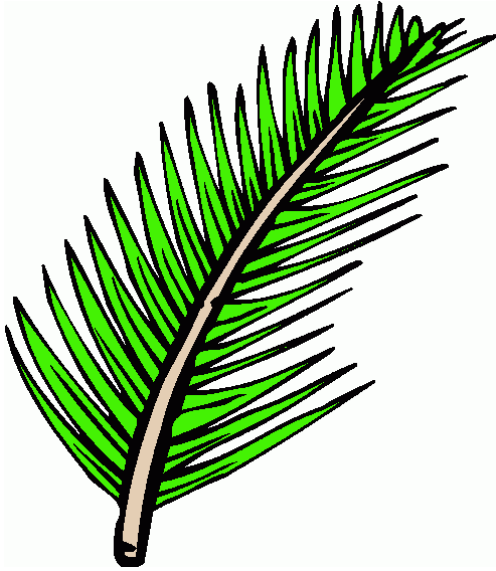




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**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

The  
**B r a n c h e s**

**January 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

*For I know the plans I have for you,"  
declares the LORD, "plans to prosper  
you and not to harm you, plans to give  
you hope and a future.*

*Jerimiah 29:11*

**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



## January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Happy New Year</b>	2	3 Worship Comm 11am	4 Exercise Class 9:30am  MMM Mtg. 7PM  TOPS 6:00pm	5	6 <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>
<b>7 Baptism of the Lord</b> Sunday School 9:15 am Fellow ship 10:00 AM Communion Service 10:30 am Install new elders 11:30 AM  Retreat Noon	8  Spiritual Life 11 AM	9	10  Band 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm  AA Mtg 700pm	11 Exercise Class 9:30am  TOPS 6:00pm B&G / Property 7:00 pm	12	13
<b>14</b> Sunday School 9:15 am Fellow ship 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 am <b>Annual Reports Due</b>	<b>15 ML Kina Dav</b> 	16	17  AA Mtg 700pm	18 Exercise Class 9:30am  TOPS 6:00pm <b>4H 7PM</b>	19	20
<b>21</b> Sunday School 9:15 am Fellow ship 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 am  Congregation. Mtg. 11:30am	22  Woman's Group 6:30pm  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	23	24  Band 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:00pm  AA Mtg 700pm	25 Exercise Class 9:30am  TOPS 6:00pm	26	27
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### LOOKING AHEAD:

Feb 4 - Souper Bowl Sunday of Caring/ Scout Sunday

Feb 14 – Valentine's Day/Ash Wednesday

Feb 19 – Presidents' Day

## In The Bleak Mid-Winter



In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan;  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.



Our God, heaven cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain,  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty —  
Jesus Christ.



Angels and Archangels  
May have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Thronged the air;  
But only His Mother  
In her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Beloved  
With a kiss.



What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am? —  
If I were a Shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man  
I would do my part, —  
Yet what I can I give Him, —  
Give my heart.



~Christina Rossetti



## From the Pastor's Desk

January 2018

**January!** Don't you love it! It always seems so clean and fresh.

The new year feels like a chance to start over. I love getting a new calendar and starting in. It gives me another chance to get it right. So, we begin a new year, a new season, a new day in the life of the Church. I usually make resolutions and make a plan, so hopeful! Whether you have decided to lose weight or spend less or talk nicely to the dog, here we are. It's January and it's time to get going. Here's what I have in mind for us this year: I want us to be more faithful in the year ahead.

I hope you will commit yourself more fully to worship and serve as God needs for you to do. I hope you will pray more, invest more, love more. I hope all of that.

I am also hopeful that our Church will be more fruitful in this new year.

I hope we will better use our time, talent, and yes, even our treasure in ways that would be pleasing to God. I hope we will give him our best and let everything else fall in place instead of the other way around. My Plan for us is to pay attention to clues the Lord leaves for us over the days and months ahead. If that's a little vague for you, I am sorry. But from here, we are looking through the glass dimly. Hopefully though as we get closer, it will become as clear as day.

So, walk with me, pray with me, keep watch with me, and trust the Shepherd who never fails to lead the way.

