



The Beacon

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Our Mission:

United through Christ's love we are called to: graciously invite people to Jesus Christ; encourage spiritual growth; promote enriching worship; foster community; and equip members for faithful service in our church, community and world.



Tom Schwartz, Pastor
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Celebration Sunday - September 12 Small Groups and Mission Sign Ups Fall Worship and Education Begin

On Sunday, September 12, we are celebrating the beginning of our Fall Schedule with three services and educational programs. There will be an opportunity to sign up for one of our small groups, classes, mission projects and learn about new areas of ministry at Christ Presbyterian Church.

We will resume our schedule of three services: 8:30 a.m. Chapel Worship; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service in Hansen Hall and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary.

Refreshments will be served throughout the morning! Join with us!!

Search Committee Presents Candidate - September 19



Your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) is pleased to announce that Kris Schondelmeyer has accepted our invitation to candidate for the position of Associate Pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church. He will preach at all three services on September 19, and then a congregational meeting will be held at 12:00 noon to vote on the APNC candidate.

Kris earned his Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary recently where he was recognized for outstanding scholarship and academic achievement. He is a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church, who has most recently served as the Director of Youth Ministries at the First United Presbyterian Church of Bellville, IL (a suburb of St. Louis, MO).

Throughout his visit with the APNC, he conveyed great enthusiasm for youth and family ministry, small group development, and preaching. If you are ever in need of inspiration, then ask him about his personal faith journey. Please help us to welcome him into our community.

Seventh Annual All Church Picnic September 26 at Wildwood Metropark

Come join us at Shelter #2 in the Wildwood Metropark. We will enjoy the afternoon together eating, playing and engaging in friendly conversation. A variety of games are planned. Sloppy joes, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and beverages will be provided. Please bring your favorite salad, side or dessert to share. A donation of \$2.00 is appreciated to help with food and supplies.



Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends,

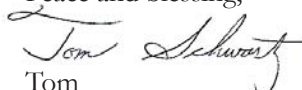
One of the highlights of this past summer for me was being able to participate on our mission trip to Mexico. The mission trip was coordinated by Pastor Hazael Campuzano and members from Dios es Amor Presbyterian Church in Mexico City. Our group of nine joined in mission with around forty of our brothers and sisters from Mexico City. We traveled eight hours by van to the mountain community of San Antonio de Grande in the District of Hidalgo. It is a poor, but picturesque, community of around 5,000 where a faithful group of Presbyterians are providing worship, education and service in the town. Our group of forty-nine joined with the local church members in worship, painting the church ceiling, installing fans, sanding pews, providing medical and dental care, offering crafts for children, giving out Bibles, and sharing our Christian faith in words. Since many of the people of San Antonio spoke their own native language, I frequently had to use two translators to talk with an older resident of the community. So, communication was not always easy, but the people of the community were very grateful for the support they received from our mission team. We will be sharing the lessons we learned from our friends in Mexico on World Communion Sunday.

Obviously, another highlight for me is that our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has selected a candidate to present to our congregation. The committee has worked hard over the last year approving a mission study and job description, reading personal information forms, making telephone calls to potential candidates and their references, and interviewing their top three candidates in person which included listening to them preach in nearby churches. I have had an opportunity to meet with their candidate, Kris Schondelmeyer, and I think you will be impressed with the gifts and abilities that he desires to bring to our ministry.

Many thanks need to be given to those members of our church that have stepped in to keep youth ministry, adult education and group life vital during this time of transition. I am grateful to our interim pastors Carol Duffy and Richard Brownlee for their assistance in pastoral care and worship. Richard will continue his faithful pastoral support until our new associate begins.

Let us give thanks for the many blessings we have received and the opportunity each one of us has to live out our faith in Jesus Christ.

Peace and blessing,


Tom

Consider a Marital Checkup in October

Would you let your car go for 100,000 miles before getting an oil change?

Would you go 25 years without a dental checkup?

Would you have a physical exam only once in your lifetime?

Perhaps you have given more attention to your work, home, children or hobbies than you have given to your marriage partner. Maybe you are satisfied with your partner, but you wonder if your relationship could be even better. Consider participating in a Marital Checkup Class on Monday nights during the month of October and show your partner that you care about maintaining or renewing your relationship. Each couple will be asked to take an online survey that has been developed by Life Innovations. The survey results will be tabulated and suggestions will be offered on how to make your relationship stronger. Our pastor, Tom Schwartz who has received training in both marital and sex therapy, will provide the Monday evening presentations. The cost is \$30.00 for the book and survey. You must sign up by Friday, September 17, and take the survey before the first class.

