

Sleeping Sound Makes Another Delivery

By Jennie Key

With grins as bright as Christmas lights, a trio of youngsters weigh their choices as they look through a pile of fleecy, hand-made blankets, a rainbow of patterns and colors flashing as they flip through the bag. Terry Woodard, 7, pulled his out quickly. No surprise, it's covered with footballs. He wants to play for the Steelers one day, which elicits a mock groan from Cincinnati Police Officer Louis Arnold Sr., who's helping deliver a gift many take for granted every night: beds. Kaden Walters picks his blanket with thought, his fingers tracing the shapes of insects on his nature-themed blanket. "I like this one," he says as he outlines a spider. "They aren't real, you don't have to be scared of them. It's not a snake." His smile widens as he strokes the soft fringe. His 9-year-old twin sister, Kaylenn, hugs her tawny animal-print blanket to her chest, her smile broadcasting her pleasure at its softness and the tigers, leopards and lions that parade across it.



Cincinnati Police Officer Louis Arnold Sr. carries a new mattress into the apartment of Vanessa Charles for her grandchildren and nephew, who live with her in North Fairmount.

Their smiles are no wider than the one on the face of Vanessa Charles. She has custody of her twin grandchildren Kaylenn and Kaden, and her nephew, Terry and it's not always easy to provide what they need. A teacher at the youngsters' school, Cincinnati Generation Academy in Roselawn, saw a program online, contacted Feast of Love Ministries at College Hill Presbyterian Church, and now Charles is watching volunteers carry box springs, mattresses and bedding into her North Fairmount apartment. Her babies will sleep on good mattresses between new sheets and warm blankets. Sweet dreams ahead. Grandma's grateful. "It's such a blessing," she said. "I am so thrilled for them and so thankful."

Across Cincinnati, many youngsters lie down to sleep on couches, chairs and floors. That's not good enough for Bev Graves, executive director of Feast of Love Ministries. She wants those kids sleeping sound. Being a woman of action, she did something about it. Sleeping Sound is a program through the nonprofit Feast of Love specifically designed for children living in poverty to get a bed. As the ministry meets needs for area families struggling in poverty, Graves says her group found many children in the Cincinnati area were sleeping on the floor.

The Sleeping Sound program works with principals of Cincinnati area schools where students have family incomes below the poverty level. The principals and school

staff identify children in need and Cincinnati police officers and volunteers from Feast of Love will deliver those beds. They have delivered 13 so far, with future deliveries ready to go.

Arnold, who is the faith-based community liaison officer and his delivery partner, Cincinnati Police Officer Richard Longworth, who is the department's immigrant affairs liaison are both from the Cincinnati Police Department's Community Relations Department. They carried in box springs and beds for the trio, and were more than well paid, in smiles, thanks, and hugs. "It's overwhelming to see the joy of these kids over something this simple, something we take for granted," Arnold said. "It's like Christmas and their birthday came all at the same time."



Graves says the beds will mean more than a comfortable place to lie down. She knows the joy the beds bring – a gleeful session of jumping on the bed is not an uncommon reaction among recipients. But she thinks having a decent place to rest will pay dividends other places, as well. "We believe these children will perform and behave better in school with a good night's sleep," Graves said. "It's another way for us to love people and let them know they are loved just because of who they are, that they deserve to be loved."



Bev Graves prays with Vanessa Charles, and her grandchildren and nephew

Another dividend? An opportunity for youngsters to have very positive experiences with police officers in the city. Kaden, who says he is very thankful he doesn't have to sleep on the floor anymore, was quick to hug the men who brought his new bed. When he grows up, he says he wants to be a police officer because they care about people.

