# The "Long Welcome" for Refugees Resettled in Cincinnati

Kathy Angi, our global worker supported by College Hill Presbyterian Church, is an expert in refugee mental health. She travels and works with refugees all over the world helping refugees with trauma, grief and loss. Kathy has encouraged us at CHPC to help refugees in Cincinnati with "The Long Welcome" as they transition to their new life in the U.S.

The Resettlement process takes time and requires help from many people. Maybe you would consider being a part of the "long welcome" for a refugee family?

The process begins with Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio, the only resettlement agency in our area that officially resettles refugees. They work with the US Department of State to complete tasks designated as "core services" that must be completed in 30 days. These services include things such as airport pick up, apartment setup, school enrollment for the children, ESL classes, health screenings, cultural orientation, employee appointments, etc. Refugees must start a payment plan after six months to pay back the cost of their flights to the U.S.

The refugee family is helped by Catholic Charities for the first 90 days. After that time, they are on their own, but still need help to become self sufficient and part of a community. It is now the role of many agencies, ministries, and neighbors to help the refugees with the "long welcome" as they seek to be contributing members of society.

Refugee populations that have resettled in Cincinnati include: Bhutanese-Nepali, Congolese, Iragi, Burmese and Syrian. Many have resettled near us in the Colerain and Finneytown areas. Refugees who live in the Finneytown school district are being helped by a group of neighbors called Finneytown Together. It was started in 2016 to assist the 23 refugee families including 69 children living in



the school district. Dawn Gast and her husband Tony, a school board member in Finneytown, have created training modules to help people learn about refugees and provide ways to be a good neighbor to refugees living in their school district. They will share with us during the Foundation Hour on March 5, 12 and 19.

On March 26, Sheryl Rajbandhari, Kathy Angi's friend, will share about Heartfelt Tidbits, a ministry that was started eight years ago and works with refugees in many parts of Cincinnati. Kathy helps with this ministry every Friday, when she is in town, at NorthMinster Presbyterian Church. She teaches ESL and/or Civics to refugees. Volunteer Opportunities through Heartfelt Tidbits include art and sewing classes, tutoring and ESL classes, acculturation mentoring, assisting with college needs, employment, adopting a family, and community gardening.

We plan to have Kathy Angi speak with us also on March 26 or April 2, depending on her travel schedule. During the classes, we will share about the work of eight of our CHPC global workers in Turkey, Iraq, Germany and France who have welcomed refugees into those countries. Chappie and Marybelle Chapman will share their experiences of hosting Vietnamese refugees in their home for two years.

At each Foundation Hour class titled "How to Help a Refugee," March 5 to April 2, we will have time for learning and discussion and be given some very practical ways to help refugees in Cincinnati. Please consider joining us to see how God may move you to help with the "long welcome" to refugees in our communities. Questions, call Robin Riechel, 675-4375.

God, speaking to Moses, "When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." Leviticus 19:33-34 (NASB)

**Kathy Angi has organized another opportunity to learn about refugees at a workshop on March 11, 2017 at Northminste
Presbyterian Church, 9:00am to 1:00pm.

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# **Adult Spiritual Formation Update** New Classes Begins Today By William Custer

The new series of Adult Spiritual Formation classes begins today. This new series will last just five weeks as we approach the single worship service on Palm Sunday. Look at this exciting list of classes that kick off todav!

#### On Ma Journey Now

This study based on African American spirituals is designed to help participants grow spiritually as they experience the season of Lent. The material relates human suffering in the context of African American history to Jesus' journey from the wilderness to the cross. We will listen to and sing one of the spirituals each week. No book needed. Led by Helen Brooks and Fran Kelley at 10:10am. Class limited to 15. Meeting in Ministry Center Basement - Room B

#### **Reformed School Is Not Dumb**

As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, this series will discuss the Christian leaders who reformed the church. This is a discussion based series and there will be homework. Each week participants will be asked to read about and come prepared to discuss the lives of several great leaders such as Martin Luther, John Calvin, and others. Led by Sam Stare at 10:10am. Class size limited to 15. Meeting in Ministry Center Basement - Room D

How to Help a Refugee

Guest speakers will offer practical ways to help. Dawn and Tony Gast will share how they are helping more than 23 refugee families including 69 children living in the Finneytown School District. Kathy Angi will share from her experiences at home and abroad. Want to learn how to be a good neighbor to these families, come and join us for this class. Led by Robin Riechel (513) 675-4375. Originally announced at 9:00 but moved to 10:10am. Meeting in Fellowship Hall - North

