



## July / August 2023

**202 Years Strong** doing Christ's ministry

# Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church





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/whatpresbyterians-believebaptism/

### July and August Birthdays!

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

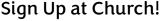
### July and August Anniversaries

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

# Sunday, July 16

Immediately After Worship Potluck Church Picnic & Pool Party





The after-church potluck for July is a picnic at the home of Chris Torrey and Dawn Butler on Bethel New Richmond 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.



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 / 13 Tell the Huth Duy
- 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



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

Watch our worship services from anywhere on **facebook** or on the **church website!** Look up *Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church* to find the services any time you want to watch.