



## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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### January 2018 — News from CPC in The Hill

**2017 CHRISTMAS STORE** — This year's annual Hill Christmas Store was successful at many levels. Each year our anchor church, CPC New Haven, and CPC in The Hill join together to offer our Hill neighbors the ability to buy up to five brand new Christmas presents for their children. Unlike other Christmas toy "giveaways," parents pay for these presents, which adds to the dignity and joy they'll have on Christmas morning when they see their kids open the presents *they* purchased. The items are donated by the anchor church and our Hill congregation and then marked down significantly (up to 80%). For \$25 a parent can buy up to five brand new items for their kids. We had more donated this year, which is greatly appreciated. The snow didn't stop people from coming; in fact, the snow slowed them down and many just hung out—which allowed for more talking and sharing with them about CPC in The Hill and why we do this. And, the time spent among our two congregations is priceless and is a demonstration that we are one CPC church.



**CHRISTMAS @ THE ANDERSONS** — Each year Lisa and I invite CPC in The Hill and their families to join us at our house in Bridgeport, about 30 minutes away from the Hill. The kids enjoyed the White Elephant gift exchange; people talk and share more deeply; and, family members and guests find themselves welcomed into this moment of CPC fellowship. It's quite the adventure. Only a few people have cars—so transportation and timing is critical. Events like this one illustrate the fullness of the CPC in The Hill family. Our house was very full this year. We had over 30 in the house (literally in just two rooms). Close quarters makes for closer fellowship! This event highlights our need and desire to move to The Hill—so that next year will be **A Hill Christmas @ The Andersons**. Pray God provides the funding, the new home in The Hill, and the timing. Help us get there!

**NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCH SERVICE** — CPC in The Hill ends each year and begins the New with a Watch Service stretched between 10pm and 1am. One of the traditions we started at my first Hill Watch Service is to use our time of confession to write on sticky notes the sins, issues, and things God has been dealing with throughout the year—asking forgiveness and believing God assuredly forgives. The sticky-notes are then walked up to a small wooden cross set nearby and posted on the cross, symbolizing that God's good grace in Jesus' death covers all our sins and heals our wounds, failings, and weaknesses. As the New Year rolled in, we again pray, thanking God for working in us and anticipating what God will do through us for our families and neighborhoods. This year about a dozen kids (yes, kids) joined us—they also wrote on sticky-notes (after a little extended explanation on sin and our confession) and were the first to go and stick their notes on the cross.



**CPCHILL20 FREEGRANCE.COM FUNDRAISER BEGINS**—From January 22 through February 28<sup>th</sup> Lisa and I partner with Living Bread Ministries to raise support for our church plant in The Hill and, at the same time, support a ministry that seeks to "help women vulnerable to human trafficking." Peruse the [FreeGrance.com](http://FreeGrance.com) site for info on this wonderful entrepreneur ministry. Feel free to shop . . . just use **CPCHILL20** in the promo code discount box (as you start the purchase process and review your items). 20% of your purchases go toward our fundraising efforts here in The Hill. Shop at <http://www.freegrance.com>.

CPC in The Hill Year in Review video: <https://tinyurl.com/y72bo6xl>

**FINANCIAL GOAL UPDATE** — This year, **Sept 1, 2017–Aug 31, 2018**, Lisa and I will need to raise **\$40,000** to help cover expenses. As of 12/31 we are at **61%** pledged or given toward our financial goal and responsibility for this year's budget, leaving **\$15,600** to be pledged or donated. Let me emphasize, pledges are very important in that pledges (for either annual, quarterly, or monthly) helps us to budget and allocate funds to our growing activities and ministries.

**ANOTHER WAY TO THINK ABOUT OUR SUPPORT NEEDS** — Thank you for getting us, at this point, to 61% given or pledged to meet our financial responsibilities for the continued and the building of our Hill church plant and ministry. Per month we need to have \$3,243 of outside support to cover ministry expenses; the gifts and pledges thus far has enabled us to see \$1,978 in our monthly outside giving, leaving a need for \$1,300 additional monthly support. Please consider who else you might know and what other churches might also consider supporting our Hill church plant and ministry. The following grid helps to put what monthly pledging can accomplish.

Monthly	Annual	Supporters	p/mo & yr Totals	
\$30	\$360	10	\$300	\$3,600
\$50	\$600	5	\$250	\$3,000
\$100	\$1,200	3	\$300	\$3,600
\$150	\$1,800	1	\$150	\$1,800
\$300	\$3,600	1	\$300	\$3,600
Additional support needed >>> p/month to reach our goal			\$1,300	\$15,600 (goal)

Thank you to all who supported us this past year—praying you all will continue to do so. Please consider where you might fit in this grid and please consider helping us continue to minister in the Hill.

**PRAYER PARTNER GOAL UPDATE** — We are grateful for the **225+** people that count themselves among our prayer partners. We also appreciate churches that are praying for us; as well as the ladies in Rome, NY. A new church plant (not PCA) has adopted CPC in The Hill and is praying for us regularly. For those on Facebook, I post daily requests, give answers to prayer reports, and post pictures as well. Please join our **CPC in The Hill Prayer Partners** at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CPCintheHillPrayerPartners>. *We cannot do this without the prayers of the saints.*

#### OUR MINISTRY IN THE HILL PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) Pray that God will turn our community opportunities into gospel-moments for some to find Christ and, even, for some to join us as a church and worshipping community of believers.
- 2) The volume of kids who come to our services and show up at our activities indicate our need of a youth worker/minister; pray God raises up someone (and the funds, which also means increased fundraising!).
- 3) Pray God draws Hill men into our church fellowship.
- 4) Pray we reach 100% of our fundraising goal (\$40,000) soon so Lisa and I can move into the Hill—which will add to our presence in the Hill and make our ministry more effective.

Check out our Hill ministry video at <http://tinyurl.com/zfand7p>

#### ➤ **Ways to donate**—monthly payments or as one annual sum

- By check to “CPC New Haven”; memo “Hill/CA”; send: CPC New Haven, 135 Whitney Ave, New Haven, CT 06510
- Online at [CPCintheHill.org](http://CPCintheHill.org) > Donate > Donation Applied > “Hill Church Planter–Rev. Chip Anderson”



Nigeria and some of her helpers from the neighborhood at our annual 2017 Hill Christmas store.



Our CPC in The Hill kids explaining the armor of God Sunday morning.



CPC in The Hill men serving with Steve Cotton of Bringing IT Together on these cold winter Saturdays in the Hill.

See all CPC in The Hill videos: <http://tinyurl.com/ya4dcgea>