

Hot Off the Press!

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Last year a few crazy churches got very practical about serving the poor in our city. They went on a beans and rice diet for one week. The idea was to give the difference between that diet and normal grocery spending as an additional offering beyond their regular giving. The results were astounding—almost \$400,000 was raised in the span of seven days by simply rearranging their eating habits. The funds supported orphan care programs where sponsors stopped or never started fulfilling their commitments, kept city pools open on Sundays all summer, when they would've normally been closed and made quality preschool programs available to at-risk children. The feedback was amazing, and the churches were transformed.

This year dozens of churches are getting on-board for a beans and rice fast in the weeks leading up to Easter. Offerings will be collected at church services across the city either on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Two-thirds of all the monies collected across the city will go toward a few initiatives selected by The Church of Cincinnati for 2014, and the rest will be donated to initiatives selected by individual churches.

College Hill Presbyterian Church will be participating in the fast starting next **Sunday, April 6th**, and going to Palm Sunday, April 13th. We will take up a special offering on April 13th, and the money donated will be given to CityLink, Whole Again, and Christ's Community in College Hill.

We are suggesting that you begin your fast after communion next Sunday, April 6th, and finish it by coming to the all church service project after the single worship service on Palm Sunday. The service project will involve making preparations for the community Easter egg hunt held at the College Hill Library on Good Friday, April 18th, at 3pm, for all the children in College Hill, especially those at Pleasant Hill Academy. We will be having a pizza lunch, share stories from our fast and prepare for the Easter egg hunt.

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.

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Making A Difference

By Ann Peacock

I would like to tell you a God story. In my church, we have been reinforced by the preaching, that we are responsible for one another. The following proves that it does work. On Friday, I was running errands, and one stop was to drop off a prescription, and wait for it. I seated myself next to an elderly gentleman, and started a conversation. He was not too responsive, so I just sat quietly. I paid for my prescription, and went on my way. After finishing my errands, I started for home. Passing the Presbyterian Church, I noticed a sign saying that free lunch was served on Friday 11:30-12:30. It was 12:15, so I decided to visit the church and donate a few dollars to help the church, and eat my lunch.

As I entered the room, there sat my friend, at one of the tables. He smiled and motioned to me to sit down. We talked, and he asked me if I knew someone who could jump his battery. Ironically enough, just the week before, I had gotten stuck in some ice and had to be pulled out by Jacobs Towing, the only such service in Lebanon. That name immediately came to mind, and I told him that I would go and look up the number, and call for service. Going upstairs, I found a minister working in the office, and he looked up the number for me. Pointing across the hall, he told me where the phone was. I called, and the response was immediate. The truck was minutes away and was on its way.

While we waited on the truck, a car pulled up and said that he was there to help. He had told my new friend on Monday, that he would help him out, and it had taken him all week to return. Needless to say, he was a little late, and left. We continued to get acquainted, and he told me that his brother was ill at Otterbein. When he told me his name, it was someone I had taken care of several times. Small world! The truck came and it was the same driver who had helped me out of my ice trap. I remembered that he had told me that his mom was a nurse at Otterbein. Small world once again. I had offered to pay for this service, while we were still at lunch, as I felt I heard a whisper from a still small voice. I gave my credit card to the service man to use for the charges, and I hurried home, as I had to be back at 1:30. I made it with five minutes to spare and a great feeling about my chance encounter.

March 23 - April 5 calendar

30. 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 206
	• ASF	Various
11:15am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:00pm	ACA Meeting	Clubroom
6:30pm	CRASH	BC 205 & 206

31. monday

5:30pm	Cub Scout Meeting	Clubroom
6:30pm	Karate	Fellowship Hall

1. tuesday

9:30am	Tuesday AM Bible Study	Parlor
6:30pm	Super Choir	Fellowship Hall
	Thai Heritage Experience	Sanctuary

2. wednesday

9:30am	Library Work Day	BC 103
	Strategy For Mothers LG Grp.	Parlor
5:30pm	Cub Scouts	Clubroom
7:00pm	Bi-Polar Support Group	Great Hall
	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

3. thursday

8:30am	Prayer	Prayer Room
10:00am	Knitting Group	Atrium
6:30pm	Karate	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Choir	Choir Room
	ACA Meeting	Club Room
	Three Cs Parenting Class	BC 203 & 204
7:30pm	Alanon	BC 201 & 202

4. friday

6:00am	Friday Morning Men	Fireside Room
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5. saturday

8:30am	CHPC Men's Ministry and House of Joy	The Rock
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The following assistive devices are available
Please ask the ushers if you need wheelchair seating or special hearing equipment. Also, handicapped accessible bathrooms are located to the right of the platform in the hallway leading to the white house parking lot.

Children and 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.

This week's helpers are:
9:00am Ian & Joshua Scheid
11:15am Michael & Marissa Fox
(Rosebrook family will greet)

Next week's helpers are:
9:00am Jason McSwain & Michael Fox
11:15am Nathan & Jared Lowe
(Terry family will greet)