

Hot Off the Press! 1/18/15

The Church's Liturgical Year: Designed to Make The 'Good News' of Christ Real & Contemporary to Believers

Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people. — Luke 2:10

The angelic choir announced the 'good news' to Jewish Shepherd who hurried to see the newborn Christ.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. — Matthew 2:10-11

A supernatural great light announced the 'good news' to the *Gentile* Magi. Both announcements come alive in the Church's liturgical year: Christmas and the 12th day *after* Christmas, January 6th, known as Epiphany or the 3 King's Day.

Webster's Dictionary defines *epiphany* as "a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into reality." The Babe of Bethlehem brings this and more for *all peoples*. Jews and Gentile alike can receive God's greatest gift, His Son Jesus Christ, and reflect the glory of God the Father.



Twelve days *after* Christmas, Epiphany or the 3 Kings Day is typically observed by Orthodox, Catholic, and Anglican Christians. We sing of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," but most Protestants don't know it refers to one of earliest celebrations of the Christian church. In some cultures, Christmas gifts are given for each of the Twelve Days; in others, the 3 Kings are honored and bring gifts to children at Epiphany rather than Christmas.

The earliest reference to Epiphany as a Christian feast was in 361 AD, by Ammianus Marcellinus, a fourth-century Roman soldier and historian. It's been the occasion for Popes and Saints to preach the Good News of the Love of God *for Gentiles*. For Epiphany worship services, Johann Sebastian Bach composed two cantatas; and carols such as "We Three Kings" were written.

According to ancient custom, the priests in Western Churches announced the date of Easter on the feast of Epiphany. Calendars were not readily available, and the Church needed to publicize the date of Easter, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on it. Epiphany is followed by celebration of Jesus' Baptism and His first miracle at Cana, turning water into wine.

Today in Eastern Orthodox churches, there is less emphasis on the role of the Magi and more on the *shining forth and revelation of Jesus Christ* as the Messiah and Second Person of the Trinity and on Christ's baptism. Epiphany is the occasion for the blessing of waters, sailing fleets and houses.

AN ACTIVITY FOR SMALL GROUPS and families with children

YOU WILL NEED: • A Bible • Pens (sets of 2-3 different colors) • A map of the world.

READ: Psalm 72 out loud.

DISCUSS: Share your reflections on Psalm 72. (Parents: Explain what the passage means in terms your children will understand.)

READ OUT LOUD: Think about the identity of the Savior. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." The Savior then gave us our identity, saying, "You are the light of the world," and calling us to make known His light [His *Good News*] to the whole world.

ACTIVITY: 1. Attach the map to the bulletin board or hang it in a prominent place where your group gathers or in your home.

2. Throughout the week, as you watch TV, use the Internet, read or hear the news, note places and countries where there is *darkness* - where people are hurting, oppressed, in need or in danger. Then, note places and countries where you hear stories of *good news* - where Christ's light is shining.

3. When your group gathers (or once a week as a family) use one color pen to mark places of *darkness* (Psalm 72:12-14.) Pray that God's light, deliverance, justice, and righteousness would be known in these places. Use another color to mark where you have heard stories of *God's doing marvelous deeds* (Psalm 72:18-19). Spend time praising God for His glorious works.

4. Continue the activity for several gatherings. Share what you've learned about 'Good News' for ALL People — Jews and Gentiles.

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Beginning Weds, January 21st, the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church will undertake a *Spiritual Journey of Discovery* to discern what it means to "equip the family of faith at CHPC to fulfill its chief purpose — to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." At many stages in the *Journey*, the congregation will be involved. While it is impossible to predict the personal or congregational effects of such a study, one tangible product might be the development of a *Theology of Worship* to guide CHPC's practice and undergird God's Mission for CHPC within and beyond the walls. In conjunction with Session's study, *Hot Off the Press* will carry articles such as this one on special times during the year to equip believers with the 'Good News.' *Please be in prayer for the Session and this Spiritual Journey of Discovery.*

Understanding the Cultures of Money from Wealth to Poverty

We all come from different economic backgrounds and traditions that form our priorities, behaviors and traditions. Come join in the discussion as we learn about ourselves and others so that we find our common connections in Jesus - no matter our differences.

We'll discuss the hidden rules, norms and values across economic class in order to build relationships of mutual trust in the church and the community. We will learn from the experts about how best to help and support one another in order to break the cycle of poverty and despair.

Saturday, January 31, 2015
9am-Noon

To register:
Go to chpc.org/events or email events@chpc.org with your name, phone number and number of people attending.

Kevin Rosebrook, V.P. at City Gospel Mission, is a certified trainer in A Framework for Understanding Poverty & What Every Church Should Know About Poverty — both by Dr. Ruby Payne.

Children & Youth Helpers in Worship

Children ages Kindergarten through third grade are invited to a Children's Worship service each week. Start off with your families in both the 9am and 11:15am service, then listen for the announcement dismissing the kids to their special service. Just before the sermon, children will be dismissed to their special study and worship time.

