

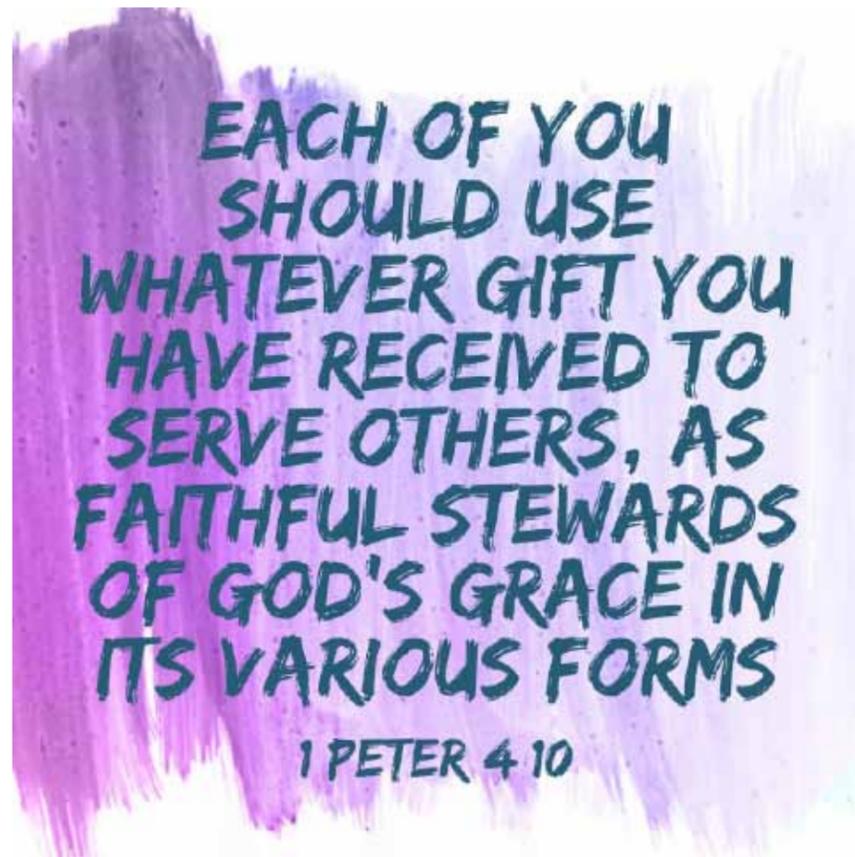
# Hot Off the Press! 8/28/16

*This September and October, our church community is going to explore the gifts that God has entrusted to us. We will learn how to identify our personal gifts, and discover ways to test and use them. In the process we will become part of God's redemptive story. We will be challenged to use our gifts and resources to help transform the communities in which we live — both here at the church, and beyond the walls in our daily lives. Join in this journey.*

MISSI KERSHNER — As the graphic says, *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.* (1 Peter 4:10)

Being a good steward of God's grace can take many forms. For some of us that means bringing a meal to a family dealing with illness or in the midst of a season of life that is hard. It can look like creating a beautiful space for worship. Or, it can be offering a welcoming place for life-weary folks to come and be refreshed. For still others, it can be stewarding facilities, or helping others to make decisions that deepening their faith and walk with God.

It's not the ways we use our gifts, it's the *using of the gifts* that is important. It is the tangible way God's love can be reflected and shown to others. As a faith community it is so important that we take care of one another. The church as described in the Bible in the book of Acts gives us an incredible picture of what community can look like when we use our gifts to build up the body of Christ. 'Church' was where believers help one another to use their gifts and talents. I thought to myself, "When was the last time I intentionally asked someone to help who I knew would be using their gifts and talents in



ways that not only benefit the community but honored God?" I sheepishly have to admit that I can't really remember when, because I've always thought to ask others about their gifts and talents, but I don't seem to

search for them like a 'talent scout' for the Kingdom.

I don't believe that God wants us to be a community where we hide our gifts and talents under a bushel. We are to let them shine. By *using* our gifts, we are letting them shine. We are showing God's love and grace to others His reflection and that light will not only be seen in our community of faith, but will shine out into other communities where people are looking for the source of that light.

Sundays at 10:10am, Sept 18 to Oct 16, Janet Dumford and I will lead a Foundational Hour Class. Join us as we look at Spiritual Gifts, and discover how God has uniquely created each of us. Learn how to see God's gifting in others and in yourselves. Let's work together to create a community of faith where spiritual gifts are welcomed, valued and *used*. God will unify us as a church community and allow that unity in Christ's love to reach those outside the doors of the church where we work and live...until Christ comes again.

## The difference between academic success and failure can be a pencil you provided.

SHARLYN STARE — I remember getting ready for a new school year — shopping for new shoes, clothes and *school supplies*. I'd pack my stuff the night before classes began so I wouldn't miss taking a single treasure. Even if it was a new school with new classmates, I always had my familiar pencil box and Crayola crayons. My Dad printed my name in big letters on my notebook. I was prepared and ready to learn.



