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Twas the Light Before Christmas – Be Part of the Joy!

What's Christmas without a Christmas play? So our worship on **Sunday, December 20** will include the **intergenerational musical Christmas play**, "Twas the Light Before Christmas." Set in Bible-times Bethlehem, brother and sister Ray and Vanessa run a small sunglasses stand while their parents are busy registering for the census. As the sun sets, they notice a brilliant star in the night sky, they meet a hilarious handful of census-takers, a hungry group of innkeepers, discover some star-trackers looking for a baby King, and finally a glorious chorus of angels. As the light grows stronger, they discover the real Star of Christmas! Come one, come all! This production needs you. This Sunday, the 13th, during fellowship time choose which group YOU would like to be a part of and help make your props, listen to your groups' short song, rehearse a few simple motions and –hurrah! – you're ready for the stage on the 20th! Be part of the joy. Be part of "Twas the Light Before Christmas.



**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION
SERVICE
10:00 PM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**



Christmas Concert THIS SUNDAY

The Outreach Commission is hosting a community Christmas Concert **at 6:00 PM** in the sanctuary.

The **Mount Vernon High School Choir** will be performing. Please bring a batch of your favorite cookies to share for the reception following the concert.

December Birthdays



Mike Schofield 12/2
 Carol Fleshood 12/5
 Jeanette Abramo 12/6
 Becky Floetker 12/7
 Victor Grelle 12/7
 Vincent Grelle 12/7
 Tony DeSimone 12/15
 Contessa Bilyou 12/18
 Michael Gill 12/23
 JoEllen King 12/23
 Christie Waggoner 12/23
 John Long 12/27

Nursery Care Available

As the holiday season begins, I just wanted to let everyone know our nursery is available!

Bring your little friends to church — grandbabies, nephews, nieces, friends. I will be there to watch over them! Thank You

Karmen Krueger

Remember In Prayers



At Home:
 Don Beaver

In Hospital,
 Nursing Home
 &
 Assisted Living
 Centers:

Myrtle Fields
 @ Clearwater Commons
Clara Nicholson
 @ Mill Run Assisted Living,
 Columbus, OH
Ann McFate
 @ Berkshire of Castleton
Eleanor Moore@
 Westminster Assisted Living

December Anniversaries



Dick & Linda Abdon 12/27
 Bill & Sandy Robbins 12/27



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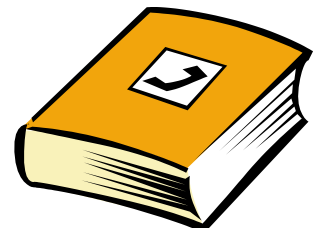
Special Offerings

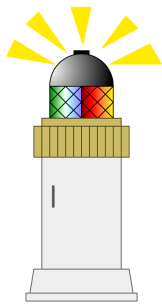
Where does your money go when the "December" Special offerings are received?

Christmas Offering Envelope (found in your box of weekly envelopes). This offering stays within CPC. This is split between the Deacon Fund, the Sick & Needy Fund and the Rev. Irwin Memorial Fund.

Christmas JOY offering is usually collected on Christmas Eve, but can be received anytime. Be sure and indicate that it is for the **JOY** offering. These funds are forwarded to the Presbytery and are used to help families of active and retired church workers. It also is shared with Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges for education.

New Directory is available in the Narthex





LEARNING
IN
GOD'S
HOUSE
TOGETHER

Sunday School emphasis for the month of DECEMBER

- 11/29 **Paul's First Letter**
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
- 12/6 **Malachi the Messenger**
Malachi 3:1-4
- 12/13 **Zephaniah's Joyful Song**
Zephaniah 3:14-20
- 12/20 **Mary visits Elizabeth**
Luke 1:39-55
- 12/25 **Jesus is Born**
Luke 2:1-20
- 12/27 **Young Jesus in the Temple**
Luke 2:41-52



Update of Our Live Free Stewardship Campaign

To date, a total of **\$131,827** was pledged by

46 families!

Pledge cards are available in the narthex, or you can follow the link in the member area of our web site www.christpresby.org



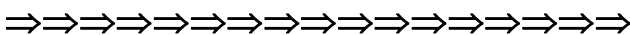
Our final gathering of 2015 will be **Tuesday, December 15**

at 11:30 AM in the Multi Purpose Room.

Come for a catered **lunch** and enjoy the program

Hunter Shults will join us and share information on the final resting places of the Presidents!

Hope to see you all there!



Let Us Have Peace

Final Resting Places of the Presidents

Enjoy this unique tour of America and learn the intriguing, often untold stories behind our presidents' final days and resting places.

Tuesday, December 15th, 2015 @12:15pm

Christ Presbyterian Church
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I want to thank everyone for the lovely birthday Sunday

recognizing my 90th birthday. I appreciated all the well wishes, songs, cards, cake and beautiful smiles that headed my way.

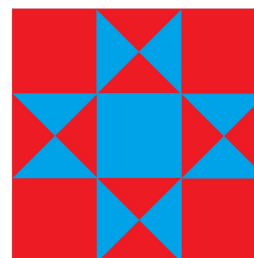
This church has the kindest, warmest, most loving people ever—and I love each and every one of you in return!

Love, Maxine Arbuckle Mundell

Needlecrafters Make Holidays Bright

The Needlecrafters recently delivered ten (10) quilts, twelve (12) puppy pillows and ten (10) scarves to the Dayspring Family Homeless Shelter.

They were well received and appreciated.



