

# Hot Off the Press! 12/4/16



## LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT?

Consider giving a good night's rest.

*Sleeping Sound* is a ministry of Feast of Love (FOL) specifically designed to provide beds to children living in poverty. Many children in the Cincinnati area are sleeping on the floor. Studies prove that children perform and behave better in school with a good night's rest. Feast of Love, as a non-profit ministry, receives tax deductible donations, buys mattresses at bulk prices, and coordinates delivery of the beds.

**HOW ARE CHILDREN SELECTED TO RECEIVE BEDS?**  
*Sleeping Sound* works with the Principals of many of the same Cincinnati area schools that are recipients of *Tools for Schools* supplies each fall. These schools serve many students whose family incomes are below

the poverty level. The Principals and school staff identify children in need. The schools also have an ongoing relationship with the recipients.

**WHAT KINDS OF BEDS ARE PURCHASED?**  
Feast of Love's goal is to buy at least 500 twin mattress sets that have bed bug encasements and sheets. These are hotel quality mattresses to insure that they last. Twin mattresses are \$225 a set. Bed bug encasement and sheets are \$50. So \$275 provides a complete bed.

**WHO DELIVERS THE BEDS?**  
Bev Graves, FOL Director, has developed an excellent relationship with the Cincinnati Police Division. Off-duty Police deliver the beds. That's a win-win for all. At a time when police want to improve their relationships with the community, this is a perfect marriage.

**WHAT ABOUT THE PERFECT GIFT?**  
Is someone on your giving list tough to buy for? Consider this. Last year, we sent the information about *Sleeping Sound* to our family with the suggestion that they honor us and bless others by making a donation in our name. We also made a donation and plan to again. Our whole family *slept soundly* knowing that we had made a real difference in the life of a child...*on the birthday of the Holy Child, Jesus, who like these school children had no bed on which to lay His head.*

To donate contact Bev Graves (513) 218-3316 or go online <https://www.gofundme.com/sleepingsound>

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES / SCHEDULE

### Christmas Celebration

Sunday 12/18 - One Service at 10am

**Christmas Eve** - Saturday 12/24 - Two Services  
5pm Interactive Family Service  
8pm Communion & Candlelight Service

### Christmas Service

Sunday 12/25 One Service at 10am  
Feast of Love Dinner (free)  
Christmas Day Noon - 2:00pm

### New Year's Day

Sunday 1/1 One Service at 10am

## ENJOY AN EVENING OF PURE CHRISTMAS JOY

Come to Supper Club next week, Monday, December 12, for an evening of good food, drama and song. Our caterer will provide us with an elegant dinner at 6:15pm, and the program will start at 7:00. Jeff Holmes, (son of Skip and Linda) will bring us a night of Christmas monologues interwoven with songs and group carol singing.

Jeff grew up in the College Hill area. He attended Cincinnati Christian University where he received his Bachelors of Music in Piano Performance. He has a Master's of Worship Studies from the Robert Webber Institute for Worship Studies (IWS). Jeff is passionate about sharing music and calling others into lives formed by Christ. He currently serves as the part-time contemporary worship director for Northminster Presbyterian Church, and the part-time music and worship coordinator for Twin Towers Senior Living Community.

So join the crowd Monday, December 12 in Fellowship Hall. Price is \$10.00 at the door. Make your reservations with Sally Auble at 741-3125 before Thursday, December 8.

## Christ's Community's Food Drive for Christmas

Once again, Christ's Community in College Hill will be holding its annual food drive for Christmas baskets, distributed to those in need. As you leave today, be sure to get your grocery bag with the list of food we need for our Christmas boxes. We hope each person can purchase 3 large cans of yams or sweet potatoes and 3 large box of instant mashed potatoes. Also, \$15.00 for a Christmas Ham would be appreciated.

Please bring your donations to Church on the following Sundays: 12/11 or 12/18. You may drop off the food and donation envelope at the church door with a Deacon. Help is also needed to load the truck on the 11th & 18th, if you can help, please come to the welcome desk at noon. Information about assembly and distribution will be provided later, watch the bulletin and Hot Off the Press for details.

We also need new unwrapped toys for Santa's workshop no later than Sunday, 12/18.

## Joy to ALL the World!

Our Global Workers have scattered, or rather been sent by God, throughout the earth sharing by word and deed the good news of the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. They have counted it a small thing to struggle with difficult languages, navigate confusing cultural practices, inhabit war zones, endure serious health problems with inadequate care, slowly build trust with neighbors who suspect they work for the CIA, witness terrible suffering and seek to help, and raise children who cannot see the USA as home, all while explaining and demonstrating the loving character of God revealed in Jesus. Does it boggle your mind? This is the short list of what I have observed in the lives of our CHPC Global Workers – those who serve cross-culturally whether in the States or overseas – during the decades I have known most of them.