From Christmas to Lent

The Sunday morning sermons will be from the Gospel of John  
"What Jesus Did"

Rev. Linda McClanahan

## CPC is Cookin'

### Cheesepie

Easy and delicious-two of the things I like in a recipe. But be warned-don't be tempted to slice too large of a piece. It's very rich.

3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened

¾ cup sugar

3 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 cups (12 ounce package) semi-sweet chocolate chips, divided

1 extra-serving-size packaged graham cracker crumb crust (9 ounces)

2 tablespoons whipping cream

1. Heat oven to 450°.
2. Beat cream cheese and sugar in large bowl with mixer until well blended. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well. Stir in 1 2/3 cups chocolate chips; pour into crust.
3. Bake 10 minutes. Without opening oven door, reduce temperature to 250°; continue baking 30 minutes or just until set. Remove from oven to wire rack. Cool completely. Cover; refrigerate until thoroughly chilled.
4. Place remaining 1/3 cup chips and whipping cream in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at HIGH (100%) 20 to 30 seconds or just until chips are melted and mixture is smooth when stirred. Cool slightly; spread over top of cheesepie. Refrigerate 15 minutes or until topping is set. Cover; refrigerate leftover cheesepie.

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.



For all the prayers and cards I have received in the past few weeks since my surgery.

Pat Purdy

## Children Learn What They Live

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.  
 If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.  
 If a child lives with fear, he learns to be apprehensive.  
 If a child lives with pity, he learns to feel sorry for himself.  
 If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.  
 If a child lives with jealousy, he learns what envy is.  
 If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.  
 If a child lives with encouragement, he learns to be confident.  
 If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.  
 If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.  
 If a child lives with acceptance, he learns to love.  
 If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.  
 If a child lives with recognition,  
 he learns that it is good to have a goal.  
 If a child lives with sharing, he learns about generosity.  
 If a child lives with honesty and fairness,  
 he learns what truth and justice are.  
 If a child lives with security,  
 he learns to have faith in himself and in those around him.  
 If a child lives with friendliness,  
 he learns that the world is a nice place in which to live.  
 If you live with serenity, your child will live with peace of mind.  
 With what is your child living?

Dorothy Law Nolte



## 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

SEM Terrace (#97F)

5371 South Milford Road, Milford, OH 45150

George Estes & Phyllis Welch

5911 Amanda Ct. Loveland, Oh 45140

Shirley Gossett

1286 Blue Ridge Way Milford, Oh 45150

Annette Harvie

1835 Dogwood Trail Goshen, Oh 45122

Pat Purdy

1192 Valley Forge Milford OH 45150

## Jacob's Kids

Jacob's 12 sons\* and one daughter are missing. Can you find them? Here's the challenge: their names appear right to left; left to right; top to bottom; bottom to top; and on the diagonal!

\*These became the twelve tribes of Israel.

H	A	P	P	Y	Z	O	O	F	S	I	M	E	O	N
P	I	D	R	O	E	N	L	A	I	S	R	S	P	E
E	M	R	E	U	B	E	N	N	S	A	O	T	I	L
S	Y	U	T	W	U	R	Y	D	S	A	M	H	E	L
O	L	E	V	E	L	I	L	T	A	S	H	E	R	I
J	U	D	A	H	U	L	E	O	M	N	A	R	U	E
U	L	E	L	I	N	E	V	A	L	I	N	T	G	O
D	L	N	E	D	T	M	I	S	S	A	C	H	A	R
Y	A	Y	I	M	Y	S	O	Z	Z	R	A	E	D	Y
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P	A	U	L	N	I	A	N	H	O	J	E	L	L	E
H	M	N	E	Z	N	N	N	I	M	A	J	N	E	B

Hint: Genesis 35:23-26; 30:21



2018

## Ushers

### Month of January

*Randal & Judith Smith*

\*\*\* UPDATED April 2017 \*\*\*

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	
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	Gary Rearick (2017)	576-0799
Co-chair	Randall Smith (2017)	722-1619
<b>Other Contacts</b>		
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	

## Monthly Meetings

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

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

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

4<sup>th</sup> 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)



