

2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of THE REFORMATION.

BY SAM STARE — Much of the world will celebrate the historical facts of Martin Luther's tacking his questions up on the church doors in Wittenberg Germany. This year, through a group of writers called the *Cincinnati Reformation Team* you will meet some of the Reformers and learn from them why every believer has reason to celebrate God's ongoing work of Reformation.

The Reformation is far from a theological discussion with 'high falutin' ideas that have little application to everyday life. Even a cursory look at Martin Luther, his wife Katharine von Bora, Zwingli, Calvin, Knox (and the lay people who protected and supported them) reveals that these are 'flesh and blood' folks just like us.

What sets them apart is God's *re-forming* of them from the inside out. Times change but the God of the Reformation does not!

Why were particular men and women chosen to 'turn the world upside down?' God is clear throughout Scripture: "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. [Jer. 29:13] God revealed the life-giving Gospel to the Reformers because they were seeking *Him* intensely.



Having found the real God of the Gospel, His eternal truths compelled each Reformer in their own unique ways to witness among the people surrounding them. The Reformers were 'pastors and shepherds' of men and women desperately in need of God's love, His forgiveness and the hope of the

resurrection. Like Jesus, the Reformers' holy wrath was often reserved for 'the religious' who offer imitation faith.



TETZEL ASTRIDE HIS HORSE OVERSEAS INDULGENCE SALES

One of the launching pads of the Reformation, Luther's posting of his 95 theses or questions was prompted by pastoral outrage. The issue was that German monk Johann Tetzel (a forerunner today's religious hucksters) arrived telling Luther's people they could buy God's grace and forgiveness without any concern for faith or repentance. Tetzel [pictured] made a great show of selling 'indulgences' - certificates forgiving the sins of deceased relatives. Imagine advertising patter like "Are you so cheap that you won't pay now so your dear grandma can escape the torments of purgatory? *As soon as a coin in the coffer rings a soul from purgatory springs!*"

Luther recognized the damning effects indulgences had on unsuspecting souls who were duped. They led people away from the true Gospel of God. The indulgence controversy and Luther's ensuing conflict with the Church prompted the schism in the Catholic Church that profoundly changed Europe...and the World. Ultimately Luther did not consider indulgences to be as important as other theological matters which would divide the church, such as justification by faith...but it was a start.

The ongoing Reformation is still a diverse movement. At its center are real people with a passion for God and deep care for the eternal life of others. The 'Reformers' had pastors' hearts and led their flocks (and others from around the world) to know the love of God through faith alone in Jesus Christ, and to live out His forgiveness and the living hope of the resurrection.

Next: *Martin Luther and his bride Katharine von Bora.*

WANT TO HELP FEAST OF LOVE AND SON LIGHT POWER?

WANT TO HOST A GOURMET DINNER?



THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!

Have you thought how much fun it would be, to host a Gourmet Dinner at your home? Well, now may be your chance.

Win a Gourmet Dinner prepared in your home!!

Feast of Love and Son Light Power are offering this opportunity to you. Appetizers, soup, entrée, sides and dessert are provided by White Oak/Monfort Heights Kiwanis, at no cost to you.

Chef Lance Brown and his sous chef will do all of the work – even the dishes. You and your guests will just enjoy the evening.

Proceeds of the event will be shared with Feast of Love and Son Light Power.

Come to Main Street to purchase chances and additional information. You can also contact Bev Graves - 541-5676, Lance Brown – 522-7569 or Joe Breiner – 741-8022.

A winning chance for you and winning possibilities for the sponsoring organizations!!

Please be part of this endeavor!! Thanks for your consideration.

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 Amir J.
11:15am Joshua S. / Monica V.

Next week's helpers are:
9:00am Jason M.
11:15am Sarah & Jared L.

Adult Spiritual Formation Classes

By William Custer

Last week we began our winter series of classes described below. Most classes begin at 10:10, however notice that Financial Peace begins at 9:30am during the first worship service. Notice also that the Multiethnic Conversation is offered on Sunday mornings and on Monday evenings. See the table in Atrium to sign-up and for room assignments.

Multiethnic Conversations

When: Sunday mornings January 8 – February 26 at 10:10 am OR

7pm – 8:30 on Mondays January 9,23,30; February 6, 13, 20, 27 & March 6

Sundays - Room: Ministry Center Basement - Clubroom
Mondays - Room: Barnbas Center 201 & 202

Childcare will be provided for the Monday night classes. Please RSVP for Child Care with Mary Clare at 871-2309 or mclarepeck@hotmail.com.

Exploration Class If you have questions about becoming a Covenant Partner (member) of CHPC, this class is for you! The Exploration Class meets the next 3 Sundays (January 15, 22, & 29) at 10:15am on the 1st floor of the Ministry Center in the Conference Room near the Worship & Arts Ministry area.

Bible Study - 1 Peter

Room: Ministry Center Basement - Room A & B
Led by Scott Rice at 10:10. Class size limited to 15.

The Prayer of Jabez

Room: Ministry Center Basement - Room C
Led by Matt Wilbur at 10:10. Class size limited to 15.

Blessings of Jesus – The Beatitudes

Room: Ministry Center Basement - Room D
Led by Fran Kelley at 10:10. Class size limited to 15.

Sacred Marriage

Room: White House
Led by Jeanne Schneider at 10:10. Class limited to 15.

