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Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church is excited to have a fresh coat of paint. All of the exterior white surfaces were painted recently. This took a number of weeks and even required a large boom man-lift to reach the steeple areas. This exterior work was preceded by the painting that was done in the Fellowship Hall and attached entrance foyer,

The Gospel According to Matthew

ADVENT – the season leading to Christmas – is also the start of the Church Year involving the Lectionary. Each church year we lean on one of the three “Synoptic Gospels” (Matthew, Mark and Luke each offer a similar synopsis of the story of Jesus) for the coming year. Beginning with the first Sunday in Advent (November 27) we will be led in worship with the story from Matthew’s Gospel. Here’s an idea: you can read the whole Gospel as part of your daily devotions to be ready for the year to come! Even better, read the whole Gospel with a Commentary on Matthew handy. A commentary helps you make sense of the content and structure of the Gospel. Let me know if you need a suggestion for an accessible commentary!
-Chris Torrey

NRAM will host a **CHRISTMAS DINNER** for anyone in our community. This will be at the VFW Hall on George St. and will start at 6pm. The date will either be Tuesday the 13th or Thursday the 15th of December. Look for flyers and announcements at church, by email and Facebook. It will be a full NRAM dinner spread with side dishes and plenty of desserts. The main entrée is being hashed out at this time.



Christmas is approaching and the Sanctuary will be decorated by the start of ADVENT with many Poinsettia plants. These have been generously donated as in past few years.



November is NOISY OFFERING month!

Bring your loose change and drop it in the children's metal collection cans. Make some noise as you donate to a good mission cause. The monies go to the very successful Heifer International program that provides farm type livestock and crops, along with training, to very needy families and communities throughout the world.

New Richmond Area Ministries News

Community Thanksgiving Dinner Tuesday, Nov. 15th at the VFW HALL



on George Street. Dinner will feature roast turkey with all the “accessories”, such as stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, etc.! Of course there will be a great selection of desserts to make sure you don’t go away hungry. This community dinner is put on by NRAM members along with some help from our friends at RIVERHILLS BANK. Join us in fellowship with neighbors and friends. We will be serving starting at 6pm, with cleanup around 8pm. **EVERYONE is welcome, it's FREE.**

Cranston's THANKSGIVING DINNER, Sunday Nov. 20th, around 12pm.

Join us after church service for a delicious meal featuring an array of traditional Thanksgiving foods. Great chance for sharing a holiday dinner and enjoying the fellowship of your congregation. Be sure to invite family and friends to the church on the 20th! Note that while the main turkey entrée is ready to be put in the oven we will be looking for side dishes and desserts. Please note your contribution on the sign-up sheet at the lectern railing in the Sanctuary.



A THANKSGIVING Interfaith Service

will be held on Tuesday Nov. 22nd, at the Locust Corner United Methodist Church – 7 PM, with fellowship afterwards. On Dec. 20th, Mt. Zion United Church of Christ will host the **ADVENT Interfaith Service**. This will be at 7 PM and again there will be a fellowship gathering afterwards.



The COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER Dec. 13th or Dec. 15th at the VFW Hall



Our annual **GIVING TREE** will be set up in the Fellowship Hall before our Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 20th. Tags will list “boy” or “girl” and various age ranges. Pull a tag or two and acquire an age/gender appropriate gift. These go to St. Vincent DePaul to be distributed to needy children.
Please wrap and return by Dec. 11th.



Please submit **CHIMES** material to Michael Findlan by **Dec. 15th**. Call (513) 553-3149 or E-mail it to: findlanmike@yahoo.com

Our fabulous **Coffee Hour and Fellowship Time** has returned having been on hiatus due to Covid. Per a recent Session meeting it was approved that the after services “Coffee Hour” starts again as of the Oct. 30th services.



Session feels that the after services fellowship is an important part of the congregational experience. It is our moment to mingle with others and catch up on the goings-on in the lives of each of us and within our community. A change though from the past Coffee Hours is that we plan to have coffee (beverage) and some sweet snacks every Sunday after services. Then once a month we will be asking for a volunteer to host a pot luck type luncheon offering a little more substantial spread of foods similar to what we used to do before Covid. Look for a sign up sheet for those luncheon dates in the near future, on the Bulletin board. But as of now you can linger after church every Sunday, grab a coffee or beverage, a donut, pastry or cookie and talk to your friends.



Mary Campbell hosts our 2022 Halloween Party. First one since 2019.

Clermont County Public Library is holding a **HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE** on behalf of the Interparish Ministries. They are asking for donations of canned goods and non-perishable food items. These will be passed along to the Freestore Food Bank. Drop off your donation at any of the ten Clermont County Public Library locations, starting **Nov. 14th through Dec. 31st**.





