



Belltower News

College Hill Presbyterian Church - July 2018

The CHPC Swim Ministry Staff Thanks You for Your Prayers



Right: The June CHPC Swim Ministry Staff

Left: Leah Runyon and Toby Knueven help young swimmers to relax and enjoy God's creation, water.

Photos: Mark Evans



URBANA

Scholarships are available from College Hill Presbyterian Church and the World Missions Team to attend URBANA, a gathering of college students and recent graduates, generally ages 17-29, interested in learning about how God is working in the world and to see how you might join Him.

URBANA is sponsored by Intervarsity this December 27-31, 2018 in St. Louis, MO. It will include Bible Study, Seminars, World Class global speakers and 250+ Mission Organizations and Seminaries represented. Many people in CHPC, both young and old, have attended an Urbana Mission Conference at some point in their life.

To learn more about the conference, visit www.urbana.org.

The scholarship covers the \$515 early registration fee for the conference including 4 dinners. Each student would be responsible for housing, transportation and other meals.

If interested in the scholarship, please contact Robin Riechel, robinriechel26@gmail.com.

What comes in a wide range of sizes (39 to 72 inches), ages (10-80) and years of teaching experiences (up to 65 years)? Answer: The 111 person Swim Ministry Staff. Teachers put Christian relational skills into practice with children age 3 to adults in their 80s...watch Jesus do miracles each day...and give God the Glory.

Keep praying. We teach children July 16-20 & July 30-Aug 3 at North Hills Swim Club. Adults lessons are evenings July 9-13 and July 23-27 (6-7pm).

For more information: www.chpc.org/swimministry
Sam Stare

Calling All Men!

Ignite Men's Ministry is preparing several events for the summer and they are open to all men both inside and outside our church.

July 11th - Hangout at Taft's Brewporium at 6 pm

July 28th - FCC game

August 18th - Top Golf at 3 pm

Check the church website and the weekly bulletin for more details about each event.



A Fall Sabbatical for Drew Smith

College Hill Presbyterian Church recognizes that all staff members require time away from work to be refreshed in mind, body and soul. Generally, time away is taken via vacation, but for our ministry staff it may be in the form of a Sabbatical. A Sabbatical is a mutual commitment in the long-term ministry of both staff team member and the congregation. It is a time set aside for the spiritual renewal of both. The staff member benefits from the opportunity to disengage from his/her regular tasks and rigors of twenty-four hours a day responsibility. It's a time for rest, reflection and re-creation; a time for personal spiritual growth; an opportunity for renewed vision and commitment to ministry.

Our Sabbatical Policy

A full time ministerial staff team member who has served for a period of six (6) consecutive years at CHPC is eligible to apply for a Sabbatical to be taken in their seventh (7th) year. Circumstances such as a change in ministry focus, a building program or other particularly demanding issues will influence the timing and frequency of leaves.

By taking a Sabbatical Leave, the employee agrees to return to their responsibilities at CHPC for at least one year after completing the leave. Part of the approval process includes an agreement to reimburse the church for the paid sabbatical if the employee leaves prior to one year after completing the leave.

Sabbaticals at CHPC

Recently, Jeanne Schneider, Director of Care and Counseling took a sabbatical in 2015. She found that this time was refreshing and spiritually renewing. Drew Smith, our Senior Pastor recently celebrated 11 years in ministry at CHPC and will be taking a Sabbatical this Fall from **August 27 — November 26, 2018**. This will be his first sabbatical leave while employed here at CHPC.

Drew's Sabbatical

Drew plans to enter a time of spiritual and physical refreshment on his Sabbatical. Specifically, he will be working on writing his doctoral thesis, pursuing professional development around strategic church planning and taking time for marriage and personal retreats.

During the Sabbatical, Drew will not check church mail or messages. He and Cathy will also not be attending worship gatherings on Sunday morning at CHPC.

Coverage during Sabbatical

While on Sabbatical, the full-time staff and Lay Leaders will cover Drew's responsibilities.

Reverend Mike Jorgensen, Assistant Pastor, will be responsible for Sunday morning worship gatherings and will be responsible for the preaching series, worship and sermons and global missions. Mike will also be attending Session Meetings during the Sabbatical.

Mark Klusmeier, Elder, will be Moderator of Session. Mike Jorgensen and Janet Dumford will oversee the Leadership training this fall.

Jeanne Schneider, Director of Care and Counseling, will be responsible for pastoral care and funerals.

Heather Lethander, Finance and HR Manager will be responsible for the executive functions required of the staff.

Congregation's Role During Sabbatical

In August, we will set aside a time during worship to "send out" Drew with encouragement and blessing from the congregation. More details will be shared about this next month.

