

Hot Off the Press! 3/8/15

The Church's Liturgical Year: Lent - A little leaven...

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Lent was never intended to be 'thing-centered' (*giving up* facebook, sweets, beer, meat, watching sports, etc). It is to be 'Christ-centered.' We're to REST and make space and quiet in our *noisy* world to meet Christ and for Him to refocus us on God's Glory. The 40 days of Lent provide time to reflect on the Love Story of God the Father, Jesus Christ's passionate sacrifice for the sin of the whole World, and our being *leaven* wherever we are.

LENT & PASSOVER

• The Passion and Death of Christ was accomplished just before Passover. God's plagues on the Egyptians didn't show up in my Sunday School lessons, so as a new believer, I didn't know much about Passover...or so I thought.

From the 2nd to the 6th grade, I lived in a *conservative* Jewish neighborhood in a two-story house. The Bilskis lived upstairs and they celebrated holidays I didn't even know existed. Passover was one.

The Passover dinner or Seder is an interactive drama that question by question enables the family to remember and relive the revelation of God's power and glory in the Exodus account, and His blessing of His chosen people. It was so important a meal that it had its own order of celebration, the Haggadah. The Bilski children went to Hebrew schul after regular school so they could read *their* Bible and works like the Haggadah.

At the Passover, the *youngest* child was designated to ask, "Why is this night different from all other nights?" It was followed by another question: "Why is it that on all other nights during the year we eat either leavened bread or matzah, but on this night we eat only matzah (or unleavened bread)? The answer was given: "We eat only matzah because our ancestors could not wait for their breads to rise when they were fleeing slavery in Egypt, and so they were flat when they came out of the oven." Then Matzah was eaten by all.

Some pieces of Matzah were 'hidden' in a special pouch and reserved for later. Four more questions, stories and songs followed. As a child, I was captivated by this new and strange 'supper.' It would be nearly 20 years before I would begin to understand this experience in the context of holy communion.

LENT & LEAVEN

• Gal. 5:9 — *A little leaven leavens the whole lump.* Mrs Bilski had a starring role in the Seder. She also had a special 'prop.' My German Grandmother Flora, the housecleaning addict, was a loafer compared to Mrs Bilski doing 'Spring cleaning'



"Supper...no leaven please."



ART - (TOP) ILLUSTRATION FROM THE SARAJEVO HAGGADAH 1492. (BOTTOM) THE LAST SUPPER BY JACOPO BASSANO, ITALIAN 1542

before the Seder. Everything that could be moved was; anything that could be beaten, washed or dry cleaned was. Her separate Kosher kitchen dishes were scrubbed even if they looked clean.

She cooked the Passover lamb and all the special foods with great care, referring to her Haggada. But, just before the Seder was served, she appeared with a large leather envelope that contained a feather. While everyone watched, she symbolically dusted corners of the room with the feather so there was no leaven hiding anywhere. Then the meal proceeded.

I asked, "So what's the fuss about a little leaven?" Later I was told, "It's what God prescribed, to tell His story *aright*." I now understand that Lent is a time of letting God 'get the leaven out' of believers by intentionally yielding to His *Spring cleaning so that* we can reveal His Glory and tell His story *aright*.

I Cor 5:6 says, "Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole

batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch — as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

LENTEN ACTIVITY for SMALL GROUPS & FAMILIES

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. Each is a Jesus place, an event and a betrayal.

MEANING: **7th candle: Egypt (Peril).** **6th: Nazareth (Rejection).** **5th: GALILEE —** Discipling. Jesus attracted many but chose 12. Four from *Galilee* were his first disciples — All 12 would cause him disappointments and trials.

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, Egypt, Nazareth and Galilee on the map. Go to www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/who-were-twelve-disciples and read about the 12. Talk about your favorite disciple and why. Did that disciple disappoint Jesus?



Let's bless the city together!

Last year 30 churches got very practical about serving the poor in our city. They went on a beans and rice diet for one week. Then they took the difference in their food budget that week and gave an astounding \$578,000 collectively toward organizations making a difference in our communities. The feedback was amazing, and the churches were transformed. Last year, CHPC was able to give \$3,063 (\$1021 each) to Christ's Community in College Hill, Pleasant Hill Academy's Summer Camp and CityLink Center.

College Hill Presbyterian Church will be participating in the fast starting next Sunday, March 15th, and going to Sunday, March 22nd. We will take up a special offering on March 22nd, and the money donated will be given to various ministries around Greater Cincinnati. You can share your experiences during the week on social media with the hashtag #beansandriceweek on social media.

We know an entire week of rice and beans is not feasible for everyone, or probably desirable for anyone. Our hope is that everyone will participate in some way. If you can't do it for the whole week, do it for a day or one meal. The hope is that we are able to grow closer to one another as a church, and to identify with other believers in the church around Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, by sacrificing a bit of ourselves for the sake of others. We also pray that through this small sacrifice, we would better remember the greatest sacrifice of all shown to us by Jesus.

Last Chance!

This is the last week to order a copy of Doug Pollock's book *God Space*. Connect with these real-life stories of how ordinary people learned how to engage others in rich spiritual conversations that open doors instead of slamming them shut. The books only cost \$12.00. Contact Michelle Hemsath if you would like to purchase one at 541-5676 ext. 1123 or email mhemsath@chpc.org.

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 Jared & Sarah Lowe
Rosebrook 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	Karate	Clubroom
	AHG Troop Meeting	Great Hall
	Deacon Meeting	BC 201 & 202

10. 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

11. wednesday

9:30am	Library Work Day	BC 103
	Strategy For Mothers Planning	Fireside Room
6:00pm	FX Night	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Bi-Polar Support Group	Great Hall
	Writers' Meeting	Fireside Room
	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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	Al-Anon	BC 201 & 202

13. friday

14. saturday

9:30am	Ted Naegele Visitation	Fireside Room
10:30am	Ted Naegele Funeral	Sanctuary
2:00pm	Praise Dancers	BC Lobby

"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!