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**I'VE GOT STELLAR REFLEXES ... THAT'S  
ANOTHER POSITIVE TRAIT!**

**January 2018 Revised Common Lectionary  
for Sundays and Festivals**

**[Year B]**

**Epiphany of the Lord—January 6, 2018**

Isaiah 60:1–6

Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

Ephesians 3:1–12

Matthew 2:1–12

**Baptism of the Lord—January 7**

Genesis 1:1–5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1–7

Mark 1:4–11

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany—January 14**

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)

Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

John 1:43–51

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany—January 21**

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Psalm 62:5–12

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

Mark 1:14–20

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany—January 28**

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Mark 1:21–28

**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**

**Just Pray for Me**

Jan 7 Boys Scout/Girl Scouts

Jan. 14 Andy, Katie, Jeremy Fix

Jan. 21 Patty Fix

Jan. 28 Joe, Kathy, (Joe and Alyssa), Beth Flading

**Matthew 25 Volunteer Days**

Sat., January 6 from 9:00-11:00

Wed., February 7 from 10:00-12:00

**Blessing Bags**

City Gospel will be our January recipient

**Backpack Ministry**

Son Rise church sponsors this ministry which provides food bags to needy children for the weekend. It meets in a store front next to Radio Shack in the Milford Plaza at 6:30. We can help any Thursday.



# Reports

## Treasurer's Report: November 2017

<u>Operating General Fund</u>	<u>Received</u>	
	<u>November</u>	<u>To-Date</u>
Pledged	\$ 6,525	\$ 66,947
+ Other Contributions	1,000	23,184
+ Residence Rent	<u>650</u>	<u>7,060</u>
= Total November Income	\$ 8,175	\$ 91,781
(November expenses)	(\$4,156)	(\$58,063)
FICA Taxes Due	(\$ 115)	
General Operating Fund Balance	\$ 42,046	
<u>Memorials &amp; Designated Funds</u>	44,788	
Savings Account	\$ 5	

Phil Widmer, Treasurer

**Annual Reports are due by January 14<sup>th</sup>**

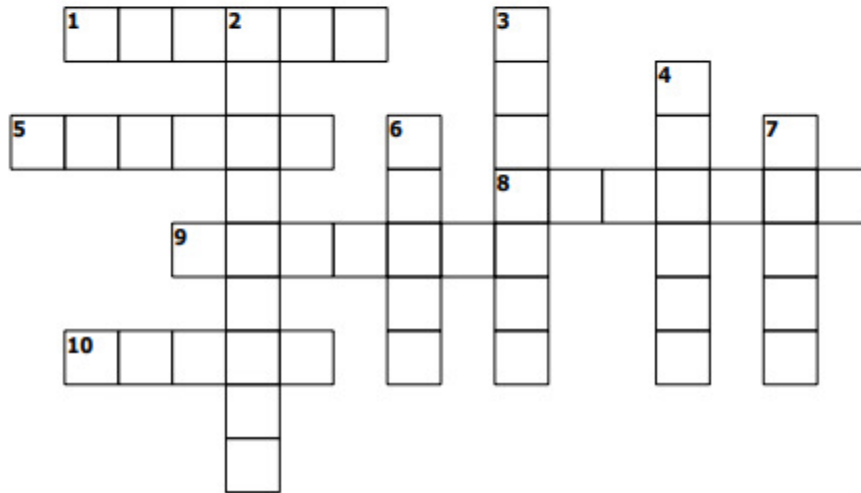
**If you still have not turned in your 2018 pledge, it's not too late.**

# Kid's Page

## A Visit from an Angel

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. Luke 1:30-31

Based on Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)



### ACROSS

1. The man to whom Mary was engaged to be married
5. A young unmarried woman; a maiden
8. The name of the angel who appeared to Mary
9. To be joined together as husband and wife
10. A heavenly being; a messenger for God

### DOWN

2. Relative of Mary who was the mother of John the Baptist
3. A nation or territory ruled by a king or queen
4. To be filled with fear
6. A very young person especially between infancy and youth
7. The son who was born to Mary

ELIZABETH	GABRIEL	VIRGIN	KINGDOM	JESUS
MARRIED	AFRAID	CHILD	JOSEPH	ANGEL