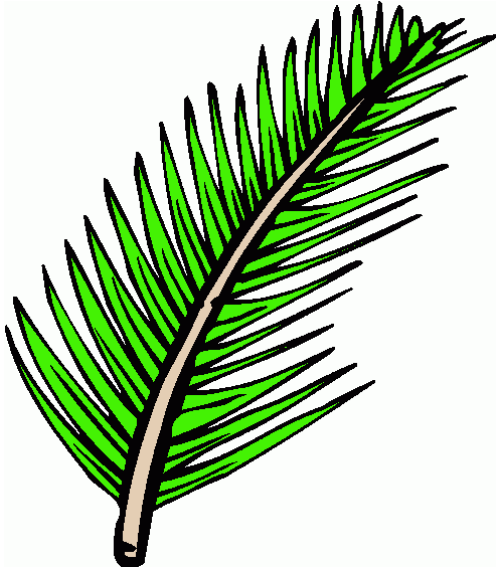




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The
B r a n c h e s

February 2018

Christ Presbyterian Church

Sunday School 9:15 am
Fellowship 10:00am
Worship Service 10:30am

Pastor: Rev. Linda McClanahan
Music Director: Becky Jones
Newsletter Editor: Gloria Orsini

*Take delight in the Lord, and
he will give you the desires of
your heart.*

Psalms 37:4

**Christ Presbyterian Church
Mission Statement**

In love, we share our journey to Christ with all, through inspiring worship, studying the Word, embracing mission, nurturing the spirit, and providing services and support to our congregation and community.



Christ Presbyterian Church



February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Exercise Class 9:30 am Bible Study 11 am TOPS 6:00pm	2 Game Night 6PM	3
4 Scout Sunday Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00am Lord's Supper 10:30 am People in prayer 11:30am	5	6	7 Matt 25 10 - Noon Worship comm 11am Band 630pm Bell Choir 700 pm AA Mtg 700pm	8 Exercise Class 9:30 am Bible Study 11 am TOPS 6:00pm Bldg/Grds 7PM	9	10 Session Retreat 9am
11 Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00am Worship Service 10:30 am	12 Book Club Meet 11 AM At church	13	14 Outreach 11AM  Ash Wednesday 7pm AA Mtg 700pm	15 Exercise Class 9:30 am Bible Study 11 am	16 AHM Recital 6-8 pm	17
18 Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00am Worship Service 10:30 am Lenten Bible Study 5pm	19 President's Day Newsletter Deadline	20	21 Spiritual Life 11 am Band 630pm Bell Choir 700 pm AA Mtg 700pm	22 Exercise Class 9:30 am Bible Study 11 am TOPS 6:00pm 4H 7:00 pm	23	24
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LOOKING AHEAD:

March 11 Daylight Savings Begins
 March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
 March 25 - Palm Sunday
 March 30 - Good Friday
 April 1 - Resurrection of the Lord

Winter Garden



"In winter's cold and sparkling snow,
The garden in my mind does grow.
I look outside to blinding white,
And see my tulips blooming bright.
And over there a sweet carnation,
Softly scents my imagination.



On this cold and freezing day,
The Russian sage does gently sway,
And miniature roses perfume the air,
I can see them blooming there.
Though days are short, my vision's clear.
And through the snow, the buds appear.



In my mind, clematis climbs,
And morning glories do entwine.
Woodland phlox and scarlet pinks,
Replace the frost, if I just blink.
My inner eye sees past the snow.
And in my mind, my garden grows."



Author- Cynthia Adams



From the Pastor's Desk

February 2018

Lent begins February 14th

February brings.... more winter. cold, snow, sometimes ice, football!, warm blankets and hot soup, AND the season of Lent.

The Christian year includes these 40 days ahead of the celebration of Easter as a time to reflect, correct, and realign ourselves as Disciples of Jesus Christ. His followers wonder: Where is Jesus headed? He is facing his life's end. And every day we do too. We don't know when or how or why but death comes to all of us. Lent is a reminder of that. Time is precious and it slips away. As the Bible says we frail humans who now have life and breath are but ashes, and eventually return to the earth.

