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The Branches



December 2017

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

*Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."
Matthew 2:7-8*

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



December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 1st Sun in Advent Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00 AM Communion Service 10:30 am PIP 11:30 AM	4	5	6 Worship Comm 11am Band 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:45 pm AA Mtg	7 Exercise Class 9:30am Tops 6PM Blg/ground Mtg.7:00pm	8	9
10 2nd Sun in Advent Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 am Variety Show 7:00 PM MMM Food Boxes Due	11 Spiritual Life 11:00 AM Book Club meets 6PM at Jan Sawyer's	12	13 Band 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:45 pm AA Mtg	14 Exercise Class 9:30am Tops 6PM	15	16
17 3rd Sun in Advent Christmas Joy Offering Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 am	18	19	20 AA Mtg	21 Tops 6PM	22	23
24 4th Sun in Advent Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 am Candle Light Service 7:00 PM	25 Christmas Day 	26 newsletter deadline	27 AA Mtg	28 Tops 6PM	29	30
31 Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 am Food Bank/Blessing Bags	Looking ahead: January 1 - May God bless us all with a happy and healthy new year January 13 - Annual Session Retreat 9am - 1pm January 14- Baptism of the Lord; Installation of Elders; January 15 – MLK, Jr. birthday observed January 28- Annual Congregational Meeting					

The Night Before Christmas



Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the town,
St. Joseph was searching, walking up roads and down;
Our Lady was waiting, so meek and so mild,
While Joseph was seeking a place for the Child;



The children were nestled, each snug in their beds,
The grown-ups wouldn't bother, there's no room they said;
When even the innkeeper sent them away,
Joseph was wondering, where they would stay;
He thought of the caves in the side of the hills,
Lets go there said Mary, it's silent and still;

The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Made pathways of light for their tired feet to go;
And there in a cave, in a cradle of hay,
Our Savior was born on that first Christmas Day!



The Father was watching in heaven above,
He sent for His angels, His couriers of love;
More rapid than eagles God's bright angels came;
Rejoicing and eager as each heard his name;



Come Power, Come Cherubs, Come Virtues, Come Raphael,
Come Thrones and Dominions, come Michael and Gabriel;
Now fly to the Earth, where My poor people live,
Announce the glad tiding My Son comes to give;

The Shepherds were watching their flocks on this night,
And saw in the heavens and unearthly light;
The Angels assured them, they'd nothing to fear,
It's Christmas they said, the Savior is here!



They hastened to find Him, and stood at the door,
Till Mary invited them in to adore;
He was swaddled in bands from His head to His feet,
Never did the Shepherds see a baby so sweet!



He spoke not a word, but the shepherds all knew,
He was telling them secrets and blessing them too;
Then softly they left Him, The Babe in the hay,
And rejoiced with great joy on that first Christmas Day;

Mary heard them exclaim as they walked up the hill,
Glory to God in the Highest, Peace to men of good will!

By: Sister St. Thomas, B.N.D. de N



From the Pastor's Desk

December 2017

Not everyone made it to the manger. The angels called the shepherds who were nearby and they came. But it took the Wise Men longer than expected. And they didn't get there until the holy family was back in Nazareth.

Would we have gone? Would we have stopped what we were doing, canceled our other appointments, and at our own expense gotten to the manger on time? The Christmas season is a special time of year. But with so much on our plate – shopping and gift buying and wrapping and baking and visiting - it's easy to let some things slide, like remembering that we are celebrating the birth of a child who will one day grow to become the messenger from God delivering his own gift to the people of the earth: the message that this God of his was also theirs, that this God loved them unconditionally, and that he was handing over the task of making the kingdom here on earth come as close as possible to the Kingdom of heaven.

So, yes, we will sing our songs and bake cookies and hear the story one more time but in many ways each Christmas is unique unto itself. The family changes, the kids grow up and have families of their own, our priorities change as well as our energy level. Even though it can make us sad to remember happier days, there is still something that each one of us can do for this Child of Bethlehem, the Child of Promise, this One who comes in the name of the Lord.

May you always know how much you are loved.

Rev. Linda McClanahan

CPC is Cookin'

Christmas Cinnamon Rolls
makes 16 rolls

Soften 2 packages of yeast in 2 cups of warm water.