For many school children, my experience is a fairy tale. They are embarrassed to arrive at school empty-handed. Their families live below the poverty level and have few resources to commit to 'school supplies.'

Teachers may buy supplies with their own money to help their students succeed. Feast

of Love's co-founder Karen Lane talked to the teachers and school administrators and saw the needs. *Tools for Schools* was born. Individuals and churches now work together with Feast of Love's Director Bev Graves to continue this vital ministry.

At first people bought random school supplies. Later, lists guided people's donations. As the number of schools served by *Tools for Schools* increased, Bev Graves began to write grants and to solicit financial support so that the ministry could take advantage of bulk buying where possible — to stretch the monies donated. Some items like spiral notebooks for 17¢ and crayons for 50¢ are only available during back-to-school sales.

This year *Tools For Schools* focused on collecting \$ to buy in bulk and on crayons. Some of the TFS bulk buying 'Bargains' were (bulk vs lowest retail) — #2 yellow pencils (6¢ vs 11¢); pens (8¢ vs 15¢); .32oz glue sticks (14¢ vs 67¢); portfolios (20¢ vs 45¢) and school scissors (38¢



vs 78¢). Over 15,000 notebooks of 70 lined pages were purchased for under 17¢ each.



*Tools for Schools* serves 35 schools (over 17,000 students). Each requests the 'basic' supplies they need. On the annual 'Distribution Day,' teams of volunteers take all the items

on hand and divide them up based on the schools' requests.

Nearly \$12,000 in supplies were purchased, still the need greatly exceeded available items. For example, 14,000 boxes of crayons were requested but we had only 2300. Supplies of pencils were 5% over, yet other supplies were at least 30% under. Still a total of 90,732 items was provided.



About 11:00, School representatives start arriving. Teams greet them in Christ's name and help loading the assigned supplies.



Bev Graves (pictured below in yellow) says, "Thank you for your support for 2016 *Tools for Schools*. Individuals, families and churches worked



together to serve the Lord and the children of Cincinnati. Each school

supply will make a BIG difference ...to the child who receives it!"



photos by Barry Stare

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & YOUTH HELPERS

Children, ages K through 3rd Grade, are invited to a Children's Worship service. Worship with the family (9am and 11:15am services). Just before the sermon, children will be dismissed to their special study and worship time. Listen for the announcement..

Today's helper, Single Service 10am: Jason M

Next week's Single Service 10am: DJ T & Elizabeth D.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lunch today** is provided by *The Jesus University*. The Dance Group is also leading in worship. Look for the hot dog bar, chips and brownie bar and beverages in Fellowship Hall. Donations are appreciated to offset expenses.

**IHN Interfaith Hospitality Network at CHPC This Week** — The church will again host 4 homeless families. Housing families in the church facilities provides opportunities to join together as a community in service. See the table in the atrium if you'd like to be involved or call (513) 351-1479.

**African Chorale** — Ps 100:2: *Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.* WANTED: enthusiastic vocalists to join us in a chorale to sing on a Sunday morning in both services. We will sing for the Lord in African languages. Not only will you will learn songs in African languages but you will also learn about the cultures where the songs originated. Psalm 86:9: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. Information? Contact Jacky Kalubi [jmkalubi@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkalubi@yahoo.com) and Pastor Dennis Hall [dhall@chpc.org](mailto:dhall@chpc.org).

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**The August BLAST (K-6)** — Theme is Obedience: "trusting those who lead you by doing what you're asked to do," and our memory verse is Hebrews 13:17a: "Trust in your leaders. Put yourselves under their authority. Do this, because they keep watch over you." This month families will experience Sunday School together, so please pray that kids and their families will learn to trust God's sovereign plan more fully and follow where He leads. Resources for both parents and kids are available on the BLAST page of the CYF website: <http://chpccyf.weebly.com/blast.html>.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP & ARTS AT CHPC

**Chancel Choir Starts Thurs, Sept 1** — The Fall season is quickly approaching and with it the return of the Chancel Choir. Chancel Choir rehearsals begin Sept 1 in the GREAT Hall (lower level of the Barnabas Center) and run from 7-8:30pm. Thinking about joining the choir? Or debating with yourself whether you should join? Consider this: the Choir will rehearse for 3 weeks before leading in worship. So come on in. Test the waters by coming to rehearsal and see how it 'fits.' You can always return the robe and music folder, and find a place of service that is a better fit. The important thing for every believer is to find his/her place(s) of service and to serve our Great God in His Church.

**Sept 11 Women's Special Choir Opportunity** — Ladies come *make a joyful noise* with a special choir during the Sept 11 single worship service. The music will be easy. Rehearsal is that Sunday at 9am in the Sanctuary. [Note this is the day that some will be attending *Worship in the Woods*.] Michael Parker, choir director says, "Ladies, come fill the choir loft. The Music & Worship Ministry is an 'equal opportunity ministry'...women and men both receive the same rewards in heaven."

## SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNING AT CHPC

Exercise your gifts of a warm smile and a friendly greeting. Enjoy talking to people? Want to get involved on Sunday morning? Showing hospitality? Meeting new people?

