

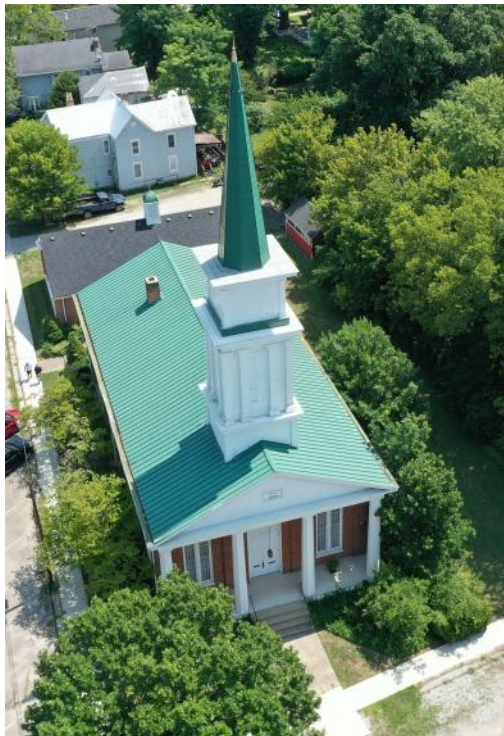


The Chimes

Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

May / June 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> Church Website <https://www.cranstonchurch.org/>



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



Preaching Schedule

- May 3—David Annett
(communion)
- May 10—Chris Torrey
- May 17—David Annett
- May 24—Chris Torrey
- May 31—David Batchelder
- June 7—David Annett
(communion)
- June 14—D. Marie Pierce
- June 21—Chris Torrey
- June 28—David Annett



May / June Birthdays!

- May 1** — Linda Crozier
- 2—Tom Kidd
- 6—Jean Nelson
- 20—Kris Moore
- 26—Jacob Annett
- 26—Storey Roberts
- 26—Alexa Manning
- 27—Shannon Porter Price
- June 2** — Catherine Reed
- 7—Isabella Clepper
- 9—Gloria Fisher
- 16—Jackie Goodman
- 20—Rick Greenwald
- 28—Howard Saylor
- 30—Don Kissinger
- 30—Kelly Wright

May/June Anniversaries

- May 15** — Bob & Yuko Lees
- 24—Charles & Pat Irwin
- June 14**—Mark & Beverley Grippa
- 17—Steve & Mary Lou Van Eman

May is Noisy Offering Month!



Treasurer

At the Congregational Meeting in March the Session reported they elected Karen Roberts Church Treasurer as called for in the Book of Order, G-3.0205.

We pause to thank Ruth Saylor for serving as Church Treasurer for the past several years and doing a great job with all the responsibilities of that office!

Please direct questions about finances to Karen or Session!



FIRST FRUITS—first Sunday each month we collect personal care items for the NRAM food pantry! In April we supplied **103** items such as hand soap, razors, and shampoo. One of the most needed items is laundry detergent. We are welcomed with hugs and great thanks when we deliver the items!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING— We collected **\$908.57** which will be sent to the Presbyterian Church for disbursement. Special thanks to Mary Lou and Steve Van Eman and River Hills bank for counting all the coinage!

The CHIMES Interview: **Jim Gibson**

Thanks to Jim for participating in this interview. Jim is experienced as an Elder and a Leader at Cranston, reliable in worship attendance and has a deep commitment to Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Q—Who is most responsible for your being active in church?

A—My Mom and Dad set the foundation for my being active in the church. They set examples that encouraged me. I remember my Dad hiring a taxi to take him to church: we didn't have a car so he went to church and Mom stayed home with the seven children.

Q—Describe the source of warmth in your early life.

A—My mom provided me with hope and kindness. I always sought her out when I came from from school or playing. She made me feel secure.

Q—How have you grown in your faith throughout your life?

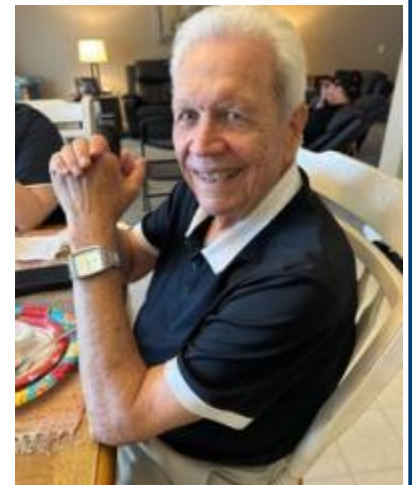
A—My faith journey included Sunday School in the Methodist church in town. I also attended the Church of Christ where my high school principal was pastor. My faith journey took off when Janet and I were married at the Plainville Presbyterian church in November, 1971.

Q—What is God doing in your life?

A—God is the primary reason for my faith. I always call on Him to settle any questions that I have.

Q—What is your hope for the future of Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church?

A—My hope for Cranston is to have more young people take part in the Mission of the Church so they can provide a foundation for others. I can provide support by giving financially and encouraging them to give of their time and effort.



JUNETEENTH

Friday, June 19th at 7 pm at Cranston Memorial Church we will host a **JUNETEENTH** community celebration with special music, history tales by eminent speakers and snacks. Plan to join us!



**PRESBYTERY
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The Presbytery shares two email newsletters each week.

The Current is the news and activities – trainings, service opportunities, news updates, and more – taking place throughout Presbytery. This is sent out every Monday around 7:30am.

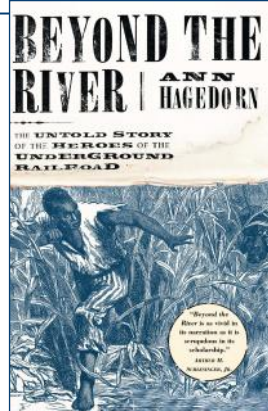
Still Waters is sent out on Thursdays and is a collection of resources for spiritual growth, discipleship, and insights.

Both are sent on the same "Sampler" email list so if you subscribe you get them both!

<https://presbyteryofcincinnati.org/>

Saturday,
June 20th

Speaker:
Ann
Hagedorn
Author of
**Beyond
the River**



Cranston welcomes the community to a program of the Clermont County Historical Society to welcome author Anne Hagedorn for a deep dive into the heroic and harrowing history of the Underground Railroad.

Her landmark book tells the gripping story of the activists in the Ohio River Valley who risked everything to guide enslaved people toward freedom.

Event details to follow!



BAT EXCLUSION PLANNED

A recurring problem in our old church building is bats roosting in the attic and steeple. Session has been monitoring bat activity and has a plan to hire a professional bat-exclusion firm.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources allows bat exclusion only during specific, *non-maternity/non hibernation periods*, April 1-May 15 and August 1-October 15. During these times, one-way devices must be used to let bats leave and prevent re-entry.

A full explanation of what is involved can be found at <https://ohiodnr.gov> (search for "bats in buildings").

The Session plans to hire a licensed professional firm to deal with bat exclusion. Closing the openings which allow them access will be part of that work. Cleanup beyond that initial task can happen after we are sure the bats are gone!

More information about how we plan to pay for this will be forthcoming! Session hopes to accomplish bat exclusion before the May 15th deadline.