Although it sounds morbid, Lent gives us that yearly reminder that we do not have all the time in the world. The clock is ticking and we need to use these days wisely and well. Lent teaches us that we must not put off what is important, not wait and assume there is always a tomorrow. Our life could end sooner than we think. It's a wise Christian who is always ready to let this life go and not cling too tightly because one day for you and for me, it will all blow away.

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday which this year falls on Valentine's Day! That evening there will be a quiet service with ashes – for your forehead or your hand. Ashes remind us that our bodies were not created to last forever. Generations come and go and we are included in that. The ashes we use come from the burned palm branches from last year. They are set aflame and crushed and reused.

From the earth, the human creature returns to the earth,
ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

These are good days to remember who we are as people of God
and that even death cannot separate us from the Lord.

Rev. Linda McClanahan

CPC is Cookin'

Take advantage of those chicken drumsticks when they are on sale and use this delicious coating on them.

Oven-Fried Drumsticks

¼ cup vegetable oil

½ cup all-purpose baking mix

1 tablespoon paprika

2 teaspoons Creole seasoning

1 teaspoon seasoned salt

½ teaspoon garlic powder

¼ teaspoon Italian seasoning

1/8 teaspoon black pepper

10 chicken drumsticks

Preheat oven to 450°F. Pour the vegetable oil evenly over bottom of 15x10x1-inch baking pan.

Combine the baking mix, paprika, Creole seasoning, seasoned salt, garlic powder, Italian seasoning and black pepper in a large bowl. Mix well. Pour into a paper or plastic bag.

Add the chicken drumsticks, a few at a time, to the bag and shake to coat. Arrange in single layer on the prepared baking pan.

Bake chicken, turning once, until the juices run clear when pierced with the tip of a knife, about 30 minutes.

Note: If you prefer not to purchase a separate jar of Creole seasoning, slightly increase the amounts of the other seasonings.

Enjoy!

Jan

BAG People

We certainly read a wide range of books in 2017 and had wonderful discussions about each book. We went from the White House to an imaginary kingdom in the woods, to witnessing a possible murder victim from a train window. We followed the life of a girl who grew up in Boston, learned why certain ideas/products "take off" seemingly overnight, and laughed with the woman who wanted to experience 30 religions before her 30th birthday. Through the year we also got to know each other a bit better and shared our own stories, *usually* related to that month's book. We're going to start 2018 with Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. This is the story of a friendship between foster teen Molly and elderly widow Vivian. As Molly helps Vivian clean her attic they discover their lives have more in common than they would have thought. The book also highlights a little-known but historically significant movement in America's past - the Orphan Train - which, for 75 years, took children to adoptive families in various parts of the country. For our February discussion we are going to change our meeting time to a more winter-friendly hour. So join us on Monday, February 12th at 11:00 a.m. at the church for a discussion and lunch. Joanne Widmer will be our hostess/discussion leader.

Prophets Of The Bible Word Search

Amos	Hosea	Micah
Daniel	Isaiah	Nahum
Elijah	Jeremiah	Obadiah
Ezekiel	Joel	Samuel
Habakkuk	Jonah	Zephaniah
Haggai	Malachi	

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Among our Members & Friends

The following members and friends of Christ Presbyterian recently have been sick, are home bound or mourning the loss of a loved one. Please keep them in your prayers. Cards are welcomed, too!

Dot Burch
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George Estes & Phyllis Welch
5911 Amanda Ct. Loveland, Oh 45140

Shirley Gossett
1286 Blue **Ridge Way** Milford, Oh 45150

Michael Hain
1102 Traverse Creek Dr. Milford, Oh 45150

Annette Harvie
1835 Dogwood Trail Goshen, Oh 45122

Hunter Lung
982 Apple Blossom Ln Milford, Oh 45150

Pat Purdy
1192 Valley Forge Milford OH 45150

Charles and Marie Wyatt
5678 Day Circle W. Milford, OH 45150

Lenten Dinners & Study

Lenten Dinners and Study will begin Sunday evening, February 18th at 5pm

We have a good study planned for you this year! The theme is finding purpose and meaning in your life, using a book by Pastor Rob Fuquay from Indianapolis entitled: **“Which Way, Lord? Exploring Your Life’s Purpose in the Journeys of Paul”**.

