

By William Custer

### IF GATHERING:

Over 100 women came together the first weekend in February to attend IF: Gathering. This year focused on the early church and the simple things done because of Christ love with a focus on discipleship. Here is a sampling of what this weekend was like...

I enjoyed the IF gathering, getting together with women of all different ages, meeting a couple new people and getting to know others better. The preaching and stories were excellent, as well as the food and fellowship. Most of the leaders were young, so I was surprised to see that the first one after lunch had white hair. I was excited when I learned that she was Jill Briscoe. I thought "Wasn't she here with her husband for a preaching mission years ago? Gene would remember for sure. He'd probably even remember the sermons." Yes, he remembered it, but only one of the sermons. The main theme of the conference was one-to-one evangelism. What would be the result if each one of us shared the gospel and our faith and mentored just one person. Do I have the confidence to do that? That's a challenge for me so I'll keep on praying.

Sandy

I'd been looking forward to the IF Gathering blindly. Not knowing what to expect & how much I'd be impacted by this unique experience. There has been a growing question in my heart, "What is next" for me? I'm on the cuff of being an 'empty nester' mother bird & not sure what my next role in life will be. At IF, I might not have gotten that question completely answered but I'm looking at the next phase differently. Knowing & being reminded that as a servant of God, I am able to serve in mighty ways right where I am. My work is not done yet. At IF my spirit got a new spark. The next phase looks less bleak & now more excited about what God has in store for me.

Robyn

When hearing about the IF: Gathering simulcast, I was concerned about the disconnect that I may have felt when watching the conference through a screen, sitting in the sanctuary of our church. However, I decided to go and give it a chance. The IF: Gathering was a very fruitful experience that fed into my passion of discipleship. I realized that what I have been doing at school regarding the small group that I am leading with a few other seniors, is not only beneficial to my faith, but also for others at school. I also realized that sometimes in order to hear God's voice, we need to shut out the noise that surrounds us. God is constantly trying to pursue a relationship with us; after all we are His beloved children that he loves unconditionally. Sometimes the disconnect from God we are feeling is because we are not listening, or that we are distracted, not because he has stopped trying to pursue a relationship with us.

Kendra



Thank you to all who helped in big and small ways to make this weekend refreshing. May we all continue to pray that God would help us to remember Jill Briscoe's words from the weekend to "Go where you are sent, stay where you're put and give what you've got".

The current series of Adult Spiritual Formation classes will wrap up on the last Sunday of February 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.

#### Men's Ministry - Ignite 33

Led by Joe Brooks and Brian Kershner at 10:10a.

If you have not checked out one of the following current classes, there are two more weeks.

Multiethnic Conversations

Bible Study - 1 Peter

The Prayer of Jabez

Sacred Marriage

Men's Ministry - Ignite 33

#### 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 Sarah L.

11:15am Jared L. / Amir J.

Next week's helpers are:

9:00am Aiden M.

11:15am Nicholas D. / Monica V.

## 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 20, 27 & March 6**

**Jennie Allen (the founder of IF:)** will be here tonight!

**Command Performance!** Back by popular demand, the Chancel Choir along with the African Choir, will be singing at the beginning of the 2nd service, next Sunday, 2/26! If you come late, you will miss this it. Come see what the buzz was all about!

**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.

## 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.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP & ARTS AT CHPC

**Let's Get Started Handbell Ringers** Calling all past handbell ringers, present handbell ringers, and future handbell ringers: meet in the front of the Sanctuary immediately following this morning's 9am service. We will meet and greet our new handbell director, Carl Bryant, whom some may know from a past handbell choir here at CHPC, and establish a rehearsal time. The handbell choir is presently scheduled to play in the Palm Sunday Unified Service. So, come on and join . . . let's get started!

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

**No Family Game Night tonight** due to the Jennie Allen event!

**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**



**Sunday, February 26, 2017**

Immediately following second service in the 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.

## HONOR FLIGHTS

"We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they walk by." — Will Rogers

In this crazy world we are usually surprised to learn about something that shows generosity, kindness, and just plain goodness. Honor Flight Network, a non-profit organization, was created solely to show respect to America's veterans by flying them to Washington, D.C. to visit memorials that honor their service to the nation. The veterans are escorted by volunteer guardians, who give them assistance on the flight and around Washington.

One of our own CHPC members, Jim Bodmer, has taken an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. and he will bring his presentation of the trip to Supper Club on Monday, 2/27. Jim has lived in College Hill and been a member of CHPC for over 50 years. He spent 26 years in the Navy. On active duty he served on the staff of Commander Carrier Division 7, in the western Pacific aboard three aircraft carriers. He retired in 1986 after serving as Commanding Officer of two different reserve units. Jim has been active in the College Hill Forum and has led the Citizens on Patrol for more than 17 years.



Come and enjoy a gourmet meal and Jim's presentation. Dinner is served at 6:15pm and the program will begin at 7:00. The cost is \$10.00, payable at the door, but you must make reservations by calling Sally Auble at 741-3125 before Thursday, February 23.

## Prayer Page

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

## CHPC Community

Shauna Mason	Sam Routzon
Alison Hauck	Brian Hauck
Dane Weaver	Barbara Barber
Mandy Wells	Andrew Wells
Gail Reed	Kathleen Hughes

## Staff

John Stifel

## Officers/Leadership

Ken Elu - Elder

## Home Bound/Health Center

Betty Henderson

## Ministries

BLAST

## 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

Clara Smith                      Nate Smith

## Flowers Given This Morning

in memory of Karen Lane

## Condolences

Christian love and sympathy to Cathy Mueller on the death of her Dad, Chet Smith. Condolences may be sent to: Mr. & Mrs. Kip Mueller  
1450 Thomwood Dr.  
Cincinnati, OH 45224



**February 19, 2017**

**UNITED**

**One Family**

**Preaching: Mike Jorgensen**

## 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

**Feb. 26**    **United - One Voice**

**March 1**    **Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm**

**March 5**    **New Series Begins: All Access - Praise**

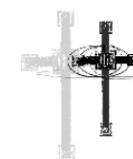
**March 12**    **All Access - Confession**

## 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.



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