

Meeting the Needs of Refugees

Do you feel like the refugee problem is so big that there's nothing you can do to help? Well, during the first three weeks of March, CHPC will focus on the needs of refugees and ways we can reach out to them. A refugee is a person who has fled or has been forced to leave their home country out of fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion.



Seven CHPC supported global workers in Turkey, Germany and Iraq have recently been serving the profound needs of the thousands fleeing war and terror in the Middle East. The World Mission Leadership Team has connected with our global workers to understand the needs of refugees overseas and has learned what can be done locally to help refugees in Cincinnati.

On **March 20**, we will be collecting an **offering for refugees** to be sent to the organizations through which our global workers serve including Operation Mobilization and the Outreach Foundation. The offering will be divided among these organizations. You can find special offering envelopes in the pews and at the Refugee Table in the atrium.

In October 2015 Kathy Angi, a first responder to the refugee crisis, spoke at CHPC to inform us of her recent visit to Hungary. She witnessed hundreds of refugees walking the railroad tracks (the shortest route between and through countries) with worn out shoes and carrying babies and children. Kathy was encouraged to see residents of Hungary bringing shoes, strollers, and food to the train station where many refugees were camped.

Now it's our turn to respond by collecting items needed to help refugees who are arriving here in Cincinnati each month through Catholic Charities. At the end of each service today, a list of current needed items will be available. Please bring these items to church on March 13 or 20. After our joint service on **March 20**, there will be a luncheon and a **Service Project for Refugees**. We will box items, pack backpacks for children and make welcome cards and posters for the refugees. Please plan to join us.

In the past, CHPC has worked with Catholic Charities to sponsor refugee families from Latvia and Vietnam. Catholic Charities is the only provider of direct resettlement services for war, religious and political refugees in Hamilton County and Southwestern Ohio. They work with the U.S. Department of State and help refugees find work, housing and English courses. In the first two weeks of March, Catholic Charities will be welcoming a family of five from Iraq, a family of four from Bhutan and two families of eight each from the Congo.

Please pray about how God would want you to support the refugees of the world, either through a monetary gift to the Refugee Fund or by bringing needed supplies for refugees arriving in Cincinnati. Feel free to stop by the Refugee Table in the atrium for more information.

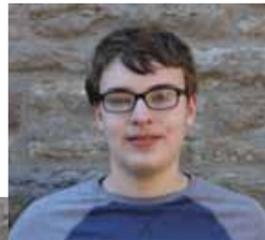
CHPC New Covenant Partners



Bwanishe "Victor" Bugandwa



Zachariah Kershner



Matthew Dumford



Sheila Mayes



Michael Heltzer



Joanne & Carl Cornelius

5th SUNDAY of LENT

Activity for Small Groups & families with children

Lent is the 40 days prior to Easter when the Church focuses on learning about the life of Jesus Christ and preparing for Holy Week.

YOU WILL NEED: 7 candles and candle holders and a map of Israel. **WHAT TO DO:** Begin by lighting all 7 candles. Week 1, darken one. Week 2, darken one more, etc. Recite the meaning of each candle as it is extinguished. Listed in chronological order, each candle identifies: (a) A PLACE in Jesus' life; (2) A KEY EVENT in His life; and (3) A 'BETRAYAL' He experienced in connection with that event.

SAY: This week we darken the 7th candle: EGYPT — Peril. After Christ's birth in Bethlehem, the first step on His journey was to **flee to Egypt to escape death** at the hands of King Herod.

Then, the 6th candle: NAZARETH — Baptism. Jesus was baptized and went out to be tempted in the wilderness for 40 days. He returned to His home, Nazareth, and was **rejected by His own people**.

Then, the 5th Candle: GALILEE — Discippling. Jesus' life and teaching attracted many. Four fishermen from Galilee were his first disciples — ordinary men who would cause him disappointments and trials.

Then, 4th Candle: SAMARIA — Teaching. Meeting the woman at the well in Samaria was only one of the times when Jesus taught the 'truth of God' with authority. Yet people hardened their hearts, distorted His words and denied His teachings.

Today, we darken the 3rd Candle: BETHANY — Healing.

Raising Lazarus from the dead at Bethany was typical of the wonders, exorcisms, healings, and miracles that Jesus did in the power of the Holy Spirit to show people who He was. But many would not 'see.'



ACTIVITY: Find Bethany on the map. The town is now called al-Eizariya, Israel. It is on the southeast slope of the Mount of Olives about 1.5 miles from Jerusalem.