The Apostle Paul took years discerning his call to move away from his life as a Jewish Pharisee devoted to the Hebrew Law to a new life as a missionary for Jesus and a life filled with grace.

Come and join us! We’ll have soup and bread (and dessert, of course!) and will end around 6:30.

Liturgist

Month of February

Trish Reis

Ushers

Month of February

Jack and Jan Sawyer

Monthly Meetings

1st Sun – Communion 10:30 am
worship/youth in Sanctuary; People in Prayer

1st Wed – Worship Committee at 11:00 am
2nd Mon – Mission / Spiritual Life
Committee at 11 am

3rd Wed - Outreach/Publicity 11am
2nd Thurs – B&G/Finance Committee at 7pm
3rd Thurs – 4H at 7 pm

4th Mon – Women’s Group at 6:00 pm
Monday following Session meeting –
Branches deadline

Last Sunday – Blessing Bags / collection for
MMM food closet

Session Mtg. Varies on Sun and Tues.

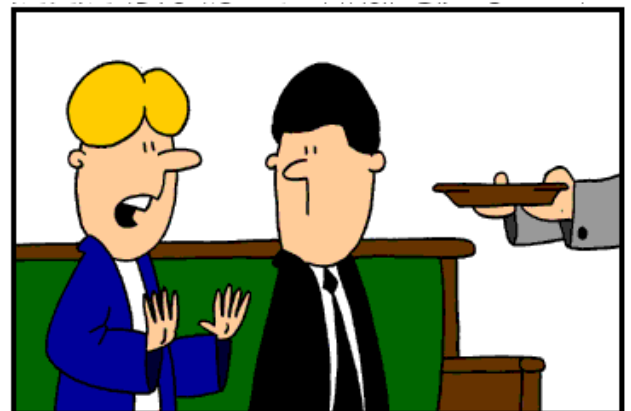
Weekly Meetings

Every Thurs. – Exercise 9:30am (Sep-May)

Every Thurs – Bible Study/10:30am-
11:30am (Sep-May)

*** UPDATED February 2018 ***

Committee/Position	If Session then (Class)	Contact #
Pastor	Rev. Linda McClanahan	831-9100
Music Director	Becky Jones	683-8596
Treasurer	Phil Widmer	575-5029
Financial Secretary	Peggy Hannah	722-1509
Newsletter & Website	Gloria Orsini (2019)	258-7495
Worship	Becky Jones	683-8596
Session Rep	Margarett Angel (2018)	505-6444
MMM	Steve Reis	752-7793
	Jean Holmes	677-1034
Women’s Group/PW	Linda Rearick	576-0799
Co-Chairs	Jan Sawyer (2018)	248-1856
Clerk of Session	Patty Fix	625-9305
Christian Education	Session covering various duties	
Cong. Care/Caring Group	Joanne Widmer (2020)	
Co-chair /	Cindy Combs	377-3906
Fellowship	Martha Enriquez (2018)	260-4352
Personnel	Martha Enriquez (2018)	260-4352
Publicity	Gloria Orsini (2019)	258-7495
Outreach	Margaret Angel (2018)	505-6444
Session Rep	Gloria Orsini (2019)	258-7495
Spiritual Life, Mission & Stewardship		
Chair	Joanne Widmer (2017)	575-5029
Finance, Building & Grounds		
Chair	Patty Craft (2020)	706-5265
Other Contacts		
4-H	Brenda Bayne (2019)	575-0531
AA	please contact Flora Kreyenhagen	576-0799
Book Club	Jan Sawyer	248-1856
Community Garden	Jack Smith	722-0431
Cub Scouts	Jack Sawyer	248-1856
Exercise Class	Bonnie Schanz	831-5007
Grass Cutting	Jack Sawyer	248-1856
Matthew 25 Ministries	Joanne Widmer (2017)	575-5029
Mowing Coordinator	Jack Sawyer	248-1856
Nominating Committee	Martha Enriquez (2018)	260-4352
Technical Team	Doug Jones/Andy Fix (2019)	683-8596/887-6439
TOPS	Cindy Combs	831-5007
Youth Group	TBD	