Five-Week Grief Workshop and Support Group

Grief is a universal experience, because if we live long enough, we undoubtedly will be faced with the death of someone we love dearly. Yet despite its universality, the experience of grief is somewhat distinct and unique for each person who becomes "acquainted with grief."

The goals of CPC's Grief Workshop and Support Group are to: provide a safe and confidential environment in which people who have lost a loved one can "come as they are" and join with others in exploring some of the complexities of the grief experience; provide personal support and some tools for living with grief in ways that promote spiritual and emotional wholeness; sustain participants with prayer, scripture, and quiet meditation; and assure group members that they are not alone in their respective grief journeys.

The Rev. Cheryl Nutting, our Parish Associate and a Chaplain with Hospice of Northwest Ohio, will lead this five-week workshop which will be held on Sundays in October, beginning October 3, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Register in advance by calling the church office or Cheryl at 419-882-8324.

Fall Prime Time Topics

“From Anger to Peace: What Psychologists are Learning about Forgiveness”

Wednesday, October 6

12:00 p.m.

Dr. Kenneth Pargament (BGSU) will describe what psychologists are now beginning to learn about forgiveness through research and practice. Scientific studies are pointing to the advantages of forgiveness for mental health and physical health, and the costs associated with long-term resentment and bitterness. We will also discuss the promising programs that have been developed to facilitate forgiveness among a variety of groups, including divorced individuals, victims of abuse, and those who have suffered.

To reserve a seat, please contact Kay Korthuis at: 734-854-7415 or kay.korthuis@gmail.com.

“Honor Flight Northwest Ohio”

Wednesday, November 3

12:00 p.m.

The World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. was dedicated in May of 2004, nearly six decades after the war ended. Now the same men and women who fought for our liberty and freedom are desperately hoping for the opportunity to see the memorial built to honor them and their fallen comrades. Honor Flight Northwest Ohio, an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization, is in a race against the clock to provide those veterans with an all-expenses paid “Trip of a Lifetime.” Join former NBC 24 Sports Director Jim Tichy as he tells the story of Honor Flight Toledo.

“Sounds of the Season”

Wednesday, December 1

12:00 p.m.

Come enjoy a musical program of your favorite holiday tunes. Bobbie Bean will play and sing seasonal favorites and lead us in a sing-along to help usher in the Christmas season.

Invitation from Dr. Ken Pargament (BGSU)

(Speaker for October Prime Time Program)

Dr. Kenneth Pargament and his research team from the BGSU psychology department are conducting a study designed to investigate how Christians think about and relate to God and Jesus. There is very little research on this topic, so you have a unique opportunity to help society to better understand these important aspects of Christian life.

If you would like to participate in this on-line survey, the website is:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BGSUspirit01>.

Please complete the survey by Thursday, September 30. If you have any questions, you may contact Dr. Pargament at kpargam@bgsu.edu or 419-372-8037, or Jeremy Cummings at jpcummi@bgsu.edu or 419-372-4498, or Kay Korthuis at kay.korthuis@gmail.com or 734-854-7415.

Deborah Circle Wednesday, September 8

The next Deborah Circle meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8 at 12:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join us. We will be meeting at Ginny Baker's home. If you have any questions, or would like directions, please call Ginny.

Bonfire at the Wharram's Sunday, October 10



Howard and Karen Wharram and their family have again graciously invited the entire church to celebrate Autumn and the joy of being together at their annual bonfire. Members and friends may arrive anytime after 3:30 p.m.

at the Wharrams' house (13151 N Suder Road LaSalle, MI 48145) on Sunday, October 10. There will be live music and lots to eat and drink. The bonfire will be lit later as the sun sets. Please bring a dish to share (and chairs, if you wish). All are welcome!

Experiencing the Holy Sunday Evenings

October 3 – November 21
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

What have been your experiences of God? How have your religious perceptions been shaped by your culture? At a time when so many people want to affirm that we are a “Christian Nation”, are you actually aware of the similarities and differences of the major world religions? Tom Schwartz will lead an eight week video/discussion series that will explore how the major religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hindu and Buddhism) understand transcendence, morality, mystery and justice. This video series has been developed by Charles Kimball, a university professor, Baptist pastor, and a graduate of Harvard University with a doctorate of theology in Comparative Religion. Dr. Kimball also served for seven years as the Director of the Middle East Office at the National Council of Churches.

It has been said that we should study comparative religion:

1. To better understand the human capacity for self-transcendence.
2. To overcome our ignorance about the beliefs and practices of others.
3. To understand our own culture with its deep roots in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
4. To help us achieve a global perspective.
5. To help us formulate our personal beliefs and philosophy of life.

