

Hot Off the Press! 12/7/14

advent [ˈædˌvɛnt] noun

the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event

IN THE CHURCH, ADVENT SPIRITUALLY PREPARES US FOR *THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ARRIVAL IN ALL OF ETERNITY* — JESUS CHRIST BEING BORN IN THE FLESH. THIS WEEK SPEAKS TO HISTORIC ASPECTS OF THE CHURCH'S PREPARATION.

“re-Focus on the Reason for the Season”

In Western Christianity, the season of Advent begins on the fourth Sunday prior to Christmas Day, or the Sunday which falls closest to November 30 and lasts through Christmas Eve, or December 24. For Eastern Orthodox churches which use the Julian calendar, Advent begins earlier — on November 15 — and lasts 40 days rather than four weeks. Advent is also known as the *Nativity Fast* in Orthodox Christianity.

Celebrating Advent typically involves a season of prayer, fasting and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope and joy. Many Christians celebrate Advent not only by *thanking God for Christ's first coming* to Earth as a baby, but also for *His presence among us today* through the Holy Spirit, and in *preparation and anticipation of His final coming* at the end of time.



More and more Protestant and Evangelical Christians are recognizing the spiritual significance of Advent. They have

begun to revive the spirit of the season through serious reflection, joyful expectation. They have even revived some of the traditional Advent customs.

Deck the Halls — A Reminder and A Sign to Others

The Church around the world ‘dresses’ to receive the Savior. Christians often incorporate the special symbols of Advent in their homes to *keep Christ as the center* of their Christmas and as a *witness to others*.

The shape of **wreaths** is an unending circle — a symbol of eternity — just like a wedding ring. As the exchange of rings seals the covenant of a husband and wife, so wreaths are a reminder of the eternal relationship of Jesus Christ and His bride, the Church.

Advent wreath — The German Church took a garland of evergreen branches and encircled four candles. Each candle was symbolic of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ — *The Light coming into the World*. During the season of Advent, one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent worship services. Families began mirroring this ‘lighting’ at home, paired it with

Bible readings, and adding a meal to share with friends.

BY SHARLYN STARE — NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT CANDLE MEANING.

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Wouldn't it be fun to get together with some friends, have a nice meal, and then sit around with some talented folks who play the piano and sing Christmas carols? This will happen here at Fellowship Hall on Monday evening, December 15. Our program will be provided by master pianist **Tom White** and singer extraordinaire **Judy Langdon**.

Judy has been singing in church since she was seven years old. She sang at her first funeral when she was in Junior High and since then, she has not kept count. She graduated from Cincinnati Conservatory of Music with a voice major. Her plans to study opera in Germany were curtailed when she married Larry in her junior year. Their son David was on the way when she graduated.

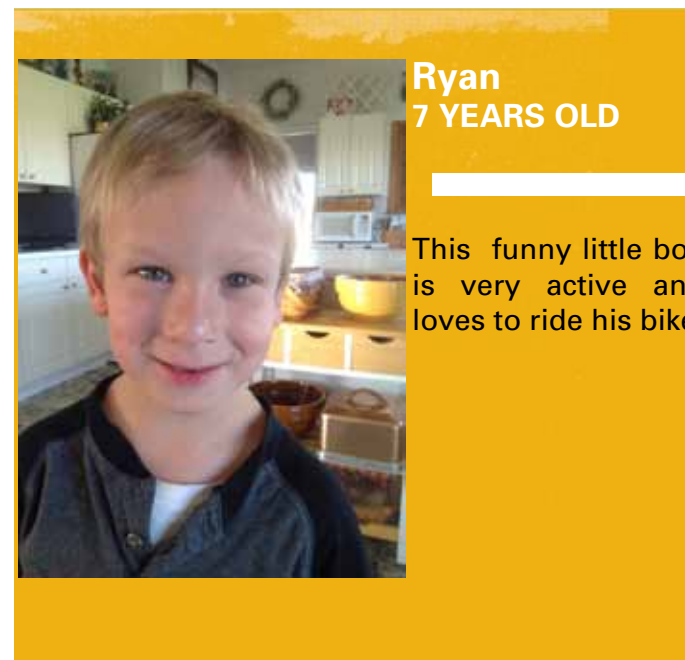
Being a wife and mother was always her first priority and she couldn't seem to juggle much more than teaching piano and voice in her home and singing regularly in church. Fast forward to her “grandmother” years, where she's still teaching, including some of her 15 grandchildren. She is often asked to sing at funerals which she says is possibly her greatest honor. She thanks God every day for what she learned at CHPC, for those who mentored her, and helped her become a woman who is in love with Jesus Christ.