#### Bible Study - 1 Peter

"In his great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope..." says the 3rd verse of 1 Peter. The apostle then spells out and develops the implications for us of our new birth, and then charts a course of amazing Christian living. Join us as we study this great epistle! Led by Scott Rice at 10:10am. Class size limited to 15. Meeting in Ministry Center Basement - Clubroom

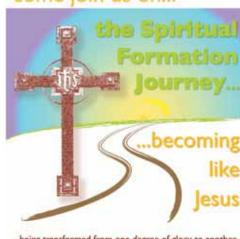
**Five Love Languages** 

We all want to love and be loved, but sometimes we do not know how to express it. Your spouse, a significant other, a child or a parent, all need to know that they are loved. But did you know that people vary in how they receive love and we need to learn their love language. This class is not only for couples but for everyone in relationship. Led by Jeanne Schneider at 10:10am. Class limited to 15.

Meeting in the White House

**Parents of Young Children** 

Led by Andrew Wells at 10:10am. Meeting in Ministry Center 2nd Floor - Parent Lounge



...being transformed from one degree of glory to another..

#### 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 Aiden M. 11:15am Nicholas D. / Monica V.

Next week's helpers are: 9:00am Jason M. 11:15am Lucas F. / Bailey M.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Multiethnic Conversations United In Jesus! Join the Spirit-filled interactions about ethnicity and race. We are committed to growing in healthy, unifying relationships. Multi-Ethnic Conversations will be our guide. 7pm - 8:30 tomorrow, March 6 is the final night.

LAST CALL for baby bottles! If you have been saving your change in a baby bottle for Lifeforward pregnancy care center, please return your baby bottle by next week! You can give your bottle to any Deacon.

Pleasant Hill Snack Drive Thank you, Church, for your generosity toward the February Snack Drive for Pleasant Hill Academy! We collected about 3000 individual snacks and \$190 in gift cards/cash donations! We will continue to accept donations this month in the large white bin by the Atrium Front Desk.

WOVEN, our women's discipleship ministry started four new small groups in February. Each has a different topic and study material. They meet either Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings at various locations. If interested in joining contact Janet Dumford (janet3747@ gmail.com or 541-8281). Topics include: Bible Art Journaling, Discipleship, the Nicene Creed, and a study by Jennie Allen titled, "Stuck."

Pleasant Hill Academy Soccer needs volunteers: High school students, coaches, drivers, someone to make phone calls. Call Dave Snyder if interested. 513-706-5666.

**Summer Mission Trips** If you or some young person you know is hoping to make a mission trip this summer, please contact "Chappie" Chapman (607-2785) so the Mission team can pray for you/them and possibly be of assistance.

20's and 30's Ministry Mike Jorgensen will be starting a new gathering for people in their 20's and 30's. The first meeting will be Thursday, March 9th at 7pm at Brink in College Hill. For more information call, text, or email Mike (mike.t.jorgensen@gmail.com, 513-546-6448).

Parents Fellowship Starting this month, Mike Jorgensen will host a monthly gathering for parents with children of any age. This will be on the second Sunday of each month from 6-8pm. Childcare will be provided at the church (5:30 - 8:30pm) for infants through 3rd grade and youth group will be available for older students. The first meeting will be March 12th from 6 - 8pm at Tim and Jan Johnson's house (5807 McCray Ct. Cincinnati, OH 45224). Drinks and snacks will be provided and we will have fellowship and discussion. If you plan to come and use childcare, please contact mike.t.jorgensen@gmail. com.

**Attention Women** I feel God is asking me to start a group called "Weighing Your Options". The group will be about emotional eating and coming together to love each other through weight loss. This is not a diet group and no one is going to check your weight ... because I'm not telling mine. It will be a journey into wholeness by way of understanding our emotional eating. If interested call or text Bev Graves 513-218-3316.

# **Accepting Recommendations** for 2018 Church Officers Now!

The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) is now accepting recommendations from the congregation for next year's officers until March 12th. Please pick up a form at the front desk, where completed forms may also be turned in to the box provided at the front desk. You may also turn in your recommendations to any deacon. in the offering plate, via mail to the church, attn. Nominating Committee, or by emailing nominations@chpc. org. Please prayerfully consider who you might recommend (including yourself), as we need your suggestions to move forward in our process of seeking the people God has planned for our future church leadership. We thank you.

#### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

FX (Family Experience) Night - Tonight from 6-8pm! All families with kids and youth are invited to eat dinner (provided), play games, and engage together in what students are learning in the Fellowship Hall.

Mulch Madness is back! The 8th annual CHPC Youth Mulch Madness Sale is a fundraiser for our 7th-12th graders to earn money toward two service-learning trips this summer: the BridgeBuilders Mission Trip to Chicago and Resident Camp Work Crew. This year's mulch pickup/delivery dates will be April 8-9 or April 22-23. Order forms are available at the front desk or by asking a 7th-12th grade student! Email Robyn (rhubbuch@chpc.org) for more information.

#### FOODIE'S DELIGHT

We Have Winner! Joe Breiner, President of the White Oak/Monfort Heights Kiwanis would like to thank the following for their participation in the annual Gourmet Dinner Raffel: Feast of Love, Son Light Power, Northwest HS Key Club, Colerain HS Key Club and members of the Kiwanis Club. The winning ticket was sold at CHPC! Michael Parker will be enjoying a fabulous dinner prepared by our own Lance Brown!

### SERVING IN WORSHIP & ARTS AT CHPC

Handbell Ringers - Palm Sunday is a 'coming. If you are thinking about playing or want to play, rehearsal is Tuesday evening in the Sanctuary from 7-8:30pm. Come join the music. Whether you have played handbells before or not, there is room and time to get on board. If you have questions, contact Michael Parker (513-312-9473 mparker@chpc.org) or Carl Bryant (carl.bryant@uc.edu)

#### **OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY**

- Community Prayer Monday from 6-7pm at House of Joy
- · Kindling Prayer Second Wednesday of the month @ 7pm in the White House
- Morning Prayer for CHPC Thursday @ 8:30am in the Prayer Room
- Sunday Morning Prayer every week @ 8am-8:30am in the Prayer Room

#### **Prayer Page**

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

#### **CHPC Community**

Candyce Hughes-Stifel Jeff Stifel Judy Bethel Vanetta Moss Carol Baker Carroll Baker Diane Baker Sue Baker **Dottie Melzer** Ann Bass

#### Staff

Keenan West - Contemporary Worship Team Leader

Officers/Leadership Bev Graves - Elder

**Home Bound/Health Center** Mae Klusmeier

> **Ministries** Deacons

**Global Workers** 

#### In the Military

Adam Stevelev Chris Jaeger **US Army USMC** Cary Jaeger Kirk Kalmbacher **USMC US Coast Guard** Zach Scharf Nyjoel Baker **Army National Guard US Air Force** Danny Holian Will Connor **US Navy Pilot US Army Gus Carpenter Andrew Deiters** US Marines **US Marines** 

> Peter & Amanda Leugers US Navy

#### **College/Career Students**

Rebecca Snyder

Elizabeth Snyder

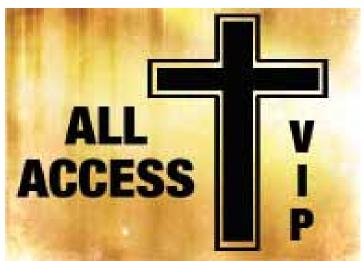
#### **Condolences**

Christian love and sympathy to Elaine Heismann on the death of her brother, Steve Jones, one of our choir members. The Anthem today is dedicated to Steve. Condolences may be sent to: Mr. & Mrs. Barry Heismann 9300 Old State Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068



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# March 5, 2017 **ALL ACCESS Praise** 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 welcome table or the desk in the Atrium to find out more about College Hill Presbyterian. Return and become part of this dynamic Church Family.

### **Upcoming Services**

March 12 All Access - Confession

March 19 All Access - Thanks

March 26 All Access - Ask

## **Today's Order of Worship**

Prelude Call To Worship / Opening Prayer Songs of Praise Dismiss Children Scripture & Sermon **Pastoral Prayer Healing Stations** Communion Offering Announcements Charge and Blessing Postlude

#### **Available Help**

Ushers have copies of the song lyrics for the 9am service. Ushers can also 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. This exit also leads to handicapped parking spaces.



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