



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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News from CPC in the Hill — May 2017 Update



AN EASTER SERVICE IN THE HILL—Twenty-nine kids and seventeen adults joined us for our Easter Service on April 16th. We celebrated the Lord's resurrection and learned more about how we are the proof of the resurrection in The Hill. I quoted in the sermon Matthew Hauerwas, who once wrote: "The problem is not belief in the resurrection, but whether we live lives that would make no sense if in fact Jesus has not been raised from the dead." For sure, even with all the sermons about and on the resurrection of Jesus that went forth that Easter morning from pulpits around the Hill and, even, around the globe, we will not have exhausted the meaning and message of that mysterious, wonderful, and significant event. Yet, now all us churches, including CPC in The Hill, will have the next 51 weeks to *be* in such a way that proves the resurrection actually happened. It was a great Easter, with a full(er) house—and lots of kids. Now we seek to live it out in the Hill.



PREPARING FOR THE KIDS ON EASTER MORNING—Our church family took the time to put together 30 baskets and close to 80 eggs. We knew we'd have a good amount of kids on Easter morn'n—we underestimated! But, it's not 'bout the candy or the Easter egg hunt. It's 'bout loving on our Hill kids on Easter morning. Many of our kids are very faithful in joining us for church on Sunday mornings. Even some of them taking the initiative all by themselves. Parents do see we love on their kids!



CHIP & LISA'S BACKYARD BBQ FOR "IN HIS MIDST"—On April 29th, Lisa and I hosted a backyard BBQ fundraiser at our home in Bridgeport to raise support for our summer "In His Midst" ministry, a weekly BBQ in a local Hill park. We had a yard full. We had supporters come as far as Concord, MA and Coventry, CT. And, many local friends from Fairfield—Bridgeport—Stratford—Trumbull (CT) also joined us. We had hot dogs and hamburgers. Maxine made tuna noodle salad. My mom brought her baked beans. And, Lisa made her park Jell-O and, of course,

cookies. And, I preached some. All just like we do in the park. Our friends from Massachusetts acted the part of the park neighbors and contributed some food as well. I told some park stories and introduced them to our good park friends—and why this summer ministry is so important. Our goal was to raise \$1,800 for the 8-week summer ministry. It costs about \$175 a week (even with CPC in The Hill folk bringing salads, desserts, fruit, and cookies). We added some (\$400), so we have resources for school supplies, books and other things we give to the kids.



It was wonderful to watch our CPC in The Hill leaders talk and share with our guests. Maxine, above, helping the ladies serve the food. Here, John expressing himself and his vision to one of our Massachusetts guests.

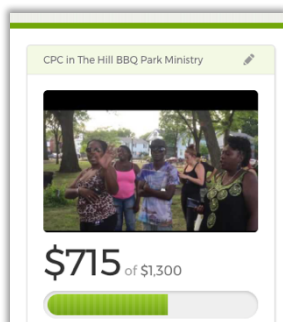
Check out our Hill ministry video at <http://tinyurl.com/zfand7p>

UPDATE ON FINANCIAL GOALS (HELP US GET TO THE HILL)—Get *Lisa and Me To The Hill* (as soon as possible). This is the goal now. To date (4/29), **\$17,210 (45% of our goal)** has been given or pledged to help with our responsibility for with this year's budget (9/1/16–9/31/17). We still need to \$20,790 to cover ministry expenses (and, yes, this includes our salary) that will enable Lisa and I make our move to the Hill. Here's a simple way to see how you can help get us to the Hill:

<u>Supporters</u>	<u>Annually @</u>	<u>or monthly @</u>	
22	\$500	\$42	= \$11,000
10	\$700	\$58	= \$ 7,000
3	\$1,000	\$83	= \$ 3,000
In order to raise			= \$21,000

See where you fit. See below for how best to donate to our CPC in The Hill account.

Update on Prayer Partner Goals—We have the privilege of 210 people who have counted themselves among our prayer partners. Lisa and I cannot do this without the prayers of the saints. For anyone who is 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 very much our prayer partners. **We can't do this without you!**



Lisa and I are still running a GoFundMe campaign to raise support for our summer BBQ ministry in Trowbridge Square Park. Our costs each week (8) are about \$175 to bring the grill and all the fixings to the 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. We have about \$585 remaining to raise—this is equivalent to 3 Wednesday nights. Help us out and extend your ministry by enabling us to love on our Hill neighbors. Please visit our GoFundMe by clicking the picture to the left or our page at <http://tinyurl.com/knyl5fa>.

Our Ministry in the Hill Prayer Requests

- We have been seeing a steady flow of guests on Sunday and there are a number of people who have said they plan on joining us for worship—pray God moves them toward *an ecclesiastical conversation* (as it were)! Pray as we begin to plan for 2017 Summer Soccer & Art Camp (June 26–30).
- Pray that more people and churches will partner with us and GET LISA AND ME TO THE HILL: we need to identify new circles of influence and potential support—pray God makes this possible so we may raise the remaining \$21K.
- Spring and the talk of summer (especially our Park BBQ ministry), makes me think of our kids and youth (and more and more kids are coming to church—even asking their parents to get them ready, although their parents haven't starting attending (yet): Pray for youth workers to be raised up for the kids and teens.

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 (online donations, upper right-hand corner; drop down to Hill Church Plant—Chip Anderson)



Easter Sunday Children's message—lots of kids hearing the “surprise” of Jesus being alive (again from the grave).



While at our backyard BBQ fundraiser, one of our CPC in The Hill Prayer Partners takes the time to pray for me and the Park BBQ ministry.



Just like a Wednesday at the park, our CPC in The Hill folks serve up the hot dogs and hamburgers and fixings at our backyard BBQ.