

Hot Off the Press! 4/5/15



Then [Jesus] opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." LUKE 24:45-49

The Church's liturgical calendar mirrors Scripture. The four Sundays of Advent lead to Christmas. The birth of Christ [God with us] flows flawlessly into a time focused on Christ's growth and maturity. Lent provides spiritual preparation for the most pivotal events of all Eternity — the passion and raising of Christ from the dead detailed by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The resurrection signals the redemption of all of Creation through Christ's sacrifice. Then Christ ascends and the Holy Spirit is poured out on the Church at Pentecost to continue the redemption of all peoples and nations — all for the Honor and Glory of God the Father.

It sounds too simple and orderly. So why is there such confusion about these 'high holy times,' especially Easter? Some symbols deflect us from the biblical realities. Others can help us enrich our celebration of Easter. The challenge is to sort them out for Easter. So I did some research...

COLORS: White - biblical color of purity ordained for High Priest in the Old Testament and described in Matt 17:2 Jesus' raiment in the Transfiguration. Purple was an expensive royal color: Luke 12:19, Rev 17:4.

CROSS: It's so obvious, but designs vary. Some have Christ on the cross to indicate that He let Himself be sacrificed and obedient to God's will. Empty crosses show Christ's victory over death and the hope of all believers: I Cor 15:20-28. A cross may be found on things like English hot-cross buns. They are yummy, but historically these were sacramental cakes for the Anglo- Saxon goddess, Eastore. Interestingly, Christians also adopted her name for the holiday: Easter.

CANDLES: These are a reminder of Jesus, 'The Light of the World,' and believers being 'The Light of the World' reflecting the Glory of God. The flame is the sign of the Holy Spirit.

EGGS, CHICKS, BUNNIES AND BABY ANIMALS: These have symbolized new life and Spring since ancient times. Christians adopted the symbols. Then, they added to the old meaning. Example: Behold the *Lamb of God* and Handel's "All We Like *Sheep* Have Gone Astray." A *chick's* hatching was likened to Christ emerging from the tomb resurrected.

EASTER BUNNY: Sorry. No matter how much you like chocolate and the goodies that this cute bunny brings, there is no biblical basis for this tradition. In fact, Lev 11:6 and Deut 14:7 call the rabbit or hare 'unclean' and forbid its consumption. In the ancient world, rabbits had a strong pagan connection with Ishtar, the goddess of fertility and reproduction. You might rationalize the bunny as a symbol of *abundant* new life, but the *abundance* may be added pounds if he brings candy.

PRETZELS: Like salty snacks? Pass on the chocolate and eat these low-calorie food invented to be eaten during Lent. The twisted shaped is like arms crossed in prayer. Pretzels were a reminder to pray for the nations of the world to know the risen Christ as Savior.

EASTER LILIES AND FLOWERS: Spring flowers and palms are certainly mentioned in Scripture. Mary encountered the risen Christ and initially thought He was the gardener. Old hymns like "I Come to the Garden Alone" even sentimentalize this environment. Easter lilies with white blossoms symbolize the purity of Jesus. Lilies also emerging from the earth in the spring much as Christ did in the resurrection.

BUTTERFLY: While there is no biblical reference to this Easter symbol, it is still significant. A butterfly's whole life cycle can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning of the life of Jesus Christ. The first stage is the caterpillar, which stands for His life on Earth. Second phase begins from the cocoon stage, portraying the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. The third and final stage is the adult butterfly, representing His raising from the dead in a glorified body and peace.

EASTER BONNETS AND NEW CLOTHES: Today, clothes are easily available and our closets bulge with 'new outfits.' At one time, it was a treat to have a 2nd set of clothes reserved for Church and special occasions. Clothes were handed-down or fashioned anew in time for Easter. Believers (like the royal priesthood they are) dressed to meet The King of Kings and Lord of Lords on Resurrection Sunday and every Sunday.

"HE IS RISEN!" "HE IS RISEN, INDEED!"
Based on Luke 24:34, the traditional Easter greeting in both the Western and Eastern Church is the exclamation "He is risen!" The appropriate response is "He is risen, indeed!" The exchange is a declaration: of the resurrection of Christ, of our hope in Him for our own resurrection and eternal life and of the return of Christ in power for God's Glory. The words are often accompanied by the exchange of three kisses on alternate cheeks, depending on the church. [Pucker up.]