Each has faithfully come to us periodically to speak in Foundation Hour and Mission Team meetings, and even from the screen or the pulpit, about how God is at work all over the world because of our tithes and offerings and prayers. Together, let's give them a small blessing this Christmas of money toward Amazon gift cards they can use from any place in the world, any time during the year, for nearly anything they need. And above all, please continue and increase in your prayers for God to fulfill his mission through them, allowing them to share His joy. -Mary Sue Verhagen-

## 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 Jason S.  
11:15am Elizabeth D. / DJ T.

Next week's helpers are:  
9:00am Aniya W.  
11:15am Sarah & Lowe L.

## Adult Spiritual Formation November Update

By William Custer

Last week we began another three-week series, this one devoted to the greatest gift of all, the Christ child. This series will run through December 11 and will include some new and unique studies summarized below.

### Mary Had A Baby

This Advent study is based on African American Spirituals. Led by Helen Brooks and Fran Kelley

### The Purpose of Christmas

Popular writer Rick Warren puts Christmas in perspective with his book and video-based discussion. Led by Missi Kershner and Chris Roediger

### The Women of Christmas: Elizabeth, Mary, Anna

This study is based on the book of the same title by Liz Curtis Higgs author of more than 30 books with 4.5 million copies in print. Led by Barb Rosen

### Dealing with Holiday Stress

The holidays can be a busy and stressful time, preventing us from experiencing God's peace and remembering the true meaning of the holidays. Come to this class and learn some helpful tips for dealing with holiday stress. Led by Jeanne Schneider and the Congregational Care team

### Parents of Young Children

Meeting in Parents Lounge – Ministry Center 2nd Floor. Led by Andrew Wells at 10:10.

### Men's Ministry – Ignite 33 'Authentic Manhood'

(Reprise) Led by Joe Brooks and Brian Kershner at 10:10.

Meeting in Ministry Center Basement-Room A.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Advent/Christmas Decor:** Honor your loved ones by contributing to poinsettia plants and greens used during December. Donors and honorees will be listed in the Christmas Eve Bulletins. *Contact Sam Routzon by Dec. 19th. Ext. 1125 or sroutzon@chpc.org.*

**Grief and the Holidays** Those who are grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to one of the following groups for support through the season.

- Monday, Dec. 5 11:30am specially for those grieving loss of spouse. Lunch provided.
- Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 5:30am open to all. Light dinner provided.

Please RSVP to Jeanne Schneider at jschneider@chpc.org or 513-541-5676, x1160

**IF: Gathering's 2-day gathering** each year brings together women from all over the world to humbly seek God and to equip them to better live out their callings. Registration and Date Reminder cards are in the Atrium. Join Us Feb. 3 at 5:30pm and Feb. 4 at 8:30am Registration in atrium or at the link on chpc.org

**Jennie Allen (the founder of IF: )** is coming to CHPC Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 6:30pm! Jennie Allen is taking the show on the road. There is a ticket purchase required. There will be a limited number of 'gifted' tickets available, please contact Missi K. (missikershner@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.

**regeneration** - Now that the campaign is completed, here is how to fulfill your pledge!

• **Online** - Go to chpc.org and follow the GIVE NOW button. Then, choose "regeneration Campaign - Pledge". It is easy to set up recurring payments according to your preferred installment plan.

• **Check** - If you are making your installments by check be sure to note "regeneration" on the memo line. If you include your pledge payment with your general giving, be sure to identify how to split the check!

**Year End Giving - Timing matters!** To be considered a 2016 contribution for tax purposes, your checks must be postmarked and dated before December 31, 2016 (if mailed). All other contributions including cash, must be received by December 31st. Remember, you can contribute online!

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

**FX (Family Experience) Night is tonight from 6-8pm!** All families with kids and youth are invited to eat dinner (provided), play games, and engage together in what students are learning in the Fellowship Hall.

**5pm Family Christmas Eve Service** Children and youth help lead this special service every year! If you or your children are interested in acting in a skit, playing/singing with the band, performing a musical solo, reading scripture, or leading in any other creative ways, please contact Robyn Hubbuch: rhubbuch@chpc.org by Sunday, December 11th.

## EVENTS AROUND TOWN

**The Voices at Bowling Green University Choir** will be at Covenant First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, 12/18 at 4pm. Their mission is to spread the culture and history of spiritual music in a joyful manner, through hard work, discipline and collaboration.

