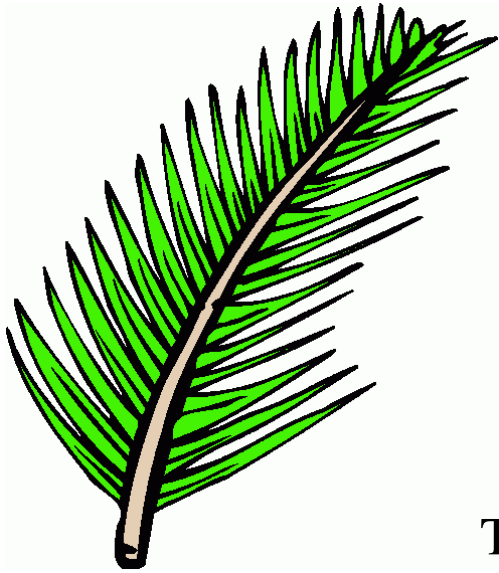




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The
B r a n c h e s

November 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



*All this is for your benefit, so that
the grace that is reaching more and
more people may cause
thanksgiving to overflow to the
glory of God.*
II Corinthians 4:15

**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



November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Worship Comm 11am Band 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm AA Mtg 7PM	2 Exercise Class 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am TOPS 6pm	3	4
5 All Saints Day Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00am Worship 10:30 am People in Prayer 11:30am Daylights Savings Ends	6	7	8 Band 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm AA Mtg 7PM	9 Exercise Class 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am TOPS 6pm Bldg/Grnds 7:00pm	10	11 Veterans Day
12 Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00am Worship 10:30 am	13	14	15 no rehearsals AA Mtg 7PM	16 Exercise Class 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am TOPS 6pm 4 H Group 7:00 pm	17	18
19 Christ the King Sunday Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00am Worship 10:30 am Harvest Dinner 5:00 PM	20 Branches Deadline	21	22 no rehearsals AA Mtg 7PM	23 Thanksgiving 	24	25
26 Christ the King Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00am Worship 10:30 am Congregation Mtg 11:30am Session Mtg. Noon Blessing Bags/MMM Food	27 Woman's Group 6:30pm	28	29 Band 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm AA Mtg 7PM	30 Exercise Class 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am		

LOOKING AHEAD:

Dec. 3 -1st Sunday of Advent Lectionary Year B
 Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service
 Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas!

Thanksgiving is...



Thanksgiving is anticipation...
the excitement of wonderful aromas,
golden, harvest-themed décor,
the best linens, china and silver.



Thanksgiving is...
platters of special Thanksgiving foods
prepared only once a year,
mmm...mmm... mouths watering,
ecstatic taste buds quivering with joy.



Thanksgiving is...
the family all around the table,
clean, dressed, smiles all around,
recitation of what we are thankful for,
the saying of grace,
our special Thanksgiving prayer.



And now, finally, dig in!

We are thinking of you
at Thanksgiving, and hoping
your Thanksgiving experience
will be surrounded
by a special glow in your memory.



Author Joanna Fuchs



From the Pastor's Desk

November 2017

A definition of a 'Saint'

Anyone of the faithful folks of the Church, the one worshiping beside us every Sunday morning as well as those who have passed on to the Church Triumphant.

Saints are rather special. They might even be accused of performing miracles! Such as calming a crying child, adopting a pet, baking a sick neighbor a cake – any of those things and a thousand more. You might resist that title, 'Saint'. Maybe you feel unworthy of it. But really the Apostle Paul used it merely to identify the people in the Church.

November 5th is our day to remember the Saints, those who mean so much to us, those we still have beside us, and those we remember and hold dear. That makes the day both happy and sad. Either way, Saints blaze the trail for the rest of us. They hold high the torch of faith so we can find our way. And they are the ones to comfort and inspire us. We will honor them on their day. Every Church needs their Saints. We have ours. Are you one of them?

Thanks for your faithfulness,
Rev. Linda

CPC is Cookin'

With the holidays approaching, I thought I would share a recipe that you could use to share with others. Each recipe makes 9 Jar Cakes that can be given as hostess gifts, thank you gifts, or given as part of a larger gift basket.