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November 2022

NOISY OFFERING MONTH Bring your loose change!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct. 30 Jackie Pinkowski Presiding Sidnie Reed	31 6-8pm  Happy Halloween Fellowship Hall Party!	Nov. 1	2	3 Men Make Dinner Day Helen Barkley	4	5 Guy Fawkes Day TURN BACK clocks overnight
6 Chris Torrey C Jean Nelson All Saints' Sunday Elijah Bradshaw	7	8 Election Day! Vote early/Vote Often	9 Ginnie Webber	10	11 Veteran's Day	12 Griffin Bennett
13 David Fisher Ruth Saylor Brieanne Findlan Kendra Wright	14	15 Community THANKSGIVING DINNER 6pm at the VFW. Open to everyone! Jim & Shannon Price	16	17 Homemade Bread Day Michael Findlan	18	19 Madelin Bennett
20 David Annett C Jean Nelson Cranston's Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner	21 Jackie Nelson	22 Thanksgiving Interfaith Service, 7pm Locust Corner United Methodist Church	23	24  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25	26 Janet and Jim Gibson
27 David Annett Martha Misheff Start of ADVENT	28 Ava Honaker Jim Gibson	29 Chia Pet Day	30 Charlie Lindsey	Dec. 1st Jackson Findlan	2	3 RIVERTOWN COUNTRY CHRISTMAS Parade, vendors, activities, carolers, tree lighting, carriage rides. Concert at Cranston Church

December 2022

Remember to give a gift donation for the boys & girls from the Giving Tree Tags

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 David Annett C Martha Misheff Debbie Clepper	5 Madelyn Findlan	6	7 Andrew Reed	8	9	10 Remember to bring in your Giving Tree Gifts on Sunday, the 11th.
11 David Fisher Martha Misheff POTLUCK LUNCH	12 Gingerbread House Day	13 Alternate Christmas Dinner date at the VFW Serra Lindsey Michael Murphy	14	15 Community CHRISTMAS DINNER, 6pm at VFW	16	17 Carol Porter
18 Chris Torrey Ruth Saylor Coffee Hour	19 Greg Findlan	20 Advent Interfaith Service, 7pm at Mt. Zion United Church of Christ.	21	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Service 7:00pm David Annett, Chris Torrey, Jean Nelson
 Merry Christmas	26 Christmas Day service will be presided over by David Annett, David Fisher and Jean Nelson, with Communion	27 National Fruitcake Day	28	29 Kristen Annett	30	31
Jan. 1st, 2023 Happy New Year!	2 Barbara Pettigrew	3 Fruitcake Toss Day!	4	5	6	7

"C" denotes a Communion service

An Individual's name denotes their Birthday - - A Couple's full name denotes their Anniversary

Some "events" are spur of the moment or pending. Thus special music, a guest, a special event may not be listed here. Attend Church to know what is going on!

Christmas Is Coming !

While the world around makes note of "How Many Shopping Days Until Christmas", perhaps we in the church might note how many days of spiritual preparation we have until the main event! What might that look like? One option is to grab a hymnal or treasury of Christmas Carols and focus on one each day until Christmas. Consider all the verses. Look up the story of the one who wrote the Carol and how it was first used. Add in some Carols you're not already familiar with! Another option is to read the start of each of the Gospels and consider how each one prepares us for Christmas. While not all Gospels tell the Christmas story, all of them prepare us for the coming of Jesus. Notice how each one proceeds and consider how each one speaks to you! -Chris Torrey

The traditional All Saints' Day is November 1st, immediately after Halloween, but our church always celebrates it on the first Sunday after Halloween. This year it will be on Nov. 6th. This is the time that we remember those who have passed on and we pray for their souls. In particular we will remember Emilie Donham (was a foundation block to our church) and Bob Gilfillen (103 years old!) who left us this year.

Note some changes (upgrades) to the calendars!

I've added in the "Liturgists" that will accompany our minister on any particular Sunday. Communion service dates are denoted with a "C". Since "Coffee Hour" is now every Sunday it is not marked in the calendar, however the Potluck luncheon dates will be noted.

Please be aware that these participants, schedules and events are always subject to change.

Don't forget the Lunchbox Program. It requires over 1000 non-perishable food and snack items per week to make up the take home bags for almost 150 children in the New Richmond school district who are not getting anything good or substantial to eat over the weekends. Cranston's Mission Committee continues to provide a generous monthly donation, which really helps. However the need is great and constant.



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2am on Sunday morning, November 6th. Be sure to turn back all your clocks including those in your den, microwave, garage, bedrooms, cars, etc. With today's technology many clocks automatically reset to the proper time.



Thank You Liturgists!

The Session recently agreed to having liturgists in worship most Sundays. The liturgist assists the worship leader, usually by leading the Call to Worship and reading the Scriptures. The specifics can change from week to week, to be decided by that week's liturgist and preacher. The word liturgist comes from the word liturgy, which means "work of the people." The liturgy is the order of worship: the prayers and Scriptures and all that's involved in a service of worship. If you would like to be one of the liturgists, check with David Annett, or speak to any of the liturgists you see from week to week.



Another inspiring sermon !!!



A "Bunn" commercial type coffee maker was donated by Greg Roberts and family. It can make full carafes of regular or de-cafe drip coffee quickly for our weekly coffee hours. If you want a favorite coffee blend or prefer a tea or hot chocolate? Then use the Keurig unit that Michael Findlan donated. There are some "K" cups with it, but feel free to bring your own favorite "K" cups from home.

As part of the New Richmond area Christmas celebrations Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church will host a special music event on Saturday Dec. 3rd. The Cincinnati Conservatory of Music (CCM) will present a quartet of musicians for our enjoyment. We are also awaiting confirmation that the NR High School "Troubadours" will be able to attend the event and provide their singing talents to event. This will be held in our Sanctuary. Time will be announced via emails, Sundays' services and Facebook.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car!

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