After watching a video presentation by Dr. Kimball, Tom will be leading a discussion designed to help participants gain an appreciation of the diverse ways that God touches our lives.

Exploring Membership Class

Individuals who desire to be members of Christ Presbyterian Church are encouraged to get actively involved in worship and our wide variety of educational and service opportunities. To learn more about our church and its mission, you are invited to attend our next Exploring Membership Class that will be taught by Pastor Tom Schwartz. This class includes participating in our “Discovering and Sharing Your Gifts, Talents, and Passion” course. Come with your questions, concerns and enthusiasm. Our next class will be held on:

September 24 and September 25

Friday 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (includes dinner)

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Gifts class)

Call the church office at 419-475-8629 to register.

Special Worship Opportunities

World Communion and Peacemaking Service

October 3

9:30 a.m. Hansen Hall

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

This service will highlight our Summer Mission Trip to San Antonio de Grande in the District of Hidalgo. Our mission efforts will be highlighted by a visual presentation, music and a personal reflections by members from the Mexico Mission team.

Advent Taize Services

Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22

7:00 p.m.

We will hold Taize Prayer Services each Wednesday evening in Hansen Hall. Taize is a meditative prayer service that incorporates simple, repetitive song and chant, scripture readings, and period of group silence in a setting of peace and soft light that fosters communion with God. Taize is a little village in the south of Burgundy, France. In this village, over 60 years ago, Brother Roger founded a community devoted to prayer and living a parable of reconciliation within the church and the human family. The Community is made up of brothers from all the continents and major denominations who gather together three times a day, seven days a week, throughout the year to pray.

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 p.m. Christmas Celebration – featuring our children, special musical ensembles, brass, woodwind instrumentalists, and narrators. The service is for people of all ages and will weave together classic carols and beautiful new songs woven together to create a very special Christmas service.

10:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service – featuring the Chancel Choir, guest musicians, and the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

Christmas with a “Jazzy” Touch

We will join on Sunday, December 26 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Christmas carols and Jazz music provided by Ron Prebe and his friends.

Children and Family News

Godly Play Program

Our Godly Play program will begin on September 12. Some components to our Godly Play program are the following:

Take-home Scripture Verse: When you pick up your child after worship, they will be bringing home a scripture verse to learn. The verse will be related to the story they learned. We appreciate your support of this activity at home.

Offering: We will be asking children to bring in a weekly offering. It will be collected each week and each room will decide on what project they will use the offering for.

Children & Family Mission Projects: We will be coordinating several children's mission projects through our Sunday Godly Play program. Information will be disseminated with the Parent Pages and take-home scripture. Some of these projects will be ones that the entire church participates in.

Registration and Photo Permission Form: Due to our growing program we will be asking parents to complete a Children and Family Ministry Registration and Photo Permission form. On the registration form we will be asking parents for information that may help Godly Play leaders when working with your children. On Sundays in September, we will have tables set up in the classroom wing after the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services so you may register your child before you pick them up.

Sunday Morning Godly Play Schedule

Children age 3 through 5th grades may accompany their parents to the worship service. Children will then be dismissed from worship about 15 minutes later with Monica Mancy for Godly Play. Children can be picked up after the service in their designated classrooms in the children's wing.

Godly Play at the 9:30 a.m. service is scheduled:

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Preschool (Age 3) -2nd grade	Room 7
Grades 3-5	Room 8

Godly Play at the 11:00 a.m. service is scheduled:

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Preschool (Age 3 through Kindergarten)	Room 7
Grades 1-4	Room 8

Coming this Fall for the Tweeners

We will be piloting a new program this fall for children in grades 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, thanks to Chris Gaynor and Kim Long. Chris and Kim have volunteered to teach, "We Believe", a program designed for children of this age group. The children will meet during the 11:00 a.m. service. We hope your children will join us and make this program a success.

Children's Choir

Everyone is welcome to participate! The children's choir will begin September 12 instructed by Ron Prebe. The children will practice every Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. service. Practice will be held in the Sanctuary for 30 minutes. The children will sing every Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. service. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn music, serve the church and speak in front of the congregation. We hope your children will join us.

"Splash!" Newsletter

Parents of infants, toddlers and twos are now mailed a monthly parenting newsletter specific to the age of their child. Parents of little ones receive their first newsletter when their child is one month old, and they continue to receive it until their little one reaches 36 months. The newsletter contains an abundance of fun and whimsical ideas, including a music CD, to help parents with their little one's faith formation. We hope parents enjoy this resource as they watch their child grow and change during these important years.

All Church Picnic - September 26

Don't miss out on our All Church Picnic scheduled for September 26. We have some exciting children's activities planned.

