

Hot Off the Press! 2/8/15

The Church's Liturgical Year: Celebrating God's Valentine!

VALENTINE'S DAY A HOLY DAY? THE MARKETERS OF GREETING CARDS, CANDY AND FLOWERS AND RESTAURANT OWNERS THINK IT'S WORTH CELEBRATING, BUT WHY WOULD THE CHURCH?

The origin of Valentine's Day is hardly romantic. Roman Emperor Claudias II (268-270 AD) actively persecuted Christians. He rose to power by serving in the Roman army his whole life. In an age of *anything goes* sexuality, Claudias Gothicus issued an edict prohibiting marriage. He reasoned that every Roman male was a prospective warrior, and unmarried soldiers fought with more abandon since they were unhindered by a spouse and children.

By contrast, the Christian Church proclaimed Jesus' teaching: God's intention for marriage — the sacred commitment of *one man and one woman*. In Rome, a Christian priest Father Valentine lived out the Good News by secretly marrying couples within the Church. He was finally arrested, imprisoned and tortured because he was obedient to God's Law, not the Emperor's.

Legend has it that while in prison Valentine continued to witness, pray for and heal the needy including one of his Roman Judge's



daughters. Valentine healed the girl of blindness. The Judge and his household became Christians. In 269 AD, Valentine was executed — beaten, stoned and decapitated. His final letter to the Judge's daughter was signed, "From your Valentine."

What does Saint Valentine's life say to us today? St Valentine's Day is a holy day in Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Lutheran traditions. Why? Father O'Gara of Whitefriars Street Church Dublin explains: the life and martyrdom of St Valentine reminds us that "there comes a time where you have to lay your life upon the line for what you believe. And with the power of

the Holy Spirit we can do that — even to the point of death."

Today, the World and some within the Church seek to redefine marriage and distort God's intention for sexuality. Who are the *Valentines* in our midst that God has given a sacred passion to speak out for obedience to God's law, and not succumb to man's? What if God is calling you to be His *Valentine* to your world this year? BY SHARLYN STARE, STARECVG@AOL.COM

VALENTINE'S DAY ACTIVITY for SMALL GROUPS and families with children

YOU WILL NEED: A Bible, pens/ pencils/ crayons, paper.

READ: Each Love Scripture out loud and fill in the missing text.

DISCUSS: Share your reflections about the text. Parents explain what the passage means in terms your children will understand.

ACTIVITY: 1. Make a Valentine for someone outside the Group and include one of the Scriptures you read.

2. Close your time together in prayer. Affirm each person in the group by saying, "I thank God for you and I love this in you..."

LOVE SCRIPTURES (NIV)

(a.) For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life (John 3:16).

(b.) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom 5:8).

(c.) How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God (1 John 3:1).

(d.) Let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love (1 Jn 4:7-8).

(e.) This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Jn 4:10).

(f.) What does the Lord your God ask of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and to keep the Lord's commands and decrees (Deut 10:12).

(g.) Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your strength (Deut 6: 4-5).

(h.) They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love Me; and those who love Me will be loved by My Father (John 14:21).

(i.) You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:31).

Answer Key: (a.) His only Son; eternal life (b.) sinners; for us (c.) children (d.) everyone; born; love (e.) God; us; our sins (f.) fear; serve; commands (g.) love; heart; strength; (h.) commandments; Father (i.) love your neighbor.

Monday, February 9 at 7pm The Cincinnati Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents: Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs Played on the Schantz / Allen / Gladden Organ

Former CHPC organist Rodney Barbour will present a concert, tomorrow at 7pm. This concert is free and open to the public.



During his career, Rodney Barbour has served eight different churches as organist, pianist, keyboardist, trombonist, adult choir director, youth and children's choir director, handbell director, brass director, instrumental conductor, worship leader, liturgist, contemporary worship band director and many times as "entertainer"!

With degrees in Music Education from Marshall University in his hometown of Huntington, WV and in Organ Performance from the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, Rodney's training and background give him skill and technique to feel comfortable in a wide variety of musical venues. You may have seen or heard Rodney conducting Handel's Messiah with the Crestview Church Chancel Choir and orchestra, playing "charge" at the Cincinnati Red's Riverfront Stadium and theatre organ at the Springdale Music Palace, or playing trombone in the Barnum and Bailey Ringling Bros. Circus Band. Particular to tomorrow's event, Rodney served as Assistant Minister of Music and organist at College Hill Presbyterian Church from 1977-1979 and 1981-1984 and is a Former Dean of the Cincinnati Chapter American Guild of Organists.

Rodney Barbour and his wife Cheri reside in Cincinnati, Ohio where they enjoy golfing, biking and photography. Rodney is Director of Worship and Arts at Crestview Presbyterian Church, West Chester and travels across the United States for concerts and educational events.

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 Jason McSwain & Jonny Wiers
11:15am Michael Fox & Sarah Lowe
Dryer Family will greet

8. sunday

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

9. monday

6:30pm	AHG Troop Meeting	Great Hall
	Karate	Clubroom
7:00pm	Deacon Meeting	Conference Rm.
	Listening To One Another	Fireside Room
	Organ Recital	Sanctuary

10. tuesday

9:15am	CH Early Literacy Team	Fireside Room
9:30am	Tuesday AM Bible Study	Parlor
6:30pm	MEGABLAST	Great Hall
	Super Choir	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	The Well	Sanctuary

11. wednesday

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

12. thursday

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

13. friday

14. saturday

2:00pm	Praise Dancers	BC Lobby
3:30pm	Ballet Class	Clubroom

"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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Listening to One Another will be meeting on Monday night, Feb. 9th this month. Let's keep learning how to connect in Jesus no matter our differences. We gather at 7pm in the fireside room to talk about race. It's a safe place to talk about a controversial subject. The Enemy seeks to divide but the Spirit will bring unity. We don't try to convince we try to understand. Come join us and learn together to be unified in Christ.

