

Hot Off the Press! 12/14/14

advent ['ad,vent] 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 THE CHRIST BEING BORN IN THE FLESH...GOD'S UNMERITED PRESENT TO THE WORLD.

“How many days until Christmas?”

The World celebrates X-mas without knowing the X (*Christ*) whose arrival is celebrated. No wonder the days before seem a hectic rush toward an un-fulfilling end. A way to slow the pace of our and our family's preparations is by *keeping Advent*.

Children [and the child in each of us] love to anticipate. Here are some things that God can use to refocus us, build relationships and build *lasting* memories...*eternal presents*. Consider placing an empty manger in the center of your dinner table. Have diners write down a small sacrifice, a good deed they did for another, or a way they experienced Jesus that day on a small strip of paper. Add the papers as 'straw' for Jesus' bed.

Advent Calendars mark the days with Bible readings. [All the verses for a week can be read on Sunday.] Enrich each day with a favorite hymn or carol sung in the Advent wreath's candlelight. Such traditions help children and adults to not be anxious to celebrate Christmas ahead of time. No children in your life? Borrow some, or invite adults for these activities.



Advent Wreath Candles Retell the story —

A circular evergreen wreath surrounds four candles. Red, purple/pink or royal blue ones may be used. Each week on

Sunday, an additional candle is lit and a hymn or song sung.

1st Sunday, the **Prophecy Candle** — in honor of prophets like Isaiah who foretold the birth of Christ and represents the hope or expectation of the coming of Messiah. Hymn - 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' or 'Come Thou Long Expected Jesus.'

2nd Sunday, the **Bethlehem Candle** — the town foretold as the Messiah's birthplace, and a reminder of God's love for His people Israel. 'O Little Town of Bethlehem.'

3rd Sunday, the **Shepherds' Candle** — represents the lowliest people, the first ones to hear of the Great Joy for all people. 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night.'

4th Sunday, the **Angels' Candle** — for the heavenly beings who appeared in force to announce the 'Good Tidings' of Christ's birth. 'Angels We Have Heard on High.'

On Christmas Eve, a white **Christ Candle** is added. Jesus Christ comes into the world — the pure, sinless, spotless, Savior. Those who receive Him as Savior are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow. That's the message of 'Joy to the World!'

Be creative. Not a singer? Play music on your phone, computer, CD, tape player or even kazoo. Just 'make a joyful noise.'

BY SHARLYN STARE — NEXT SUNDAY: THE MANGER SCENE

CHPC Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 21st
One Service at 10am

Wednesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve
CHPC Offices are closed
Family Service at 5pm
Candlelight / Communion Service at 8pm

Thursday, December 25th
Christmas Day
CHPC Offices are closed
Feast of Love Dinner from
12:30pm - 5:30pm



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Cook-Off Results

The 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off and Brownie & Corn Bread Bake-Off was a huge success! Well over one hundred people attended and enjoyed the festivities! Brian and some of the choir members lead us in a few carols after our bellies were full.



The competition was fierce, but here are the winners:

Corn Bread category:

3rd Place: Robin Sillaman
2nd Place: Aidan Moncelle
1st Place: Elena Stothfang

Brownie category:

3rd Place: Ashley Terry
2nd Place: Fran Kelley
1st Place: Toby Knueven

Chili category:

3rd Place: Catherine Sanders
2nd Place: Mark Whitney
1st Place: April Dobbs



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
11:15am Michael Fox & Jared Lowe
Rosebrook Family will greet

December 14 - December 20 calendar

14. 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

15. monday

6:00pm	Supper Club	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	Karate	Club Room
	Scouts Pack Meeting	BC 201 & 202
	AHG Troop Meeting	Great Hall
7:00pm	Deacon Leadership Meeting	MC W&A Area

16. tuesday

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

9:30am	Library Work Day	BC 103
7:00pm	Bi-Polar Support Group	Great Hall
7:30pm	College/Young Adult Gathering	Off Campus
	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

18. 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

19. friday

20. saturday

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.

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.

Love to bake Christmas cookies? Or Not? We are looking forward to having a time of fellowship following our annual Christmas Eve services. Bring a few of your favorite homemade or store-made treats to share after our Christmas Eve services at 5 and 8pm. We'll have something warm for you to drink while you visit and share a few Christmas memories with your friends.

Advent/Christmas Decor: Honor your loved ones by contributing to poinsettia plants and greens used during December. Donors and honorees will be listed in the Christmas Eve Bulletins. *Contact Sam Routzon by Dec. 22nd. Ext. 1125 or sroutzon@chpc.org.*

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; Super 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 on Main Street. 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.

Lectionary Readings for 2015 are in the information rack in the Atrium.

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

Feast of Love is in need of hams, applesauce and desserts for our Christmas Dinner. Volunteers are needed as well. Contact Bev if you have any questions.

Deck the Trees with hats and mittens So that we can give them all away. Please donate new hats, mittens, gloves and scarves to our Feast of Love trees in the Atrium. We will donate these items to area schools to warm the heads and hands of the children. Donations will be accepted through Christmas Eve.

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.

Prayer Page

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

CHPC Community

Jenn Williams	Roger Williams
Krista Williamson	Jamie Williamson
Alexis Wilsey	Marilyn Wilsey

Staff

Jeanne Schneider - Director of Care & Connecting

Officers/Leadership

Jinda Bowerman - Deacon

Home Bound/Health Center

Mae Klusmeier

Ministries

Sonlight Power

Global Workers

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 Leugers US Navy

College/Career Students

David Wiers	Luke Verhagen
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Children and Youth

Generosity: "Grant that my children may be generous and willing to share, and so lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age." (1 Tim. 6:18-19)

Hamilton County JFS Featured Child

Ryan

Congratulations

to Chris and Christi Mack on the birth of Brayden Christopher on December 8th. Tom and Bonnie Mack are the proud grandparents.



December 14, 2014
Christmas Change
Justice 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!

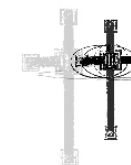
Upcoming Services

December 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
Songs of Praise
Time of Confession & Forgiveness
Song of Response
Passing of the Peace
Scripture & Sermon
Pastoral Prayer
Baptism (2nd Service)
Offering / Closing Song
Announcements
Charge and Blessing
Postlude

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



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