Tom White grew up here at CHPC. He began playing the accordion when he was 4 years old and switched to the piano at the age of 9. He grew up in Finneytown and played piano for numerous services and special occasions here at CHPC for 20 years . . . from the mid-60s through the mid-80s. He attended Miami University and earned both a Bachelor and Master degree in music theory and composition with high honors.

Tom has two CD recordings to date: “Just For You” features pop standards along with 3 of his original pieces, his second CD, “A White Christmas”, includes secular and Christian pieces. Tom currently maintains a studio of private piano instruction at North Cincinnati Community Church in Deerfield Twp. He lives with his wife in Mason and is the keyboardist/praise band leader at Fresh Winds Church. He also is a popular freelance pianist for concerts, weddings, receptions, memorials, corporate and various other special events.

Supper Club is earlier than usual, December 15. So you only have a few days left to make your reservations. Call Sally Auble at 741-3125 by this Thursday, December 11, if you plan on coming. The catered meal will cost \$10.00, payable at the door. See you there!

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Ryan
7 YEARS OLD

This funny little boy is very active and loves to ride his bike.

Ryan has great smile and is very affectionate. He loves to give hugs and be close by. He is good with electronics and loves to play on the tablet. He enjoys the outdoors and loves playing outside.

Any family that is considering adopting Ryan needs to be very active and have a structured routine in place. Ryan thrives on structure and loves to be close by his caretaker, but at the same time needs to have clear boundaries in place.

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December 7 - December 13 calendar

7. 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
1:30pm	ACA Meeting	Clubroom
6:30pm	CRASH	BC 205 & 206

8. monday

6:30pm	Karate	Club Room
7:00pm	12 Christian Beliefs Deacon Meeting	White House Fellowship Hall

9. tuesday

9:30am	Tuesday AM Bible Study	Parlor
6:30pm	Super Choir	Fellowship Hall

10. wednesday

9:30am	Library Work Day	BC 103
	Strategy For Mothers Lrg Grp	Parlor
5:30pm	Scouts Den Mtg.	Clubroom
7:00pm	Bi-Polar Support Group	Great Hall
	Writers' Group	Fireside Room
	Kindling Prayer Group	White House
	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30pm	College/Young Adult Gath.	Off Campus

11. thursday

8:30am	Prayer	Prayer Room
10:00am	Knitting Group	Atrium
6:30pm	Karate	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	ACA Meeting	Club Room
7:30pm	Alanon	BC 201 & 202

12. friday

13. saturday

2:00pm	Praise Dancers	Clubroom
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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 Andrew Duke & Michael Fox
11:15am Ian & Joshua Scheid
Ott Family will greet

Next week's helpers are:
9:00am Andrew Duke & Nate Smith
11:15am Michael Fox & Jared Lowe
Rosebrook Family will greet

Announcements

Celebrate and prepare your heart for Advent with special music of the season by CHPC worship musicians just prior to service each Sunday during Advent.

Chili Cook-Off, Brownie and Corn Bread Bake Off Tonight at 5:30pm is the 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off/ Brownie Bake Off & Corn Bread Bake Off. This will be a great night of food and entertainment! Sign up today to enter your best chili, brownies or cornbread. If you would like to help with this event see Jeanne Schneider.

The Well A new monthly, multi-denominational Community Worship & Healing Service Tuesday, December 9 at 7 pm at River of Life Church, 2000 Central Pkwy, Cincinnati, OH 45214. A place to encounter and experience God's love in the deepest places. Questions: contact Jeanne Schneider jschneider@chpc.org or x1160

Writers' Meeting will be next Wednesday, 12/10 at 7pm, in the Fireside Room.

Do you like to read? Do you have a love of books? Please consider coordinating and maintaining the libraries. Contact Robyn Hubbuch at 513-541-5676.

3C's Christmas Cards 3C's will be selling Christmas Cards again this year. Stop by the table on Main Street to place your order for cards and tags made by 3C's students. Deadline to order is December 10.

Please join the Brooks and the Wells Friday, December 19, 7 to 8:30pm. An exchange of some yummy treats and warm drinks and thoughts at our annual cookie swap and "Let's go a caroling night." We will start at the home of Joe and Helen Brooks, then take those joyful feelings to the streets of College Hill in the direction of Andrew and Mandy Wells. There we will have some warm beverages and continue our caroling. Cookie swap - 2 dozen minimum / bring recipe to share. Please RSVP by December 10. Joseph and Helen Brooks' home is at 1192 Cedar Ave. (513) 851-0931. PS. Cookie swap is optional, Pillsbury is welcome and please be mindful to take home the amount of cookies you brought.

Christmas Gift Idea give a 'Summer Ministry Experience' to the kids and adults in your life. Youth Camp is the week of July 6; Swim Ministry the weeks of June 22, July 13 and July 27; S uper Summer Service for Jr and Sr Highs June 14-20. Interested in a 'gift certificate' for any of these, contact Sam Stare (542-2442 or starecvg@aol.com) free gift box included with every certificate.

