

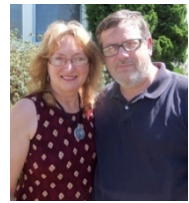


Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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News from CPC in the Hill — November 2016 Monthly Update



CPC in The Hill Annual Harvest Party—The room was filled with neighborhood children of all ages. There were 30 pumpkins and at the end of the evening they were all gone. So, 30+ kids and parents joined us for our neighborhood harvest party. Our kids decorated pumpkins and cupcakes, had their faces painted, and ate way too much candy! Parents said they appreciated our efforts for their children. More than one parent told me, *"Thank you for making a safe place for our kids to be. There are just no safe places here."* It seems pretty simple for us to throw a Harvest Party, but to neighborhood parents it means everything. One of our goals as a neighborhood church is to create more safe spaces in The Hill for our children. Your partnership with us can help make this happen.

Update on Ministry—Our children and teens are fully back in school (and of course awaiting the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks already). The summer months of BBQs and the warmer weather are a memory, but the people of the Hill are still facing the cold needs of living in an under-resourced neighborhood. Of course my pastoral role involves discipleship and leading our worship services, but it extends to unexpected hospital visits, as well, Court visits to support Hill families and friends.

As a result of our continued presence in the community, especially in the park on Summer Wednesday evenings, we have a few new families beginning to join us. Our Harvest Party brought out new families this year—of whom I believe we will see incorporated into the wider CPC in The Hill body.

The Ladies' weekly Bible Study and Prayer time has been a blessing to many of the local ladies. Maxine leads them in a study of the text I preached the previous Sunday. And, my wife, Lisa, helps Maxine lead the prayer time among the ladies.

We have also started planning for our annual Hill Christmas store that uniquely empowers our CPC in The Hill adults to have some spending cash for their own Christmas shopping, and as well, gives us the opportunity to be a serving presence in the community.



Update on Prayer Partner Goals—At the end of the summer, Lisa and I had 116 prayer partners, moving toward our goal of 200 partners who pray regularly for us and our ministry in The Hill. We now have 133 as October closes out. Our prayer partners are from all around the world: Nepal, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Indonesia, the West Indies, Bolivia, and Canada; of course from CA to GA and FL, MN to TX and AZ, SC and NC, AK, NY and all over CT and throughout New England. We have churches (4 that I know of) who pray for us; and, a ladies Tuesday Bible study in upstate NY is now praying for us in The Hill. Prayer partners receive daily, specific requests, along with updates on answers to prayer and other praises.

Update on Financial Goals—We are at 19% (\$9,092 given or pledged) of our personal financial support goal of \$48,456. Our budget for the 2016-17 year is \$98,456. The anchor church (CPC New Haven) and Mission Anabaino's support for this year is \$50,000—they are commitment to planting a church in The Hill. So, with all incoming support, we have still \$39,364 remaining to be raised in order to meet our budget and remain pastoring here in the Hill. In October, we have approached 7 churches for support: we have heard back from 2 that are considering supporting us. We will follow-up on the other 5 to personally encourage their support. My wife and I are putting together a new list of individuals we will ask to join us on this journey and become supporters. And, on November 19th Lisa and I will host an evening of guests (expecting about 15) at our home—to share our vision for the Hill and request that they partner with us as well.

*Please let us know if you are able to facilitate a home fundraiser on our behalf among your own family and friends. Additionally, if your church or Sunday school might be interested, we'd love to come share with them. Let us know.

Fundraising Impact on the Hill Church Plant and Our Ministry in The Hill— Harvest Parties and other events, those safe places our Hill parents want for their children, are dependent on our abilities to identify prayer and financial supports for this ministry. If we are truly reaching people in the Hill, this community with its demographics will not be able to afford to maintain a viable, Bible and Christ centered church with such ministries like a Harvest Party et al. *in the neighborhood*. We are dependent to make this start on the kind largess of our friends and family—and new partners. CPC in The Hill is not your usual inner-city, urban church plant, namely it is planted in the midst of some of the poorest residents of, not only New Haven, but in Connecticut. We need to expand our outside support to meet the needs of planting and growing a church in the Hill. If you have any contacts or churches you think might help us, please send me contacts (emails, phone numbers). And, please consider becoming a partner through your own prayers and giving.

*A good friend of the family, Matt Garoffolo, has produced a video about Lisa and I being here in the Hill. We plan on debuting the video at our November 19th home fundraiser. Afterward, you can catch it on youtube. We are hoping to use this as one of the first fundraising videos for CPC in The Hill.

Our Ministry in The Hill Prayer Requests

- Pray that our core group grows and that newer people would be consistent in worship and Bible study.
- Pray for our youth (we have plenty) and that God sends us some dedicated youth workers
- Pray for our Partnership and Support development: we need to identify new circles of influence and potential support—pray God makes this so.
- Pray that CPC in The Hill's engagement with our community connects new people to our church and that God uses us to win souls for his glory—in particular, our Thanksgiving Meal outreach (11/13) and Hill Christmas Store (12/10)

Ways to donate:

- Monthly payments or as one annual sum
- By check to "CPC New Haven"; in memo "Hill/Anderson"; send to CPC New Haven, 135 Whitney Ave, New Haven, CT 06510
- Pay online at anabaino.org (online donation, upper right-hand corner; drop down to Hill Church Plant—Chip Anderson)



Our CPC in The Hill ladies, Maxine & Freedom, with Lisa at a Trinity Baptist Church retreat.



The room was filled with neighborhood families at our annual CPC in The Hill Harvest Party.