

Hot Off the Press! 2/22/15

The Church's Liturgical Year: Don't Lend Lent to Anyone.

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Growing up, I had little concept of *Lent*. My parents dragged me to Sunday School, but we seldom went to worship. My Catholic friends in high school showed up with smudges on their foreheads to begin Lent, gave up 'stuff' and switched to eating fish on Fridays. We Protestants didn't do that.

It wasn't until coming to CHPC in 1968 that Holy Week — Palm Sunday to Easter — began to take form. But *Lent* was still a blur until Barry and I became part of Harry Causey's Worship Team. For a year the group met for 3 hours every Saturday. We researched and studied worship, worshipped together and fell in love with God and each other through worship. It was one of the most formative and transforming times in my life.

During that year, I discovered liturgy and Church history. I found they enriched my vision of Christ as Savior and Lord. I realize that Lent was never intended to be 'thing-centered' (*giving up* Facebook, sweets, beer, meat, watching sports, etc). It is to be 'Christ-centered' — making space and quiet in our *noisy* world to meet Christ and for Him to refocus believers on God's Glory.

The 40-days of Lent provided time to reflect on the Love Story of God the Father, and Jesus Christ's passionate sacrifice for the sin of the whole World. In response, simple living, repentance, fasting, Bible study, prayer and sacrifice opens a believer to the indwelling Holy Spirit. Believers are transformed from the *inside out*. So much so that we can't help but give permission for the Risen Christ to take His rightful place in the center-stage of our lives. An amazing deal!

ABOUT LENT:

- Jesus was crucified before the Jews celebrated Passover. Leviticus 23:5 and Numbers 9:5 set Passover based on the *lunar* calendar. For us the date moves from year to year. Starting from Passover and counting backwards 40 days, Lent goes from Ash Weds to Holy Saturday (Passover) the day before the resurrection on Easter. (You don't count Sundays.)

- *40* is biblically significant. God used the 40 yrs of wandering in the wilderness to form the Exodus Jews, and the 40 days of Satan's temptations in the wilderness to form Jesus, just after His baptism. New believers prepare for baptism as well.

- The early Christian Church mirrored the Old Testament and



What's your vision of Lent?



established *fast* and *feast* days to train believers' bodies as well as their spirits.

- 'Fat Tuesday' (French: Mardi Gras) is the final day for tempting foods and behaviors to be enjoyed before the Lenten fast. Houses are cleaned and foods consumed before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

- In Jewish and Christian traditions ashes are a sign of mortality (*ashes to ashes; dust to dust*) and repentance (*sackcloth and ashes*). Believers have ashes placed on their foreheads in the form of a cross. Palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday procession are saved and burned as the source for the ashes.

- Lent is the *liturgical time* when the Church focused on the life of the Living Christ — from Egypt to Jerusalem. As a memory aid, we use 7 candles and each week extinguish one until all are darkened on Good Friday. This symbolizes Jesus, *The Light of the World*, moving to His darkest hour. Listed in chronological order, each candle identifies: (a) A PLACE in

Jesus' life; (2) A KEY EVENT in His life; and (3) A 'BETRAYAL' He experienced in connection with that event. Jesus was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" — Isaiah 53:3. Look for the candle meanings **printed in purple** in the Lenten Activities box (below).

LENTEN ACTIVITY for SMALL GROUPS
and families with children

YOU WILL NEED: 7 candles and candle holders. Map of Israel.

WHAT YOU DO: Light all candles. Week 1, darken one. Week 2, darken one more, etc. Recite the meaning of each candle as it is extinguished.

MEANING: **The 7th candle: EGYPT — Peril. After Christ's birth in Bethlehem, the first step on His Journey to Resurrection Life! was to flee to Egypt to escape death at the hands of King Herod.** Read: Matthew 2 : 7-15

DISCUSS: Share your reflections about the text. Parents explain what the passage means in terms your children will understand. Even Jesus experienced disappointments in life.

ACTIVITY: Locate Bethlehem and Egypt on the map. Draw or collect some things you might take if you were fleeing.



Feast of Love

The Feast Of Love Flower Sale has begun!

We are once again selling vouchers to Moeller Greenhouse. The proceeds from the vouchers will go towards our Easter Brunch and Camp S'More. Order forms are on the Feast of Love table on Mainstreet.

- Annual Flat (4-packs-8 per flat-32 plants) \$16.50
- 10" Standard Hanging Basket \$21.00
- Annuals (4 1/2" pots – 15 per flat) \$62.50
- Perennials (5" deep pots – 8 per flat) \$50.00
- Vegetables (4" pots – 10 per flat) \$24.00

Orders are due by March 15th.