Jar Cakes

Nonstick cooking spray for coating pint jars

3 cups granulated sugar

1 cup vegetable shortening

6 large eggs

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 container (8 ounces) sour cream

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon lemon or almond extract

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon baking soda

Preheat oven to 325°. Spray inside 9 *widemouth* pint jars with cooking spray, wipe off rims, and set aside. Using an electric mixer at medium speed, cream together sugar and shortening in mixing bowl until fluffy, about 1 minute. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Using mixer at medium speed, mix in remaining ingredients until well incorporated, scraping bowl as needed. Fill jars halfway with batter (no more); place on a rimmed baking sheet, making sure none of the jars touch. Bake until toothpick inserted in cake center comes out clean, about 1 hour. Remove jars from oven; wipe off rims. Place a lid and ring on each jar and (using a dish towel-jars will be hot) screw shut but not with force. You'll hear a pop as lids seal. Cool entirely before storing. Sealed cakes will keep for at least a year. Add a decorative bow on top to give as a gift.

Enjoy!

Jan

Women's Group



Operation Christmas Child

The shoeboxes have been wrapped and filled and will soon be on their way to the children who are so looking forward to getting them. We ask that you pray for the children who will be receiving them.

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 as we also decide what books we want to add to our reading list for 2018.

Bread, Glorious Bread!

Have you ever wanted to bake some delicious home-made bread, but you don't own a bread machine? It *can* be done, and our own Pastor Linda is going to conduct a bread-making class in November to show us how it can be done. This will take the place of our regular Women's Group Meeting and will be held on Monday, November 13th at 6:00 pm. This will give you time to practice before you serve your own freshly baked bread for Thanksgiving. And I've already had one man ask, "Can guys come, too?" Absolutely!

Bible Match Ups

Match the name in the first column with the right name in the second column!

Couples

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Zacharias | a. Herodias |
| 2. Hosea | b. Ruth |
| 3. Herod | c. Salome |
| 4. Aquila | d. Elizabeth |
| 5. Boaz | e. Sapphira |
| 6. Zebedee | f. Priscilla |
| 7. Ananias | g. Gomer |

Mothers and Sons

- | | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 1. Bathsheba | a. Jesus |
| 2. Rachel | b. John the Baptist |
| 3. Mary | c. Solomon |
| 4. Eunice | d. Samuel |
| 5. Hannah | e. Jacob |
| 6. Elizabeth | f. Timothy |
| 7. Rebekah | g. Joseph |

Answers on Page 8

Simple Gifts Booklet

If you have a favorite Christmas memory and would like to share it in this Booklet being created by Patty Fix, then just type it up and email it to Patty, or write it up and hand it to Patty, or just call Patty and tell her your story. She would like to have all the stories by the 1st of November.



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

Charles and Marie Wyatt

5678 Day Circle W. Milford, OH 45150

Bonnie's Exercise Class

With winter and holidays creeping up on us, 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.

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 November</u>	<u>Month of November</u>
<i>Joanne Widmer</i>	<i>Phil and Bethinee Porter</i>

***** 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	

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)



November 2017 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

All Saints' Day—November 1

Revelation 7:9–17
 Psalm 34:1–10, 22
 1 John 3:1–3
 Matthew 5:1–12

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 26)—November 5

<i>Semicontinuous</i>	<i>Complementary</i>
Joshua 3:7–17	Micah 3:5–12
Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37	Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9–13	1 Thessalonians 2:9–13
Matthew 23:1–12	Matthew 23:1–12

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27)—November 12

<i>Semicontinuous</i>	<i>Complementary</i>
Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25	Wisdom of Solomon 6:12–16 or Amos 5:18–24
Psalm 78:1–7	Wisdom of Solomon 6:17–20 or Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18	1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
Matthew 25:1–13	Matthew 25:1–13

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28)—November 19

<i>Semicontinuous</i>	<i>Complementary</i>
Judges 4:1–7	Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18
Psalm 123	Psalm 90:1–8 [9–11] 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11	1 Thessalonians 5:1–11
Matthew 25:14–30	Matthew 25:14–30

Reign of Christ / Christ the King—November 26

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24
 Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1–7a
 Ephesians 1:15–23
 Matthew 25:31–46

Spiritual Life

Blessing Bags:

MMM will be our November recipient

Just Pray for Me

Nov. 5 MMM
 Nov. 12 Cindy Combs, Joseph, Cara, Scarlet, Lily
 Nov. 19 Patty Craft
 Nov. 26 Gloria Crist, Tyler

Back Pack Ministry

Just a reminder, you have an opportunity to serve any Thursday evening. It takes about thirty minutes of your time to complete the task of filling bags with food items that will feed needy students (over a weekend). The group meets next to Radio Shack in the Milford Plaza. Time: 6:30

This is a great activity to introduce your children to serving others.