How can you help? Feast of Love plans to purchase, at least 500 twin mattress sets, with bed bug covers and sheets. The mattress sets are hotel quality mattresses and cost about \$225 a set. The hotel quality will ensure long-lasting wear. The cost of the bed bug covers and sheets will be about \$50 making the total cost \$275 per bed. You can donate through the ministry's GoFundMe account for the program at www.gofundme.com/sleepingsound or send donations directly to Feast of Love Ministries, 5742 Hamilton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45224. For more information about the ministry, call 513-541-5676, ext. 1167, or feastofloveministries.org.

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Sharing Love with Warmth

By Cathy Lowe

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Sarah and some of her friends got up early, bought doorbuster fleece at JoAnn Fabrics, then spent several hours knotting eleven blankets together for the Sleeping Sound program in Fellowship Hall. The girls worked hard... and seemed to have fun, too!



Each girl put a tag on the blanket she donated. We prayed over the blankets and asked for God's blessing on the person each would cover. :o) Several girls said they thought it would be fun to do the same thing next year!



When we delivered the blankets, we were excited to hear that Bev had just ordered 10 more mattresses! Even more exciting was seeing some of our blankets on the evening news and seeing the faces of the children who chose them!



What a great time of year not only to count our own blessings, but to share them with others! Merry Christmas!

27. 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
	• Parent Group	MC 2nd Floor
11:15am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:30pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics	Fireside Room
4:00pm	CRASH	BC 205 & 206

28. monday

6:00pm	Community Prayer Walk	House of Joy
6:30pm	Karate	Clubroom

29. tuesday

6:30pm	Super Choir	Fellowship Hall
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30. wednesday

7:00pm	Bi-Polar Support Group	Great Hall
	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

31. thursday

8:30am	Prayer - Church & Community	Prayer Room
10:00am	Knitting Group	Atrium
6:30pm	CRASH New Year's Eve Party	BC 205 & 206
10:00pm	Watch Night Service	House of Joy

1. friday

Campus Closed

2. saturday

2:00pm	Praise Dancers	BC Lobby
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"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!

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 M.
11:15am Lucas F.
The Vinson Family will greet

Next week's helpers are:
9:00am Sarah L.
11:15am Jared L / Nate S.
The Deitzel Family will greet

December 20 - January 2 calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOINING THE CHPC FAMILY If you are interested in becoming a member at CHPC, our next New Covenant Partner Orientation Classes are: Sundays January 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 10:10am. To sign up or if you have questions contact Michelle Hemsath 541-5676 Ext. 1123 or mhemsath@chpc.org or Pastor Dennis 541-5676 Ext. 1122 or dhall@chpc.org

Begin the year with prayer Join the Kindling Prayer Group on Wednesday, January 6 from 7-8 pm in the White House. This group meets the first Wednesday of each month. Other opportunities for prayer include Thursday at 8:30am (Prayer Room), Sunday at 8am (Prayer Room) and Mondays at 6pm at House of Joy. Questions: Contact Jeanne Schneider at jschneider@chpc.org or 541-5676, x1160

Save the Date Listening for Heaven's Sake - Saturday, January 30 from 9-5.

Year End Giving - Timing matters! To be considered a 2015 contribution for tax purposes, your checks must be postmarked and dated before December 31, 2015 (if mailed). All other contributions including cash, must be received by December 31st.

Stock Gifts Are you planning on giving a stock gift to CHPC? Please let Heather Lethander, Finance Manager, know the details so it can be accurately credited to your account for tax purposes.

The Front Desk Ministry needs you! Do you like welcoming folks? Do you have a gift of hospitality? If so, we have the ministry opportunity for you. We are in need of subs for the front desk (during the week) for January-March. If you are interested contact June Elwood 681-1767 or Michelle Hemsath at 541-5676 ext 1123.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The December Theme in BLAST (K-3) and MEGABLAST (4-6) is Compassion: "caring enough to do something about someone else's need," and our memory verse is John 3:16: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." Please pray this month that our children would learn to reflect God's character of compassion by caring for others' needs. For more information on what kids are learning as well as ideas on how to engage with them on this subject, check out the Parent Cue on chpc.org/forms.

