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CRANSTON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Come join us each Sunday for our services and fellowship!



CRANSTON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Formed in 1821, Sanctuary built in 1856

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

Please continue to join us in celebrating Cranston's two centuries of ministering to the New Richmond community from this prominent site at the corner of Union and Washington! There is an incredible amount of history associated with our Presbyterian Church and we are proud of it! Our big Meet & Greet (with Box Lunch) gathering Sept 26th was a huge success with more than 95 friends attending. We have more to offer during the last two months of 2021. Special music presentations are scheduled in December on the 5th and 12th. Of course we plan to have the holiday season based events appropriate to November and December including a Christmas Eve service. If you have any suggestions for what else we can do end our memorable bicentennial year, contact Bob Lees at (513) 310-3069 or by email: bob.lees@gmail.com



Got an article, announcement or other suitable info for the next CHIMES? Please submit by Dec. 19th to: Michael Findlan Call (513) 553-3149 or E-mail: findlanmike@yahoo.com

Any appropriate topic or idea for the Chimes is always

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, each week, at the [Nazarene Church on Hamilton Street](#). It is open every Wednesday 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 endeavors to help the needy rely on food and monetary donations. This allows us to run the Pantry in a similar manner 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 we make 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: "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. Contact Rev. Bill Bockhorst, 513-520-7454; Deacon Ron Stang, 516-309-5340; or Mike Findlan, 513-623-8272 if you can help.



The Advent of the New Year

New Year's Day is Jan 1st when we start anew and move from 2021 to 2022. But we're familiar with other calendars! Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year, most recently on September 6-8, 2021, ushering in the year 5782 by their reckoning. Many of us know about the Vietnamese Lunar New Year, Tet for short, which next occurs on Feb. 1, 2022.



The Christian year, observed in our weekly worship, is another calendar you might know, composed of two primary cycles, centered in the mystery of our faith in Jesus Christ. The Nativity Cycle, consisting of the twelve-day season of Christmas and the preparatory, four week season of Advent, begins on Sunday, Nov. 28. The Resurrection cycle, consisting of the seven-week season of Easter and the preparatory, forty-day season of Lent, begins March 2, 2022.

On Nov. 28, with the start of Advent, we'll move to the Gospel of Luke as our guide in worship for the coming 12 months. Advent means coming or arrival. We celebrate Christ's coming into the world and look with longing for his coming again. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, themes of hope, peace, joy, and love call us to live the Good News of our Christian Faith. Happy New Year!
Chris Torrey



Session again discussed how best to address the lingering spread of Covid-19. It was decided the practice of wearing face masks is unfortunately back in force as the Delta strain of Covid creeps back around communities. Session asks that everyone wear a face mask within Cranston whether you have been



fully vaccinated or not. It is also just common courtesy 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 hopefully in 2022, though.

Local musician **STEVE FREE** will be here **December 5th**.

Steve Free and his musicians will be playing his repertoire of spiritual music during our Dec. 5th services. He has provided his unique music numerous times and it is always inspirational and entertaining. Be sure to join us on that Sunday.



Karen Roberts faithfully provides us with wonderful piano and organ music using her amazing skills at each of our services. However, she must get lonely up there by herself at the piano bench, so for our December 12th service she has recruited Manami White to accompany her at providing our instrumental music. Manami was here providing string accompaniment on the 26th for the 200th and will join us again on the 12th with her talented playing of her violin.

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".

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New Richmond, Ohio 45157

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Please provide your email address, if you have one.

November 2021 NOISY OFFERING month! Dump all your loose change in a collection bucket.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Nov 1 All Saint's Day	2 Election Day All Soul's Day	3	4 National Men Make Dinner Day	5 Elijah Bradshaw (on the 6th)	6
7 David Annett Presiding ALL SAINTS DAY COMMUNION	8	9 Ginnie Webber	10		12 Griffin Bennett On the 13th Kendra Wright Brieanne Findlan	13 Veteran's Day Parade Batavia, 1pm
14 Chris Torrey Presiding	15 Jim & Shannon Price	16	17 Michael Findlan	18	19 Madelin Bennett	20
21 David Annett Presiding Jackie Nelson	22	23 Eat a Cranberry Day	24 Annabelle Annett	25	26 Janet & Jim Gibson	27
28 David Fisher Presiding Beginning of ADVENT Jim Gibson Ava Honaker	29 Chia Pet Day	30 Charlie Lindsey	Dec 1st Jackson Findlan	2	3 Debbie Clepper (on the 4th)	4 River Village Christmas Throughout Village including at Cranston 2-8pm

December 2021 GIVING TREE month, pick a tag and give a gift to a needy child.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 David Annett Presiding With STEVE FREE	6 Madelyn Findlan (on the 5th)	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 Andrew Reed (on the 7th)	9 Christmas Card Day	10	11
12 Chris Torrey Presiding	13 Serra Lindsey Michael Murphy	14	15	16	17 Carol Porter	18
19 David Annett Presiding Greg Findlan	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23 Festus - It's for the Rest of Us!	24 Special CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE with David Annett 7:00pm	
26 Chris Torrey Presiding	27 National Fruitcake Day	28	29 Kristen Annett	30	31	Jan. 1 2022
2 David Annett Presiding	3 Fruitcake Toss Day	4	5	6	7	8

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.



