



The Chimes

January / February 2024

203 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're working on a church directory with photos. Listen for upcoming announcements in church.
- ✓ Session reviews the budget at their January 9 meeting.
- ✓ A Mission Committee Review will take place on February 13 at Session. We look forward to starting a minute for mission (see below for an example!)
- ✓ We're looking to expand our music in worship, with children singing and with volunteers among the adults willing to learn and help lead the hymns from time to time!
- ✓ Session meets January 9th.



Our Sanctuary on Christmas Eve!

January / February Birthdays!

January 1—Barbara Pettigrew

4—Cooper Abbott

13—Tammy Deweese

14—June McClure

21—Micheall Reed

27—Jim Eha

February 2—Donna Bianchi

5—Tom Nelson

8—Steven Binder

10 Shelly Honaker

11—Alyssa Honaker

13—Bob Lees, Paul Campbell

14—Jim Price

15—Audrey Jones, Veronica Binder

18—Elizabeth Hill

19—Jamie Kidd

23—Greg Roberts, Theresa Roberts

We don't know of any January or February anniversaries. Let Jackie Nelson know if we can add your birthday or anniversary to this list.

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Who's Preaching?

Jan. 7—David Annett (Communion)

Jan. 14—David Fisher

Jan. 21—David Annett

January 28—Chris Torrey

February 4—David Annett (Communion)

February 11—David Fisher

February 18—David Annett

February 25—Chris Torrey

March 3—David Annett (Communion)



Stewardship is an act of spiritual formation. Giving gifts of time, talent and treasure through the church deepens faith and shows love. Stewardship is not a season: it is ongoing **gratitude to God.**

How do I give at Cranston?

Through the Offering—use envelopes or not (as you wish). Place your gift in the offering plate during worship. Online, click on the "Give to Cranston" tab. Or ask the Pastor or any member of the Session where help is needed most! The Bible encourages you to consider a tithe. We encourage you to be generous as you are able.

What does my gift accomplish? (here's one of many causes!)

Your giving to Cranston helps support **Franciscan Ministries**, a community non-profit which provides compassionate delivery of essential services to some of the most vulnerable and needy in Cincinnati. Through Franciscan Ministries we provide basic necessities: **"from a haircut, to a safe place to rest, to help getting off the streets."** Learn more at <https://www.franciscanministriesinc.org/>

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Remembering **Michael Findlan**

This issue of the CHIMES marks a year since Michael's sudden passing last February.

The CHIMES invites you to pause to remember Michael's unique contribution to our Church and to this Village. At Michael's funeral he invited us to listen to all 11 minutes (and 6 seconds) of Elton John's "Love Lies Bleeding / Funeral for a Friend". It was good to slow down and consider his life . . . and our own! The picture posted here is the one his family chose for Michael's obituary.



Michael was an iconoclast who in his life demonstrated deep convictions about integrity, the value of relationships, and what truly is joyful. Those who knew him best recognize that he was never the same after Doni's passing. At the same time he never gave up.

Michael had a vision of the church which included helping others, being there for each other, having fun, and pushing past pretense to conviction. His sense of humor prodded us to not take ourselves too seriously. As Editor of the CHIMES for many years, he worked hard to draw this congregation into a future we're only beginning to envision—something he could see in his faithful editing.

Remembering Michael a year after his sudden passing seems the best way to honor his contribution to this Church!

Cranston News Briefs!

- ✓ Join us for Coffee Hour after worship each Sunday.
- ✓ Check out the church website including the new Calendar with church events, birthdays and anniversaries.

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

- ✓ The Annual Congregational Meeting of Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church will happen soon. Stay alert to notices in worship and by e-mail to the date and time of this year's Annual Meeting!

New Richmond Area Ministries

- ◇ The NRAM Valentine's Day Community Spaghetti Dinner will be on Thursday, February 15th, at the VFW Hall on George Street.
- ◇ On Sunday, February 4th, Cranston will host a special Four Chaplains service in conjunction with Clermont County Veterans. Read more about the Four Chaplains:

<https://www.army.mil/article/34090/>

[Chaplain Corps History](#) [The Four Chaplains/](#)

-Greg Roberts

The Chimes

is a bi-monthly publication of **Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church**. After editor Michael Findlan suddenly passed away in early 2023, Chris Torrey volunteered to be the *Interim* Editor until a replacement for Michael could be found. The editor compiles the contributions from a range of church members (this issue includes contributions from Jackie Nelson, Shannon Martin, Greg Roberts, Martha Misheff, and others)! We provide copies at church for folks to pick up, email more than 75 copies, and send 45 copies by USPS. HELP WANTED includes conducting the Interview featured in most issues, writing up stories and features, gathering and editing appropriate pictures, and providing a discerning eye to make sure the whole production represents the church well! If you are interested in any portion or the whole job, speak to Chris any time!



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<https://presbyteryofcincinnati.org/>

We encourage you to explore the tab for THE SAMPLER to see recent editions of the weekly email newsletter: sign up to receive this regular update to what's going on in Presbytery!

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



The Youth Program is doing great!

During church we've heard about what they're doing and how much fun they are having. Shannon Martin, Amy Heekin, David Annett and others have provided leadership. Shannon reports: "The Youth Program has been wonderful. We have made new friends and I really feel like the kids look forward to it. The youth program is open to all ages and anyone who wants to participate!" **They meet 6—7:30 pm every first and third Wednesday of the month at the church.**

JOIN THE CHURCH

If you are interested in joining Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church, speak with Pastor David Annett any time!