

Hot Off the Press! 9/3/17

Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of THE REFORMATION.

BY SAM STARE —

500 years ago, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Through Luther, God ‘turned the world upside down.’ The controversial monk continues to fascinate and intrigue people of no faith and people of faith — Protestants, Catholics, and Jews. As part of a seven city, eight week tour, Max McLean and the Fellowship for Performing Arts (FPA) are bringing *Martin Luther on Trial* to the Aronoff Theater in Cincinnati, Fri Oct 6th (8PM), Saturday 7th (2PM and 7PM) and Sun Oct 8th (2 PM). Consider bringing friends and family to this live theater opportunity. God is still in the *reformation* business.

Max McLean and FPA have produced a series of highly successful theatrical offerings in the USA and England, especially the works of C.S.Lewis *Screwtape Letters*, *The Great Divorce* and *The Most Reluctant Convert*. Now, Chris Cragin-Day and McLean have collaborated to bring Martin Luther to life in an innovative way. McLean describes it: “*Martin Luther on Trial* is a fantasy set in the afterlife where God (for reasons revealed late in the play) allows Lucifer to prosecute Luther (similar to what happened to Job), with St Peter on the bench and Luther’s wife, Katie Von Bora, acting for the defense...Even the current Pope Francis is called to testify!”

The Washington DC Metro Theater Arts critic said, “*Martin Luther on Trial* joins the canon of great theatrical work about religious figures... *Martin Luther on Trial* is quite the divine comedy and it’s funny as hell. ...the scene when Luther comes upon the concept of grace and falls to his knees humbled and overcome was as powerful an epiphany as I’ve seen played on stage.”

THE PLAYS THE THING.... -- When I was 13 years old and living in Chicago, my parents took me to see Albert Finney’s ‘Luther’ on stage. It changed my life forever. For a kid, it seemed a bit dry and stuffy. But *live theater captivated me*, and made history and Luther come alive. McLean’s *Martin Luther on Trial* is much more memorable (and fun) and covers Luther’s whole life. Check out FPA website, see what critics are saying and watch a video clip:

<https://fpatheatre.com/production/martin-luther-on-trial/>

WHO TO INVITE TO THE PLAY -- It is a history lesson and a living snapshot of our roots. It is a powerful witness to God using ordinary people in an extraordinary way to change the world. Catholics, Protestants, Jews and un-churched in New York and Washington DC have applauded it. It is a not-for-



OCT 7, 8PM ARONOFF

Lucifer, Hitler, Freud, M.L.King Jr., Pope Francis, Rabbi Josel, St Peter and Katie Von Bora in a courtroom drama for the ages! The new original play directed by Max McLean, *Martin Luther on Trial*, is a battle for the soul of Martin Luther ... and the prosecutor is the Devil. Even as 2017 marks 500 years since Luther ignited the world-changing Reformation, he continues to spark intense debate. You be the judge in this witty, provocative exploration of one of history’s most explosive personalities and the religious and political controversies unleashed.

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profit theatrical production company delivering provocative, entertaining theatre *from a christian worldview* that is engaging to a diverse audience.

I have worked with the Fellowship for Performing Arts to make *live theater affordable*. **TICKET DEALS:** *premium orchestra seats* for Sat, Oct 7 (8PM only) \$60/ticket all fees included (20% savings over theater prices). Get a group of 10 together and buy tickets for \$56 per ticket (25% savings). Call about tickets for Friday Oct 6 (8PM), Saturday Oct 7 (2PM) or Sunday Oct 8 (2PM). Charge 3 or more tickets to a credit card? Call me.

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Budget Update

Fiscal Year 2017 ended with a small deficit of less than 1 percent. This deficit was not unexpected as we improved our accounting procedures in order to be more transparent in our income and expenses.

New Year, New Budget

Our Fiscal Year operates from June through May 31. The budget set for Fiscal Year 2018 will be challenging for us as a congregation, and all of us who call CHPC [home](mailto:home@chpc.org) are needed in order to meet our financial needs.

1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

Where Does the Money Go?

Your tithes and offerings are used to ensure that CHPC can minister in this building in this community. We also support missionaries here in Cincinnati and around the world.

We are focused on building discipleship. Resident Camp is a great example of the discipleship model. Last month, we took 56 children from 2nd—6th grade to spend a week learning about Jesus at Camp Cotubic. An additional 16 7th—9th graders came as part of the work crew, learning to give back to camp. They in turn were led by 25 counselors and 14 support staff. Almost half of the kids who came to camp were new to us!

