



## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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### News from CPC in the Hill — March 2017 Update



**CITY FORUM CONFERENCE & EMPOWERING CPC IN THE HILL LEADERS**—Our small circle of church leadership has been involved in a New England group of pastors, church planters, and Christian workers that gather each year to discuss what we are all doing to engage our communities with Jesus and meet our community's needs. John, Maxine, Lisa, and I join table-mates from our region in CT (and one person from Zambia) to discuss and plan together how our churches can put to work the things we learn at the City Forum Conference. Maxine asked me: "Why is it good that we go to these?" I replied: "When CPC in The Hill is in the house [at the conference], we are the population they're trying to reach. Of course, we learn good things for ourselves to act on, but we also bring a realness to the table discussion."

This gathering and conference is sponsored by the *Emmanuel Gospel Center, Vision New England, Greater Things for Greater Boston, and the Luis Palau Association*. In joining this gathering, Maxine and John, our two CPC in The Hill leaders, are empowered to be agents of Jesus—they add to the discussion and begin to think, "Now what can we do in the Hill?" It is my hope to be able to get our CPC in The Hill leaders to attend other empowering workshops and conferences.



service to 10:00am, we lost our big fellowship room downstairs. We missed our monthly fellowship meals for a few months. And, we are a food-fellowship bunch! So, we tried a "Brunch" in February in the small meeting room upstairs. There was plenty of food. The cozy fellowship was good. We are learning how to adapt—and we are confident we will run out of room and must refigure out how to do our monthly fellowship meal—again!

**NEW SUNDAY BRUNCH**—Our landlord at 158 Davenport Ave made some major changes in the building. Although we were able to move our Sunday worship



#### **MISSION SUNDAY & THE CHILDREN'S**

**MESSAGE**—We always seem to have a nice group of kids—some who even tell their parents they want to go to church—on Saturday! As you might already know each Sunday service I give a children's message—a priceless moment. We've decided to take one Sunday each month and highlight missions—maybe a country, a group of people, a missionary, or a missionary story. Our pilot story was about America's first missionary, George Liele, a former slave who sold himself back into servitude, so he could go to Jamaica to plant a church. We want our kids to catch the vision of Revelation 5, where those purchased by the blood of the Lamb from every tribe and language and people and nation have gathered around the throne to worship the King of kings.

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

**Update on Financial Goals**—We are thankful for those who have given or pledged, so far, \$13,839 to this year's budget (9/1/16–9/31/17) that is \$98,456. Along with our anchor church support for this year (\$60,000), this puts us at 36% of our responsibility. We still need to raise \$24,617 to cover ministry expenses here in the Hill. We are looking for a few more churches to join us by supporting our church plant and ministry in The Hill. Help us get to the 100%. See below for how best to donate to our CPC in The Hill account.

**Update on Prayer Partner Goals**—We now have 189 prayer partners and continue to seek 200 to join us. I am confident, however, that we have over 200, since a few churches are praying for us as well as those wonderful ladies at the Bible study in Rome, NY. If you are on Facebook, please join **CPC in The Hill Prayer Partners @ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CPCintheHillPrayerPartners>**. I post a daily request and give answer-to-prayer reports as well. Lisa and I appreciate so much our prayer partners. ***We can't do this without you!***



**CPCHILL20 Partnership with Freegrance.com**—Thank you to all and anyone who bought soap or earrings from Freegrance this past February. You helped our budget and you helped the ladies in Thailand that are seeking a new life. Throughout the year, we hope you will return to [www.Freegrance.com](http://www.Freegrance.com) and continue to make purchases—and if you use promo code CPCHILL20, you will continue to help us in The Hill.

**Save the Date—APRIL 29th**—Lisa and I will be hosting a backyard BBQ at our home in Bridgeport to raise funds to support our 2017 Summer Park BBQ ministry in the Hill. Our costs each week are about \$200 to bring the

grill and all the fixings to Trowbridge Square Park and offer a meal to the 40, 60, and sometimes 80 people there—of course, with some preaching and some loving on our Hill neighbors (8 times). **Come join us at our home!**



**PREPARING FOR 2017 SUMMER SOCCER/ARTS CAMP**—We have begun to lay the plans for our 2017 Summer Mercy Impact and Summer Soccer/Arts Camp in the Hill. Mercy projects around the neighborhood. Loving on our neighbors. And five days of Soccer and Art for our Hill neighborhood kids. This ministry is a highlight of our year and our Hill friends and neighbors appreciate our efforts.

### Our Ministry in the Hill Prayer Requests

- Pray to understand God's timing for a move to take up residency in The Hill.
- Pray for the outer circle of people who consider CPC in The Hill as their church and me their pastor, but have yet to start coming to worship on Sunday mornings—that they'd start worshipping with the body.
- Pray as we begin to plan for 2017 Summer Soccer & Art Camp (June 26–30).
- Pray for our Partnership and Support development: we need to identify new circles of influence and potential support—pray God makes this so. Pray we raise the remaining \$24,617 soon.

### 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 [www.anabaino.org](http://www.anabaino.org) (online donations, upper right-hand corner; drop down to Hill Church Plant—Chip Anderson)



The crowd at the park gathers to hear me preach a little bit before we serve up the hot dogs and hamburgers.



CPC in The Hill and our table-mates at the City Forum Day Conference: The Hill, Darien, Fairfield, and Zambia in the House.



Some of our ladies joining Trinity Baptist Church (Fairfield) for a ladies breakfast—we hope to do our own soon.