**Meet Me In The Air** Celebrate Christmas with Friends of the Groom Theater Company, December 16 -18 at the Anderson Center Performing Arts Theater, 7859 Five Mile Rd., 45230. Take 30,000 watts and mix in the Lone Ranger, science fiction, a pinch of Jesus and a table full of sound effects. What do you get? WJCN--the wildest family-owned station from the Golden Age of Radio. Tickets available at 513-831-2859 or at www.friendsofthegroom.com.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP & ARTS AT CHPC

**Call for Orchestra Players** Christmas is a wonderful time for a musician. We want to add an orchestra on Dec. 18 (Sunday morning), Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve, 8pm service) and Dec. 25 (Sunday, Christmas Day). If you can play on any or all of these services, please join us. We will be rehearsing on Monday evenings, 7-8:30pm on Dec. 5 & 12 and possibly on the 19th. Bring your instrument and join in with the orchestra. If you have questions, you may call Michael Parker (513-312-9473) or email mparker@chpc.org., or talk at church. Let's join together to make Christmas a special season of enjoyable music.

**Christmas Choir Members** If you have wanted to sing with the Chancel Choir during the Christmas season - the season is upon us! The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings and you are welcome to come and sing. We will be rehearsing our Christmas music beginning this week. Rehearsal begins at 7pm and goes until 8:30pm. Come for any part of the rehearsal or the whole rehearsal. We will be singing each Sunday morning during Advent and also on Christmas Eve. You can pick and choose the services that work for you. Questions? Call or email Michael Parker at 513-312-9473 or mparker@chpc.org or talk at church.

## SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

**REFUGEE needs in Cincinnati.** The two current needs are backpacks with school supplies and rice cookers. **You may bring these items to the front desk on Sunday, Dec. 11 only please.** They will be delivered to Catholic Charities for distribution. If you wish to give a monetary gift for these items or larger items such as beds or furniture, call Robin Riechel for details, 675-4375. There is also an opportunity to volunteer at the warehouse of Catholic Charities, Dec. 17, 10am-3pm at 213 Hosea Ave.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR OUR GLOBAL WORKERS:** Please pick up an envelope from the Mission table on Main Street, add cash or check, and place in the offering any Sunday in December. Together we will purchase Amazon cards for each Global Worker to bless their Christmas week. Contact information will be available if you wish to greet individual workers personally. Gifts can also be given to the Finance office before Dec. 23. Donations are not tax deductible.

## SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

**IHN Coming Soon** The last IHN hosting week will begin on Sunday Dec 11. Please see the table in the atrium if you can participate in this ministry effort. Overnight hosts and kitchen hosts are still needed. We also need a few people to assist in the change-over of the classrooms into bedrooms immediately after the second service on Dec 11. Thanks in advance for your support!

**Thanks to everyone** who donated to the Feast of Love Thanksgiving Dinner. We served 120 in house and gave away approximately 50 servings to the Firehouse across the street and the Hope Over Heroin men's house. We will need ham and desserts for Christmas. Sign-ups to donate or volunteer will be in the atrium until December 18th.

## Prayer Page

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

## CHPC Community

Sally Auble	Barbara Barber
Erin Bartsch	John Bartsch
Robin Bechtel	Rob Bechtel
Maggie Beckjord	Reed Beckjord

## Staff

Greg Fischer - Facility Manager

## Officers/Leadership

Kathy Spelman - Deacon

## Home Bound/Health Center

Chloe Bernius

## Ministries

IF Gathering

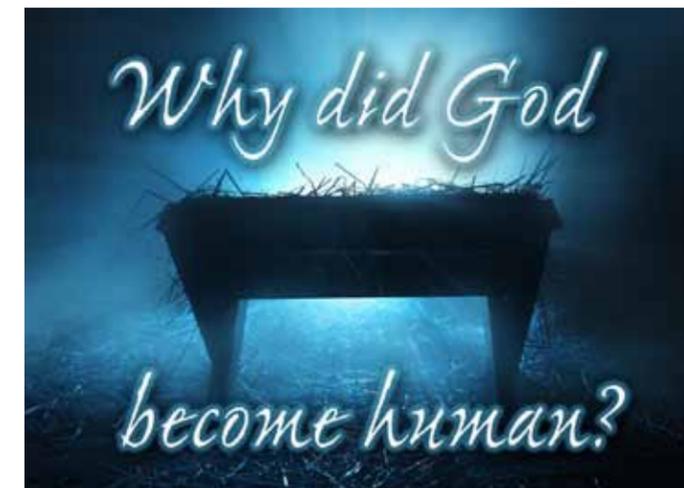
## Global Workers

## 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

Colleen Grimm	Sophia Hdija
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**December 4, 2016**  
**Why Did God Become Human?**  
**To Die**

**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

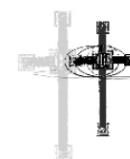
**Dec. 11** Why Did God Become Human? - To Live  
**Dec. 18** Unified Service at 10am  
Why Did God Become Human?  
To Glorify God  
**Dec. 24** Christmas Eve - 2 Services  
5pm Family Service &  
8pm Candlelight / Communion Service

## Today's Order of Worship

Prelude  
Call To Worship / Opening Prayer  
Songs of Praise  
Dismiss Children  
Scripture & Sermon  
Pastoral Prayer  
Healing Stations  
Communion  
Offering  
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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