

Hot Off the Press! 5/8/16

The Church's Liturgical Year: Pentecost

ON SUNDAY MAY 15, 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/Hebrew 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, Mr. 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 employed by Julius Caesar (45 BC) throughout the Roman Empire. Both referenced 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 *Anno Domini*, 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 midnight, 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 calendars 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 as recorded in the Koran. It is a solar calendar in 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 (business deals, weddings, births, times to plant). Trusting astrology is forbidden by Scripture.

The bottom line is that Pentecost is celebrated by **Christians** on Sunday, 15 May 2016; and **Jews** on the 7th of Iyyar, 5776AM (*Anno Mundi* in the year of the world). It is largely ignored by **Muslims** on Sunday, 8 Sha'baan 1437 AH (*After Hijra*) and the **Chinese** on Gui-Si (Snake) 4th month, 9th day, 4714 of the year of the Monkey. Yet, the miracle of Pentecost continues - transforming the whole world through the power of the Holy Spirit all of time.



NOT BELIEVING 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 are gone. They have even less explanation for the transforming effects 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 Acts 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

THIS AND EVERY PENTECOST RAISES THE QUESTION 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 and tribes — for God the Father's Joy, Honor and Glory.

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Budget Update

As you know our FY2016 giving goal is \$1,230,000. We have reached **\$1,110,000**. We have 4 weeks left to reach our goal.

FFAT would like to challenge members of the congregation to increase their individual giving by \$35 each week.

Here are some ideas to help think about ways you might spend \$35 in a week without even realizing it!

- 1 Dinner Out
- 2 Take Out Orders
- 3 Carry-Out Pizzas
- 4 Movie Tickets

Don't forget you can give online! Simply go to our website, www.chpc.org and follow the orange GIVE NOW! Button.



The Journey Continues Through May 29

Adult Spiritual Formation Update
By William Custer

The CHPC Journey continues through May 29. That's right, there are five, not just two, more weeks to be Brave. Although the All-City Journey does end in two weeks, CHPC has an All-Church Journey that continues another three weeks through May 29. So it is still a good time to join a group. Ask at the Welcome Desk if you don't know how to find a Sunday morning group.

- May 8 All City Journey: Brave Life
- May 15 All Church Journey: The Holy Spirit
- May 22 All Church Journey: What Is a Pastor?
- May 29 All Church Journey: Remembrance Sunday

On June 6 Adult Spiritual Formation will begin a new six week series of classes. Announcement of class offerings and registration will begin May 15.

Brave Parents. Parenting elementary aged children group will continue to meet during the middle hour for normal parenting material. A Brave group of members of the class meets on Fridays at 5:30pm for potluck dinner. Anyone can contact Andrew Wells to hear more details like location awells@chpc.org

Home Groups. Several home groups are in progress, if you would like to a part of one of these contact the church office.

"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 Jason M
11:15am Elizabeth & Andrew D.
The Dixon family will greet.

Next week's helpers are:
9:00am No helper
11:15am Sarah & Jared L.
The Deitzel family will greet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Pancake Breakfast** Today starting at 10 am and after second service. Regular and Blueberry pancakes available. Love offerings will be accepted for our childrens' dance team, Jesus University.

Listening To One Another About Race Wednesday May 11. Let's keep learning how to connect in Jesus no matter our differences. We gather at 7pm to talk about race. It's a safe place to talk about a controversial subject. The Enemy seeks to divide but the Spirit will bring unity. We don't try to convince; we try to understand. Come join us and learn together to be unified in Christ.

You are invited to join the World Mission team for a potluck lunch at 12:45 pm, Sunday May 15, in Belwood Apartments Great Room (back door), 1776 Larch Ave. in College Hill. Andy and Emily Eatough will be our guests and the afternoon will also include Global Worker updates. We finish before 3 pm. Main dish is provided; please bring a salad or dessert. RSVP or questions to Mary Sue 513-541-7829.

Summer Intern Mentors - Women Needed! We've had eight adults sign up to mentor our Children, Youth and Family Interns this summer, which is awesome! We're looking for four more women who would like to pour into high school and college age students. You'd meet every other week this summer to pray with, encourage, and challenge your student. Please pray if God wants you to be one of these mentors, and contact Robyn or Andrew if you feel God is saying yes! rhubbuch@chpc.org

Resident Camp Counselors - Men Needed! We've had a great response to our call for adults to come to Resident Camp as counselors! At this point we're looking for four more adult men to care for and build relationships with 8-10 kids of a specific age group (finishing 2nd-6th grade) along with at least one other co-counselor. This is a week-long commitment (July 3-9) where you will stay in a cabin with your campers. We offer a stipend of \$350, but also welcome counselors who volunteer their time. Please pray if God wants you to be one of these mentors, and contact Robyn or Andrew if you feel God is saying yes! awells@chpc.org

Lost and Found Did you know we have a lost and found drawer located at the front desk? Once again it is chock-full of clothes, water bottles, travel mugs and other items. If you have left something here, please ask the person at the front desk. We will be donating or discarding any items not claimed today.

CHPC's Mitch Teemley is looking for EXTRAS to appear in his feature FILM Over-the-Rhine! All ages and ethnicities needed. No experience required. Interested? Email Mitch ASAP: mitch@moriahmediallc.com

SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Pleasant Hill Academy – We need help! Our extended Brave Challenge is developing relationships at Pleasant Hill Academy through girls soccer. Several of our coaches are going off to college and we are praying that God will raise up replacements for next fall. We need high school students, retirees and more. If God doesn't provide the resources by May 15th we will be pruning our program. Contact Dave Snyder if you would like to know more or if you just want to encourage us by letting us know that you are praying with us about our heading.

Camp S'More is May 18th and 19th!!! Volunteers needed!! Come and stay the night or for the day, you will not be disappointed!!! Contact Bev Graves at 513-218-3316 for more details.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CRASH (7-9th grade) and Huddles (10th-12th grade) will NOT meet tonight. Happy Mother's Day!

The May BLAST (K-6) Theme is Contentment: "deciding to be happy with what you've got," and our memory verse is Philippians 4:12b: "I have learned the secret of being content no matter what happens. I am content whether I am well fed or hungry. I am content whether I have more than enough or not enough." Please pray this month that our children would be able to trust God to meet their needs and shift their focus toward what God wants them to do with what He's given them. Resources for both parents and kids are available on the BLAST page of the CYF website: <http://chpccyf.weebly.com/blast.html>.

CYF Summer Trips! The following forms for our summer trips are now available on the Summer page of the CYF website: <http://chpccyf.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)



The SWIMMING MINISTRY celebrates its 40th Anniversary this summer. For children and youths ages 3 and above lessons are the weeks of June 20, July 11 and July 25 9:30am-1:30pm at North Hills Swim Club and, for adults, the July weeks 6-7:15pm at Twin Towers. The Swim Ministry Staff training dates are June 9-10 (6-9pm with dinner at College Hill Presbyterian) and June 11 (9-4 at Twin Towers). Brochures and Registration forms are at <http://chpc.org/forms/>. Questions 513-542-2442.

Prayer Page

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

CHPC Community

Peggy Kehrer	Bill Kehrer
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CRASH

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Adam Steveley US Army	Chris Jaeger USMC
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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

Christina Somers	Katy Verhagen
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May 8, 2016
BRAVE
 Brave Life Celebration
 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

May 15	Graduation Sunday
May 22	Rev. Dennis Hall ECO Installation
May 29	Remembrance Sunday
June 5	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
 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.