This week's helpers are:
9:00am Ian & Joshua Scheid
11:15am Michael & Marissa Fox

18. sunday

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| 8:00am | Morning Prayer | Prayer Room |
| 9:00am | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 10:10am | Foundation Hour | |
| | • Children's Classes | Barnabas Ctr |
| | • Jr. High | BC 204 |
| | • High School | BC 205-206 |
| | • Adult Spirit Foundation | Fellowship Hall |
| 11:15am | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 1:30pm | Adult Children of Alcoholics | Clubroom |
| 6:30pm | CRASH | BC 205 & 206 |

19. monday

Campus Closed
MLK Jr. Day

20. tuesday

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| 9:30am | Tuesday AM Bible Study | Parlor |
| 6:30pm | Super Choir | Fellowship Hall |

21. wednesday

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| 9:30am | Library Work Day | BC 103 |
| | Strategy For Mothers Planning | Fireside Room |
| 7:00pm | Bi-Polar Support Group | Great Hall |
| | Session | BC 201 & 202 |
| 7:30pm | College/Young Adult Gathering | Off Campus |
| | Worship Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |

22. thursday

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| 8:30am | Prayer - Church & Community | Prayer Room |
| 10:00am | Knitting Group | Atrium |
| 6:30pm | Karate | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room |
| | Adult Children of Alcoholics | MC Club Room |
| 7:30pm | AI-Anon | BC 201 & 202 |

23. friday

24. saturday

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| 2:00pm | Praise Dancers | BC Lobby |
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"LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION" POLICY
When parking, remember to keep your valuables and all parcels out of sight safely locked in your trunk. Thieves can even see through dark tinted glass. Don't tempt!

January 18 - January 24 calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Undecking the Halls today after the second service.

Martin Luther King Jr. College Hill Community Service Tonight at 7pm, First United Church of Christ, 5808 Glenview Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45223 (513) 541-7302

Everyone invited to Lunch Bunch today after second service at Panera on Winton Road. Each person responsible for his/her lunch. Questions: Contact Jeanne Schneider 541-5676, ext 1160.

CHPC Campus Closed Monday, Jan. 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

For January only the men's Bible fellowship group, **Band of Brothers**, will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 6:15am in the Fireside Room (instead of the typical 1st and 3rd Thursdays). We are studying the Book of Acts. New attendees are always welcome!

Join the Mission Team Sunday, January 25, to hear about Kathy Angi's recent ministry trips to Iraq, Central and South America, Libya, and Europe. We will meet at 12:30 pm in the Great Room at Belwood*, 1776 Larch Ave (corner of Larch and Belmont). Please bring a salad or dessert. The main dish will be provided. Come for food, fellowship, updates, and prayer. If possible let us know if you are coming. For more information or to RSVP call Mary Sue [541-7829] or Chappie [542-4968]. *Park in front of the building and come down the driveway through the pedestrian gate to the entrance with a red awning.

Sign Up for Marriage Conference Family Life Week End to Remember at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati March 13-15. Special Rate until January 26 of \$149.99/couple. Register at <http://shop.familylife.com/p-3686-cincinnati.aspx> and use code CHPC. Brochures located in information rack in atrium. Questions: Contact Jeanne Schneider 541-5676, 1160 or jschneider@chpc.org

Swim Ministry Date for children and adult lessons, the weeks of June 22, July 13 and 27. In late March, application forms will be mailed to former swimmers and at www.chpc.org/forms. Lessons taught at North Hills Swim Club. Questions: starecvg@aol.com; 513-542-2442.

Does your small group have openings? If so, please provide the contact person and specifics about your group to Jeanne Schneider at 541-5676, ext 1160.

Do you enjoy meeting and welcoming new people? Someone is needed to host the 5 Minute Party table on the third Sunday of each month. If you are interested in finding out more, please stop by the table after either service and speak with this week's table host for more details. Contact Michelle Hemsath @ 541-5676, ext1123

Invite a Friend to Join You for Dinner January 26 Full catered buffet dinner in Fellowship Hall for only \$10. January 26 at 6pm, Supper Club presents actress Vickie Gaynier as Corrie Ten Boom. Corrie has been honored by evangelical Christians as an exemplar of Christian faith in action. The Hiding Place book documented the arrest by the Nazis of her and her family for hiding Jews in their Haarlem, Netherlands home during the Holocaust. Make your reservations by calling Sally Auble, 741-3125 by Thursday, January 22. The cost for the catered dinner and the program is \$10.00 at the door.

Lost & Found If you think you may have left anything here at CHPC, please stop by the front desk. We will be disposing of any items not claimed by the end of January.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Special CRASH tonight 6-10:30pm. Tonight we will have a special CRASH to celebrate MLK Jr. We will meet at 6pm in the CRASH room for a potluck dinner and head to the community MLK Jr. service at 7pm. Then since there is no school the next day, we'll head back to CHPC for hours of late night games. So grab a friend, bring some food, and come ready for a great night.

Another crazy, fun FX Night is Wednesday, February 4th, 6-7:30 pm! Families are encouraged to bring friends, and to come connect with each other and with families from our community! Questions: Robyn Hubbuch, rhubbuch@chpc.org or 513-541-5676 ext 1112.

