

The Church's Liturgical Year: Pentecost...Wear Red June 4

ON SUNDAY JUNE 4, CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AROUND THE WORLD WILL GATHER TO CELEBRATE PENTECOST. MOST NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIANS HARDLY NOTICE PENTECOST BUT TRADITIONAL EUROPEAN CHURCHES CONSIDER IT A MAJOR FEAST DAY. PENTECOST IS JUST BEHIND EASTER IN OVERALL IMPORTANCE. DON'T MISS THE CELEBRATION.

Pentecost — the Birthday of the Christian Church — is a problem. For some it is finding it, for others it is believing it.

Imagine being invited to a birthday party and you have to guess when it will happen. To *find* Pentecost, the challenge is where to start. When I was a child, my Jewish neighbor Mrs Bilski had no problem finding out when Pentecost would be celebrated. She knew that Pentecost or the Festival of Weeks was "a week of weeks" (or 50 days) after Passover. Her house had two calendars — her 'American one' and one with funny writing. Always a curious kid, I asked her why they were different? She patiently explained how different they were.

Mrs Bilski's Jewish lunar calendar is based on Creation of the World that is said to have occurred around 3760 BC. The Jewish or the Days of the World calendar has anywhere from 353 to 385 days, and 12 months, 13 in a leap year. Months have 29 or 30 days. Each day begins at sundown, and the Sabbath begins on the last or seventh day of the week. The moon and its phases are the timepiece of the months, and the seasons and its God-ordained festivals and religious observances are vital to rhythm of life and a focus on God.

By contrast, Mrs Bilski's 'American Calendar' [whether she realized it or not] was the 16th Century Christian Church's liturgical calendar named after Pope Gregory XIII. The Gregorian calendar was based on one by employed by Julius Caesar (45 BC) throughout the Roman Empire. Both used the rotation of the sun and the earth. Thus, the year begins when the earth is farthest from the sun. Pope Gregory's added liturgical emphasis on Christ's birth (BC before Christ; AD in the year of our Lord). The week begins with Sunday as a reminder of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. The day begins at mid-night, halfway between sunset and sunrise when God changed all of time by raising Christ from the dead on the 3rd day. Solar and lunar calendars don't align, which makes Passover, Easter and Pentecost a challenge to find.

There are two other major calendar that believers ought to be aware of: the Islamic & Chinese ones. The Islamic one is based on the emigration (or Hijra) of the Prophet Muhammad and his fellow Muslims from Mecca to Medina. The Hijra took place in 622 AD by God's commanded in the Koran. It is a solar calendar, Arabic, for Muslim practice and holy days (not Biblical). The Chinese calendar is an agricultural calendar based on the lunar cycle but with some solar addition. Its

years, months, and days are named based upon the Chinese system of the heavenly stems and earthly branches, i.e. the year of the dog/monkey/etc. Trained astrologists use such Zodiac calendars to predict 'auspicious' dates and times for life activities...a practice forbidden by Scripture.

The bottom line is that Pentecost is celebrated by **Christians** on Sun, 4 June 2017; and **Jews** on May 31, 2017. It is largely ignored by **Muslims** and the **Chinese**. Yet, the miracle of Pentecost continues. Through the power of God's Holy Spirit, the whole world is being transformed and redeemed, all of the time.

NOT BELIEVE IN PENTECOST? unbelief affects those inside and outside the Church. Some choose to believe only things that can be sensed and rationally explained. 'Miracles' are edited out of their thinking and lives. Christ's earthly miracles, His resurrection, and ascension... gone. They have even less explanation for transforming affects of God pouring out His Holy Spirit on the disorganized, disheartened and dismayed Disciples [I've been there] *out of His love and for His Glory.*

In the Old Testament God anoints people with His Spirit *one at a time*. Jesus told of a new time in Act 1:8. On Pentecost God does a 'Berlitz moment' for 3000 people from diverse nations and tribes. In one instant, His Holy Spirit floods forth and begins to fulfill a 500 year old prophecy (Joel 28:29): *'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; yea, and on my menservants and my maidservants in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.—Acts 2:17-18*

THE QUESTION FOR THIS AND EVERY PENTECOST is have we missed the most important Party Invitation in all eternity? (1) Do we know Jesus as our Savior and have God's Holy Spirit within us, and (2) do we live porous lives that allow the Holy Spirit to regularly leak or surge out? This Pentecost gather to Celebrate the Birthday of the Church. Pray for 'leaky lives' that God will use to spread the Gospel to reach all peoples, nations and tribes — for God the Father's Joy, Honor and Glory.