READ: John 11:1-3, 17-44. **DISCUSS:** Parents retell the event in a way that children can understand. Why does Jesus wait to heal Lazarus? (hint Jn 11: 4) Imagine that you are one of the crowd at the tomb, what might you be thinking / feeling when you see Jesus doing miracles? Tell of a time when you or someone you know well was healed by God's power. Give thanks for that healing to *Jehovah-Rapha: The Lord Who Heals*.

Adult Spiritual Formation Classes Feb. 14 - Mar. 13

The classes below meet Sunday Morning at 10:10am unless otherwise noted.

Christianity in the House of Islam

Meets in the Ministry Center Basement Club Room
Led by Mary Belle Chapman at 10:10am.
No class size limit.

The Cross and the Old Testament

Meets in the Ministry Center Basement Room A/B
Led by Drew Smith at 10:10am.
No class size limit.

Parables of Jesus

Meets in the Ministry Center Basement Room C
Led by Fran Kelley at 10:10am.
Class size limited to 15.

The Book of Daniel

Meets in the Ministry Center Basement Room D
Led by Scott Rice at 10:10am.
Class size limited to 15.

Caregiving for Loved Ones

Meets in the Ministry Center Basement Room E
Led by Tim Sillaman at 10:10am on Sundays
Group size limited to 15.

Love Languages

Meets in the White House
Led by Jeanne Schneider at 10:10am.
Class size limited to 15.

Parents of Elementary Age Children

Meets in the Parent Lounge
2nd Floor of the Ministry Center
Led by Andrew Wells at 10:10am.

Worship: The Series Continues

Meets in the Barnabas Center - Room 204
Led by William (Bill) Custer at 9:00am on Sunday

Life and Teachings of Jesus

Led by William (Bill) Custer at 7:00-8:30pm.
Meets in the Barnabas Center - Room 204
Wednesday evenings for 5 weeks, Feb. 17 - Mar. 16

"LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION" POLICY

When parking, remember to keep your valuables and all parcels out of sight safely locked in your trunk. Thieves can even see through dark tinted glass. Don't tempt!

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 Andrew D.
11:15am Aidan M. / Sarah L.
Michelle Dyson will greet

Next week's helpers are:

9:00am Jason M.
11:15am Jared & Sarah L.
Rosebrook Family will greet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Accepting Recommendations for 2017 Church Officers Now! The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) is now accepting recommendations from the congregation for next year's officers. Deadline is today. Please pick up a form at the front desk, where completed forms may also be turned in the box provided. You may also turn in your recommendations to any Deacon, in the offering plate, via mail to the church, attn. Nominating Committee, or by emailing nominations@chpc.org.

Service Project Lunch On Palm Sunday, March 20th, we will have an all church service project following the combined worship service. Just like last year, we will be having a pizza lunch together before participating in the service project in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for the lunch today in the Atrium so that we will know what kind of pizza you like, and how much to order. We are also looking for a few people to help with setup that day, so if you are interested in helping, there will be a sign-up sheet for you there as well.

Do You Want Your Child To Go To College? Leadership scholars host a free seven week Parent Academy that teaches you how to help your child succeed in school and go to college. Spring Session starts Tuesday, March 8th. For more information or to sign-up call 513-861-5323 or visit www.leadershipscholars.org/sign-up. Meals, transportation and childcare are provided.

Do you want to receive congregation prayer requests? Join the E – Prayer Chain by signing up on the home page at chpc.org. Enter your email address in the box right under the opening paragraph.

IGNITE 33 What is Authentic Manhood? Come explore with us. Starting April 13th at 7pm. For details contact Brian Kershner – kershner_b@yahoo.com or Joe Brooks – brojoe777@gmail.com

Easter Flowers If you would like to make a gift toward flowers for your loved ones or for Easter Sunday, please contact Sam Routzon at Ext. 1125 or email her at sroutzon@chpc.org The deadline to order Easter Flowers is Monday, March 21. Suggested donation is \$50.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The March BLAST (K-6) Theme is Hope: "believing that something good can come out of something bad," and our memory verse is John 16:33b: "In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world." Please pray this month that our children would learn to believe in Jesus and the power of His resurrection, no matter what may be going on in their lives. Resources for both parents and kids are available on the BLAST page of the CYF website: <http://chpcyf.weebly.com/blast.html>.

CRASH (7-9th grade) and Huddles (10-12th grade) Will both meet tonight, March 6th, and next Sunday, March 13th, but will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter. CRASH will meet from 4-5:30pm, and Huddles will meet from 6:30-8:30pm. Note – next Sunday is a date change for huddles!