Thanks to Benoit Paquette 04-07-1998
I TOLD YOU I WOULD PRAY FOR YOU ...
NOT PAY FOR YOU

February 2018 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

[Year B]

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany—February 4, 2018

Isaiah 40:21–31

Psalm 147:1–11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16–23

Mark 1:29–39

Transfiguration of the Lord—February 11

2 Kings 2:1–12

Psalm 50:1–6

2 Corinthians 4:3–6

Mark 9:2–9

Ash Wednesday—February 14

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 or Isa. 58:1–12

Psalm 51:1–17

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

Matt. 6:1–6, 16–21

First Sunday in Lent—February 18

Genesis 9:8–17

Psalm 25:1–10

1 Peter 3:18–22

Mark 1:9–15

Second Sunday in Lent—February 25

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

Psalm 22:23–31

Romans 4:13–25

Mark 8:31–38

Attention!

For anyone who has purchased any supplies for church use (office Supplies, cleaning products, etc). Make sure you give the receipt and reimbursement form to Phil Widmer. Even if you plan to donate items, Phil still needs to reimburse you and then you can add it back into the offering. This helps to determine how much it actually costs to run our church.

Thanks

Spiritual Life

Blessing Bags Our February recipient is Saul's Homeless Shelter

You are encouraged to bring food and nonperishable items for distribution at Milford Miami Ministry (MMM)

Just Pray for Me

Feb. 4 4 H

Feb 11 Shirley Gossett

Feb. 18 Jennifer, Gavin Gossett, John Shannon

Feb. 25 Peggy Hannah (Trevor, Lizbee)

Matthew 25 Ministry

Wed., February 7 from 10:00-12:00; Sat., March 3 from 9:00-11:00

Backpack Ministry (food for hungry children)

The opportunity to serve others on a weekly basis is available through Son Rise Church's ministry to our local school children. They meet each Thursday at 6:30, in the Milford Plaza near Radio Shack, to assemble bags of food items. Those bags of food provide a child with meals over the weekend. Nothing fancy, just canned meats and breakfast items for needy children.

Lenten Bible Study

"Which Way Lord"

Begins Sunday, Feb. 18 at 5:00 and runs for five consecutive Sundays; (Sunday, Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 4, March 11, and March 18)

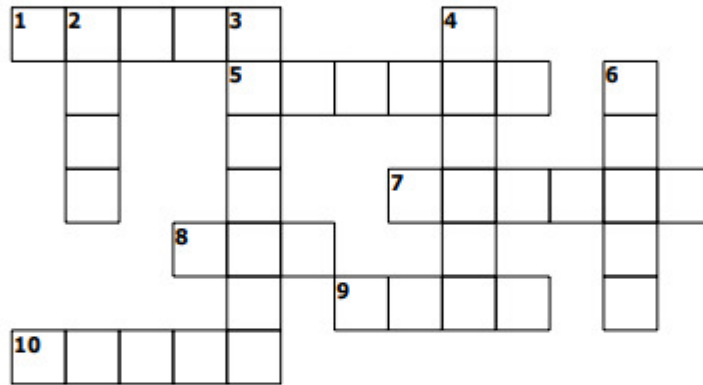
A simple meal of soup, bread , and dessert is served prior to each lesson.

Kid's Page

Who's In Control?

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." Mark 1:27

Based on Mark 1:21-28



ACROSS

1. The Son of God
5. To be extremely surprised
7. A supernatural being such as a demon
8. An adult male human being
9. To do what you are told or expected to do
10. To instruct or train someone

DOWN

2. Immoral, bad, or wicked
3. The day of the week set aside by some religions as a day of rest and worship
4. Human beings; men, women and children
6. Making very little or no noise

SPIRIT
PEOPLE

OBEY
EVIL

SABBATH
JESUS

MAN
QUIET

TEACH
AMAZED