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CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES SUMMER INTERNS

One of the ways that CHPC is committed to raising up the next generation of Christian leaders is by hiring college and high school age students as summer interns to work with kids and youth at our church and in the College Hill community. Our hope for this summer is that all of our children and youth take a step forward in their faith, and that many new families experience the love of God by getting connected

into our church community. There are three different tracks for the 2017 Summer Internship. *Focus 1 Interns* will build relationships with kids in grades K-6 at Christ's Community Camp at Pleasant Hill Elementary, at Resident Camp and Overnight Camp, in Children & Worship, and at weekly MegaBlast youth group meetings. Here are our 2017 *Focus 1 Interns* (stay tuned next week for Focus 2 and 3!):



KAYLA WILEY is a rising first semester junior at Cincinnati Christian University, studying Psychology focusing on Counseling. FACT about Kayla is that last year she wrote and directed a play called "When you surrender all". She hopes she sees God differently this summer and helps the kids here be baptized and be followers of Jesus Christ.



MOLLY BROWN is a rising sophomore at Ohio University studying Music therapy. FACT about her is that she can play seven instruments. One hope that she has for the summer is that she is able to build strong relationships with the kids.



AARON BROWN is a rising first semester junior at the University of Dayton studying Communication Management with a minor in Marketing, and concentration of Philosophy. FACT about Aaron is that he has appeared in two commercials that have aired on television. He hopes to bring kids, as well as himself closer to God while the summer progresses.



SIMONE WILLIAMS will finish her BA degree in Christian Education and Psychology from Cedarville U at the end of the summer. FACT about Simone is that she collects frog stuffed animals and figurines and has about 80 of them. This summer she hopes to develop her leadership skills among the interns and further her discipleship skills among the children she ministers to.



LIZ SNYDER is a rising sophomore at Miami University, studying Early Childhood Education and Special Education. FACT about Liz is that she is adopted. A prayer for this summer is that God works through her to speak Truth to the kids she will be working with and that her relationship gets stronger with Christ.

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 Josh S.
11:15am Aniya W. / Jayla T.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLASSES

at 10:10am. All are welcome! Classes are in the Ministry Center Basement unless otherwise noted. Final week of:

- Psalms: Prayers of the Heart
- Reading the Bible through Trinitarian Lenses
- Life & Teachings of Jesus.
- Caring for God's People - in the White House

Jared Lowe's Senior Piano Recital is TODAY. Sun May 28th at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary. We are blessed that his piano teacher, Rita Hauck, will be returning to CHPC to celebrate with us. A graduation reception will follow immediately afterward. We hope to see you there!

ONLINE GIVING We have changed providers for our online giving. If you are currently giving online, you should have received an email from Heather explaining how to move to the new system. The link on our website will take you to the correct giving page. If you haven't tried to set it up before, now is a great opportunity to set up a recurring payment!

BUDGET UPDATE We are nearing the end of our Fiscal Year which ends May 31st. We are thankful for God's provision to CHPC through our faithful stewards. We need strong giving in May in order to meet our budget needs. Thank you for your continued support of CHPC and its ministries!

CHPC is looking for a Part Time Custodian If you are or anyone you know is interested in the position, please contact Greg Fischer at gfischer@chpc.org or 513-541-5676 EXT. 1162

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

SUMMER NURSERY HELPERS Looking for adults and teens who want to care for and show God's love to our youngest children (0-4 years old) in the nursery. Please contact Robyn Hubbuch (rhubbuch@chpc.org) if you would like to serve during the first or second service at least once a month in June, July and August.

RESIDENCE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS Don't let cost keep any child from coming to camp! The full cost for each camper to attend Resident Camp this summer is \$375. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to bless a family with a partial or full camp scholarship for their child. Make Checks out to CHPC with "Camp Scholarship" in the memo line and put in the offering plate or turn in to the Atrium front desk for Heather Lethander. Online donations can be made through our website, www.chpc.org and follow the GIVE tab.