CYF Summer Trips! The following forms for our summer trips are now available on the Summer page of the CYF website: <http://chpcyf.weebly.com/summer-2016.html>:

- Overnight Camp Registration Form (finishing grades 1-2)
- Resident Camp Registration Form (finishing grades 2-6)
- Resident Camp Work Crew Application (finishing grades 7-9)
- Resident Camp Counselor Application (finishing grades 10-12 or adult)
- The Alabama Experiment Application (finishing grades 7-12)

Early registration for all trips (with a discounted price!) is March 31st, so turn your forms in soon!

SERVING IN WORSHIP & ARTS AT CHPC

Calling all string, brass, woodwind players - let's get together and have an Easter Sunday orchestra for the 9 AM service. We have place for all levels of players. We'll do Monday night rehearsals on March 14 and 21 from 7-8:30 pm. If we need more rehearsal, we'll find a good time. A sign-up sheet is available at the front desk - leave your name, instrument and email/phone number and you will have music soon. Questions? Contact Michael Parker at mparker@chpc.org or call 513-312-9473.

SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Sleeping Sound program is in need of donations. We currently have 10 children waiting for beds and we are \$1000.00 short. Please consider making a one time donation or a monthly donation to this program. Since October, we have delivered 31 beds and four beds are scheduled to be delivered next week. Thanks!!!

FUELING THE CHURCH

Want to get involved? Feel the need to help out? Are you being called to serve? Help Fuel the Church! There is now a list of ministry partner opportunities in the community bulletin board on Mainstreet (hallway between atrium and fireside room). Some of these opportunities require more commitment/skill, others may be a one-time task. There is something there for everyone! This information is also listed on the web at chpc.org/get-involved/partner-in-ministry

JOINING THE CHPC FAMILY

If you are interested in becoming a member at CHPC, our next New Covenant Partner Orientation Classes are: Sundays April 3, 10, 17, 24 at 10:10am. To sign up or if you have questions contact: Michelle at 541-5676 Ext. 1123 or mhemsath@chpc.org or Pastor Dennis at Ext. 1122 or dhall@chpc.org

Prayer Page

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

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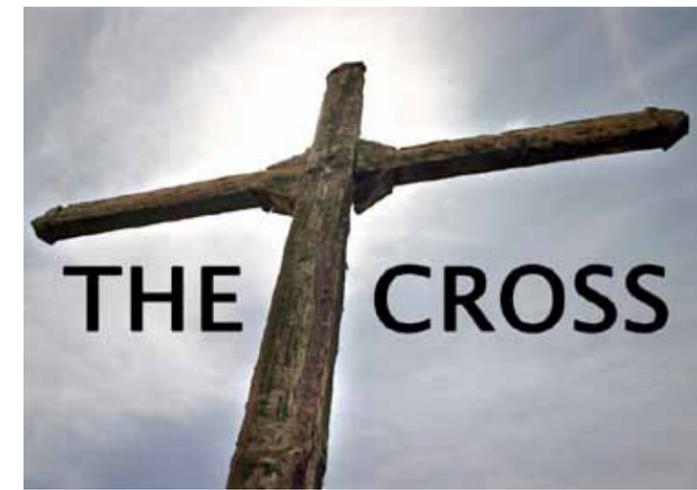
Adam Steveley US Army	Chris Jaeger USMC
Cary Jaeger USMC	Kirk Kalmbacher US Coast Guard
Zach Scharf Army National Guard	Nyjoel Baker US Air Force
Danny Holian US Navy Pilot	Will Connor US Army
Joey Nieberding US Army	Peter & Amanda Leugers US Navy
Gus Carpenter US Marines	Andrew Deiters US Marines

College/Career Students

Paul Klusmeier Rachel Koize

Flowers Given This Morning

courtesy of the Cincinnati chapter of the American Guild of Organists



March 6, 2016

The Cross
Unifies

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

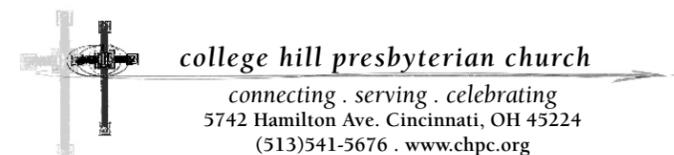
March 13	The Cross - All Peace
March 20	Palm Sunday - One Service at 10am
March 27	Easter Sunday - Three Services 7am - 9am - 11:15am
April 3	New Series Begins - BRAVE 2.0

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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