Add: 1 cup melted butter, 2 t salt, ½ cup sugar, mix well

Add enough flour to form a soft dough, about 4-6 cups

Cover and chill overnight

Punch down and roll out into a 24x12 inch rectangle

Fill with 1 cup soft butter and ½ cup brown sugar

Sprinkle with 1 package white chocolate bits, 1 cup dried cranberries, ½ cup chopped pecans

Roll into a log and cut into 16 pieces

Arrange in an oiled 13 x 9 inch baking pan

Cover and rest 45 minutes

Set oven for 350 degrees

Bake 30-35 minutes

Submitted by Pastor Linda McClanahan

RIDDLES

How did Mary and Joseph know that Jesus weighed 4.2 kg? Cause they had a weigh in the manger.

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? It's Christmas, Eve!

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
Snowflakes

VARIETY SHOW

Sunday
December 10, 2017
7:00 PM

Come and experience the many talents of our very own CPC members and friends.
You won't want to miss it.

BAG People

The BAG (Books And Goodies) People will be gathering in December to discuss *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant. This novel is about a young Jewish woman, the spirited daughter of an immigrant family, growing up in Boston in the early 20th century. Join us at Jan Sawyer's house on Dec. 11th at 6PM. as we also decide what books we want to add to our reading list for 2018.

ADVENT 2017

"Tidings of Great Joy" Luke 2: 10-11
Then the Angel said, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of Great JOY!'

Dec. 3 Hope

Lamentations 3: 21-24

Dec 10 Peace

John 14: 27

Dec 17 Joy

Psalms 5: 11

Dec. 24 Love

Matthew 22: 36-40

Book List

See how well you know your Bible stats! Pick the right answer for each question.

1. What is the longest book of the Bible? (Hint: It has 150 chapters!)
a. Psalms b. Proverbs c. Revelation
2. How many Gospels are there in the New Testament?
a. Four b. Six c. Eight
3. How many books are in the KJV Bible?
a. 64 b. 66 c. 68
4. Who's the oldest person mentioned in the Bible?
a. Melchizedek b. Malachi c. Methuselah
5. Which is the shortest of these books of the bible?
a. Philemon b. 2 John c. Jude
6. Who in the Bible traveled the most extensively?
a. Abraham b. Paul c. Jesus
7. Who's the person, other than Jesus, mentioned the most number of times in the Bible?
a. Adam b. Moses c. David

Answers on Page 8



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

Annette Harvie

1835 Dogwood Trail Goshen, Oh 45122

Pat Purdy

1192 Valley Forge Milford OH 45150

Charles and Marie Wyatt

5678 Day Circle W. Milford, OH 45150

Bonnie's Exercise Class

Don't forget about Bonnie's exercise class on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the narthex. Adding a little more activity to your week can make a big difference and may even inspire you to practice on other days too. Bonnie promises that the exercises are not too strenuous. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve Service Sunday, December 24 7:00 PM

The Story of the Christ Child in Lessons & Carols

This is a good opportunity to invite a neighbor or friend or family member who does not usually attend church to come with you. We may be just what they need!

Bible Studies with Pastor Linda

Right after you finish with Bonnie's exercise class, you can relax with Pastor Linda's Thursday morning Bible Studies. They begin at 10:30 am in the Fireside room.

Liturgists	Ushers
<u>Month of December</u>	<u>Month of December</u>
<i>Jan Sawyer</i>	<i>Jack Smith & Anne Bradrick</i>

Monthly Meetings
1 st Sun – Communion 10:30 am worship/youth in Sanctuary; People in Prayer
1 st Wed – Worship Committee at 11:00 am
2 nd Mon – Mission / Spiritual Life Committee at 11 am
3 rd Wed - Outreach/Publicity 11am
2 nd Thurs – B&G/Finance Committee at 7pm
3 rd Thurs – 4H at 7 pm
4 th 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 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
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	



(See Luke 2:1-16) 12-19-2014
IT HAD A STAR ON TOP SO I FIGURED IT SHOULD HAVE A MANGER AT THE BOTTOM

**December 2017 Revised Common Lectionary
for Sundays and Festivals**

Spiritual Life

Just Pray for Me

Dec. 3 Matthew 25 Ministry

Dec. 10 John, Suree, Eric,

Natalie Christine Dec. 31

George Estes, Phyllis Welch

Dec. 17 Rob, Lindsey, Luke

Edwards

Dec. 24 Michael, Martha, Olivia,
Sophie Enriquez

Blessing Bags: MMM is this
month's recipient

Backpack Ministry We can help
any Thursday evening. This ministry
is led by Sun Rise Church and meets
in the Milford Plaza next to Radio
Shack at 6:30

