



The Chimes

September / October 2025

204 Years Strong
doing Christ's ministry

Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church



This issue of the CHIMES is dedicated to Mary Campbell who passed away on July 11. Mary is pictured here with her daughter, Sidnie. It's likely that none of us are fully aware of all of Mary's contributions to Cranston. She showed us what it means to care for others, to serve faithfully, to welcome the children, and to provide hospitality and generosity appropriate to being church.

Thank God for Mary!



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

200 Union St. at Washington St.

New Richmond, Ohio 45157

Join us for worship each Sunday, 10:45 am

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

Rev. David Annett

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**your
input is
needed!**

The Presbyterian Directory for Worship, part of our *Book of Order*, says "We are gathered in worship to glorify the God who is present and active among us – particularly through the gifts of Word and Sacrament." Through a survey this month the Session of Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church would like to know more about what you value in worship!

On Sunday, September 14th, we'll end the worship service a bit early to provide time to complete the questionnaire. The survey begins by asking what you find most meaningful in worship. Additional questions invite your input on how we plan, structure, and carry out the services of worship week by week at Cranston. The survey asks you to suggest one or more hymns you would like to see used soon – either in a hymn sing at the end of October or on another Sunday soon.

At Cranston we are blessed with a variety of voices from the pulpit week by week. We have an extraordinarily capable musician leading worship every week. Our congregation is responsive and full of life. We hope to grow the church by strengthening our worship!

If you are not in worship on September 14 we'll provide other ways you can participate in this survey. Worship involves "liturgy" which means "**the work of the people**." Seeking to involve your preferences and perhaps your ideas and leadership going forward, the Session, the ruling board of the church, would like your input.

Thank you for participating!



**Preaching
Schedule**

**Sunday Worship
at 10:45 am**

September 7—David Annett
(Communion)

September 14—Chris Torrey

September 21—David Annett

September 28—David Batchelder

October 5—David Annett
(World Communion)

October 12—Chris Torrey

October 19—David Annett

October 26—D. Marie Pierce

September / October Birthdays!

SEPTEMBER

3 Dawn Butler
5 Cathy Kirschner
5 Chuck Feldkamp
7 Ron Stang
7 Madison Feldkamp
10 Martha Misheff
12 Silas Spoonamore
15 Roger Loth
16 Ruth Saylor
19 Pat Irwin
19 David Zion

OCTOBER

5 Amy Heekin
6 David Fisher
10 Lisa Kuhn
11 Beverly Bradshaw
16 Braeden Price
17 Caleb Price
20 Moss Barkley
22 R.H. Varble
24 John Hamilton
26 Barbara Carnes Cowden
29 Brelynn Martin
30 Sidnie Reed

Sept./Oct. Anniversaries!

SEPTEMBER

3 Micheall & Sidnie Reed
16 Gary Gleason & Amy Heekin
26 Donna & Jim Bianchi

OCTOBER

18 Greg & Theresa Roberts
18 Cathy & Steve Kirschner

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



The Chimes Interview: Pastor David Annett!

At the August 16 meeting of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, David was elected to the position of Vice-Moderator. He will serve as Vice-Moderator, then Moderator, then Chair of Presbytery Council. Here are some thoughts:

Congratulations, David, on being asked to serve.

How did you feel being asked? I wondered, "Why me?" I spoke with a former moderator of Presbytery who encouraged me. I admire and appreciate those who recently held these jobs. I decided it would be good to be obedient to the call.

What do you see ahead for Presbytery? We're more connectional in recent years thanks to great recent leadership. We know each other better. At the same time, changes in society have led to losses hard to deal with. As I think of Presbytery I realize I don't know what I don't know! I look forward to learning where my leadership can make a difference.

The Moderator of Presbytery leads business meetings and is visible in Ordinations and Services of the Presbytery. Do you look forward to that? I have a lot to learn about conducting Presbytery business, but I look forward to having a front-row seat in the new ways God is moving among us in the churches. This will be a special time: I anticipate my role with great joy.

What will this mean for your time commitment to Cranston? As a member of Presbytery I've always been involved in the work of Presbytery. This does not replace any portion of my primary call to serve both Cranston and Knox churches. I think of this responsibility as layered on top.

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Session meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm at church. Zoom is available for Session members who cannot attend.



Electricity was not the first fuel to power our antique Sanctuary chandelier. We are rewiring the switch to make the chandelier work better going forward. Currently we turn on the lights from an upstairs electrical panel!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Oct. 11, is a Work Day to generally clean and to repair items needing attention around our church. Stay tuned for details and times!

The Presbytery of Cincinnati meets next on Tuesday, November 11.



<https://presbyteryofcincinnati.org/>



Backpacks were distributed at the Community Picnic. NRAM's food pantry mission is currently seeing a significant increase in clients needing food. Food Pantry funds are slowly but steadily depleting as we buy more food supplies for the growing number of the needy. Please send your monetary donations to:

NRAM c/o Karen Reissig
2333 Weil Rd.

Moscow, Ohio 45153
To donate items notify: Ron Stang - 513-309-5340.



At the end of July, treasurer Ruth Saylor presented reports to Session. Tithes and offerings for 7 months of 2025 are \$36,541 compared to \$35,618 in 2024. The Annual Budget is \$66,270. The balance sheet at the end of July shows a decrease of roughly \$7,000 compared to 2024.

Expenditures are up for the year. Mission outreach is \$4,000 this year compared to \$3,000 in 2024. The purchase of hymnals earlier this year came from Memorial Funds and designated contributions. We've spent a significant amount on Repairs and Maintenance, including furnace and A/C upgrades. At the same time, our utility bills increased.

Thank you for your contributions to the ministry of Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church! You can contribute through the weekly offering and through the GIVE TO CRANSTON tab on the church website.