

Hot Off the Press! 4/23/17

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

4TH IN A SERIES — 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. Look for yourself in these Reformers. God might want to use you to re-form His Church.

LUTHER'S 'ADVERTISING TEAM'

BY SHARLYN 'SAM' STARE

The road to the Reformation was paved with the ashes of 'lone ranger' prophets ahead of their time. In contrast, Martin Luther spoke God's truth in the *fullness of time* surrounded by an amazing 'Advertising Team' including Professor Philip Melanchthon, graphic artist Lucas Cranach the Elder, and 4 'noble' marketers.



I met some of the Ad Team in 2004 in the Berlin Cathedral.

The dome is supported by 8 huge pillars topped with larger-than-life statues [INSET] of four German scholars facing four lay people.

I'd heard of Drs Luther, Melanchthon, Calvin and Zwingli, but wondered about their connection with the others: Landgrave *Philip the Generous* of Hesse, Elector *Frederick the Wise* of Saxony, Elector *Joachim II of Brandenburg & Duke Albert* of Prussia.

MARTIN LUTHER (GERMAN 1483 — DIED 1546 GERMANY) Doctor of theology, composer, writer. By 1521, a heretic excommunicated by the Pope and outlawed by the Emperor. Hallmarks: 'Faith alone' and 'Scripture only.' Salvation and eternal life cannot be earned or purchased. They are a free gift of God's loving grace through the believer's *faith in Jesus Christ alone* as redeemer from sin. *The Word of God, the Bible, is the only source* of divinely revealed knowledge from God...not the Pope, the Church or the Emperor.

In an age of new frontiers and New World discoveries, old ways would not do. Luther's inexpensively-printed *German New Testament* was a 'best seller' and a primer for educating the masses [at a time when owning your own Bible was punishable by death]. Luther's love affair with the *Word of God* reformed worship and worship spaces: [PICTURED] pulpits for *expository preaching that pointed to*



Christ replaced simple homily stands. Latin chants by choirs were joined by worshippers singing *in German* memorable texts like "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Luther's marriage to Katharina Von Bora established the model of Protestant clergy who marry. He affectionately referred to her as, "Katie, my rib." She kept him happy and productive until his death at age 63. But it was his 'Advertising Team' that kept his work alive and bearing fruit!



PHILIP MELANCHTHON (1497

— DIED 1560 GERMANY) Child prodigy, University at age 12, brilliant professor Wittenberg Univ at age 21. Luther's constant colleague, sounding board, exhorter and advocate, the two shared the perfect Prov. 27:17 relationship: *iron sharpening iron*. In 1520, bachelor Dr Luther arranged for Philip to marry Katarina Krapp, daughter of the wealthy mayor of Wittenberg. Well settled, Philip sought to *bring all things into harmony under the Lordship of Christ* — the law, sciences and philosophy. A Greek and Latin scholar and mediator, Philip could draft documents as diverse as the 1530 *Augsburg Confession* and a 1539 treatise on reformed education for children. He codified and systematized Luther's work and made it understandable, defensible and *indelible*.

LUCAS CRANACH THE ELDER (1472 — DIED 1553 GERMANY)

The 'Advertising Team's' graphic artist, Cranach was court painter and printer for the rulers of Saxony, like Frederick the Wise. He was a good neighbor and friend of Martin Luther. The most successful German artist of his time. His art captured images of key Reformation leaders and interpreted Lutheran religious concerns. [HIS ART ON THIS PAGE]

THE 4 GERMAN NOBLES: *Philip, Frederick, Joachim II and Duke Albert* are lauded as 'champions' and 'protectors' of the emerging Reformation. They funded, housed and hid key leaders. They went to court, jail and into battle for their faith. They established Protestant seminaries and built a Lutheran/ Calvinist bulwark against papists in Upper Germany. Sound like saints? They weren't. Some 'Nobles' were adulterers and bigamists, gluttons and drunkards.

Others collected religious relics for profit, violated oaths and defied authorities, condoned anti-Semitism, betrayed friends, fled from battlefields, and intentionally stole from the Church to expand their lands and power. None of their motives were pure. Yet where they ruled the *True Gospel*

flourished and God "turned the world they knew upside down."

What an *Advertising Team* — heretics and sinners, nobles and scholars — God could use *anyone!*

Adult Spiritual Formation

April Update

By William Custer

Easter is upon us, it is a time for rejoicing at the Resurrection of our Lord. It is also a time for reflection on our relationship with God. Perhaps this is the time for you to get more serious about your spiritual life. We would love to be a part of that reflection. Classes start today and run for 6 weeks.

Psalms: Prayers of the Heart

A 6-week study using selected Psalms that help us pray through troubles like doubt, fear, and other trials we face. The Psalms show us how to relate to God as we pray our doubt, fears, and anger. They show us how to respond to God in praise. Here we find the best place to explore who we are and what God means to us. No book is required, but please bring a Bible and a notebook. Led by Fran Kelley at 10:10. Class will be held in the Ministry Center Basement.

Reading the Bible through Trinitarian Lenses

Awaken to the richness of the unity (sameness) and distinctiveness of each Person of our Trinitarian God, as described in Scripture. Based on material by Dr. Bruce Ware who is professor of theology at Southern Seminary. Led by Scott Rice at 10:10. Class will be held in the Ministry Center Basement.

Caring for God's People

This group will discuss practical ways to come alongside people in times of joy and suffering. Led by Jeanne Schneider at 10:10. Class will be held in the White House.

