



# The Chimes

July / August 2024

203 Years Strong  
doing Christ's ministry

## Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

### Session Highlights

Pastor David Annett, Moderator  
Greg Roberts, Clerk of Session  
Martha Misheff, reporter

Here are some items Session discussed at recent meetings:

- ✓ We celebrated the increased size of the Youth Group due in part to Shannon and Amy walking the neighborhood and inviting kids to church!
- ✓ June 30th will be David Fisher's last sermon at Cranston. We'll honor him after church!
- ✓ July 7th in worship we will retire the choir robe of Barb Pettigrew who passed away.
- ✓ Mission Committee will support the School Supplies Drive with a cash donation. Canned Goods will be collected in the large bin in the back of the sanctuary.
- ✓ Dave Martin is leading the way with renovations to Kitchen sinks and faucets.
- ✓ At the August meeting of Session we will spend time on Elder Training.
- ✓ The General Assembly of the PCUSA meets June 25—July 4th. Please keep them in your prayers!



The CHIMES is a bi-monthly publication of Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church. Michael Findlan, our long-time editor, died suddenly in 2023. Chris Torrey volunteered to be the "Interim Editor" hoping that additional volunteers would join him in the effort. The CHIMES is mailed, emailed, and shared on our website. If you're interested in helping get the word out about Cranston, speak to Chris about how you can help!

Where do new members for churches come from?



Every study of growing churches finds the same result: people come to church because someone invited them. Take a moment to think of who you might invite to join you at Cranston. Let them know they can check us out online any time—our website has helpful information for first-time visitors and they can watch the video of a recent church service before they come join us!

### July / August Birthdays!

**July 2**—Dwayne Kuhn  
6—Shannon Martin  
16—Karen Roberts  
18—Mary Haas  
19—Charles Irwin  
20—Paisley Martin  
22—Elaine Silvernell  
28—Braxton Martin

**August 3**—David Annett  
8—Mary Murphy  
9—Janet Gibson  
16—Beverly Grippa  
16—Ryan Clepper  
18—Alicia Abbott  
19—Lily Annett  
23—Rodney Abbott  
24—Jack Pettigrew

### July / August Anniversaries!

July 11—Bill & Carol Porter  
15—Tom & Sharon Kidd  
16—Paul & Mary Campbell  
28—David & Kristen Annett  
August 28—David & Gloria Fisher  
Let Jackie Nelson know if we can add your name(s) to the lists!

### Who's Preaching?

July 7 —David Annett (Communion)  
July 14—Chris Torrey  
July 21—Chris Torrey  
July 28—Margaret Zedan  
August 4—David Annett (Communion)  
August 11—Chris Torrey  
August 18—David Annett  
August 25—Chris Torrey



We celebrate communion on the First Sunday of each month.

Sunday, July 14, while Karen is away on vacation, Chris Torrey will lead worship including music on the guitar. We're looking for two Liturgists for that Sunday to help with the flow of the service. Sign up!

Sunday, July 28, the Rev. Margaret Zedan is preaching. New to our pulpit, she has joined us in the past for worship. Welcome Margaret!

## The Chimes Interview: The Youth Group!

Shannon Martin made time in several recent Youth Night gatherings to ask the children questions and record their answers. Here's a summary of responses gathered over several meetings!

### What have you learned since you started coming to Church or Youth Night?

Answers: how to be kind; I can pray at any time, anywhere, or any place; God is always here for us.

### When you think of God what do you think of?

Answers: I think of warmth and coziness; I remember that God always takes care of us.

### How does Jesus help people? How does Jesus help you?

Answers: He watches over them; He loves them; He cares for them; He gives me hope and peace; He helps me because he forgives me.

### What would you tell the older people in church about Jesus?

Answers: Jesus loves you! Jesus is always there for you whenever you need him; you should love Jesus; Jesus is always listening so you can talk to him whenever you want to.

### What is your favorite memory at Cranston?

Answers: Christmas at Cranston was so magical. The decorations, the atmosphere, the time spent at church during the Christmas season was just so amazing!; Trick or Treating around Cranston and then the party there afterward; When Pastor David is at youth group and plays games with us; Hugging Mary every Sunday—I really miss her.



### Who is responsible for your being here at Cranston?

Answers: My mom; Mommy and Jesus; My grandparents.

Special thanks to Shannon and to Amy—they've made time to invite children from the neighborhood to come to Youth Night!

**Listen for Announcements about upcoming Youth Nights at Cranston!**

## Cranston Supports Local Missions!

Every Sunday's offering plate contributes 10% to missions. Your gift on Sundays provides support for many causes, including the work of the New Richmond Area Ministries (NRAM). Here are two special appeals currently under way:

1. School Supplies—we are making a cash donation to the NRAM school supplies drive this year. Your regular gift in the offering plate supports that donation. If you prefer to donate specific school supplies, see the NRAM School Supply Drive flyer available at church for an extensive list of supplies needed and directions to take those to the New Richmond Food Pantry at the Nazarene Church.
2. We're collecting Canned Goods for the New Richmond Food Pantry. In the back of our church sanctuary is a large white box for you to deposit your donations. The need is great—there are folks going without in our neighborhood. You can help feed our neighbors by bringing donations of non-perishable food items and depositing them in the bin at the back of the church.

**Thank you for your support!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Session decided on the date of **Sunday, September 15** for this year's Church Picnic. We're again invited to the home of Chris Torrey and Dawn Butler just up Bethel New Richmond Rd. **Plan to come to church and join us for the picnic!**