Perhaps you attended the Block Party a few weeks ago and enjoyed a beautiful evening with folks from the community. We are committed to being a safe place to encourage hard conversations about race and how to embrace differences.

Online Giving

Our fiscal year to date giving is trailing behind the rate set last year. Perhaps this is a result of the busyness of summer. The easiest way to have a more structured system for your giving is by Online Giving! You can set it up in less than a minute from our website, www.chpc.org.

You never need to worry about leaving a checkbook at home! You can also set up a convenient schedule that best fits your needs. Tech challenged? Call Heather Lethander at 541-5676 and she can set it up for you!

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:
10am Bailey M. / Aniya W.

Adult Spiritual Formation August Update

By William Custer

Fall is upon us. It is back to school excitement for some and a new schedule of Adult Spiritual Formation Classes for all of us at CHPC. Beginning Sunday, September 10 between the two worship services at 10:10am, we will offer the classes below. To help us plan we ask that you sign up for classes ahead of time. Sign up in the Atrium.

Book of Colossians

What purpose did the Apostle Paul have in writing his letter to the church at Colosse? What grace was he trying to impart? What does this letter say to us today? Join us as we seek answers to these questions. Led by Scott Rice at 10:10. Sept. 10 thru Nov. 5.

How Jesus Formed Community

Mark Evans and Janet Dumford offer this four-week class to explore how Jesus formed community. How he formed community with the multitudes, with the seventy-two, with the twelve, and with the three (Peter, James, and John). Learn how each of these has a place in your life. Hear how God is using them at CHPC. Led by Mark Evans and Janet Dumford at 10:10. Sept. 10 thru Oct. 1.

Roadmap to Reconciliation

Can we see injustice and inequality in our lives and in the world? Are we are ready to rise up. But how, exactly, do we do this? How does one reconcile? What we need is a clear sense of direction. Based on her extensive consulting experience with churches, colleges and organizations, Rev. Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil has created a roadmap to show us the way. She guides us through the common topics of discussion and past the bumpy social terrain and political boundaries that will arise. Class is expected to do weekly reading assignments in Brenda McNeil’s *Roadmap to Reconciliation* and be ready for discussion. Led by Helen Brooks and Fran Kelley at 10:10. Sept. 10 thru Nov. 5.

Next week’s helpers are:
9:00am Sarah L.
11:00am DJ T. / Monica V.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHPC Childcare Hiring Do you love working with children and are looking for a small part-time job? We are most in need of persons available in the evenings and weekends and on a substitute basis during the week. If interested, please contact Mary Clare at mclarepeck@hotmail.com.

Congregational Meeting A brief congregational meeting is called for Sunday, September 17 at 10:00am. This meeting is to authorize FFAT and its designee to negotiate and authorize the sale of real property at 430 S. Washington Blvd., Hamilton, which was donated to the church as part of the regeneration campaign

Parents of College Students please update your student's contact information so they can receive care packages this school year. Send to jschneider@chpc.org

You are invited to attend the service of marriage for Pamela Hanson and Eli Stipanovich, at 4pm on Saturday, September 9th, in the sanctuary.

YOU'RE INVITED! Hear stories and see photos of Cindy Carlson's time at English Camp in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Share in the cross-cultural experience and learn something about the Thai people. Come to 1776 Larch Avenue, Ohio Living Belwood dining room at the back of the building. Lunch begins at 12:45pm immediately after second service on Sept. 10, and Cindy will speak at 1:15 p.m. Main dish provided, bring a salad or dessert if you can - or not!

Kindling Prayer Group Do you have the desire to prayer with others for our church and community? Join us the second Wednesday, September 13 from 7-8pm in the White House. Contact Jeanne Schneider if you have questions - 513-541-5676, x1160 or jschneider@chpc.org

SERMON TAPES In cleaning out some office space in our buildings, a large collection of talks from Jerry Kirk, Ron Rand, and others was discovered. FFAT will be making them available to anyone who would like to have them. They will be out in the Atrium during the month of September.

