



The Chimes

May / June 2024

203 Years Strong
doing Christ's ministry

Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church



On Sunday, April 7, Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church received 15 new members: (L to R) Kate and Rick Greenwald, Beverly and Mark Grippa, Mary Lou and Steve Van Eman, Maxine and Ken Ellis, Gloria and David Fisher, Lisa and Dwayne Kuhn, Shannon and David Martin, Amy Tansey.

Who's Preaching?

- May 5 —David Annett (Communion)
- May 12—David Fisher
- May 19—Chris Torrey (Pentecost)
- May 26—Chris Torrey
- June 2—David Annett (Communion)
- June 9—David Fisher
- June 16—Chris Torrey
- June 30—David Fisher



May is when we collect for the Heifer Project!



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May / June Birthdays!

- May 1**—Linda Crozier
- 2—Tom Kidd
- 6—Jean Nelson
- 6—Dave Martin
- 20—Kris Moore
- 25—Shannon Porter Price
- 26—Jacob Annett
- 26—Storey Roberts
- 26—Alexa Manning
- June 2**—Catherine Reed
- 7—Izabella Clepper
- 9—Gloria Fisher
- 16—Jackie Goodman
- 28—Howard Saylor
- 28—Reagan Martin
- 30—Don Kissinger
- 30—Kelly Wright

May / June Anniversaries!

- May 15—Bob & Yuko lees
- Let Jackie Nelson know if we can add your name(s) to the lists!



Sunday, May 5th

Join us for a potluck after worship. This is a celebration of Jean and Tom

Nelson before they move to northern Ohio!

Sign up Sunday (4/28).



Ruling Elder Preaching

Institute offered Thursdays at the Presbytery Office in June and July. Check with Greg Roberts or David Annett if you are interested in honing your skills at preaching—whether it be here or in other churches in Presbytery.



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The Chimes Interview: Martha Misheff

Martha is pictured here with Margarita, her friend's pet camel, in Showka, a village in Ras Al Khaima, United Arab Emirates, and with Kotob, a retired Arabian race horse, on the Desert Conservation Reserve in Dubai, where she lived for many years.

Who was the person most responsible for you being active in the church?

My dad, Big Jim Misheff, a preacher, made me feel at home in the church. I was fortunate to have been brought up by two intelligent, open-minded parents who believed in serving their community, my dad as a pastor and my mom as a teacher.

How is God working in your life?

Mysteriously. And through grace.

What are your favorite things about Cranston?

Having a place and time conducive to reflection and contemplation, fellowship with such a terrific group of committed people, (and food!), community outreach, singing

hymns, and, of course, ringing the bell. Everyone gets to ring the bell! And we have fun.

My hope for the future of Cranston:

That we remain a vital part of the community through service, and, (to paraphrase the bulletin at St Paul's), by welcoming all Christians, people of other faiths, people of little faith, and people of no faith. Because faith grows, given the opportunity. Just keep showing up.



Cranston Supports LRO
Lions Reach Out (LRO), led by New Richmond High School teacher Sue Griffin, is a nonprofit charity which aids needy students and their families. For over 10 years LRO has been providing emergency clothing for students in need, financial assistance for school trips, various testing and school fees, dance expenses, and other monetary needs as they arise.

Cranston's Mission Committee donates to this organization each year. Our church budget sets aside a tithe (10%) for Missions. In the CHIMES and through Minutes for Mission we want you to know more about what your giving accomplishes!

-Jackie Nelson



Cranston's Youth Program will start anew on May 2 at 6 pm. Check with Shannon Martin for details!

New Richmond Area Ministries

- ◇ The Seder Meal on April 21 was well attended, a strong program of the ecumenical community!
- ◇ NRAM will be supporting the village summer concerts through their "Grill Mission" supplying food to concert guests.
- ◇ The second annual Juneteenth Celebration will take place on Wednesday, June 19th, at the historic Second Baptist Church at 513 Market Street. The River Valley Interfaith Choir will perform.

-Greg Roberts

Session Highlights

Pastor David Annett, Moderator Greg Roberts, Clerk of Session

Here are some items Session discussed at recent meetings:

- ✓ Session received 15 new members on April 7.
- ✓ The ordination and installation of Dave Martin is yet to happen, but he is meeting with Session already.
- ✓ Karen Roberts will assist church treasurer Ruth Saylor in managing church finances.
- ✓ We are in discussion with CCM about future music programs.
- ✓ David Annett is part-time pastor here and at Knox Presbyterian Church. Changes in Pension and Healthcare costs will not have significant impact on our ministry here.
- ✓ A potluck to honor Tom and Jean Nelson is planned.