[Begin Year B]

First Sunday of Advent—December 3

Isaiah 64:1–9

Psalms 80:1–7, 17–19

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Mark 13:24–37

Second Sunday of Advent—December 10

Isaiah 40:1–11

Psalms 85:1–2, 8–13

2 Peter 3:8–15a

Mark 1:1–8

Third Sunday of Advent—December 17

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

Psalms 126 or Luke 1:46b–55

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

John 1:6–8, 19–28

Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 24

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

Luke 1:46b–55 or Psalm 89:1–4, 19–26

Romans 16:25–27

Luke 1:26–38

Nativity of the Lord—December 24

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2–7

Psalms 96

Titus 2:11–14

Luke 2:1–14 [15–20]

Nativity of the Lord—December 25

Christmas Dawn

Isaiah 62:6–12

Psalms 97

Titus 3:4–7

Luke 2:[1–7] 8–20

Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7–10

Psalms 98

Hebrews 1:1–4 [5–12]

John 1:1–14

First Sunday after Christmas Day—December 31

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

Psalms 148

Galatians 4:4–7

Luke 2:22–40

*****Answers to Puzzle*****

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| 1. a | 5. b |
| 2. a | 6. b |
| 3. b | 7. c |
| 4. c | |

Reports

Treasurer's Report: October 2017

<u>Operating General Fund</u>	<u>Received</u>	
	<u>October</u>	<u>To-Date</u>
Pledged	\$ 8,771	\$ 60,422
+ Other Contributions	1,464	23,184
+ Residence Rent	650	6,410
= Total October Income	\$ 10,885	\$ 83,606
- (October Expenses)	(\$6,517)	(\$53,907)
FICA Taxes Due	(\$53)	
General Operating Fund Balance	\$ 38,089	
<u>Memorials & Designated Funds</u>	44,890	
Savings Account	\$ 5	

Clerk's Report October 2017 By Patty Fix

Motion: To purchase the 7ft sign with the additional digital area. 2nd, Passed

Motion : To approve Bob Bayne as representative of the church to the zoning board for the sign. 2nd. Passed.

The session thanked Ben and Bob for their work on this project

Motion: To approve the minutes of September 26, 2017. 2nd. Passed.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 8, 2017

Motion: To receive the Financial Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report.

Motion: To appoint a backup for the Financial Secretary. Passed.

Motion: To purchase a laptop and safe and enact the proposal as described. Passed.

Motion: To set a congregational meeting on November 26 for the purpose of election of elders. 2nd. Passed

Motion: To adjourn. Passed.

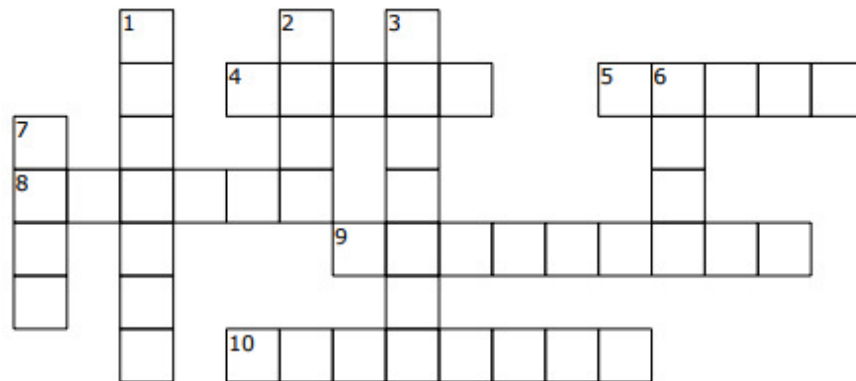
The meeting was closed in prayer at 1:30 by Rev. McClanahan

Kid's Page

The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:18

Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. The coins and bills that are used to buy things
5. To divide or use something with others
8. To be filled with fear
9. A feeling of pleasure, satisfaction, or joy
10. To be trusted or loyal

DOWN

1. A trip, especially one over a great distance
2. The opposite of bad
3. A person who is employed to do work for another person
6. Put something in a place where it cannot be found
7. Not willing to work

AFRAID	HAPPINESS	LAZY	JOURNEY	FAITHFUL
GOOD	HIDE	SHARE	MONEY	SERVANT