Love In Action - New Name Not More Work Introducing our new name for the Outreach Ministries of CHPC in the Community - Love in Action! We are looking for leaders who have a passion for local outreach and developing strategies to involve and equip the congregation on all levels to minister beyond our four walls. This isn't a 'new' ministry just a 'new' Name. The Vision remains the same to strengthen and solidify current relationships and partnerships with local churches, ministries and organizations. If you have a passion for biblical justice issues and Kingdom partnerships this ministry is for you. To get more information please contact Pastor Dennis at 513-541-5676 ext. 1122

Hurricane Harvey Relief Urgent prayer and donations requested in response to Hurricane Harvey. If you would like to donate to the hurricane relief fund, please check out Matthew 25 Ministries locally, at M25M.org or our ECO partner, World Renew at worldrenew.net.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will begin at 9:30am on Tuesday Sept. 12th. All women are welcome. Questions? Call Susan Koch at 541-5288

SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Wanted: Tutors, snack helpers, drivers. Our tutoring ministry at Pleasant Hill Academy needs a volunteer for every kid we serve. If you can commit for one year on Tuesdays from 5pm to 6pm, please contact Colleen Scheid. scheidison@gmail.com, or 513-541-8289.

SAVE THE DATES!!! October 11th & 12th are the dates for Camp S'More. We need volunteers for both days. Please consider taking a day off work to spend with some great kids. We are taking Pleasant Hill Academy and Roll Hill schools. Contact Bev Graves for more information. 513-218-3316.

SERVING IN WORSHIP & ARTS AT CHPC

Chancel Choir News The Chancel Choir rehearsals for the 2017-2018 choral season began on Thursday, August 31 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Thursdays are our regular rehearsal night. This season rehearsals will run from 7 to 9pm. If you would like to join the choir or have questions about joining, talk to Michael Parker. There is no audition or musical training requirement to sing in the Chancel Choir. Feel free to call Michael at 513-312-9473 or speak to him after service.

Handbell Choir Again this worship season, Carl Bryant will be directing the Handbell Choir. The Handbell Choir will rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm beginning September 5. If interested, speak to Carl about the Choir.

SPECIAL EVENTS

You Are Mine Women's Conference Bridge To Thrive's 2nd Annual Conference will be Saturday, September 30, from 9:00am - 5:00pm at New Hope Church, 3707 Edgewood Drive Cincinnati, Ohio. Retreat from your daily burdens - Reflect on the hope and love of God's story - Restore your story to live the life He has called you to. Bridge To Thrive is the group that brought Jennie Allen to our church in February. You can reserve your place here: <http://www.bridgetothrive.org/nevents/>

The 2nd Annual The Children Are Waiting Conference will be held at Liberty Heights Church at 7904 Princeton Road in Liberty Township, OH 45044, on Saturday, September 16th. The goal of this one day fair and conference is to provide information, help and encouragement to individuals and families who want to more about adoption, foster care and orphan care. Find out more info at thechildrenarewaiting.org/conference

The One New Humanity Conference will bring together leaders in exploring, emerging and experienced multiethnic congregations and organizations, as well as marketplace leaders. We will grow together in our understanding of Ephesians 2:15, that God is creating one new Body out of what was previously separated and that this can be seen in the local church. Those who attend will be energized and equipped with the relationships and tools for their next step in creating the churches like heaven (Revelation 7:9). You don't want to miss it! Tuesday, September 12, 2017 (9am-5pm) at Peoples Church, 220 William Howard Taft Rd Cincinnati, OH 45219. For more information about the event go to: <http://www.mosaixcincy.com/> For tickets contact Michelle Hemsath at mhemsath@chpc.org

Prayer Page

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

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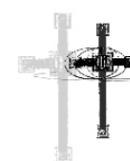
College/Career Students

Molly Brown Jubilee Chen

Condolences

Christian love and sympathy to Jan Lawson and family in the death of her mom, Betty Lawson. Condolences may be sent to: Ms. Jan Lawson 7152 Cascade Dr., Florence, KY 41042

Christian love and sympathy to Jeff and Rhonda Berte in the death of Jeff's dad, Ed. Condolences may be sent to: Mr & Mrs. Jeff Berte 175 Farragut Road, Cincinnati, OH 45218



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Believing Jesus

Through the book of John

September 3, 2017

**Believing Jesus
Good Life Forever**

Preacher: Rev. Dennis Hall

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. 10 New Series Begins - 2 Services
9am and 11am - New Service Time
Apprentice - Crafting Life Together
Paul & Timothy**

**Sept. 17 Apprentice - Crafting Life Together
Paul & Silas**

Today's Order of Worship

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