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Special Thanks

to those who have given their labors of love, time and energy to make our Sanctuary beautiful this Easter morning. Thanks to those named below who through their gifts offer honor to the Risen Christ and dear ones whom we remember with love:

- In celebration of the resurrection and in memory of Anna Louise and Peyton Telfair & Harriet and Leonard Clippard by Bill and Anne Clippard and family
- To the Glory of God and in loving memory of son David and husband Richard Peacock by Ann Peacock
- In loving memory of Richard Bethel by Judy, Susan, Carolyn and Kathie
- In loving memory of Bill Stothfang by Elena and family
- In loving memory of George Bass by Ann Bass
- In loving memory of our parents Paul E. & Ethel Berleman and Walter & Matilda Lohrum by Jerry and Caroline Berleman
- In loving memory of their parents Nelson and Dorothy Baker & Joseph and Norma Kraus by Carroll and Carol Baker
- In loving memory of Jim Schaeffner by Cheryl Schaeffner
- In loving memory of Corinne & Olaf Larsen, Sue & Carl Johnson, and Joe Pagliaro by Jan and Tim Johnson and family
- In loving memory of John and Mary Ann Leugers, Bill and Jane Guentter & Florence Dorks
- In loving memory of Stan Mosier, Bill and Loretta Southgate & Marie and John Mosier
- In loving memory of Ann and Clem Merz II & Jim Merz & Helen and Albert Herweh
- In loving memory of Bonnie and Robert Hargis by Marilyn Wilsey
- In loving memory of Fran and Howard Stifel & Robert Brockmeier
- In loving memory of Mel and Edna Dwyer & Dr. Hilmer and Shirley Neumann
- In loving memory of Karen Lane
- In loving memory of Mildred White
- To God be the glory by Don and Wanda Kuyper
- In honor of those serving in our country's military
- In honor of the staff at CHPC

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

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 & Sarah Lowe
11:15am Nate Smith & Toby Knueven

5. sunday

7:00am	Sunrise Service	
8:00am	Morning Prayer	Prayer Room
9:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:15am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00pm	Feast of Love Brunch	Fellowship Hall
1:30pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics	Clubroom

6. monday

6:30pm	Karate	Fellowship Hall
	AHG Troop Meeting	Great Hall
7:00pm	Deacon Leadership Meeting	Conference Rm.

7. tuesday

9:30am	Tuesday AM Bible Study	Parlor
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8. wednesday

9:30am	Library Work Day	BC 103
5:30pm	Cub Scouts	Clubroom
6:00pm	FX Night	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Bi-Polar Support Group	Great Hall
	Writers' Meeting	Fireside Room
	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	Listening To One Another	Conference Rm.
7:30pm	College/Young Adult Gath.	Off Campus

9. thursday

8:30am	Prayer - Church & Community	Prayer Room
10:00am	Knitting Group	Atrium
6:30pm	Karate	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics	MC Clubroom
	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:30pm	Al-Anon	BC 201 & 202

10. friday

11. 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!

April 5 - April 4 calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Listening To One Another. Wednesday night April 8, at 7pm. Let's keep learning how to connect in Jesus no matter our differences. We gather at 7pm in the the conference 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 from one another.

Breakfast Anyone interested in providing a hot and healthy breakfast for about 12 of our children during first service please contact Roxane at roxanewagner@hotmail.com. If you can't cook a meal, please come and enjoy the company of God's treasured children from 9-10am in the Great Hall. Immediate needs are for most Sundays in April.

The American Heritage Girls Pancake Breakfast has been rescheduled for April 19. We'll be serving pancakes, sausage, and eggs from 9:30 to 12:30. Donations help support programming fees, registration, and badges.

Our next Healing Kingdom Missional Community will be April 21. Come join us for a simple meal, a discussion on Jesus' healings, and training on Power Evangelism. Dinner starts at 6:30. 6514 Loiswood Dr. in College Hill. Contact Roxane 931-0692. RSVP is not necessary but helpful for meal planning.

Officer Nominations Please make sure to turn in your nominations for church officers. Extra copies of the nomination forms are available at the front desk. If you have any questions contact Barb Rosen at 513-218-3307

Swim Lessons with an eternal difference! The CHPC Swim Ministry is teaching the weeks of June 22-26, July 13-17 and July 27-31. Lessons for children at 10am, 11am, 12 pm at North Hills Swim Club, and for adults the weeks of July 13 and 27 at 6:00-7:00pm at Twin Towers. Cost \$50 per student per week. Limited part scholarships available. Apply early. Space is limited. Info and applications at <http://chpc.org/forms/> or call Sam 513-542-2442.

