

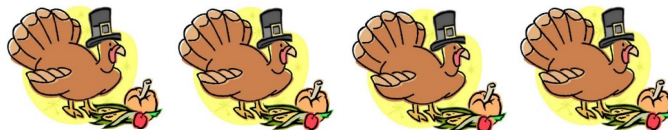
# THE CUP



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CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*'Join us for a drink of Living Water'*



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## From the Pastor's Desk...

NOVEMBER 2017

In April of 1957, a group gathered on a bare patch of ground on Blackhawk Road.

After singing 'The Church's One Foundation', and reading from Psalm 84, they shared in the following litany:

'To the glory of God our Father, to the service of our dear Master and his Church, and to the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit,

We dedicate this ground for this church.

For a building of which Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone, the pillar and ground of the truth,

We dedicate this ground . . .

For a church that shall exalt the ministry of the open Bible, with its faithful record of human life, its unfolding of the redeeming grace of God through Jesus Christ, its message of warning, inspiration, comfort, and hope,

We dedicate this ground . . .

For a church with an open door for all people, rich or poor, homeless or desolate, who need the help of God through us,

We dedicate this ground . . .

For a church that shall gather the children in its arms and hold them close to Christ, that they may grow up in the church and never be lost from the fold,

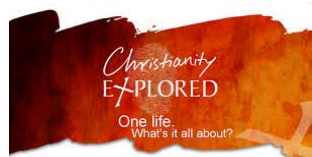
We dedicate this ground.

On November 3, 1957 the first service was held in the space that is now the church gymnasium. Over the past 60 years, well over 3,000 worship services have been held, tens of thousands of meals have been served, hundreds of baptisms have been performed, and at least 900 communion services. But beyond the numbers, a vision of furthering the Kingdom of God through this plot of land and the people who responded to the call of its ministry has faithfully continued. The needs and challenges in Chippewa and the wider world have changed in these past decades. More than once we've seen fears of unemployment, recession, political and theological tensions and hardship stalk our community. We've wondered what the future would hold. Yet time and again, God has responded through his Holy Spirit, through fresh faces walking through the doors and familiar faces responding to needs in a way that have shown the faithfulness of our God, who has said, 'I have loved you with an everlasting love' (Jeremiah 31:3), 'be strong and courageous, for I will never leave you or forsake you' (Deuteronomy 31:6), and 'All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And I am with you always, even to the very end of the age.' (Matthew 28:18-20)

I do hope that you'll be able to join us to celebrate the faithfulness of the Lord to us and through us for 60 years here at Cup Evangelical Presbyterian at our morning worship service November 5 at 10:30 a.m. God still has important work to do in Chippewa Township, work that He will accomplish, and work that we want to be a part of! It's a joy to partner in this work with you.

Cordially,  
Pastor Scott

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## 'CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED'

**SUNDAYS**—Starting at  
6:30pm—Light Supper  
7:00pm—Study in Bartholomew Room

**YOU CAN JOIN THIS GROUP AT  
ANY TIME** (not meeting 11/26)

### WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

Christianity Explored is a way of sharing the best news ever heard, and gives people space and time to think about the big questions of life.



## SHINE MUSICAL SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th at 7:00pm

In the small western town of Incarnation, Christmas is celebrated with grit, giddy-up and gusto! They like to think of themselves as "the most Christmassy town in the west." But 1891 is the year that two big "signs o' progress" could spell either trouble or opportunity. The railroad has finally punched through with the grand opening of Incarnation Station, bringing visitors for the first time from far and wide to take in their Christmas festivities. Round up some rambunctious cowpokes, some forward-thinkin' townsfolk, a manger on loan and a lot of raucous yee-haw for "The Loaned Manger."



### SHINE—WEDNESDAYS

at 3:30pm  
with Family Dinner  
following at 6:00pm

NO SHINE—NOV. 22nd

November 12th—SHINE Sunday

Bucket Band  
3rd—5th Graders

**'FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS'** —  
(sponsored by Boscov's) raised \$645. for Cup Church. Thank you to everyone who participated and especially to the Volunteers who manned the Sale Table for the day.

*Dear Creator God, thank You so much  
for the wondrous way You fashioned this  
world—with seasons, with harvest-time,  
with everything we need to exist.  
Please accept our gratitude.*



Thank You, LORD!

## THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21st  
at 7:00pm**



**PRAY!**



### Weekly Meetings...

Monday 1:00pm **Bible Study**

Tuesday 3:00pm **Youth Small Groups** (Girls @ the Manse)

Second Wednesday 1:00pm **Game Day** (November 8th)

**Thursday Morning Woman's Small Group** 9:00am

**Mom's Group** 9:45am (still looking for volunteer for childcare)

3rd Thursday at noon **Lunch Bunch** (November 16th @ Brady's Run Grille)

**Saturday Morning Men's Group** 7:30am @ Eat n' Park

## LIBRARY NEWS

We have several books that are new to us that will be added to our shelves soon.  
Here is list of some of the new selections.

