

By William Custer

2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of THE REFORMATION. 2ND IN A SERIES

BY SAM STARE — This year, through a group of writers called the *Cincinnati Reformation Team* you will meet some of Reformers and learn from them why every believer has reason to celebrate God's ongoing work of Reformation.

During Jesus' earthly ministry he was surrounded by and affirmed women. The Apostle Paul declared "There is neither ...male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Gal. 3:28 Yet by 170AD, Tertullian was denouncing the impudence of women who dared "to teach... dispute... carry out exorcisms...perform cures...and even baptize." Today, you'll meet two example of groups of women vital to the Reformation — royalty and wives.

Perhaps the most pervasive image of the Reformation was the *liberating Word of God*. For many this was an aspiration rather than a reality. However, for ARGULA VON GRUMBACH (1490-1554) of Munich Germany this meant she left her 'proper domestic place' and demanded access to public forums for herself and her religious ideas. A highly educated *noblewoman of means*, a devotee of and correspondent with Luther, she sent family members to study with him in Wittenberg and met him in 1530.



In 1523, when authorities in Bavaria banned Luther's works including his translation of the New Testament into German, she denounced and debated them, and took to the streets distributing pamphlets by the thousands. She declared, "...neither the pope, nor the Kaiser, not the princes have any authority over the

Word of God." Church theologians wanted this 'female desperado' punished but she was too wealthy and popular. Her Catholic husband lost his position over the controversy. He was even told he was "allowed to disable her so as to prevent her from writing or even strangle her without legal repercussions." She outlasted him, retired to manage her estates, and continued to generously support

the Reformation. All of her family, except her husband became Protestants. She never stopped writing and proclaiming *justification by faith in Christ alone*.

KATHARINA VON BORA (1499-1552) was a nun that married a renegade Augustinian friar.

From age 5 to 16 when she took her vows, she lived a cloistered existence. She had the privilege of reading and writing extensively...and was passionate about the *Word of God*. At age 24, she grasped the Reformers' *true Gospel*. Katarina appealed for protection to Doctor Martin Luther in Wittenberg 170 miles away, then escaped the Nimbschen Cloister with 11 other nuns. This was a very risky business because renouncing vows and aiding escaping nuns was punishable by death. Yet, her love of Christ was greater than her fear of death.



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There was no place for single women in society, so Luther quickly placed the women in families or married them off. Katarina was a problem. Two proposed matches failed. Finally, 26 yr old Katie proposed to 42 yr old Luther! As a former friar and scholar, Luther could astutely probe the deepest biblical truths, but little had prepared him for such an assault on his life. Finally he conceded, "My marriage would please my father, rile the pope, cause the angels to laugh and the devils to weep." He made it clear that he was not marrying for love, but to set a distinctive example for Protestants leaders.

Doctor Luther brought little to the marriage but old books and dirty clothes. Katie however was a *Proverbs 39* wife. She managed the household, housed students, bore 6 children and raised 4 orphans. An entrepreneur, she put food on the table and money in the family coffers. She was up on doctrinal issues and could hold her own (and then some!) in sophisticated theological discussions. She turned Luther's home into a safe house and acted as a minister of comfort to those persecuted for their faith. Knowing the 'ways of poultices,' she kept Luther healthy in old age and 'brewed the best beer' in the neighborhood.

Family life was hard. Marriage was hard. Yet, Martin and Katie loved each other deeply. Daily life was where God formed their character, sanctified their words and proof-texted the substance of the Reformation of the Church.

NEXT: Stephen Eyre presents 'The Morning Stars' martyrs.



The current series of Adult Spiritual Formation classes will wrap up today and a new series will begin on Sunday, March 5. The new March series will last just five weeks as we approach the single worship service on Palm Sunday. Look at this exciting list of classes that will begin in March.

PRAYER: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God

All prayer is responding to God. In all cases God is the initiator—"hearing" always precedes asking. God comes to us first or we would never reach out to Him. The clearer our understanding of who God is, the better our prayers. This class will explore the theological, devotional and practical aspects of prayer. Using Tim Keller's book, *Prayer as a resource*, we will discover that prayer is both conversation and an encounter with God. These two concepts give us a definition of prayer and a set of tools for deepening our prayer lives. Led by Dennis Hall & Mark Evans at 10:10am

On Ma Journey Now

This study based on African American spirituals is designed to help participants grow spiritually as they experience the season of Lent. The material relates human suffering in the context of African American history to Jesus' journey from the wilderness to the cross. We will listen to and sing one of the spirituals each week. No book needed. Led by Helen Brooks and Fran Kelley at 10:10am. Class limited to 15.

Reformed School Is Not Dumb

As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, this series will discuss the Christian leaders who reformed the church. This is a discussion based series and there will be homework. Each week participants will be asked to read about and come prepared to discuss the lives of several great leaders such as Martin Luther, John Calvin, and others. Led by Sam Stare at 10:10am. Class size limited to 15.