Youth Night Begins September 12

Sunday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. are Youth Nights! All youth grades 6-12 and their friends are invited to join with us beginning Sunday, September 12 for good food, lots of fun and fellowship and exciting programming. The evening begins with everyone gathering together in Hansen Hall for dinner provided by someone in the church. Then middle school and high school will split up for separate programming just for them.

Heard and "Overheard"

(Congregation news compiled by Barb Ball)



Summer and family seem to go together, at least for these CPC families.

Jack Rogers spent some valuable family time with his oldest son, Gregg, from Boulder Colorado on their annual fishing trip. Jack and Gregg have been getting together for the past 17 or so years to enjoy some trout fishing. This year they traveled to southwestern Wyoming to fish in the Madison and Yellowstone Rivers. They are catch and release fishermen who enjoy the sport of fly fishing and spending some quality time together.

The Schmidts; Tim, Jodi, Pete, Lisa, Adam, Addison, and Aiden spent two weeks on a family vacation at their condo in Isle of Palms, South Carolina. The family enjoyed swimming, golfing, and fishing together.

Grandpa Tim took Addison and Aiden on a fishing excursion. Addison made the biggest catch – a 20 pound Bonnethead Shark and a 20 pound red fish! His brother, Aiden, wasn't as pleased with his catch of a bad mannered 12 pound red fish!

Bob and Jama Roman took to the air to attend the wedding of former Toledoan Mike Allen and "Kat" Taylor in Denver, Colorado. Bob II (son) was best man. He and his wife, Sarah, were able to take part in all the festivities together with Aunt Kristin babysitting with their son, Silas.

Bob and Jama took this opportunity to spend time with Jama's sister, Jean Merrick and her husband, Tom, who also live in Denver.

Taking note of a different kind of special occasion, Nanci and Bruce Poling celebrated Bruce's retirement from the University of Toledo by doing some traveling. They spent a couple of days in Washington, DC visiting their niece, Andrea Poling and, later, they joined six other couples in Charlevoix, Michigan for a golf outing.

That's what retirement is for travel and golf! Congratulations, Bruce!

Don't forget to send your news to Barb Ball at bar1tom2@bex.net or call 419-824-7906.

Disciples Class

Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life - Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A year-long study of the major and minor prophets and the letters traditionally attributed to Paul. The cost of the class is \$35 for the study manual. Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to participate in either of these classes. Classes begin on September 7.

Scrapbooking on November 6

Christ Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a Scrapbooking Fundraiser on Saturday, November 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Children and Family and Youth Ministries. Bring your scrapbooking materials to work on, meet other scrapbookers, and get ideas for projects. Scrapbooking consultants Jill Oblizajek from Creative Memories and Lisa Kernes from First Impressions Cards, Gifts, and Invitations will be available to help you. The \$25.00 registration fee includes 4ft of table space, continental breakfast, lunch, games, contest, prizes, demonstrations, products and new ideas! Look for registration forms in Hansen Hall or the Narthex or print one out from our website: www.cptoledo.org. If you have any questions, please contact Shari Hileman, who is coordinating the event, at 419-841-8667 or email [Shari at shari.hileman@gmail.com](mailto:shari.hileman@gmail.com).

Every Member Counts Update

The Every Member Counts program undertaken by the Christian Involvement Team is drawing to a close.

We are pleased with the results: 307 members responded to the survey. This provided valuable information for many different program areas, identified individuals who would like to become more involved in the life of the church, and informed the church about areas of concern. The church information forms that were completed and updated enable the church office to keep records current.

The team appreciates the cooperation of the congregation. The many letters and phone calls, while intrusive at times, should let you know how much we are concerned about your needs and concerns. Thank you for your help.

If you haven't returned your questionnaire, etc., we would appreciate your doing so. If you misplaced it, we'll be glad to send another one. Please call Tracy at the church office at 419-475-8629.

We Need Your Help!

There is a tremendous need for food and toiletries at the Feed Your Neighbor Program. Each Sunday, there will be a specific item listed in the bulletin for those wishing to participate. There will be marked boxes on carts in the Narthex and near the Hansen Hall doors.

September 5
September 12
September 19
September 26

Tomato or spaghetti sauce or pasta
Canned vegetables
Packaged dinners
Soup or saltines

Powdered or canned milk is an essential item that can be brought in at any time.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Sat</i>
September						
5 9:00 a.m. Contemporary 10:30 a.m. Traditional	6 Labor Day – Church and Offices Closed	7 9:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Special Events Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. Deacons Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. 20/30 Small Group	8 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg. 1:00 p.m. Christian Involvement Team Meeting	9 5:30 p.m. Celebrate Singers	10	11
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