The Well (Citywide Worship and Healing Service) will meet at CHPC on Tuesday, February 10 at 7pm. There will be a special focus on generational healing. Together, we'll ask the Lord to free us and our families from the generational sin and brokenness of the past. This is a night for healing to be released to your future generations. Invite family and friends to attend. Questions -contact Jeanne Schneider 541-5676, ext 1160 or jschneider@chpc.org

Want to get involved? Thinking about joining the church? We will have an Exploration Class today and on 2/15 during the foundation hour on Sunday morning. Contact Michelle to sign up mhemsath@chpc.org.

Writers' Meeting will be Wednesday, 2/11 at 7pm, in the Fireside Room. As always, all are invited.

Join the World Mission Team Sunday, February 22 to discuss new opportunities for mission at CHPC and to pray in unity for all our Global Workers. We will meet at 12:30 pm in the Great Room at Belwood, 1776 Larch Ave (corner of Larch and Belmont) in College Hill. 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].

Grief Support Group meets monthly 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:30 - 6:00pm. Are you mourning the death of a loved one? Join us on February 17 as we journey together to support and find healing. Questions or to Register: Contact Jeanne Schneider 513-541-5676, x1160 or jschneider@chpc.org. Group will meet in the Care & Counseling Center (White House).

Listening For Heaven's Sake is a one day seminar that provides practical hands-on skill for improving your career, your relationships and your ministry by becoming a better listener. The seminar focuses on establishing a genuine connection with other people, communicating God's love, showing warmth and understanding, listening for God's voice and helping others without burning out. Join us on Saturday, February 28 from 9:00-5:00. Cost: \$20 includes materials and lunch. Register via email at jschneider@chpc.org or 541-5676, ext. 1160.

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.

Child Care is open for you to use when you are on campus at CHPC not only for when you co-op at 3c's. You can use it to volunteer, have a meeting, Bible study, or if you need some time for yourself. Reservations are required. Child Care days & times are: Monday- Friday 9:00-11:30 am. There is a charge of \$6.00 per child or \$10.00 per family. If you are volunteering, the cost of child care may be covered by the Ministry you are helping. Call Michelle Hemsath with questions or to reserve your space 541-5676 ext 1123.

DANCING UNDER THE STARS Feb. 20 6:30-9:00pm right here at CHPC. Come join us for dancing & light desserts for only \$20/couple (advance) Can't dance? We will be teaching everyone 2 new ballroom dance moves. Even better: free child care is available with advance reservation! Call 542-1197 for more info or stop by our table on Main Street (hallway between the Atrium and Barnabas Center) for tickets.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CRASH meets tonight from 6:30-8:30pm for everyone in 7-9th grade. We are starting a new series called 'No Limits', so this would be a great week to invite a friend.

Student Huddles meet tonight from 6:30-8:30pm for all 10-12th graders who have committed to being in a huddle.

Children, Youth and Family Summer Internship applications are now available on chpc.org for young adults and 10th-12th graders who are in a huddle. The summer internships are full time positions intended to challenge and train young leaders to become fully equipped disciples of Jesus who make disciples of Jesus. Contact Robyn (rhubbuch@chpc.org) or Andrew (awells@chpc.org) with questions.

MEGABLAST is looking for two more committed small group leaders (one man and one woman) to disciple kids in 4th-6th grade. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8pm, where we play games, hear a large group Bible story, have a small group discussion time, and learn to play handbells. If you love hanging out with 4th-6th graders, getting to know them and helping them learn to follow Jesus and love each other, please contact Robyn Hubbuch: rhubbuch@chpc.org or 513-541-5676 ext. 1112.

SERVING IN MUSIC AT CHPC

A new season for SINGERS in Choir has begun on Thursday evenings, 7-8:45pm. Now, through February 26, are "no strings" rehearsals, where you can come and test the waters and see how this ministry works. If you decide to stay with us, great! If not, we will appreciate you giving us an opportunity to join in! 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. 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.

NEEDED.....simple carpentry skills for use in an upcoming Holy Week presentation. If you can lend a hand with a simple woodworking project, please see 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.

Prayer Page

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

CHPC Community

Andrea Brown	Carol Brown
Cindy Brown	Lance Brown
Loretta Burns	Steve Burns
Cindy Butz	Dave Butz

Staff

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Officers/Leadership

Catherine Sanders - Deacon

Home Bound/Health Center

Mae Klusmeier

Ministries

Grief Support Group

Global Workers

In the Military

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

Ellen Phillips Tony Murphy

Hamilton County JFS Featured Child for Adoption

William, Age 16 - Contact Erin Price (513) 946-2139

Condolences

Christian love and sympathy to the family of Ruth Studt on her death on January 19th.

Christian love and sympathy to the family of June Weisman on her death on January 26th.

Congratulations

to Dottie Rumpler who celebrated her 95th birthday on February 5.

Flowers Given This Morning

In loving memory of Karen Lane.



February 8, 2015
Got Any Good News?
Listening Is Caring
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

February 15	Got Any Good News? <i>Be Part Of The Solution</i>
February 18	Ash Wednesday Service - 7pm
February 22	Lent / New Series Begins Rest

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.