Global Worker Christmas Gifts Bless our Global Workers this Christmas. Your contributions are used to purchase Amazon gift cards for each family. Visit the Mission table by the water fountain in the connector between the Barnabus Center and the Atrium. Use one of the red or green envelopes, or put a check directly into the offering plate by 12/21. Be sure to specify it as 'Global Worker Christmas.' (these contributions are not tax deductible.)

Perspectives On The World Christian Movement Have you discovered your part in God's plan for saving the world? Find out more about the Perspectives On The World Christian Movement course starting in January at four churches in the Tri-State area. Visit CHPC's Main Street by the Global Workers' Christmas table. Or contact: Barry Stare bestare@aol.com 513-382-5897 www.perspectives.org.

Year End Giving Are you planning on giving a stock gift to CHPC? Please let Janis McLemore, in the Finance Office, know the details so it can be accurately credited to your Giving Statement for tax purposes.

Help will be needed after 2nd service on January 4th to bundle and take trees down and transport the Christmas decorations back to storage.

Children and Youth

The children's ministry has the following specific needs: 11:15 service teacher for 3-4 year old class every other week

- 10:10 hour and 11:15 service helpers for 3-4 year old class
- 9:00 service and 11:15 service hospitality team: Greet and help families check in (every week or every other week)
- "Grownups"/mentors for kids who come to church without parents
- Actors and musicians (adults, youth or kids) for 5pm Christmas Eve Service

If you are interested in filling one of these roles, please contact Robyn Hubbuch at rhubbuch@chpc.org or 541-5676 ext. 1112.

CRASH meets tonight at 6:30pm.

Christmas Eve Service Anyone interested in acting in the 5pm Christmas Eve service drama should contact Mitch Teemley as soon as possible. Call 513-591-1964 or email teemley@fuse.net.

Serving in our Community

Treehouse Mentoring needs more women and men to work with a child grade 4-6 at Pleasant Hill Academy, 5pm to 6pm Tuesdays. We have a waiting list of kids who want to get in! Contact Colleen Scheid 513-505-9826 or scheidison@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION AND GIFTS The Deacons want to thank everybody for their support of the Thanksgiving Food Collection. Over 366 families were served because of your generosity! Now it is time to start on the Christmas one. We will be collecting the instant mashed potatoes and canned sweet potatoes (same as last time) again on Dec. 7, 14, and 21. We will be collecting gifts for children from infants through age 17. Toys are good, but we could also use gift cards, disposable diapers, toothpaste, detergent or other hygiene items. Questions call David Welch 258-3808 or email dwelch@comey.com

Lord's Bounty Applications for scholarships and grants (for non-profit groups) are available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to 5852 Hamilton Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45224. Complete applications are due January 31, 2015.

Events Around Town

Ballet Reflect's Christmas celebration The Promise. is today at 5pm at Faith Church, 5910 Price Road, Milford, Oh. Join us for this free, family-friendly event featuring worship through music, spoken word and of course dance!

Prayer Page

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

CHPC Community

Mandy Wells	Andrew Wells
Suzanne Wiers	Carl Wiers
Sally Wester	Kim Wittkamp
Julie Wilbur	Matt Wilbur

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Adam Steveley US Army	Chris Jaeger USMC
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Danny Holian US Navy Pilot	Will Connor US Army
Joey Nieberding US Army	Peter Leugers US Navy

College/Career Students

David Wiers Luke Verhagen

Children and Youth

Kindness: "Lord, may my children always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else."
(I Thess. 5:15)

Hamilton County JFS Featured Child

Ryan

Congratulations

to Sean & Joanne Dwyer and Jerry & Tina, proud grandparents, on the birth of Sean Patrick Dwyer, Jr.

to Jeff and Kristen Martin on the adoption of Jack and Amier on December 2.



December 7, 2014

Christmas Change

Grace For All

Preaching: Rev. Drew Smith

Welcome to

College Hill Presbyterian Church

We're glad that you're worshiping with us today. Please let the ushers know if you have any special needs. There are many opportunities for worship, personal growth and service at CHPC. If you are a visitor, stop by the 5-Minute Party table to find out more about us. Please return, and be part of our dynamic church family!

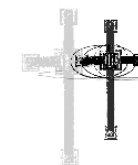
Upcoming Services

December 14	Christmas Change Justice For All
December 21	Single Service at 10am Christmas Change Hope For All
December 24th	5pm Family Service 8pm Candlelight / Communion Service
December 28	Christmas Change Change For All

Order of Today's Service

Prelude
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
Praise Dance
Scripture & Sermon
Healing Stations
Communion
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Charge and Blessing
Postlude

Please see an usher for a lyric sheet for the 9am service.



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