



The Chimes

September / October 2023

202 Years Strong
doing Christ's ministry

Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights

Pastor David Annett, Moderator
Greg Roberts, Clerk of Session
Here are some items Session discussed at their August 8th meeting:

- ✓ We spent time on Pastoral Care updates and prayer concerns.
- ✓ The New Richmond Fire Department provided training for the AED. The machine talks you through everything. Call 911—the Fire Department is very close!
- ✓ Session agreed to introduce nametags to help us better welcome those who are new and those considering joining the church.
- ✓ Plans for the August 20 choir robe retirement for Emilie Donham and the potluck luncheon were discussed.
- ✓ Bob Lees is working with CCM to schedule future music events at Cranston.



UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE

- September 3—Chris Torrey
- September 10—David Fisher
- September 17—Chris Torrey
- September 24—Guest Preacher
- October 1—David Annett
- October 8—David Fisher
- October 15—David Annett
- October 22—Chris Torrey
- October 29—Lay Leaders

Watch our worship services from anywhere on **facebook** or on the **church website!** Videos from recent services can be watched anytime.

<https://www.cranstonchurch.org/>

September / October Birthdays!

- September 3**—Dawn Butler, Will Murphy
- 5—Chuck Feldkamp
- 7—Ron Stang, Madison Feldkamp
- 10—Martha Misheff, Kylie Taylor
- 15—Kelsey Delker, Nathan Nelson, Roger Loth
- 16—Ruth Saylor
- 19—Pat Irwin
- October 5**—Amy Heekin
- 6—David Fisher
- 10—Lisa Kuhn
- 11—Beverly Bradshaw
- 15—Jessica Dye
- 16—Braeden Price
- 17—Elena Dye, Caleb Price
- 18—Vickie Dye
- 10—Moss Barkley
- 22—R.H. Varble
- 30—Sidnie Reed

September / October Anniversaries

- September 3**—Micheall & Sidnie Reed
- 16—Gary & Amy Heekin Gleason
- October 18**—Greg & Theresa Roberts

Guest Preacher Sept. 24th!

On Sunday, September 24th Cranston will provide a "neutral pulpit" as one of our sister churches in presbytery considers a candidate to become their pastor. Pastor David Annett will join in leading worship that day; the guest preacher will deliver the sermon. The Presbytery routinely asks other churches to host a guest preacher to allow the search committee seeking a new pastor a chance to hear their candidate before they are ready to make a decision and seek their congregation's vote.



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- ◆ Join us for Coffee Hour after worship each Sunday, and a Potluck Luncheon the Third Sunday of the Month!
- ◆ Sign up to get the emails alerting you to worship (Friday or Saturday) and summarizing Prayers and Announcements (Sunday or Monday)
- ◆ Have you checked out the church calendar on our website?

An Interview with **Greg Roberts**

When you were young, what was the source of "warmth" in your life? From my mother, Carol Miller, I developed a sense of responsibility and association with church. Although I was quite young at the time, during a difficult stretch in her young adult life as a single divorced mother she took me to various local churches where I experienced acceptance from both adults and other children and learned about the unconditional love of Jesus Christ. Sadly my mother did not experience the same love and acceptance that I had felt and we church-hopped for several years. She ultimately stopped attending church but always encouraged me to attend with the other kids in the neighborhood. My mother was always there supporting me with her warmth and unconditional love despite the challenges she faced in her life.



How have you grown in your faith throughout your life? I know it sounds and is somewhat cliché, but when life closes a door on you, God always opens a window. Experience has given me the faith, even in the darkest moments, to seek the light of that open window.

What is your hope for the future of Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church? My hope for Cranston is to bring the love and acceptance that I felt as a child to the community and to enhance the community's as well as the Church's reputation as a place where ALL people regardless of background, social or economic status are welcome.

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

Michael Findlan's amusing holidays list is kept alive, thanks to Elizabeth Hill:



Sept. 2 is *National Bacon Day!*
Sept. 10 is *National Grandparents Day*
Sept. 19 is *Talk Like a Pirate Day*
Sept. 28 - *National Maritime Day* (Michael would have celebrated!)
Oct. 6 is *World Smile Day*
Oct. 19 is *Evaluate Your Life Day*
Oct. 27 is *National Cranky Co-Worker Day*

In New Richmond one can hear three different churches ring their bells. The Baptist Church has a carillon which plays hymns twice daily. St Peter's Roman Catholic Church has a carillon which rings the hours during the day. One church has a rope attached to a real bell in their steeple: **Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church!** What a joy to hear that bell peal when worship concludes on Sundays. It's a sign to the whole village that there's life in that Presbyterian Church!

New Richmond Area Ministries

- ◇ NRAM is very appreciative of Cranston's support for school supply and food pantry missions.
- ◇ Planning is underway for Thanksgiving Community Dinner.
- ◇ Michael Findlan and other Food Pantry volunteers were recognized at the August 18th Celebration of Life for Michael hosted by Buck's Riverside Grille.

-Greg Roberts

We had a good summer at Cranston Memorial Church!



In addition to the Church Picnic and pool party (pictured at right) we welcomed a youth work trip from *Lakewood Presbyterian Church* in Jacksonville, Florida: they helped with a variety of projects around our church.

In later August we remembered Emilie Donham, retiring her choir robe in a special ceremony during worship. A good summer!

