



The Chimes

May / June 2025

204 Years Strong
doing Christ's ministry

Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church



Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 with 87 people in attendance! What a glorious celebration of the Resurrection!

Preaching Schedule

Sunday Worship at
10:45 am

May 4—David Annett
(Communion)
May 11—Becky Bosarge
May 18—David Annett
May 25—Chris Torrey
June 1—David Annett
(Communion)
June 8—Chris Torrey
(Pentecost)
June 15—David Batchelder
June 22—David Annett
June 29—To Be Announced

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We want to express our deep gratitude to Cranston for the lovely plaque/picture of the church. It will sit in a prominent place in our new home and remind us of all of you. Cranston was our spiritual home and you all have been a warm Christian community for us.
Thank you,
David and Gloria Fisher



Go to <https://presbyteryofcincinnati.org/> to read the weekly SAMPLER!

May / June Birthdays!

May 1 — Linda Crozier
2—Tom Kidd
6—Jean Nelson
6—Dave Martin
20—Kris Moore
25—Shannon Porter Price
June 2 — Catherine Reed
7—Izabella Clepper
9—Gloria Fisher
16—Jackie Goodman
20—Rick Greenwald
28—Howard Saylor
28—Reagan Martin
30—Don Kissinger
30—Kelly Wright
30—Jonah Spoonamore

May/June Anniversaries

May 15 — Bob & Yuko Lees
24—Charles & Pat Irwin
June 14—Mark & Beverley Grippa
23—Kevin & Mary Murphy

The Laying on of Hands and Kneeling for Ordination on Palm Sunday



Shannon Martin, Todd Houston and Steve Van Eman were recently elected to serve on Session. Steve was already an ordained Elder. Shannon and Todd were ordained and all three installed in worship on April 13. Kneeling and the laying on of hands during the ordination prayer emphasizes the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on those being ordained. Teaching Elder David Annett is Moderator of Session. Ruling Elder Greg Roberts is Clerk of Session and leads the Nominating Process. Amy Heekin Gleason leads Christian Education; Bob Lees leads Membership and Outreach; Dave Martin leads Buildings and Grounds; Martha Misheff leads Congregational Life; Shannon Martin is the Elder for Missions; Steve Van Eman and Todd Houston will lead in Worship and Music. Ruth Saylor serves as Church Treasurer. Jackie Nelson completed her term on Session. We thank her for serving so faithfully!



How Can We Help?

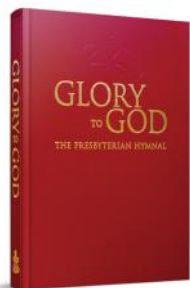
The recent flooding of the Ohio River crested a bit higher than in 2018 when we last removed the pews and pianos anticipating water in the church sanctuary. No water got into our church building, but many homes nearby were damaged. How can we help?

The Mission Committee met on April 13. Our first decision was to send \$1,000 to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, to help in wide-ranging areas of need. But how about in New Richmond? That's

when Ruth Saylor and Jackie Nelson went to work, with Shannon Martin (the Elder serving on Missions). At one point it looked like no one needed help, but they kept digging. They found situations where larger agencies and churches had swept in and brought immediate relief. We were looking for those still needing help after the first wave of flood relief accomplished what it could.

With persistence we found four cases of individuals with specific needs, mostly help with food and additional cash to help recovery. Armed with the Mission Budget of Cranston, an additional gift from a church member, and funds from Knox Presbyterian Church, your Mission Committee provided gift cards and cash gifts to specific people in need. This is how Mission works!

If you would like to contribute to Missions above and beyond the tithe from our weekly offerings, please note that your donation is for "Missions". Thank you!



The Glory to God Hymnal will be here soon!

Our campaign to purchase additional copies of the new Glory to God hymnal by Easter was a huge success! We will purchase large-print hymnals as well as enough new hymnals to be available to support our worship going forward. We will introduce the congregation to the new hymnal in June and look forward to using this wonderful resource to support worship beginning with the Season after Pentecost!

Mary Campbell is seeking copies of Aileen and J.B. Whitt's history of Cranston as well as pictures or related histories of our church. In 2026 we celebrate 205 years of ministry!

Knife and Fork Luncheon

May 18th
12:15 - 2:30

With a program on
"Tombstones and
Their Meanings"

presented by
Cindy Johnson of
Clermont Historical Society

Fellowship Hall at
Cranston Presbyterian Church
200 Union St, New Richmond, OH 45157

RSVP by May 10th to Sidnie Reed at reed@xavier.edu
Cranston Program in the subject line

As you enter the main door to the Sanctuary, notice the beautiful shelf below the mirror.

Jack Pettigrew built that shelf in honor of Ken and Roberta Wright.

Jack and Barb Pettigrew joined Cranston in 2006; Barb passed away nearly a year ago. Ken Wright had the design ideas to make the entrance to our church look great; Jack had the skill to make the beautiful shelf from black walnut (he also crafted moulding trim and helped finish the doors).

Jack described building the shelf and then the extra care involved in hanging it from the wall which is not quite plumb! The decorative supports under the shelf were a challenge Jack enjoyed. He and Ken worked to get the multiple pieces laminated together looking just right. Jack also created the little church model seen on the shelf.

Mary Campbell would like to see a plaque identifying this shelf as in memory of Ken and Roberta Wright, built by Jack Pettigrew. Thank you, Jack!

The CHIMES Interview: Jack Pettigrew