Vouchers will be redeemable between April 3 – May 31, 2015



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 Michael Fox & Jared Lowe
11:15am Andrew Duke
Michelle Dyson will greet

Next week's helpers are:
9:00am Nate Smith & Jason McSwain
11:15am Toby Knueven & Sarah Lowe
Martin Family will greet

February 22 - February 28 calendar

22. sunday

8:00am	Morning Prayer	Prayer Room
9:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30am	Pancake Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
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

23. monday

6:00pm	Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	Karate	Clubroom
	AHG Troop Meeting	Great Hall

24. tuesday

9:15am	CH Early Literacy Team	Fireside Room
9:30am	Tuesday AM Bible Study	Parlor
6:30pm	Super Choir	Fellowship Hall
	MEGA BLAST	Great Hall

25. 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
	Kindling Prayer Group	White House
	Rosemond Parenting Class	BC 203 & 204
	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30pm	College/Young Adult Gath.	Off Campus

26. 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

27. friday

28. saturday

9:00am	Listening for Heaven's Sake	White House
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

PANCAKES! It's time for the American Heritage Girls Pancake Breakfast. We'll be serving from 9:30 to sometime after the 2nd service in Fellowship Hall. Donations are appreciated and help our girls with programming and badge work. We appreciate your support.

Join the World Mission Team today 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].

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.

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Fish Fries For Lent For the past couple of years a few of us have been sampling fish fries around greater Cincinnati. If you'd like to join us, on Friday, February 27, we will meet at 5pm at St. William 4108 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati OH 45205. St. William will be a new adventure for us this year. A carpool will leave CHPC at 4:30pm. Contact Eileen for more information: 513-675-5570. Watch the bulletin each week for info about where we will go next!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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 for 4th-6th graders meets this Tuesday, 6:30-8pm to play games, hear a Bible story, meet in small groups, and learn to play handbells! We're looking for more adult and teen leaders to come hang out with these awesome kids and lead small group discussion times. Please contact Robyn Hubbuch if you'd like to help at least once a month: rhubbuch@chpc.org.

Summer Opportunities: Forms are now available at chpc.org/forms for the Overnight, (kids completing 1st-2nd grade), Resident Camp (kids completing 2nd-6th grade), Resident Camp Work Crew (students completing 7th-9th grade), Resident Camp Counselors (students completing 10th-12th grade), and The Local Local (CRASH service trip for students completing 7th-12th grade). Please contact Robyn or Andrew for more information.

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

College Hill Early Literacy Team NEEDS YOUR HELP!! We have several needs to make the March Literacy Workshops, "Let's Read Together!" a success. Donations and supplies are needed and some extra hands would be very helpful. We would love to collect your empty paper towel rolls for a craft project. We need some fabric or very simple books for 0-3 year olds. We are also hoping to have some door prizes - gift cards to Kroger, Amazon, or Michaels. We are planning to provide breakfast foods and coffee, so any homemade muffins or cereal bars would be appreciated. The workshops will be Tuesday mornings, March 3, 10, 17, 24. We are offering them at two times, in two locations: 7:45 - 8:45 am at Pleasant Hill Academy AND 9:15 - 10:15 am at Three Cs Nursery School. We have fliers available for anyone that would like to help us advertise in College Hill. Please contact Janet Dumford (541-8281 or janet3747@gmail.com). More than anything, your prayers for God's participation in this endeavor are greatly desired. Please be praying for Ms. Arnice, for the volunteers, the parents and families that might attend, staff at both Pleasant Hill and Three Cs that are helping us and are in these families' lives on a weekly basis. THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU

Thank You, Congregation! The Deacons are thankful for the very generous support the congregation provided in food and dollars for the Deacons Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drives. Hundreds of families and individuals in our congregation and community were blessed as a result. Beyond that, the Deacons Fund is the fuel tank for year-round works of compassion within our body. The tank's kind of empty at this time of the year, but you can add some more fuel by making monetary gifts to CHPC that you designate for the "Deacons Fund." Thank you.

Prayer Page

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

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Joey Nieberding US Army	Peter & Amanda Leugers US Navy

College/Career Students

Eric Lethander Matthew Lethander

Hamilton County JFS Featured Child for Adoption

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

Children and Youth

A servant's heart: "God, please help my children develop servants' hearts, that they may serve wholeheartedly, as if they were serving the Lord, not men" (Eph.6:7).



February 22, 2015

Got Rest?

Come

Preaching: Jeanne Schneider

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

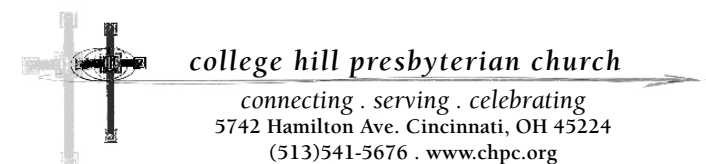
March 1	Got Rest? - Jesus Work
March 8	Got Rest? - Learn From Jesus
March 15	Got Rest? - Jesus is Gentle

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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