Financial Peace and Ignite will not be meeting this session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHPC Campus will be closed tomorrow, 1/16 in recognition of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE... AND CAKE! Saturday, January 21st at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Join us to hear Dan Dupee, Coalition of Christian Outreach (CCO) Chairman and author of **It's Not Too Late - The Essential Part You Play In Shaping Your Teen's Faith** speak and have a time for questions. Joy Dreyer will be providing a variety of gourmet cakes to sample. Tickets are \$10 per person and all proceeds benefit the ministry of CCO. Pay at the door! We hope you will join us for this fun night out to connect with old friends!

All-Church Chili Cook-off! On Sunday, January 29th at 12:30pm, we will once again have our Annual Chili Cook-off. Please bring your best chili, cornbread, or brownies to share and enter into the competition. During lunch, we will hear about Summer 2017 ministry plans from the Children, Youth & Family team.

Multiethnic Conversations United In Jesus! Join the Spirit-filled interactions about ethnicity and race. We are committed to growing in healthy, unifying relationships. Multi-Ethnic Conversations will be our guide. We will be meeting on Sunday mornings or on Monday evenings. Invite your friends to come with you.

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Kindling Prayer Group Start off the new year in prayer for CHPC and the community. Join us the second Wednesday of each month starting January 11 at 7 PM. Group meets in the white house (Care and Counseling Center). Questions: Contact Jeanne Schneider jschneider@chpc.org or 541-5676, x1160

ALL WOMEN please plan to attend the IF:Gathering LIVE Simulcast on Friday, February 3, 6:30-10pm, and Saturday, February 4, 9:30am - 6pm, at CHPC! This is a women's discipleship event hosted by the Woven Ministry. Please register and invite friends and family. Still spaces available! Light Breakfast and Box Lunch provided Saturday. Awesome list of Equippers: Jennie Allen, Jo Saxton, Roce Anog, Amena Brown, Shelley Giglio, and so many more! Questions? Contact Janet Dumford 541-8281 Also, sign up for IF:20 Days of Prayer emails leading up to this event at ifequip.com

Jennie Allen (the founder of IF:) is coming to CHPC Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 6:30pm! There is a ticket purchase required. There will be a limited number of 'gifted' tickets available, please contact Missi K. (missiker-shner@gmail.com or 254-6908) if needed. Childcare will be available for this event for a nominal fee. The link for tickets is on chpc.org. You can also purchase tickets in-between services at the Woven Table.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

Children, Youth & Families are invited to join the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration tonight at 5pm. Meet at the church at 4pm for a Unity Walk to Grace Episcopal and refreshments once we get there. No Family Game Night tonight - we'll have it on January 29th instead!

SERVING IN WORSHIP & ARTS AT CHPC

Call for Handbell Ringers Have you been a handbell ringer? Never been a ringer but think you might like to try it? If you have played handbells before and are willing to play again or you have not played handbells but would like to give it a try, please contact Michael at mparker@chpc.org or 513-312-9473. We would like to include handbells on some anthems this Spring.

LOST & FOUND

Once again our lost and found is running over! If you may have left any items on campus, please check with the front desk. Any items not claimed by January 29 will be donated or discarded.

College Hill Ministerium Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration - Today

Grace Episcopal Church on the corner of Hamilton and Belmont

- At 4:00pm a Unity Walk will begin at
- College Hill Presbyterian 5742 Hamilton Ave. and go to Grace Episcopal.
- At 4:30pm refreshments will be provided at Grace Episcopal.
- At 5:00pm the service will start in the sanctuary.

CONDOLENCES

Christian love and sympathy to Joe & Helen Brooks on the death of Helen's mother, Mrs. Frances Gowdy. Condolences may be sent to: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Brooks 1192 Cedar Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45224

Christian love and sympathy to Steve and Loretta Burns in the death of Loretta's brother, Earl Hill. Condolences may be sent to: Mr. & Mrs. Steve Burns 8757 Morningstar Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45231

Christian love and sympathy to Jim and Fran Kelley in the death of her sister. Condolences may be sent to: Mr. & Mrs. James Kelley 10298 Crestland Court, Cincinnati, OH 45251

Christian love and sympathy to the family of Marc Shoemaker. Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Anita Shoemaker & son Mr. Timothy Shoemaker 328 Grove Ct., Cincinnati, OH 45215

Prayer Page

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

CHPC Community

Becky Warren	Nicholas Horn
Jinda Bowerman	Michael Bowerman
Jennifer McKinney	Alan McKinney
Jeanne Schneider	Stephen Schneider
Michelle Dyson	Brian Dyson

Staff

Michael Parker - Choir Director

Officers/Leadership

Steve Telecsan - Deacon

Home Bound/Health Center

Pat Robinson

Ministries

Christ's Community in College Hill

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 US Air Force
Danny Holian US Navy Pilot	Will Connor US Army
Gus Carpenter US Marines	Andrew Deiters US Marines
Peter & Amanda Leugers US Navy	

College/Career Students

Tony Murphy	Victor Unyegbulum
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Congratulations to

Congratulations to Barbara and Richard Runck on their 65th Wedding Anniversary on January 13th.



January 15, 2017

UNITED

We're Alike: God Loves Us All

Preaching: Rev. Drew Smith

Welcome to College Hill Presbyterian Church

Thank you for worshipping 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

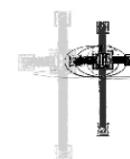
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| Jan. 22 | United - Everybody Helps |
| Jan. 29 | United - Everybody a Witness |
| Feb. 5 | United - Everybody is Needed |
| Feb. 12 | United - One New Humanity |

Today's Order of Worship

Prelude
Call To Worship & Opening Prayer
Songs of Praise
Time of Confession & Forgiveness
Passing the Peace
Song of Response
Scripture & Sermon
Pastoral Prayer
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.



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