



# The Chimes

July / August 2023

202 Years Strong  
doing Christ's ministry

## Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

### July and August Birthdays!

July 2—Dwayne Kuhn  
9—Shelly Glenn  
16—Karen Roberts  
18—Mary Haas  
19—Charles Irwin  
22—Elaine Silvernell

August 2—Karen Thompson  
3—David Annett, Levi Deweese  
8—Xavier Shelton, Mary Murphy  
16—Janet Gibson,  
Jenifer Mathis, Ryan Clepper  
18—Alicia Abbott  
19—Lily Annett  
23—Rodney Abbott  
24—Jack Pettigrew

### July and August Anniversaries

July 3— Matt & Tammy Deweese  
11—Bill & Carol Porter  
15—Tom & Sharon Kidd  
16—Paul & Mary Campbell  
16—Jack & Barbara Pettigrew  
28—David & Kristen Annett

August 28—David & Gloria Fisher



On Sunday, May 14, we celebrated the baptisms of Dave, Shannon, Reagan, Paisley, Braxton, and Brelynn Martin. What a great joy to celebrate baptisms of this whole family! The worship service as a whole celebrated these Baptisms and our own. More:

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2016/1/21/what-presbyterians-believe-baptism/>

## Sunday, July 16

Immediately After Worship  
Potluck Church Picnic  
& Pool Party

Sign Up at Church!



The after-church potluck for July is a picnic at the home of Chris Torrey and Dawn Butler on Bethel NewRichmond Road, near the High School. Come to church (at the regular 10:45 am time) and then join us for a potluck luncheon, pool party, afternoon fellowship, and a great time 'til 3 pm.

We'll supply hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken breasts on the grill. We ask everyone coming to bring a dish to share: a side dish, dessert, water melon, what have you!

We also encourage you to bring lawn chairs, outdoor games, and lots of enthusiasm!



A sheet with directions is available at church. If the weather is really bad, we'll hold the "picnic" in Fellowship Hall and reschedule for some time in August.

**Plan to join us!**

### Session Highlights

Greg Roberts, Clerk of Session

The Session of Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, June 20.

- ✓ We discussed how to welcome newcomers, especially folks from recently closed Calvin Presbyterian Church.
- ✓ Pastor David Annett announced a Presbyterian Youth Group will be here for a work day on July 18. If you can help, speak to David or Greg.
- ✓ We discussed the Church Picnic planned for July 16. See the notice on this page!



## An Interview with **Ruth Saylor**

**Who is most responsible for your being in church?** I was in my late 20s and had gone through a series of very painful experiences, one being that my 63 year old mother died in my arms. A wonderful woman, Dean Cone, came into my life. Through her love, prayers and persistence she succeeded in getting me to go to her church. Now, that church was a “full gospel” church and this “frozen chosen” Presbyterian was skeptical. But she loved me right in to the congregation where eventually they laid hands on me and I was filled with the Holy Spirit and was “born again”!

**Describe what God is doing in your life these days.** In my morning quiet time, the first thing I do is tell my Lord how grateful I am and I try to recall the joys of the previous day to thank Him for. I am always grateful that He never leaves my side and that His Spirit lives in me!

**What is your hope for the future at Cranston?** I pray that Cranston will always be a beacon of hope and God’s love for our community. I am so happy to see the young people who are a part of Cranston now. They bring so much happiness and hope for the future. For those of us who are senior citizens, I am grateful we have each other as church family. By digging into the total meaning of **“the joy of the Lord is my strength”**, I’m hoping to find words and ways for us to maintain joy as we face the inevitable challenges of aging.

**The CHIMES looks forward to interviews with church members and friends in coming months!**

### **New at Cranston Memorial**

The **Church website** will soon include a calendar of church events! Let Pastor David Annett know what to add!



**Does anyone know what happened to the keyboard and stand that were in the Sunday School room?**

### **New Richmond Area Ministries**

Historic New Richmond celebrated Juneteenth at Historic Second Baptist Church.

Tuesday, July 25th is the next Community Dinner at the VFW on George Street at 6:30 pm. Donations will be accepted on behalf of the New Richmond Food Pantry.



Thanks to Elizabeth Hill for keeping Michael Findlan’s list of special dates available for the CHIMES:

- July 1 is National Joke Day
- July 2 is World UFO Day
- July 7 is Tell the Truth Day
- July 11 is Cheer up the Lonely Day
- July 27 is Take a Houseplant for a Walk Day
- August 8 is Happiness Happens Day
- August 12 is Middle Child Day
- August 15 is Chant at the Moon Day
- August 28 is both Be an Angel Day and National Bowtie Day



### **Who’s preaching these next two months?**

- July 2—David Annett
- July 9—Chris Torrey
- July 16—David Annett
- July 23—Ruth Saylor
- July 30—To Be Announced
- August 6—David Annett
- August 13—Chris Torrey
- August 20—David Annett
- August 27—To Be Announced
- September 3—Chris Torrey

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