Last chance to commit to a Huddle Our high school huddles are designed to show students what it looks like to be a disciple of Jesus, and to equip them to make disciples of Jesus. We believe joining a huddle gives students necessary skills to live out their faith, so encourage all 10-12th graders to be in one. The last chance to commit to this year's huddle is next Sunday, January 25th. If you are interested, contact Andrew Wells - 375-7909.

Calling all Storytellers! Come tell a Bible story to 1st-3rd graders at Sunday morning BLAST (during the 10:10 Foundation hour)! We are looking for adults to commit to telling the Bible story in a creative, engaging way just once a quarter. A script or outline from our curriculum will be provided to guide you. Please contact Robyn Hubbuch if you are interested! rhubbuch@chpc.org or 513-541-5676 ext 1112.

SERVING IN MUSIC AT CHPC

A new season for SINGERS in Choir begins on Thursday, Jan 22, 7-8:45pm. Please consider joining in the praise and fellowship of these singers. Easter is April 5 and preparations are being made for a special season of Holy Week. Please consider getting involved in preparations for these services as well as our regular worship services. For more information or questions, contact Brian Donaldson, at bdonaldson@chpc.org or 513-824-5255.

INSTRUMENTALISTS needed If you play an orchestral and/or band instrument at an intermediate to advanced level of proficiency, please let your ability be known! We are looking to utilize various instrumentalists and combinations in various services as this year progresses. Please let us know if you or if you know of others that may have the ability to share. For more information or questions, contact Brian Donaldson.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Treehouse Mentoring & Tutoring needs more women and men to work with a child grade 4-6 at Pleasant Hill Academy, 5pm to 6pm Tuesdays. We have a waiting list of kids who want to get in! Contact Colleen Scheid 513-505-9826 or scheidison@gmail.com.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

BE IN THE KNOW re College Hill Community Wed, Feb. 4, 7:45pm at Llanfair Retirement Campus Center. The CH Business Assoc. and CHCURC <http://chcurc.com/> presents much-awaited development news of Hamilton at North Bend, mid-district parking lot renovation; storefront façade improvements and more. [7:00pm \$25/pp Social time & Buffet Dinner also available.] RSVP/ Questions 513-300-6168.

Prayer Page

"... without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers,"
Romans 1:9

CHPC Community

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| Ann Bass | Judy Bethel |
| Maggie Beckjord | Reed Beckjord |
| Michele Benson | James Benson |
| Susan Bentley | Bill Bentley |

Staff

Janis McLemore - Finance & HR

Officers/Leadership

Barbara Barber - Deacon

Home Bound/Health Center

Gloria Smith

Ministries

Anointed Vessels

Global Workers

In the Military

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| Adam Steveley US Army | Chris Jaeger USMC |
| Cary Jaeger USMC | Kirk Kalmbacher US Coast Guard |
| Zach Scharf Army National Guard | Nyjoel Baker Eielson AFB, AK |
| Danny Holian US Navy Pilot | Will Connor US Army |
| Joey Nieberding US Army | Peter & Amanda Leugers US Navy |

College/Career Students

Kara Sauer Clara Smith

Children and Youth

Compassion: "Lord, please clothe my children with the virtue of compassion." (Col. 3:12)

Hamilton County JFS Featured Child for Adoption

Brian, Age 9 - Contact Alex Grote 513-946-1931

Congratulations

to Lena Beyring on the celebration of her 99th BIRTHDAY tomorrow, Jan. 19th!
Cards may be sent to
1722 Larch Ave., Apt. 106, Cinti. OH 45224

Condolences

Christian love and sympathy to Marilyn and Alexis Wilsey in the death of Marilyn's Mom/Alexis' Grandma.
Condolences can be sent to:
Mr. & Mrs. Wilsey & Alexis 3678 Fawnrun Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45241



January 18, 2015
Got Any Good News?
Jesus Is Good News
Preaching: Rev. Drew Smith

Welcome to College Hill Presbyterian Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Single, married, with children or not, there are many opportunities for knowing Christ, worshiping, personal growth and discipleship, service and ministry within the church and beyond the walls.

Visitors - stop by the 5-Minute Party Table or the desk in the Atrium to find out more about College Hill Presbyterian. Return and become part of this dynamic Church Family. Please let the ushers know if you have any special needs.

Upcoming Services

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| January 25 | Got Any Good News? <i>Lead Questionable Lives</i> |
| February 1 | Got Any Good News? <i>Let's Be Good News Together</i> |
| February 8 | Got Any Good News? <i>Listening Is Caring</i> |

Today's Order of Worship

Prelude
Call To Worship & Opening Prayer
Songs of Praise
Time of Confession & Forgiveness
Song of Response
Passing of the Peace
Scripture & Sermon
Pastoral Prayer
Offering / Closing Song
Announcements
Charge and Blessing
Postlude

Available Help

Ushers have copies of the song lyrics for the 9am service. Ushers can provide help with wheelchairs and equipment for hearing assistance. Handicapped accessible restrooms are located off the exit hallway to the right side of the main platform. The exit also leads to handicapped parking spaces.



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