November is NOISY OFFERING month!

Bring your loose change and drop it in the children's metal collection cans. The monies go towards the very successful Heifer International programs which have been running for over 70 years in 125 countries! The organization provides base animals and crops along with essential training. The goal is to get needy families the necessary foods and funds to change the course of their lives. HI provides cows, goats, chickens, crops, and similar base farm type stock depending on the communities needs and local resources. The livestock plays a key role in this work, both as a strategy for alleviating poverty and achieving food security and proper nutrition. It also gives them tangible assets with which they can improve their livelihoods.


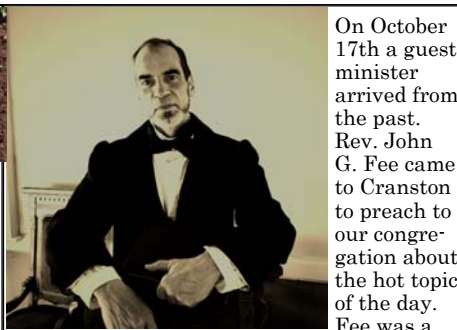
Monies collected for flower donations during Christmas and Easter also go into the Heifer fund.

"Prayer is the world's greatest wireless connection. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours. (Mark 11:24)" The value of consistent prayer is not that He will hear us, but that we will hear Him. Keep praying, but be thankful that God's answers are wiser than your prayers.

Yours in prayer, Jackie Nelson

The Prayer Chain has become so large that I can no longer edit or condense it to where it can be printed here in the Chimes. It has expanded to over 52 names as posted in the most recent list that Jackie Nelson maintains. However, the Prayer Chain requests still remain so important to all those in need of our Lord's assistance. Be they for making it through the trials and tribulations of illnesses, injury, aging, pains of mind or body, loss of loved ones and other crises that we all are confronted with during our lives; prayer is a powerful help to all. Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays. It's a win-win situation, your prayers help the person who is suffering, and it benefits you, too! Please contact Jackie or myself should you wish to get a copy of the current Prayer Chain List. Bless you all, Michael Findlan


The Lunchbox Program continues to provide large batches of snacks and healthy food items to needy school age children each month. Please continue with your generous monetary donations through Cranston's Mission. Mark them for "Lunchbox".


staunch abolitionist, vowing to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." His sermon "Abolition...Amen" expounds on the abolitionist movement here in the southern Ohio region. His sermon was a repeat of a anti-slavery talk he had presented at Berea College in Madison County in KY.

He studied at Augusta College in Bracken County, KY, Miami University in Oxford, OH and entered Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati in 1842. First as a Presbyterian he became a non-sectarian preacher after a conflict with the KY Synod's stance on his church's refusal to admit slaveholders. He preached as an itinerant in Bracken and Lewis counties but when in neighboring counties he often faced violent opposition. On land donated by Cassius Clay, he founded the town of Berea in 1853. Abolition supporting people tended to gather there. In 1855 he formed Berea College; This was the first college in the state that was interracial and coeducational. (similar to Parker (Clermont) Academy and Oberlin College). In 1859, seeking help from Henry Ward Beecher's church in NY, pro-slavery sentiment was stirred up against him back in KY. In Dec. armed pro-slavery men gave notice to abolitionists in Berea to leave town. When Fee returned from NY he and his followers were thrown out of Bracken County. Fee and his wife Matilda eventually stayed during the course of the Civil War with the Parkers at the home now owned by Greg Roberts. Rev. Fee was portrayed by Obadiah Ewing-Roush

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



Hymns of 1821



At our 200th Anniversary Celebration we sang two hymns which would have been familiar to those who founded our congregation in 1821. One was "Our God Our Help in Ages Past" written by Isaac Watts 100 years before our church was founded. Based on Psalm 90, this text is set to the familiar tune ST ANNE. We also sang "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" written in 1747 by Charles Wesley. We used the Welsh Tune HYFRYDOL which wasn't written until 1831. When our church was founded, there would have been several other tunes to which they sang these words. The first Hymnal produced by the Presbyterian Church in the USA wasn't started until 1821 and was first published in 1831. The Hymnal (donated by Kendra Wright) we have in our pews is one of the most recent Presbyterian Hymnals in that series and includes both of the hymns we sang on our 200th Anniversary Sunday!

-Chris Torrey

The Gospel of Luke

Beginning in Advent the Gospel of Luke guides our worship for the coming year. Luke was written by an unknown Christian who, after reading other accounts of the life of Jesus and after careful study, decided to write another. The same person also wrote the Acts of the Apostles. Ancient tradition says the author of both books is "Luke, the dearly loved physician" (Colossians 4:14), who was with Paul during parts of his missionary work. Luke seems to have had a copy of the Gospel of Mark, which he expands considerably by adding stories of Jesus' birth and childhood, much more of Jesus' teaching, and Jesus' resurrection appearances. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is always on the move. In Acts, the traveling missionaries are similarly on the move. (From the Common English Bible)

You only have to mumble a few words in church to get married, and a few words in your sleep to get divorced.

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