



# The Chimes

## Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

March / April 2026

205 Years Strong  
doing Christ's ministry

200 Union Street at Washington Street, New Richmond Ohio 45157 ☩ Worship each Sunday 10:45 am  
Pastor David Annett <[pastor@cranstonchurch.org](mailto:pastor@cranstonchurch.org)> Church Website <https://www.cranstonchurch.org/>



Thank you to Cathy Kirschner and Amy Heekin Gleason for hosting the baby shower for Andrew and Melody on February 21<sup>st</sup>!



JOIN US  
FOR A GROUP STUDY OF N. T. WRIGHT'S

### From Wilderness TO Glory

LENT AND EASTER FOR EVERYONE

Join David Annett during Lent on Wednesdays at 1 pm for a ZOOM study and discussion of *From Wilderness to Glory* by biblical scholar N.T. Wright.  
[pastor@cranstonchurch.org](mailto:pastor@cranstonchurch.org)

BE THE CHURCH!  
INVITE SOMEONE TODAY

### March / April Birthdays!

- March 1** — Nolan Kuhn  
2—Mary Lou Van Eman  
10—John Bantjes  
13—Cole Abbott  
17—Sharon Kidd  
17—Lucille Willis  
19—Elizabeth Mote  
23—Bill Porter  
24—Amy Tansey
- April 6** — Marcie Bantjes  
7—Regina Bajorek  
7—Sean Gibson Lawson  
8—Morgan Kuhn  
15—Larry Annett  
16—Rick Carnes  
24—Chris Torrey  
28—Jim Bianchi

### March/April Anniversaries

- April 7** — Howard & Ruth Saylor  
20—Larry & Jan Annett  
Let Jackie Nelson know if we can add your name(s) to the lists!

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### Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

Join us every Sunday morning at 10:45 in person, on facebook live or the website.



### Preaching Schedule

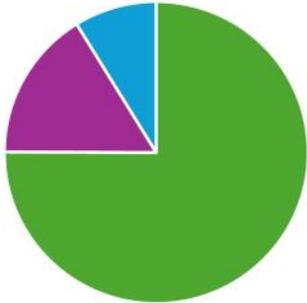
- March 1—David Annett (communion)  
March 8—Katie Gross  
March 15—David Annett  
March 22—D. Marie Pierce  
March 29—Chris Torrey  
April 2—David Annett (Maundy Thursday)  
April 5—David Annett (**Easter Sunday**)  
April 12—Chris Torrey  
April 19—David Annett  
April 26—David Batchelder



# Finance and Stewardship at a Glance

The Annual Reports presented to the congregation on March 1 help us understand the money we give to the church, how it is used, and what we can be proud of. What do we see when we combine the General Fund accounting (Ruth Saylor, treasurer) and Mission Committee accounting (Jackie Nelson, treasurer)?

Cranston Income

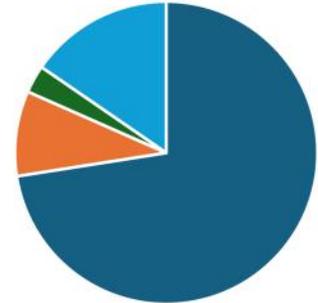


■ General Fund ■ Mission ■ Morgan Stanley/Furnace

On the income side, \$58,974 goes to General Expenses (not counting missions), \$12,682 was for Missions, and \$6,900 (of \$15,000 total from Morgan Stanley investments) was for the new furnace. \$78,556 total.

On the expense side, \$54,998 went to General Expenses, \$11,690 to Missions, \$6,900 to the furnace, and \$2,249 to hymnals. \$75,837 total.

Cranston Expense



■ General Fund (less Mission) ■ Furnace ■ Hymnals ■ Mission

## THANK YOU!

Roughly 10% of giving through Sunday offerings went to Missions.

Over 15% of total giving went to Missions!

Roughly 62% of Sunday offerings pays for ministry professionals; roughly 48% of total income. This is relatively low amount for a small church in this area.

In 2025 we purchased a new furnace for \$6,900—an expense which won't repeat soon! We withdrew \$15,000 from investments related to the sale of the manse to cover this cost. The balance remaining is part of the General Fund bank balance.

We purchased new hymnals using memorial funds and direct contributions. Another expense which will not repeat soon!

First of all, **THANK YOU** for your generous support of the ministry and mission of Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church!

- ✓ Details of the numbers, charts and percentages here are contained in the Annual Report and in additional documents prepared to make clear our finances.
- ✓ We rely almost entirely on offerings received Sunday mornings and related donations received in the mail or through the "Give to Cranston" tab on our webpage.
- ✓ The Session manages the budget, pays the bills, and works with the General Fund treasurer and the Mission treasurer to account for all that we accomplish.
- ✓ The balance sheet for the church as of December 31, 2025 showed \$38,066 in the bank, \$103,361 invested with Morgan Stanley from the sale of the manse several years ago, and \$44,346 in other investments for a total of \$185,774.
- ✓ While those amounts on the balance sheet may seem like a lot, Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church manages an annual budget and annual mission giving based almost entirely on contributions from the congregation. We're eager to answer any questions you may have about church finances. We encourage you to prayerfully consider your giving to the ministry and mission of Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church!



## SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This year during Lent we are learning about the One Great Hour of Sharing offering taken each year in the Presbyterian Church (USA). The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. This offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. Fish boxes and OGHS offering envelopes are available. We receive the offering at Easter!



**Thank you** for giving personal care products to the First Fruits offering which go to the NRAM food pantry each month. In January and February we donated over 130 items. We receive the First Fruits offering on the first Sunday every month.