The Well meets at Mariemont Chapel this month (The Chapel is located at the corner of Chestnut and Cherry Mariemont, OH 45227, just two blocks from Mariemont Church) Tuesday, April 14 at 7 PM. The Well is a place to encounter God through worship, testimony, communion and healing prayer. Come be refreshed and renewed in his presence.

Introduction to Listening and Healing Prayer Training April 18th 9 am-4 pm at Mariemont Community Church 3908 Plainville Road Cincinnati, OH 45227. This experiential, introductory training will provide teaching, modeling and hands-on practice sessions designed to release and increase healing in your own life and ministry. You'll add valuable tools to your prayer toolbelt with new skills in listening and healing prayer. If interested in being a Care listener or on The Well Prayer teams this is a mandatory training. Register at equippingministries.org/event

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

On Easter Sunday, foundation hour classes for 4th-6th graders will be cancelled. Instead, all 4th-6th graders and their families are invited to a reception in the Fireside Room from 10:15-11:15am. All other children's Sunday school classes will be held in usual rooms.

No CRASH tonight for 7-12th grade. We will resume next week for both CRASH and Huddles 6:30-8:30pm.

Scholarship applications are available for all Children, Youth and Family summer trips at chpc.org/forms or at the summer ministries table by the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to provide a scholarship for a child to go to camp, please contact Robyn: rhubbuch@chpc.org or 513-541-5676 ext 1112.

We have extended the application due dates for 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). The new deadline is Sunday, April 26th. Forms are available online at chpc.org/forms, at CRASH, or at the summer ministries table by the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Andrew Wells with any questions.

Change Mulch Madness is back as our yearly fundraiser for Jr. High and High School students going on trips this summer. This year, instead of heading out of state for our summer service trip, we will be staying at CHPC for the week and serving locally on different work projects and working with children at Christ's Community Summer Camp. Money raised through Mulch Madness will also go toward paying for 7-9th grade students to be on the work crew at resident camp this year. More information and order forms are available at the front desk. All orders must be placed by next Sunday, April 12th.

SERVING IN WORSHIP & ARTS AT CHPC

The BRAVE - - - - PRAISE CHOIR - - - -
Coming to the 11:15 service April 12 - BE BRAVE!!!
Show up in the sanctuary at the choir loft at 10:30am... Sing during the first 20 minutes of the service, then go sit with your peeps. Who: Any who enjoys praise and lifting up the Lord. Anyone who desires to praise the Lord with energy, enthusiasm and heart! No perfect pitch needed - no holding microphones - no one may even hear you!! Come on out ! See Brian for more details! 513.824.5255 bdonaldson@chpc.org

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

What's Going Down in College Hill? What's going up too? An interactive conversation with Mike Cappel, President of College Hill Community Urban Redevelopment Corp. (CHCURC), about exciting changes affecting you and your community. Tuesday, April 21st at 7pm at House of Joy, 5912 Hamilton Ave. Preview at: <http://chcurc.com>

Prayer Page

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

CHPC Community

Terry Fischer	Greg Fischer
Wendi Fox	Marilyn Frank
Carol Freas	David Freas
Cheryl Fulton	John Fulton

Staff

Greg Fischer - Facility Manager

Officers/Leadership

Sandy Gosselink - Deacon

Home Bound/Health Center

Mae Klusmeier

Ministries

Global Workers

Alice Bechtold - South Korea

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

Sam Engle David Evans

Hamilton County JFS Featured Child for Adoption

Will, Age 11 - Contact Alex Grote - 513-946-1931

Children and Youth

Gratitude: "Help my children to live lives that are always overflowing with thankfulness and always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:20, Col 2:7).

Congratulations

On behalf of Staff Support Team and the staff at CHPC we would like to thank Alan McKinney on his 10 year anniversary this month. Please take a moment to thank him for his hard work and dedication to all of us at College Hill Presbyterian Church.



April 5, 2015
Fear and Joy
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

April 12	New Series Begins Brave - Adventure
April 19	Brave - Storm
April 26	Brave - Power

Today's Order of Worship

Prelude
Call To Worship
Opening Prayer
Songs of Praise
Welcome Guests
Celebration of Community
Pass the Peace of Easter / Dismiss Children
Scripture & Sermon
Healing Stations
Communion
Pastoral Prayer
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.