Serving? If you answered yes to any of these, we have a ministry partner area for you- SUNDAY MORNING USHERS. Stop by the sign up table today! For additional questions, you can call or text Jinda at 720-9787.

## SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

*Mark your calendars now!*

**September 4th**, Labor Day Weekend  
*Would Jesus Vote?*

One Unified Service at 10am

*with lunch* in Fellowship Hall following the service.

**September 11th - One Service Time, Two Locations**

**10am at CHPC** with lunch in Fellowship Hall following the service and

**10am at Winton Woods** for Worship in the Woods with lunch of hot dogs, chips and s'mores by the campfire following the service.

## SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Family Fun: Pumpkin Patch Fall Festival** — Sat Oct 8, 10AM-4PM, Town Hall Park, 5660 Belmont Ave at Larch Ave. Fall-themed activities/games for children, pony rides, petting zoo, farmers' market, craft fair, storytelling, live musical entertainment, festival foods all day. Hosted by College Hill Gardeners and Arts Revival of CH, CH Recreation Center and CH Forum. Email [collegehillgardeners@gmail.com](mailto:collegehillgardeners@gmail.com) or check on Facebook for info. *Volunteers needed for this quality event.*

## Sept/ Oct Adult Spiritual Formation

by William Custer

School has begun. Fall is upon us and so is the new Adult Spiritual Formation curriculum. Today (8/28) and the first two Sundays in September (9/4 and 9/11) there will be NO classes due to the unified worship services at 10am.

### Your Spiritual Gifts

At 10:10am: SUNDAYS Sept 18 to Oct 16, 5 weeks, an *ALL CHURCH* study on discovering and using spiritual gifts. Led by Missi Kershner and Janet Dumford. [See the article by Missi in this issue of *Hot Off the Press*.] Know your gifts and experience life in a new way.

### New Member Exploration Class

At 10:10am SUNDAYS Oct 9 to Oct 30, 4 weeks, Rev Dennis Hall begins a series on (1) *what it means to follow Christ*, and (2) the values of *being a 'Covenant Partner'* (member) at College Hill Presbyterian Church, part of the ECO. [Nothing dull about this class!]

### Ignite 33 'Authentic Manhood'

for Men ages 18yrs and above — 2 Ways to Participate

• 6 WEDNESDAYS, Sept 14 to Nov 19, 6:30-8:30pm in Fellowship Hall, a new season begins.

• 6 SUNDAYS, Oct 30 to Dec 4, 10:10-11:10am in the Adult Spiritual Formation Hour, a reprise of the Weds night teaching by Joe Brooks (513) 375-5126 & Brian Kershner (513) 623-2778.

**C. S. LEWIS: 'The Most Reluctant Convert' Sept 24**, 4PM and 8PM, Aronoff Theater. Max McLean is Lewis as he journeys from atheism to Christ. Sold out and rave reviews in Washington and Chicago. 20% off great orchestra seats. \$20 Dinner deal at Prime 47 with talk by Stephen Eyre on Lewis.. Email Sam Stare [starecvg@aol.com](mailto:starecvg@aol.com) for details. Don't miss it!

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

## CHPC Community

Jan Scheyer	Dan Scheid
Mary Jane Schiering	Jack Schiering
Jeanne Schneider	Stephen Schneider
Phyllis Schoenberger	Bob Schubert

**Staff** — Janice Long - Custodian

**Officers/Leadership** — Marc Shoemaker - Deacon

## Home Bound/Health Center

Pat Robinson

**Ministries** — Grief Group

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

**College/Career Students**

Clara Smith	Elizabeth Snyder
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## PRAY FOR AND GREET THESE NEW MEMBERS

Rebecca 'Beckie' Taylor and  
Cherie Bellingham-Funez & Medardo 'Mike' Funez

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

From Dottie Zimmerman — "Thank you and God's blessings to all who sent me birthday messages of love and affirmation. [98th Birthday] All I can say is to God be the glory!"

Condolences to Tom and Bonnie Mack in the death of Tom's mom, Aileen. Cards can be sent to: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Mack at 954 North Hill Lane Cincinnati, OH 45224

How would you feel if you gave someone a wonderful gift and they never unwrapped and used it?

Imagine now how God feels when He gives His children the lavish Gifts of the Holy Spirit and they go unopened.



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**August 28, 2016**

## MILESTONE SUNDAY

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

Sept. 4	One 10am Unified Service
Sept. 11	One Service Time 10am; Two Locations CHPC and "Worship In The Woods" at Winton Woods Campground
Sept 18	New Preaching Series Begins - 'Spiritual Gifts' 2 Services: 9am and 11:15am

## Today's Order of Worship

Songs of Praise  
Welcome / Opening Prayer  
Song of Celebration  
Kindergarten Presentation  
Passing the Peace — Dismissal to Children's Worship  
4th Grade Presentation  
Jesus University Dance group  
7th Grade Presentation  
Offering  
10th Grade Presentation  
Pastoral Prayer  
Announcements

## 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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