SWIM LESSONS for Children, Youths & Adults

41 Years delivering the Joy of Living Water! American Red Cross Swim Lessons with an Eternal Difference. April 1, the 2017 Brochures & Applications were mailed to former swimmers and are available to download at <http://chpc.org/forms/>. At North Hills Swim Club. Most levels offered at the same hour (10am, 11am, 12pm). Week #1: June 26-30; Week #2: July 17-21; Week #3: July 31-Aug 4. ADULT LESSON: at Twin Towers' warm water pool: July 10-14 or July 24-28 (6-7pm) — fearful to stroke refinement.

One-on-one teaching at the beginning levels. 1 week of lessons is \$60 per swimmer. paid in two steps: \$30 to register; \$30 when the class is held. Limited scholarships. Questions: email CHPCSwimMinistry@aol.com or contact Sam Stare 513-382-5902. Apply early and reserve all weeks desired. Space is limited. Expect a lot of fun!

'REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY'

Once a year we pause to celebrate the Church's Covenant Partners (Members) who have died and graduated to the Church Triumphant in the past year from 6/2/16 to 5/8/17.



Leland 'Lee' Roy Alexander
Frank W. Baker
Charles Edward Crumrine Sr.
Grace M. Fischer
Frances Gowdy
Jane Mae Allen Hug
Stephen Jones
Edgar H. Loop
Thomas Ward Osborn III
James C. Pritchett Sr.
Linda Lue Acra Pritchett
Patsy Ann Lindsey Robinson
Leslie "Pete" Sanders
Marc W. Shoemaker

Grief Support Lunch – Care ministry invites those who are grieving the loss of a loved one to attend grief group on Monday, June 19 from 11:30am – 1pm. The group provides a place of support as you journey through the grief. Please RSVP to Jeanne Schneider at jschneider@chpc.org or 513-541-5676, ext. 1160 for questions or to register.



Plan Ahead: ReGENERATION PROJECT UPDATE

SANCTUARY AREAS CLOSED OR LIMITED ACCESS

May 30 to about June 10 worn-out flooring will be replaced in
(1) the North Narthex and Women's restroom;
(2) the interior Hallway from the Sanctuary to the Pastor's Prep Room and Prayer Room; and
(3) the Hallway from the Sanctuary to the White House & Handicapped Parking Lot plus the restrooms there.
Remember that handicapped access to the main sanctuary is always available through the Hamilton Avenue door.

WANTED: Temporary Receptionist w/ excellent people skills and competent computer skills. At Magna Machine Co in Forest Park, from June 5 and/or October thru December. 30-40 hrs/week. Working with CHPC member Andrea Brown in a comfortable office setting. Contact Andrea (513-307-1514) or Steve Cheney of Magna HR (513-851-6900).

Prayer Page

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

CHPC Community

Evelyn Harris	Ralph Harris
Sharron Heller	Bob Heller
Betty Henderson	Thurman Henderson
Judy Henke	Ron Henke
Louise Henthom	Matthew Graves

Staff

Heather Lethander - HR & Finance

Officers/Leadership

Jerry Dwyer - Elder

Home Bound/Health Center

Jane Lott

Ministries

IHN

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

Victoria Hemsath Jordan Kiefer-Burruss

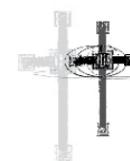
Condolences

Christian love and sympathy to the family of Billie Stickle who died on May, 23. Memorial Service at Twin Towers Chapel on Tuesday, May 30 11:30am -1pm (Visitation) and 1pm (Funeral).

Christian love and sympathy to Ruth Smith on the death of her husband, John. Arrangements pending. Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Ruth Smith
9091 Lockwood Hill Road Cincinnati, OH 45247

Flowers Given This Morning

By Elena Stothfang to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Dorothy & Daniel Fuentes G.



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May 28, 2017
Regenerating - One Another
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

June 4 **Regenerating - Work**
June 11 **Regenerating - Evangelism**
June 18 **New Series Begins**

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
Rose Ceremony
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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planting flourishing churches that
make disciples of Jesus Christ