



# The Chimes

March / April 2023

202 Years Strong  
doing Christ's ministry

## Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

### Thanks for Help!

This issue of Chimes looks different! It's on smaller paper but has 31% more space for content. By moving the calendars to the church website, and removing space for mailing labels, we've increased what we can print. We promise to keep the font one size to make reading easier. Thanks to Greg, Elizabeth, Mary, Jackie, and Martha for making this issue possible. **If you have material for the May-June Chimes**, bring it to church or send to

[communications@cranstonchurch.org](mailto:communications@cranstonchurch.org)

-Chris Torrey

### Session Highlights

- ✓ This issue of Chimes is dedicated to the memory of Michael Findlan. Michael served as editor for many years capably mixing good communication with levity. Session thanks Rev. Chris Torrey for serving as interim editor for Chimes.
- ✓ Session approved expenditure for upgrading the wireless microphones in the sanctuary. A generous donation will cover most of the cost.
- ✓ Saturday, May 13, a Presbytery-sponsored "Freedom River Pilgrimage" will stop at Cranston, the Grant Birthplace, Ripley, Red Oak and Georgetown tracing the history of Underground Railroad and Abolitionist actions in our region. You can join this tour! Details will be shared on upcoming Sundays.
- ✓ Session approved the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services to be held in our sanctuary. (see details elsewhere in Chimes!)

-Greg Roberts, Clerk of Session



**D** ID YOU KNOW?  
**The most effective outreach is when church members invite others to join them!**

**Calvin Presbyterian Church** in Withamsville/Amelia asked Presbytery to close their congregation. If you know someone who attends Calvin, please make sure they know they would be welcomed at Cranston! In fact, anyone looking for a new church home, or who just wants to stop by for a worship service and fellowship, is always welcome! Invite others to find their way to Cranston!



### March Birthdays

- 1 - Nolan Kuhn
- 6 - Meredith Lindsey
- 9 - Jo Schroeder
- 10 - John Bantjes
- 11 - Kevin Murphy
- 13 - Cole Abbott
- 16 - Lillian Findlan
- 17 - Sharon Kidd
- 17 - Lucille Willis
- 23 - Bill Porter
- 23 - K.C. Jones
- 25 - Corey Hall

### April Birthdays

- 2 - Jack Murphy
- 6 - Marcie Bantjes
- 7 - Regina Bajorek
- 7 - Sean Gibson Lawson
- 8 - Morgan Kuhn
- 9 - Mary Campbell
- 15 - Larry Annett
- 16 - Rick Carnes
- 19 - Sarah Glenn
- 21 - Whitney Thompson
- 24 - Chris Torrey
- 25 - Bailey & Riley Deweese
- 27 - Judy Whitt

### March & April Anniversaries

- Howard & Ruth Saylor  
April 7
- Larry and Jan Annett  
April 20

### FUN DATES!

Thanks to Elizabeth Hill for keeping Michael's playful spirit alive: He would be pleased that this issue of Chimes is being printed on April Fool's Day! April 7 is "No Housework Day" April 12 is "Grilled Cheese Day" April is "Holy Humor Month"!

**Saturday, May 13** is the day for the "Freedom River Pilgrimage" sponsored by the Presbytery of Cincinnati. More details to follow!





### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Our Sanctuary will provide a space both acoustically and spiritually pleasing for a Maundy Thursday performance of Haydn's **The Seven Last Words of Christ**. Inspired by Scripture, the music suggests "haunting mystery, alienation, and lament".

Readings of Scripture between each of the movements of the piece will take us from the first word, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," through the last, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Musicians from The College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, under the direction of Kurt Sassmannshaus, will perform Haydn's music. Music inspired by the most sacred of Scriptures will lead us in worship.

The service is on **Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm** at Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church.

*Please invite others to join us!*

### GOOD FRIDAY

Come to worship on **Good Friday, April 7 at 7 pm**, at **Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church** led by the New Richmond Area Ministries pastors, including the Rev. David Annett. The River Valley interfaith Choir under the direction of Vickie Hale will provide music. There will be a time of fellowship following the service.

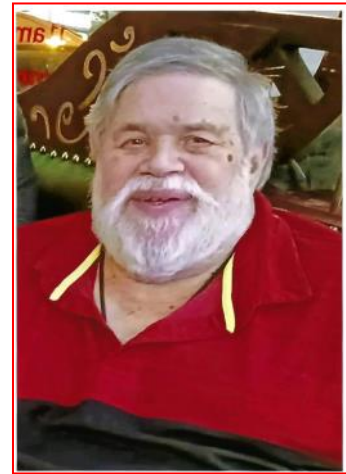
### EASTER SUNDAY

The Rev. David Annett will lead worship including Holy Communion on **Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunday, at 10:45 am** in the Sanctuary of Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church. Wanting to invite someone to join us on Easter (or any Sunday?) - pick up the special INVITATION flyer prepared by Greg Roberts available at church now!

### APRIL PREACHERS

*Looking beyond Easter:*  
16<sup>th</sup> — Rev. David Annett  
23<sup>rd</sup> — Rev. Dr. David Fisher  
30<sup>th</sup> — Rev. Chris Torrey

*Our preachers often choose one or more Scriptures from the Revised Common Lectionary from which to preach on Sundays. You can always find Lectionary readings at <https://www.pcusa.org/> at "follow the lectionary" or search for **The Revised Common Lectionary** and go to the **Vanderbilt Divinity Library**.*



### MICHAEL FINDLAN

The Memorial for Michael, led by the Rev. Kevin Murphy, was a fitting tribute to our dear friend. After listening to Elton John's "Funeral for a Friend / Love Lies Bleeding", and hearing words of comfort from Scripture, we heard from Michael's brothers and son. From the Morgan sports cars parked outside to the overflow seating in the funeral home, Michael was well-remembered. He will be sorely missed at Cranston and New Richmond! If you choose to make a memorial offering to Cranston in memory of Michael, please note that intention with your gift. Thank you to Elizabeth Hill for the picture above, taken just days before Michael passed away.

### NRAM: New Richmond Area Ministries

Greg Roberts had begun attending NRAM meetings with Michael Findlan. See notice of the Good Friday service above, sponsored by NRAM. Also upcoming is the Easter Dinner at the VFW on Thursday, April 13 at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Also the National Day of Prayer is scheduled for **Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 pm** at the New Richmond Bandstand.

