



The Chimes

Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

January / February 2026

205 Years Strong
doing Christ's ministry

200 Union Street at Washington Street, New Richmond Ohio 45157 ☙ Worship each Sunday 10:45 am
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Christmas at Cranston!

The Sanctuary looked beautiful for Advent and Christmas. The top picture was taken during the singing of Silent Night on Christmas Eve. The first picture to the right is from the Dec. 21 Concert offered by Transcendence. The last picture is from the First Sunday after Christmas, showing the ornate Candelabra brought out for the Christmas Season.



Beginning with the January/February 2026 issue the CHIMES is mailed only to those who cannot receive emailed copies or pick up copies at church. Please add to our email list if you would like to receive the CHIMES in your inbox!



January / February Birthdays:

January 3— Gary Mote
4 — Cooper Abbott
14—June McClure
17—Ezra Spoonamore
21—Micheall Reed

February 2 — Donna Bianchi
5—Tom Nelson
13—Bob Lees
13—Paul Campbell
14—Jim Price
15—Audrey Jones
18—Elizabeth Hill
19—Jamie Kidd
23—Greg Roberts
23—Theresa Roberts
24—Ken Ellis

Anniversaries:

January 7—Andrew & Melody Leonard

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

Send your email address to:
communications@cranstonchurch.org



Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church
Join us every Sunday morning
at 10:45 am in person, on
facebook live or the website.

January 4—Chris Torrey (communion)
January 11—David Annett
January 18—David Annett
January 25—Chris Torrey
February 1—David Annett (communion)
February 8—Kevin Murphy
February 15—David Annett
February 22—Chris Torrey (first Sunday in Lent)



In January and February we go from the Second Sunday after Christmas to the First Sunday in Lent. Look for the bulletin in your email inbox each week!

With this New Year edition of the CHIMES we seek to bring you up to date on the work of the Mission Committee at Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church.

MISSIONS

Mary Campbell's passing last year brings us to a new season: her leadership over the previous several years was so significant. The Mission Committee met twice near the end of the year and here are some highlights of our plans going forward:

- ✓ We are making a commitment to strengthen our participation in the NRAM (New Richmond Area Ministries) Food Pantry which is open Wednesdays, 8-9:30 am and 5-6:30 pm at the Nazarene Church, 200 Hamilton Street. Related to that commitment is the "First Fruits Sunday" announcement below!
- ✓ We continue to seek to use wisely the Tithe To Missions built into our Sunday offerings. We use that money (more than \$6,000 per year) to support local ministries, seasonal efforts, and denominational causes. We will keep before the congregation ongoing reports of how those funds are being used.
- ✓ We will strengthen the Seasonal Offerings of this congregation. That begins in Advent and Christmas with the Giving Tree (see the report below). We plan to continue the "Noisy Offering" collection for Heifer Project International collected in May and November each year. We plan to include the One Great Hour of Sharing at Easter to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and additional causes.
- ✓ We will meet several times during the year to evaluate what we have done and plan what's next!

The Mission Committee which met this past season included Ruth Saylor, Jackie Nelson, Sidnie Reed, Sharon Kidd, Mary Lou Van Eman, Chris Torrey. Greg Roberts met with us as our representative to NRAM. Amy Heekin Gleason met with us regarding the Giving Tree. Let us know if we should include you in our next meeting!



The 2025 Giving Tree at Christmas carried on our tradition with a very important change:

Tags on this year's tree were for 50 local children and families through both Lions Reach Out and the New Richmond Preparatory Academy. Every one of those tags was taken and well over 100 total gifts were received and delivered in time for Christmas!

Lions Reach Out (LRO) also receives a \$2,000 gift from Cranston through our weekly offerings, with funds dispersed near Christmas time. Working with both groups allows us to provide Christmas gifts for children and families in our local community!

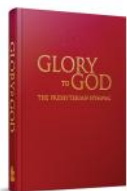
Thank you for your support. Special thanks to Amy Heekin Gleason for coordinating our relationships with both local groups.



The Mission Committee wants to introduce **First Fruits Sundays** to Cranston. We can support our local community by bringing in personal products for individuals and/or families that need more support than just food at the **New Richmond Area Ministries**.

This can be items like toothpaste, soaps, band aids and shampoo. It can also be cleaning and laundry supplies.

We encourage our congregation to put items in the white box at the back of the church anytime, but especially on **the first Sunday of each month** so that we can deliver personal items and help those in need at the NRAM food pantry. Exodus 23:19 says that we should bring the best of our first fruits to the house of the Lord our God. The verse shows the importance of bringing our first fruits as an act of worship. Bring needed personal items to church on the first Sunday of each month and those in need will know God's love.



A significant contribution to our worship services this past year was the purchase of the Presbyterian **Glory to God** Hymnals now in our pews.

Pastor David Annett keeps a log of hymns used throughout the year. In the roughly 30 worship services since we introduced the hymnal in June, we've used over 100 hymns. We've held three services dedicated to exploring the new hymnal and at Christmas Eve and during Advent and Christmas enjoyed the greatly expanded Advent and Christmas sections of the hymnal.

Thank you to everyone who contributed toward the new hymnals. Special thanks to Karen Roberts for her talented and capable support of our congregational singing!

There are always forms sitting on the shelf by the pulpit asking for suggestions of hymns. The recent worship survey also gathered suggestions. Let us know what you would like to sing!