



The Chimes

November / December 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 recent meetings:

- ✓ We spent time on Pastoral Care updates and prayer concerns.
- ✓ We brought back Passing the Peace, agreed children will be in worship for communion, and introduced name-tags!
- ✓ We're working on a church directory with photos. Listen for upcoming announcements in church.
- ✓ First Aid training will be scheduled soon.
- ✓ We approved a new Child Protection policy and Sexual Misconduct policy.
- ✓ Bob Lees is scheduling a musical program for the Christmas Season.
- ✓ Christmas Eve worship in the morning and evening!



November is Noisy Offering Month! Bring coins to place in the buckets the children will pass among us during worship. Your giving supports Heifer Project International!

November / December Birthdays!

November 3—Helen Barkley

6—Elijah Bradshaw

9—Ginnie Webber

12—Griffin Bennett

13—Kendra Wright

19—Madelin Bennett

21—Jackie Nelson

28—Ava Honaker

30—Charlie Lindsey

December 1—Jackson Findlan

4—Debbie Clepper

7—Andrew Reed

9—Mark Grippa, Jan Annett

12—Kelly Watkins

13—Serra Lindsey, Mathew Deweese, Michael Murphy

17—Carol Porter

19—Greg Findlan

21—Jacob Glenn, Jackson Glenn

29—Kristen Annett, Taylor Glenn, Steven Van Eman

30—Mary Binder

November / December Anniversaries

November 26—Jim & Janet Gibson

Dec. 9—Chris Torrey & Dawn Butler

We have held two successful Youth Nights!

We learned about the Creation, made new friends, shared wonderful dinners and treats. Most importantly we've been together in Jesus' name.

Coming soon: November 15th we will be having a scavenger hunt and talking about giving thanks and what we are thankful for. We will continue to hold Youth Night on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, 6-7:30pm, all ages are welcome!



Who's Preaching?



Nov. 5—David Annett

Nov. 12—David Fisher

Nov. 19—David Annett

November 26—Chris Torrey

December 3—David Annett

December 10—David Fisher

December 17—Chris Torrey

December 24—David Annett

Christmas Eve—David Annett

December 31—Chris Torrey

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An Interview with **Shannon Martin**

The Chimes: Briefly describe the person most responsible for your being active in church at this point in your life.

Shannon Martin: Two answers. First, I would have to say my Mom. She grew up in Church: every time the doors were open they were there. We went when I was a child; my Dad worked a lot. She would read Bible stories to me at night and sing me songs as a child. My favorites were Daniel and the Lions Den, Jonah and the Whale and my favorite song she sang to me was *I Come to the Garden Alone*. After losing my Dad her faith stayed strong even through that difficult time.

My second answer is that we moved to New Richmond in 2019 and "church shopped" for a while. Nothing ever felt like home. Reagan knew the situation and had input on the Churches we visited. She asked Lily Abbott one day at school about the church they go to and shortly after that Alicia invited our family to come to church with them. Needless to say, we have never left.

Chimes: When you think of God, and what God is doing in your life, how would you describe that?

Shannon: Amazing, beautiful, and breathtaking. I look at my children, my husband, our family, and our community. We are blessed, more than I deserve.

Chimes: What is your hope for the future of Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church?

Shannon: My hope is that we continue to grow and reach people who may be intimidated to go to church or unsure of it. I value reaching out to the youth in the area to make sure they have a comfortable place to go and ask questions, to help start or build their faith. It is important to connect with people and help them find Jesus. I am willing to dedicate my time to Cranston and help with God's work as needed. I love Cranston and I love being here.



Cranston News Briefs!

- ✓ Join us for Coffee Hour after worship each Sunday.
- ✓ The Thanksgiving Dinner after-church Potluck is Sunday, November 19.
- ✓ Check out the church website including the new Calendar with church events, birthdays and anniversaries.
<https://www.cranstonchurch.org/>
- ✓ December 2 is the date for the Christmas Program featuring musicians from CCM and New Richmond High School.
- ✓ Christmas Eve is a Sunday. Worship at 10:45 am and at 7 pm that evening!

New Richmond Area Ministries

- ◇ The Food Pantry is open twice daily on Wednesdays. We need donations and hope to move to larger space!
- ◇ The Thanksgiving Community Dinner is Nov. 16th, 6 pm at the VFW hall.
- ◇ Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Nov. 21st at 7 pm at Locust Corner Community Church.
- ◇ NRAM mourns passing of Mary Thompson!

-Greg Roberts

To the right is one of Michael Findlan's "self-portraits", graphics he used to invite contributions to the CHIMES.



Michael's sudden death earlier this year still touches us all.

Thank you, Michael! CHIMES is edited for now by Chris Torrey, but put together by a good group of helpers. If you would like to join the team, or share editing with Chris, please contact him any time!

A Cranston Tradition continues with the Giving Tree—providing Christmas gifts to children in need!

The tree will be up in Fellowship Hall by the Potluck on Nov. 19. You can take one or several tags indicating the needed items and ages of children.

We'll gather the gifts in time to be delivered by Christmas. Thank you for your generous support of this annual Christmas Outreach!



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