Continuing “Stories Jesus Told” Parables for November

Nov 5 All Saints Day and the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
 The Wedding at Cana John 2: 1-11

Nov 12
 Jesus’ Parable of the Talents
 Matthew 25: 14-20

Nov 19 Thanksgiving Sunday
 Jesus’ Story of the Lepers
 Luke 17: 11-19

November 26
 Jesus’ Parable of the Bridesmaids
 Matthew 25: 1-13

Pledges for 2018

You are encouraged to declare your Stewardship Intentions by turning in your pledge card.

How do you pass it on? Let us think about how our lives need to be lived so that we can be giving back for the wonderful blessings The Lord has given us.

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

3-A,4-F,5-D,6-B,7-E
 6-C,7-E-1-C,2-G
 1-D,2-G,3-A,4-F,5-B

Reports

Treasurer's Report: September 2017

<u>Operating General Fund</u>	<u>Received</u>	
	<u>September</u>	<u>To-Date</u>
Pledged	\$ 5,248	\$ 51,651
+ Other Contributions	1,005	15,309
+ Residence Rent	<u>650</u>	<u>5,760</u>
= Total September Income	\$ 6,903	\$ 72,720
- (September Expenses)	\$ (5,412)	\$ (47,389)
FICA Taxes Due	\$ (310)	
General Operating Fund Balance	\$ 33,459	
<u>Memorials & Designated Funds</u>	43,134	
Savings Acct.	\$ 5	

Phil Widmer, Treasurer

Clerk's Report September 2017 By Patty Fix

Motion: To receive the Financial Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report. 2nd. Passed.

Motion: To call a special meeting on October 8 following worship, for the purpose of discussing the sign. 2nd. Passed.

Motion: To adjourn

The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. McClanahan at 8:50 pm.

October 8th Special Meeting

Motion: To purchase option number one for \$18,764. 2nd. Passed.

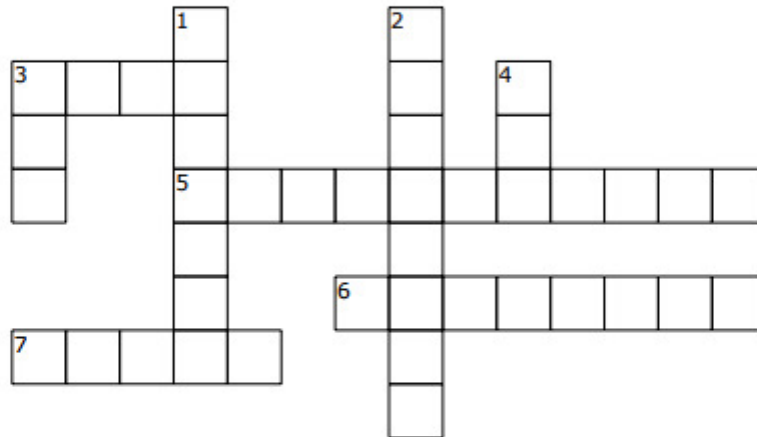
Motion: To use a combination memorial funds, designated funds and donations, the details of which is to be determined. 2nd. Passed

The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Linda at ?

Kid's Page

The Greatest Commandment

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" Matthew 22:37



ACROSS

3. To have a deep feeling of affection or attraction for someone
5. A rule or law; direction or instruction to do something
6. A person who lives near or next to another
7. The center and source of a person's emotions or feelings

DOWN

1. Someone who educates or trains others
2. The most important; better than all others of the same kind
3. A system of rules or principles
4. The creator of heaven and earth; The One we worship

COMMANDMENT	HEART	LOVE	GREATEST
TEACHER	GOD	LAW	NEIGHBOR