Life and Teachings of Jesus

Get a birds eye view of Jesus' ministry. He gradually corrected misconceptions of His day about the Old Testament Law, about the Messiah, and about God the Father. Focus will be given on how Jesus offered miracle and fulfilled prophecy and finally his own resurrection as evidence that He is the Son of God. Led by William Custer at 10:10. Class will be held in the Ministry Center Basement.

Opportunities to Pray

- **Community Prayer Monday from 6-7pm at House of Joy**
- **Kindling Prayer - Second Wednesday of the month @ 7pm in the White House**
- **Morning Prayer for CHPC Thursday @ 8:30am in the Prayer Room**
- **Sunday Morning Prayer every week @ 8am-8:30am in the Prayer Room**

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REFORMATION
JUBILEE TOUR

a spiritual journey to
spiritual places

GERMANY - FRANCE
SWITZERLAND

Sept 19 - Oct 1, 2017

CONTACT: Drew or Cathy Smith (513.522.4424), Barry or Sam Stare (542.2442).

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 Sarah L. / Nicholas D.

Next week's helpers are:

9:00am Elizabeth D.

11:15am Aniya W. / Aidan M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

College Care Boxes will be available to pick up today following each service. If you would like to bless a college student with a note and treats stop by the table in the atrium.

Come and enjoy a great concert by the Northminster Presbyterian's Women's Outreach Choir at Supper Club tomorrow night. Dinner is served at 6:15pm, for those who made a reservation, and the program will begin at 7:00. All are welcome for the concert.

Seminary Scholarships are available for seminary students preparing for full-time ministry. Applications to the Ruth Auburn Scholarship Fund at the Covenant Foundation may be obtained from Tim Johnson, 661-3100.

THE EXPLORATION EXPERIENCE Do you need help in navigating if CHPC is the church for you? Come be a part of the Exploration Experience where you will find out what we really believe, who we are and where we are going as a church. There is no required commitment to become a Covenant Partner but if you have already decided this is where God has led you to call home, this Exploration Experience is for you as well! This is a one day intensive class held Saturday, April 29, 10:30 – 3:00pm (lunch provided) held in the Ministry Center Conference Room. If you are interested please email Pastor Dennis Hall at dhall@chpc.org or Janet Dumford at janet3747@gmail.com.

Celebrate with Ron Rand April 30 Come and celebrate Ron's 75th birthday and 50th year of ordained ministry on Sunday, April 30 from 2:03pm - 4:03pm in CHPC Fellowship Hall. Just bring yourself and pictures of your children and grandchildren to share with Ron. Refreshments served without Geritol! Please RSVP by Monday, April 24 by email at upbuilding@att.net or dcfreas@my3z.net.

Also, Ron, son, and grandsons will be leading a Men's ADVANCE on Saturday, April 29 from 7:33 – 11:33 AM at Cornerstone Methodist Church, 7600 Princeton Glendale Rd. Liberty Township, OH. A free breakfast at 7:33. ALL CHPC men from 16 - 99 are invited. Please register at upbuilding@att.net by noon on Monday, April 24.

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!

MULCH MADNESS is a fundraiser for our 7th-12th graders to earn money toward two service-learning trips this summer: the BridgeBuilders Mission Trip to Chicago and Resident Camp Work Crew. This year there are more sale/delivery dates in April: Today, Sun. April 23 - 10 to 1:00. Plus, Sat. May 6 at the CH Gardeners' Plant Sale - 9 to 2 (Hamilton/North Bend). Premium Black shredded (\$4.10/bag) & pine mini-nuggets (\$5.25/bag). Home delivery/mulch spreading also available for a nominal fee. Pallet loads delivered free other dates. Order forms are available at the front desk or by asking a 7th-12th grade student! Email Robyn (rhubbuch@chpc.org) for more information.

SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Refugee Connect organizes over 80 organizations helping refugees in Cincinnati. Attend Volunteer Funnel Training on Saturday, April 22, 12:00 to 3:00pm at Xavier University to learn ways you can connect with refugees according to your time, interests and talents. Flyers available at the front desk. Questions, call Robin Riechel, 675-4375.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

We dig the Hill! May 2, 7pm - College Hill Gardeners Open House, Llanfair Community Room - ALL are welcome to meet Chef Kristen St. Clair, a millennial and a College Hill native. She will teach a 3-part series at the Civic Garden Center on Weds in May focusing on cooking with and making drinks with herbs. As a preview, on May 2 she will demonstrate how to use herbs from the garden to enhance drinks, snacks, and desserts. 1701 Llanfair Ave. Info? Beth 681-8808.

FLOWERS GIVEN THIS MORNING

In loving memory of Mike Linder
from Tink Linder and family

Prayer Page

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

CHPC Community

Lisa Duke	Rick Duke
Janet Dumford	Chris Dumford
Lois Dunn	Matthew Dumford
Jimmy Duncan	Tim Duncan
Tina Dwyer	Jerry Dwyer

Staff

Greg Fischer - Facility Manager

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Ellen Murphy - Deacon

Home Bound/Health Center

Chloe Bernius

Ministries

Feast Of Love

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

Jake Desch Caroline Duke



April 23, 2017
Regenerating
In Christ
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

April 30 **ReGenerating Desires**
May 7 **ReGenerating Social Media**
May 14 **ReGenerating Families**

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
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.



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