Family New Years' Eve Party We are trying something new this year for families with elementary age children: a New Years' Eve party! From 6:30-8:30pm (eat dinner before you come), we will be at church playing games & having nerf gun battles. Older students are welcome if they are a part of a family with elementary age kids, but every family must have at least one adult attend. Bring a snack to share, a game your family enjoys, and your best nerf gun (we'll have extra if you need one).

No CRASH and Huddles tonight We will start back up on January 17th. We tried some new things this last semester, and are looking for some feedback on how you think things went, including the new schedule and focus for CRASH. Email Andrew if you have some input on what went well, or what could go better next semester: awells@chpc.org.

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

"Let's Make Worship Viral! " Party Next Sunday, Jan. 3 at 10:10am in Fellowship Hall. Invitations with more information are available at the front desk.

Adult Spiritual Formation for the winter will be a series of round table discussions that will follow the sermon series on worship. Beginning Jan. 10 through Feb. 7 come join a table in Fellowship Hall at 10:10 between services. There will be a discussion leader at each table which will include all the members of the Session worship committee. Just for a count of how many are interested, please sign up in the atrium, but everyone welcome. Don't miss this chance to express your passion for worship.

SPECIAL EVENT

Mark your calendars for the College Hill Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration - Sunday, January 17, at 6:30pm at Good News Church of God in Christ at 1063 Northbend.

What is Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve?

Watch Night began with the Moravians, a small Christian denomination whose roots lie in what is the present-day Czech Republic. The first such service is believed to have been held in 1733 on the estates of Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf in Hernhut, Germany.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, picked it up from the Moravians, incorporating a Watch Night vigil into the practices of his denomination. The first such service in the United States taking place in 1770 at Old St. George's Church in Philadelphia. These services survive to the present day in that denomination's worship manuals as "Covenant Renewal Services."

These gatherings were a time for congregants to meditate on their state of grace — were they spiritually ready to meet their maker if the call were suddenly to come? As Mark 13:32-37 instructs, the faithful need to be ever vigilant, because the hour of the Lord's coming is not known. "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh."

In the US, the end-of-year Watch Night of 1862 took on special significance attaching to the impending January 1, 1863 enactment of the Emancipation Proclamation, and that night has come to be known as "Freedom's Eve." On September 22, 1862, President Lincoln issued his Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, which stated: "[O]n the first day of January ... all persons held as slaves within any State, or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free." On that night, Black slaves and free blacks came together in churches and private homes all across the nation awaiting news that the Emancipation Proclamation actually had become law. At the stroke of midnight, it was January 1, 1863; all slaves in the Confederate States were declared legally free. When the news was received, there were prayers, shouts and songs of joy as many people fell to their knees and thanked God.

This year we have been invited to share in the Watch Night service at House of Joy from 10pm - midnight. What a great time to join together with our brothers and sisters in Christ and celebrate the freedom we all have together in Christ and our continued pursuit of living into that freedom every day.

Prayer Page

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

CHPC Community

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Maggie Beckjord	Reed Beckjord
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Susan Bentley	Bill Bentley

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Joey Nieberding US Army	Peter & Amanda Leugers US Navy
	Gus Carpenter US Marines

College/Career Students

David Wiers Jonny Wiers



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FEAR NOT

The Consummation

Preaching: Mike Jorgensen

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

- Jan. 3 **NEW SERIES BEGINS**
Everyday Worship - Expecting
- Jan. 10 Everyday Worship - Encountering

Today's Order of Worship

- Prelude
- Call To Worship & Opening Prayer
- Songs of Praise
- Time of Confession & Forgiveness
- Song of Response
- Welcome Guests / Dismiss Children
- Passing the Peace
- Scripture & Sermon
- Pastoral Prayer
- Baptism (2nd Service)
- Offering / Closing Song
- 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.

