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## CRANSTON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Come join us each and every Sunday for our Services and Fellowship!*



Got an article, announcement or other suitable info for the next CHIMES? Please submit by **Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>**

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The congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church has invited their friends at Cranston to join them for their annual picnic on Sunday September 11th. The picnic will start after their service that day



(about noon time) and goes until about 2:30pm. There is enough time to attend Cranston's service and drive to Knox. Or attend the service at Knox. Knox is located at the corner of Observatory and Michigan Ave. in Hyde Park

Rev. Chris Torrey puts out a list of the announcements, concerns and people for whom prayers have been asked for. Chris compiles the list shortly after each Sunday's service. This is then emailed to the congregation (to those who have provided email addresses) and is also posted on the website and Facebook pages. Check it out!



### CRANSTON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Chris Torrey's son Keith gives us a unique outlook on our church. First formed on March 11, 1821 this church has long been a beacon and pillar to the community of New Richmond. The main sanctuary of the building, green roof, dates back to 1856. The Fellowship Hall, black roof sections, were added in 1938.

### Growing a Church

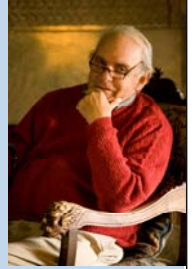
Several years ago the Presbyterian Church (USA) studied what growing churches have in common. On the list were some of these attributes: Successful churches that continue to grow encouraged their congregation to invite others; they mailed and/or distributed newsletters; held events to meet neighborhood people; had a team working on recruitment; held events to bring people into the church building; visited recent visitors; contacted people new to the area; maintained a website; sent letter and/or email to recent visitors. Helping Cranston to grow is our shared opportunity and responsibility!



-Chris Torrey

### Frederick Buechner 1926-2022

Who was Fred Buechner?



He was a Presbyterian minister who never held a church pastorate but instead found his calling as a writer serving his faithful readers. He was a prolific writer, spanning six decades, who explored God and faith in nearly 40 works of fiction, nonfiction, memoir and theology.

Probably quoted by more preachers at Cranston in recent years than any other writer, Fred Buechner was a Presbyterian Preacher who died in August at age 96. His books, both fiction and non-fiction, and his published sermons, nurtured several generations of church members and thoughtful Christians. Two of Fred's most-quoted thoughts are, *"you find your vocation at the spot where your deep gladness meets the world's deep need."* And: *"Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. In the boredom and the pain of it no less than the excitement and the gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace."*

Look for books by Fred Buechner, at the library or a Christian bookstore, or check out

<https://www.frederickbuechner.com/>

Here's a Frederick Buechner quote from his book "Wishful Thinking":

**GRACE:** A good sleep is grace and so are good dreams. Most tears are grace. The smell of rain is grace. Somebody loving you is grace. Loving somebody is grace. Have you ever tried to love somebody? A crucial eccentricity of the Christian faith is the assertion that people are saved by grace. [...] The grace of God means something like: Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you I created the universe. I love you. There's only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you'll reach out and take it. Maybe being able to reach out and take it is a gift too.

-Chris Torrey

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# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Aug. 28</b> <b>Chris Torrey</b> Presiding	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Micheall & Sidnie Reed William Murphy
<b>4</b> <b>David Annett</b> Presiding <b>Communion</b>	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Ron Stang	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> "Monday Night Big Band" at the Bandstand, 7pm. NRAM will have its free food booth set up.	<b>10</b> <b>Sunday is "911 Remembrance Day"</b>
<b>11</b> <b>David Fisher</b> Presiding <b>Picnic at Knox Church, Hyde Park</b> Starts around noon, goes until 2:30pm.	<b>12</b> Chocolate Milk Shake Day	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Nathan Nelson	<b>16</b> Ruth Saylor	<b>17</b> National Apple Dumpling Day
<b>18</b> <b>David Annett</b> Presiding	<b>19</b> International Talk Like A Pirate Day Pat Irwin	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Elephant Appreciation Day	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Chris Torrey</b> Presiding	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Ask a Stupid Question Day	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Oct. 1</b>

# October 2022

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<b>2</b> <b>David Annett</b> Presiding <b>Communion</b> MaCrow and her group will add their music to our service.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Do Something Nice Day	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>David Fisher</b> Presiding	<b>10</b> Lisa Kuhn	<b>11</b> Beverly Bradshaw	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> International Skeptics Day	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>David Annett</b> Presiding Braeden Price	<b>17</b> Caleb Price	<b>18</b> National Meatloaf Appreciation Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Moss Barkley	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> R. H. Varble
<b>23</b> <b>Chris Torrey</b> Presiding	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> World Pasta Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>Jackie Pinkowski</b> Presiding Sidnie Reed	<b>31</b> 	<b>Nov. 1</b>	<b>2</b> Deviled Egg Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> David Annett will be presiding on the 6th

An individual's name is their Birthday

A couple's name is their Anniversary

Some "events" are pending; as such special music or guest presentations may not be listed here. Attend church, watch online or check our website for the very latest calendar schedule.

Be sure to join us for our Halloween Party **Oct. 31** in the Fellowship Hall. Cranston's party matches the village's "Trick or Treat" times of 6pm to 8pm, and makes a great stop for the kids. Fun for all with candy for "Trick or Treaters", plus cider, donuts, games and prizes!



Session recently approved the serving of **COMMUNION** on the first Sunday of each month. A new refrigerator was purchased and installed in August.



This "French door" unit has very wide shelves that will be useful for trays and platters. It is substantially bigger than the old unit.



## New Richmond Area Ministries News

A Community Spaghetti Dinner was held on Thursday July 28th at the VFW Community Hall on George Street. Always a great tasty dinner featuring meat and meatless spaghetti, salads, garlic bread and lots of desserts were provided to all that attended. NRAM offers these Community Dinners to everyone in the New Richmond community as a means of bringing all of us here in New Richmond together in fellowship with neighbors and friends. All are always invited, so bring your family, friends and neighbors and enjoy a great dinner when we do a **Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 15th at the VFW Hall**. These dinners are **FREE!**

Note that NRAM purchases many food items at discount prices to maximize our NR FOOD PANTRY operations. Therefore monetary donations for this effort are preferred and most appreciated. As always donations can go directly to Cranston's Mission (Please mark as "NRAM Food Pantry") and they will graciously transfer your donation to NRAM.

During our service on Sunday Oct. 2nd we will have the group "Ma Crow and Company" joining us. They are an all-female Bluegrass band. Based in Cincinnati, Ma Crow & Co. consists of Ma Crow, Margie Drees and Vicki Abbott. They will be performing some of their wonderful and inspirational gospel music during our service.



Photos to the right are of the painting efforts in the Fellowship Hall and of the exterior white surfaces. Exterior is a work still in progress.

Lunchbox Program, based out of the NR School administration offices, successfully provides snacks and healthy food items to needy school age children each week. Through your donations to Cranston Mission a monthly allowance is provided which is used to purchase large quantities of non-perishable foods. Currently spending around \$200 each month. These purchases are then dropped off to the Lunchbox Program headquarters at the NR School's Central Office. Currently, monetary donations to Cranston's Mission (please mark as "Lunchbox") are best.



**I recently took up meditation, it beats sitting around doing nothing.**

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