Thank you ladies for sharing your love and talents!



Maxine Arbuckle Mundell's 90th Birthday



I would like to thank my CPC family for all the cards, phone calls, prayers and flowers that were sent during my shoulder surgery and prolonged recovery. The good news is NO MORE SURGERY, just extended physical therapy.

*Prayers really do work!
Margie Gilliland*

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2016

Per Capita for 2016

The annual per capita payment covers basic operational expenses of the denomination. The amount is based on the number of members in the congregation.

For 2016, the figure per member is \$37.70.

A special envelope for the per capita payment is included with the weekly offering envelopes. If you do not use envelopes, please indicate on your check that the payment is for the per capita.

Year End Reminders

- Your year-end giving statements will be available in the Narthex after January 3.
- New envelopes for those that pledged or give regularly to the church are available in the Narthex.
- For those who are chairs of committees, commissions, Presbyterian Women, etc. — year end reports should be in the church office by January 25, 2016 so that the Annual Report can be prepared.
- 2016 Per Capita is \$37.70 per member. Please indicate on your check that you are paying Per Capita.

Installation and Ordination of Church Officers Sunday, January 10 during service.

Congregational Annual Meeting Sunday, January 31 following service

Deacons request "Christmas Baking" and "Christmas Dinner" Food Items for Angel Connection in December

Suggested items for December:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| • Sugar | • Cooking oil | • Canned corn |
| • Flour | • Green beans | • Marshmallows |
| • Chocolate baking chips | • Cookie Sprinkles | • Cranberry Sauce |
| • Mashed potatoes | • Pumpkin | • Spices |
| • Stuffing | • Brownie Mix | • Gravy |

Online Giving | FAQs

Is Online Giving Safe?

Online Giving meets the highest banking-level security standards set forth by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) to ensure safe and confidential transactions. In fact, your banking information is encrypted in the system and is not accessible to any users or administrators of the Online Giving system. When you manage your own account information, your church never needs to handle checks or worry about locking up documents containing your account information. And you'll always be certain that your gifts are direct-deposited into your church's account.

What are the advantages of Online Giving?

It makes it easy to give, even when you are unable to attend church. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan its budget!

How are my contributions automatically deducted from my account?

Once you complete the online registration form, the contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from your bank account to the church's bank account.

When will my contribution be deducted from my account?

Your electronic contribution will be debited on the date you specify on the "My Gifts" page of the Online Giving system.

If I do not write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?

Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Electronic contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement as well as your online reports.

Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?

Your bank statement and the Online Giving system both provide reports that document your electronic transactions.

Can I put different amounts in offerings and have all of them withdrawn at different times?

You can contribute to different offerings at different times; however, you will have to do each one separately. You will receive a receipt for each one.

What if I change bank accounts?

Log in and update your account information in the My Payment Methods window. Each checking / savings / credit / debit card can be changed using the edit button, deleted completely, or new accounts can be added on the right side of the screen.

How much does Online Giving cost?

It costs you absolutely nothing!

What if I try Online Giving and don't like it?

You can cancel your authorization by cancelling your gifts and donation dates at any time.

How do I sign up for Online Giving?

1. Visit your church website at www.christpresby.org
2. Go to the Member page
3. Click on the **Member Account** link
4. Complete the online registration form

It's that simple!

For additional information or help setting up your account please contact **Bill Schofield at 335-7600 or 317-875-1715.**

December 2015

January 2016

December 2015

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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31						

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 29	30	Dec 1	2	3	4	5
		1:00pm 2:30pm Needlecrafters (MP Room) 7:00pm 8:30pm Stewardship Commission (Education)	7:00pm 7:30pm Chime Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:30pm 8:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	1:00pm 2:30pm PW Coordinating Team () 7:00pm 8:30pm Council Meeting (MP Room) 7:00pm 8:30pm Deacon Meeting (Education)	6:00pm 8:00pm Sarah Circle Christmas Party (Beth & Ross King's House)	
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	7:00pm 8:00pm Troop 88 (Education and MP Room)	10:00am 12:00pm Hope Circle Christmas Party (Ellen Gill's House)	7:00pm 7:30pm Chime Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:30pm 8:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)			9:00am 10:30am Men of Christ (Lincoln Square)
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10:00am 11:00am Christmas Cantata (Sanctuary) 6:00pm 8:30pm Mount Vernon High School Choir - Concert (Sanctuary)	7:00pm 8:00pm Troop 88 Court of Honor (MP Room)	11:30am 1:00pm Prime Timers (M Room)	7:00pm 7:30pm Chime Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:30pm 8:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)			
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27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 16	2

Nov 29 - Dec 5

Dec 6 - 12

Dec 13 - 19

Dec 20 - 26

Dec 27 - Jan 2



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Christ Presbyterian Church wants God to be a vital part of our lives as we reach out to our community and we embrace the following Vision Statement:

We believe that God is calling us to be the open arms, the healing hands, and the loving hearts of the body of Christ in our community.



Do you want to be a part of weekly Service? Sign up sheets for 2016 are in the narthex.

CPC is in need of volunteers for Liturgist, purchasing the sanctuary flowers to honor, remember or show appreciation for someone or set up, serve and clean up coffee fellowship after service.



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Newsletter

Articles needed

The Courier is only helpful if events and plans are submitted to the church office to be included. If your commission, or group is planning an activity and would like it broadcast to the membership via the newsletter — please submit articles (pictures too if you have them) to office@christpresby.org by the last Monday of the month.

Next deadline is Monday, December 28.

