the wife of the late J.B. Whitt. She was mother to Cynthia and Martha, grandmother of two, great grandmother of three and great-great-grandmother of two children. Aileen was very active in Cranston Church and was responsible for putting together the 1821-1993 history of our church. (From which we often print excerpts.) Aileen and J.B. ran a hardware and heating supplies store on Front St. for years. Together they owned and saved the Ross-Gowdy house from complete decay, using wood from the old homes being flooded over by East Fork Lake. Being very active historians and key to Historic New Richmond they eventually deeded the house over to HNR. Aileen was a prolific reader and writer, submitting many articles to the Clermont Sun. One of Aileen's biggest claim to fame was her love of books. She was the force that established a Book-Mobile service to New Richmond. Eventually acquiring a broken down unit in 1980 as a permanent library in town. Out growing that in 1983 they into the small white tavern building near Cranston at 107 Market St. (later "Curves".) This then moved to the lower level of the Market St. School in 1995 and finally Clermont County Library system built the new 10,000 sq./ft. facility on Old US 52 at the base of the new Riverview Bluffs development in 2004. The Library Branch in New Richmond is a lasting legacy to Aileen.



### From the May 27th, 1896 edition of "The Clermont Courier":

Monday, June 15, will be the 75th anniversary of the organization of the Presbyterian church society in New Richmond, at which time the members will indulge in a celebration of two days duration, an interesting programme of exercises for which is in course of preparation. The church is now undergoing repairs in preparation for the event, and among other improvements a beautiful steel ceiling of elaborate ornamentation and workmanship will be placed, and other excellencies and elegancies to correspond.

The first Steer Roast offered by Cranston was held in 1984. It was quite successful, raising \$3,250.00.



You can view our Sunday morning services starting at 10:45am on either Facebook or on the Cranston website "cranstonchurch.org".

**From a church bulletin: Thursday night Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication will follow.**

**Visit us on FACEBOOK ! Lots of other photos of our events. Like us on FACEBOOK !**