March 8 - March 14 calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Well (Citywide Worship and Healing Service) meets Tuesday, March 10 at 7 PM at Northstar Church located in Loveland at 11020 South Lebanon Road. For questions/more information: Contact Jeanne Schneider 513-541-5676, x1160 or jschneider@chpc.org

Easter Flowers If you would like to make a gift toward flowers for your loved ones or for Easter Sunday, please contact Sam Routzon at Ext. 1125 or email her at sroutzon@chpc.org The deadline to order Easter Flowers is Monday, March 30. Suggested donation is \$50.

Lunch Bunch next Sunday, March 15 immediately following second service. Join us at the new Italianette Pizza at 1704 West Galbraith Rd. Great time to connect with one other. Each person responsible for his or her own lunch. Questions: Contact Jeanne Schneider jschneider@chpc.org or 513-541-5676, x1160

Grief Group – Tuesday, March 17 4:30-6:00 PM. Do you find yourself needing support as you grieve the loss of a loved one? This group meets monthly to support one another. This month we will be looking at the pain of loss. Contact Jeanne Schneider 513-541-5676, 1160 or jschneider@chpc.org

Renewing the Mind Workshop March 21 9:00am-5:00pm – One day workshop gives you powerful tools to break out of habitual mental, emotional and behavior patterns that rob you of joy and spiritual impact. Course taught by Anne Clippard. Cost: \$20 (scholarships available). Register by March 19 at chpc.org/events or jschneider@chpc.org or 513-541-5676, x1160.

Save the Date! March 23. Supper Club. Tom and Jan Osborn visited Iceland this summer and will share a series of photographs and amazing facts about The Land of Fire and Ice.

Feast of Love flower sale is on! We are 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.

College Hill Churches are collecting Bibles to send to a mission worker in Malawi. If you have any English Bibles that you are not using, a ministry in Malawi can use them. Bring them to CHPC by March 15.

Seminary Scholarships are available for seminary students preparing for full-time ministry. Applications to the Ruth Auburn Scholarship Fund at the Covenant Foundation may be obtained from Tim Johnson, 661-3100.

Fish Fries For Lent If you'd like to join us, on Friday, March 13, we will meet at 5:30pm at Hartzell UMC - 8999 Applewood Drive, Blue Ash, OH 45236. A car pool will be leaving CHPC at 5pm. Contact Eileen for more information: 513-675-5570. Watch the bulletin each week for info about where we will go next!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

FX Night has been rescheduled for this Wednesday night, 3/11, 6-7:30pm. Hope to see you there!

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.

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 WORSHIP & ARTS AT CHPC

HELP NEEDED Do you like to work with computers? We are looking for 1 or 2 people to help with the video desk on Sunday mornings. You would work *one* service a month. Training would be provided. See Sam Routzon if you're interested or email her at sroutzon@chpc.org.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

CHPC is supporting IHN by helping families who will be staying at UCC **March 29 - April 5 (note date correction)**. We need YOUR help for Sunday, March 22nd. Please contact Bonnie Mack (513-931-3564; email: tandbmack@yahoo.com) if you can help with dinner preparation and/or being a dinner host. Please contact Eileen Boyle (tel: 513-675-5570; email: boyle.em@pg.com) or Dave & Cyndy Butz (513-218-3439) if you can organize childrens' activities or be an overnight host for that Sunday.

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. The workshops will be Tuesday mornings, March 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. Please contact Janet Dumford (541-8281 or janet3747@gmail.com).

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

DANCING UNDER THE STARS has been re-scheduled for MARCH 20th right here at CHPC. Can't dance? That's OK - we have a dance instructor. We going to learn a line dance (or 2) and a ballroom dance. Need a babysitter? We've got that too - for FREE (with advance reservation). Time: 6:30-9:00pm Cost: \$20/couple in advance; \$25 @ door. Tickets available on Main Street or stop by SONSHINE HOUSE or call 542-1197 (leave message) or email us at 3csonshine@fuse.net.

Presbyterian Evangelism for Beginners and Introverts **Saturday, March 21, 2015 9am to 2pm** Registration begins at 8:30am \$10/person, includes lunch and parking in adjacent garage **Covenant-First Presbyterian Church** 717 Elm Street at 8th Street, downtown Cincinnati 513/621-4144 www.covfirstchurch.org

Prayer Page

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

CHPC Community

Holly Dixon	Brad Dixon
Evelyn Dobby-Tacho	George Dobby-Tacho
Amy Dryer	Peter Dryer
Beth Dryer	Tom Dryer

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Mark Behnken - Organist

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Bob Wade - Deacon

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Christ's Community in College Hill

Global Workers

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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

Rachel Koize Brianna Janig

Hamilton County JFS Featured Child for Adoption

Darlene, Age 16 - Contact Sonya Lary - 513-946-1099

Children and Youth

Willingness and ability to work" "Teach my children, Lord, to value work and to work at it with all their heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Col. 3:23).

Congratulations to

Blair and Cameron Warren on the birth of their daughter Margaux Darcel. Proud grandparents are Avril and Galen Warren.

Funeral Arrangements

For Ted Naegele
Saturday, March 14 at CHPC
Visitation 9:30-10:30am Fireside Room
Service 10:30am followed by reception in Fellowship Hall



March 8, 2015
Got Rest?
Learn From Jesus
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

March 15	Got Rest? - Jesus is Gentle
March 22	Got Rest? - Find Rest
March 29	Palm Sunday - One Service at 10am

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.