We will recognize the value of allowing Drew to be completely "unplugged" from the church for the 3-month time he is away. We won't call him with our feedback about the worship series (his phone will be turned off, anyways). If we happen to see him at the grocery store, we will be friendly and kind, as always, but will not use that opportunity to fill him

in on everything that is happening at the church. We will continue to pray for him and Cathy and their family and ministry.

After the Sabbatical

Drew will return the Monday after Thanksgiving feeling refreshed and renewed and ready to continue following God's leading at CHPC. The staff and leaders will be excited to have him back as our staff leader. He and Cathy will rejoin the worshipping community at CHPC.

Drew will provide a written report summarizing his Sabbatical Leave within one month of returning from the leave. It will be shared with SST, Session, Staff and the Congregation as appropriate. He will certainly be providing information to the congregation about his time away and will be excited to hear stories of the wonderful things God has done while he was away.

Renewing the Mind Workshop

Saturday, August 4 9 AM – 5 PM

Romans 12:2 reminds us of the importance of Kingdom thinking. *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.* Perhaps a familiar scripture but how does that apply to life? All of us are formed from an early age by what we experience, observe and interpret. Some of life's experiences and interactions form beliefs within ourselves that become patterns of thinking such as we are unlovable, unworthy, or bad (to name just a few). In recent years, with more advanced brain imaging, there is proof that within the neural networks of our brains, the core self beliefs (the messages we give ourselves) become wired within our brains. The saying is "what fires together, wires together". The great news is due to the brain's plasticity we are able to form new neural connections. We can form stronger connections with truth and experience more fulfilling relationships and behaviors. Join us for this workshop led by Pamela Hanson, MD

with experiential group time to identify the negative beliefs and renew with God's truth. Space is limited so register soon at chpc.org/events.

For more information or questions, contact Jeanne Schneider at jschneider@chpc.org or 541-5676, x1160. Workshop is open to the community.

In the Garden with Rachel Suzanne Smith

Rachel Smith, a member of our congregation currently living in Stow, Ohio, is the daughter of Dave and Maggie Smith. She recently was featured in a jewelry exhibition at Ombre Gallery in Oakley. The theme of the show, "In the Garden" was inspired by Edward Wilson's hypothesis that humans have an innate tendency to search out nature. Her pieces become little habitats that connect others to the outdoors when worn.



Currently, Rachel works as an artist, metalsmith and educator. She teaches at Kent State University and coordinates the Museum to Go Program at the Canton Museum of Art. She has been exhibited nationally and internationally and has won several awards.

Congratulations Rachel!

Get High on the Hill!

Happenings in College Hill and how you can be involved

Sam Stare

2 new restaurants are coming. The District 5 police station is here. The 'Avenue' of College Hill is a designated Entertainment Zone.

House of Joy is moving & entrusted its 6 properties to CHCURC.

- **CHCURC** is a volunteer organization with oversight for the Hamilton Avenue corridor development. For details go to chcurc.org.
- **College Hill Forum** keeps residents up to date on changes in the community, relations with police/fire and public safety, new businesses, upcoming fun event, etc. Meetings are well-attended. On the 4th Tuesday of each month at the CH Recreation Center on 5545 Belmont Rd.
- **CH Gardeners** meets the first Tuesday of the month...at 7pm in The Community Room of Llanfair Retirement Community.

Reserve Sat Oct 13th for the Pumpkin Patch Fall Festival for families and the evening CHCURC event for adults.

Request a regular copies of the College Hill community eNewsletter by emailing collegehillnewsletter@gmail.com.

Have an idea for Belltower News?

Belltower News is forming a writing team that will meet monthly to write, collect, and edit articles so that we can make the best publication possible. If you'd like to be included, call Mike Jorgensen or if you want to submit an article send it to worshipadmin@chpc.org

The 2018 submission deadlines are by 5 pm on July 31st, August 28th, September 25th, October 30th, November 27th, December 18th.

For previous issues, visit www.chpc.org/BelltowerNews

College Hill



Block Party

The annual National Night Out and College Hill Community Block Party takes place at 5742 Hamilton Avenue (in the parking lot of College Hill Presbyterian Church). Join your neighbors as we celebrate life together in College Hill!

The Block Party will be Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 6 -8:30 pm. To volunteer, go to our website www.chpc.org/

Looking Ahead

Resident Camp - July 2nd - 6th

3C's Camp - July 16th - 20th

Register at www.3cnurseryschool.com

Tools for Schools begins collecting - July 15th

Children's Overnight Camp - July 27th - 28th

Renewing the Mind - August 4th 9 am - 5 pm

Milestone Sunday - August 26th at 10 am

(between regular Sunday services)

Church Pool Party - August 26th from 1 pm - 4 pm
at North Hills Swim Club

Note: There will be no unified services in August or September of this year.



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