***'The Imitation of Christ'*** by Thomas a' Kempis. This edition published in 1980 by Moody Press is styled for the modern reader and is edited by Paul Bechtel. It is a 500-year-old classic, written by a Dutch priest, that deals with prayer, devotion and communion and can still help today's believer's find the riches of an inner life with God.

***'Cry, the Beloved Country'*** by Alan Paton. It is the story of a Zulu pastor named Stephen Kumalo and his son Absalom, told against the backdrop of South Africa in the 1940's.

***'Letters to God'*** by Patrick Doughtie and John Perry. This novel was published by Zondervan in 2010 and was inspired by the major motion picture that chronicles the life of a boy with terminal brain cancer who copes with the disease by writing letters to God.

Look for these titles in the Cup Library soon.

**COME CHECK US OUT!**

Paula Keefer, Cup Church Librarian



### NOVEMBER Calendar

<b><u>November 5</u></b>	<b>60th Anniversary Celebration</b> 12:00pm Reception in Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Christianity Explored
<b><u>November 7</u></b>	5:45pm DEACONS 7:00pm WORSHIP 7:30pm TRUSTEES
<b><u>November 8</u></b>	1:00pm Game Day
<b><u>November 12</u></b>	SHINE SUNDAY
<b><u>November 14</u></b>	7:00pm NOMINATING COMMITTEE
<b><u>November 16</u></b>	12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch @ Brady's Run Grille
<b><u>November 21</u></b>	7:00pm Thanksgiving Worship
<b><u>November 22</u></b>	NO SHINE
<b><u>November 24</u></b>	OFFICE CLOSED
<b><u>November 28</u></b>	7:00pm SESSION
<b><u>Every Monday</u></b>	1:00pm Adult Bible Study
<b><u>Every Tuesday</u></b>	3:00pm Youth Girls Small Groups @ Manse
<b><u>Every Wednesday</u></b>	3:30pm "SHINE" After School program followed by Family Dinner @6pm
<b><u>Every Thursday</u></b>	9:00am Women's Small Group 9:45am Mom's Group in Youth Room 7:00pm Choir Practice
<b><u>Every Saturday</u></b>	7:30am Men's Breakfast @ Eat-n-Park
<b><u>Every Sunday</u></b>	6:30pm Christianity Explored 7:00pm Crosscurrent

### **CUP CHURCH'S 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

***Sunday November 5th***

***10:30am Worship***

***(Dr. Curtiss Brown will  
be participating)***

***12:00pm Reception in  
Fellowship Hall***

***(Dr. Robert Frazier will  
be joining us)***

***There will be an unveiling of the  
painting of all 5 of our Pastors  
done by Kristen Reda, and copies  
of the Anniversary Cookbook  
will be on sale.***



## Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart,

As we approach that time of year when we want to give and share more than ever. I look back on the year we just had and my heart is full of gratitude. November 2nd I celebrate my 1 year anniversary as the Children and Youth Director here at CUP Church. I can not believe a year has flown past so quickly! We have accomplished so much for God's Kingdom in that short time together. All these precious faces I am blessed to share this journey with are nothing short of amazing. God is so good my friends and I am so grateful!! I remember my blessings daily and I thank you all for your support!



This past month our Youth have been busy. We took some time to share an evening with the residents at Elm Croft playing Bingo. The youth had as much fun as the residence did. It was a great evening shared with an amazing generation! We look forward to more outings like this! We had a movie night where we watched the movie "War Room". That was eye opening and we now all have a different view on a new way of praying! This past Sunday we had a joint outing with Mt. Olive to the MAZE CRAZE in Ohio. We had a fun time and we didn't get lost! Phew!! There is so much ahead for us to share in the next few months as we prepare for the Celebration of our Saviors birth.



We had our First SHINE Sunday! What a blessed day of worship that was. Our Praise Team has doubled in size which in itself is a blessing. The 6-8th grade shared a Drama Skit with us and the littles sang such sweet tunes. I will say it again... It was a blessed day of Worship! Thank you Jesus!



Our next SHINE Sunday is November 12th.

The SHINE musical has been announced "The Loaned Manger" and we look forward to sharing our story on December 10th at 7pm. Please mark your calendars you do not want to miss!!!



As always I ask you please continue to keep both our Children and Youth as well as our community in prayer! God is doing a mighty work here in our area. Keep the prayers mighty and constant!!!

Your sister in Christ,  
*Joel Cunniff*  
CUP Children and Youth Director

"GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER."  
**1 CHRONICLES 16:34**

**THE  
LOANED  
MANGER**