How to Help a Refugee

Guest speakers will offer practical ways to help. Dawn and Tony Gast will share how they are helping more than 23 refugee families including 69 children living in the Finneytown School District. Kathy Angi will share from her experiences at home and abroad. Want to learn how to be a good neighbor to these families, come and join us for this class. Led by Robin Riechel (513) 675-4375. Originally announced at 9:00 but moved to 10:10am.

Bible Study - 1 Peter

"In his great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope..." says the 3rd verse of 1 Peter. The apostle then spells out and develops the implications for us of our new birth, and then charts a course of amazing Christian living. Join us as we study this great epistle! Led by Scott Rice at 10:10am. Class size limited to 15.

Five Love Languages

We all want to love and be loved, but sometimes we do not know how to express it. Your spouse, a significant other, a child or a parent, all need to know that they are loved. But did you know that people vary in how they receive love and we need to learn their love language. This class is not only for couples but for everyone in relationship. Led by Jeanne Schneider at 10:10. Class limited to 15.

Parents of Young Children

Led by Andrew Wells at 10:10am.

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 Aiden M.
11:15am Nicholas D. / Monica V.

Next week's helpers are:
9:00am Jason M.
11:15am Lucas F. / Bailey M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

When: Sunday mornings Through February 26 at 10:10am OR 7pm – 8:30 on Mondays, February 27 & March 6

Command Performance! Back by popular demand, the Chancel Choir along with the African Choir, will be singing at the beginning of the 2nd service today!

Pleasant Hill Snack Drive! Throughout the month of February, our congregation is collecting boxes/packages of individually wrapped snacks as well as grocery store gift cards to help provide morning snacks for Pleasant Hill Academy students. Snacks can be put in the large white donation bin by the CHPC Front Desk, and gift cards can be brought to the front desk in an envelope labeled "Robyn Hubbuch - Pleasant Hill Snack Drive." Please contact Robyn with any questions: rhubbuch@chpc.org or 513-505-3041.

WOVEN, our women's discipleship ministry, is starting four new small groups in February. Each has a different topic and study material. They meet either Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings at various locations. If interested in joining please stop in the Atrium to read their summaries and sign-up or contact Janet Dumford (janet3747@gmail.com or 541-8281). Topics include: Bible Art Journaling, Discipleship, the Nicene Creed, and a study by Jennie Allen titled, "Stuck."

Pleasant Hill Academy Soccer needs volunteers: High school students, coaches, drivers, someone to make phone calls. Call Dave Snyder if interested. 513-706-5666.

Summer Mission Trips If you or some young person you know is hoping to make a mission trip this summer, please contact "Chappie" Chapman (607-2785) so the Mission team can pray for you/them and possibly be of assistance.

Supper Club Tomorrow If you did not make a dinner reservation, come and enjoy Jim Bodmer's presentation at 7pm.

SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Finneytown Together for Refugees scheduled as a class at 9:00am for Sunday, March 5 received great interest so we have changed it to be a class offered for five weeks at the Foundation Hour starting March 5th at 10:10am.

Accepting Recommendations for 2018 Church Officers Now!

The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) is now accepting recommendations from the congregation for next year's officers until March 12th. Please pick up a form at the front desk, where completed forms may also be turned in to the box provided at the front desk. You may also turn in your recommendations to any deacon, in the offering plate, via mail to the church, attn. Nominating Committee, or by emailing nominations@chpc.org. Please prayerfully consider who you might recommend (including yourself), as we need your suggestions to move forward in our process of seeking the people God has planned for our future church leadership. We thank you.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

MEGABLAST, CRASH, and Huddles meet tonight, from 6-8pm! Kids in 4th-12th grade are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall for worship together, small groups, and games! Eat dinner before you come, but feel free to bring a snack to share!

Summer Trip Forms and Applications Now Available Online! The following Summer 2017 forms (as well as payments) can be completed entirely online:

- Summer Internship Application
- Resident Camp Camper Registration
- Resident Camp Work Crew Application
- Resident Camp Counselor Application
- Overnight Camp Camper Registration
- BridgeBuilders Youth Mission Trip Application

Visit our website for links to all forms: <http://chpcyf.weebly.com/summer2017.html>. Printed forms are also available at the Summer Ministry Table in the Children, Youth and Family Welcome Area (Barnabas Lobby).

SPECIAL EVENTS

You Are Cordially Invited To...**A Taste Of Honey**

Today immediately following second service in Fellowship Hall. Presented By Joyful Noise Children's Choir

An African American Luncheon displaying an exquisite cuisine of cultural foods in closure to Black History Month. Entertainment will be provided.

Prayer Page

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

CHPC Community

Candyce Hughes-Stifel	Jeff Stifel
Vanetta Moss	Steve Jones
Carol Baker	Carroll Baker
Diane Baker	Sue Baker
Dottie Melzer	Ann Bass

Staff

Keenan West - Contemporary Worship Team Leader

Officers/Leadership

Bev Graves - Elder

Home Bound/Health Center

Mae Klusmeier

Ministries

Deacons

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

Rebecca Snyder Elizabeth Snyder



February 26, 2017

UNITED

One Voice

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

March 1 Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm
March 5 New Series Begins: All Access - Praise
March 12 All Access - Confession
March 19 All Access - Thanks

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.

