



# The Chimes

## Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

July / August 2025

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### WORSHIP

As we all enter the long awaited season of summer with the thoughts of cookouts, vacations, and times with family and friends, I wanted to give both a review and preview of our worship together at Cranston. Recently,

Chris led us in welcoming our new pew hymnal. It was a chance to see how our hymnal could be used as more than a book of songs to sing during a service. This summer we will explore our new hymnal together!

Cranston is fortunate each Sunday to hear a message from the pulpit that is informative, educational, and thought-provoking, guiding us into the week ahead. We are blessed to hear from not just one pastor speaking the word, but four ordained ministers, and this summer one of our own members. Hopefully, you will be able to join with us to hear their messages.

- ✓ David Annett will preach on July 6, July 20, August 17 and September 7
- ✓ Chris Torrey will preach on June 29, August 3 and August 31
- ✓ Becky Bosarge will preach on July 27 and August 24
- ✓ David Batchelder will preach on August 10
- ✓ Ruth Saylor will preach on July 13

At the last Session meeting, approval was granted to increase the number of members and friends who can participate in the Sunday worship experience. All members of the church are now allowed to help with the serving of Communion. Serving communion allows all members to participate in this sacred service to those attending. By assisting with communion, more of us can experience the reward of serving others. Session is exploring adding young acolytes to our opening and closing of services, lighting candles and carrying the light of Christ out as worship concludes.

Towards the end of summer, members and friends of Cranston will be asked their opinions on how we worship on Sundays and how to become more involved on worship at church. You will be asked to share your ideas on:

- ♦ What do you most like about the worship experience at Cranston?
- ♦ How can you become more involved in the worship experience?
- ♦ What are your feelings on periodically having special Sunday services similar to the service when the hymnal was introduced?
- ♦ Would one or two or more of you be willing to prepare a Sunday worship working with one of the ministers?

These are only suggestions of possible items to be explored with members and we would welcome other topics or areas you would like to have included in the upcoming survey. Please let either Steve Van Eman or Todd Houston know of items you would like to have included. The Bible tells us **"where two or more are gathered"** the message of Christ is to be proclaimed. It is our hope to enhance the rich experience of worship by including more of us in the planning and conducting of worship services.

-For the Session—*Steve Van Eman*



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Join us for worship each Sunday, 10:45 am

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### July / August Birthdays!

**July 2**—Dwayne Kuhn

6—Shannon Martin

16—Karen Roberts

18—Mary Haas

19—Charles Irwin

20—Paisley Martin

22—Elaine Silvernell

28—Braxton Martin

**August 3**—David Annett

8—Mary Murphy

9—Janet Gibson

16—Beverly Grippa

16—Ryan Clepper

18—Alicia Abbott

19—Lily Annett

23—Rodney Abbott

24—Jack Pettigrew

### July / August Anniversaries!

**July 15**—Tom & Sharon Kidd

16—Paul & Mary Campbell

28—David & Kristen Annett

**August 28**—David & Gloria Fisher

Let Jackie Nelson know if we can  
add your name(s) to the lists!



## The Chimes Interview: Reagan Martin

- \* I know Jesus loves me because he helps me get through the hard stuff in life.
- \* When I think of who helped me grow into becoming a Christian I think of my mom and my sister, Paisley. Mom has not only helped me but other kids by setting up a youth group. Paisley helps me to not give up; she believes in herself and has become a great role model for her big sister.
- \* It makes me happy that there are people at church who give great advice about God, about church, about life. God gives me faith – that makes me happy.
- \* What is God doing in my life? Guiding and leading me in the right direction.
- \* If I could make a wish for the people I care about it would be that they find faith and hope for their lives.
- \* About the most meaningful part of church for me is the music. It reminds me that I have God's love and assurance.

Pictured is the youth group from Lakewood Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville, Florida, here at Cranston in June for a work-day.

While here, they did flood-relief work at Historic Second Baptist Church in New Richmond, did landscaping work around our church building, and helped with cleaning in the Sanctuary and with two closets upstairs.

They also sent "thinking of you" cards to Cranston folk who cannot get to church. They returned home safely after a week in the Cincinnati area.



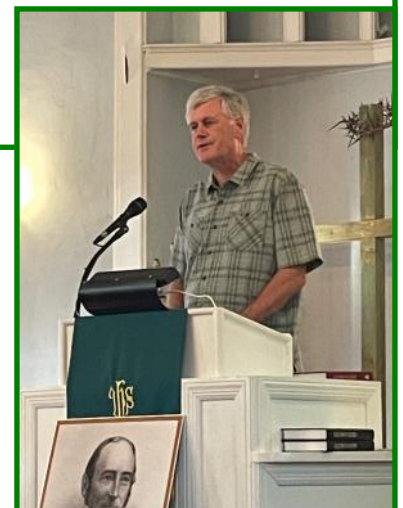
The paraments have always included bookmarks for the lectern.

Just recently we put them out—one for the Old Testament, one for the New Testament.

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Dr. Troy Jackson of Undivided speaking at the recent Juneteenth Celebration at Cranston. This event was well-attended and featured the River Valley Choir.

We also recently welcomed back Dr. David Fankhauser, Freedom Rider from the Civil Rights era.



New members Andrew and Melody Leonard, recently baptized and welcomed into membership on June 22!

