

## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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## News from CPC in The Hill — November 2017



INSTALLED! — I am getting a little bit ahead of myself, reporting on a November event. But this one is important. On November 19<sup>th</sup>, at our Sunday worship service, I was installed as the pastor of CPC in The Hill. A tremendous occasion: God at work in the Hill. I was humbled and honored to have a number of guest elders and pastors join in on the laying of hands. Incredible. The house was packed: Our CPC in The Hill members, Hill community guests, the anchor church (CPC New Haven) well represented, and a number of personal friends and family. I was charged to remember God's grace at every turn, at every moment, at every encounter. Reverend Graham, senior pastor of CPC New Haven, reminded us through the Word that God's presence is experienced in the flesh of the gathered saints in the Hill, Christ's body called CPC in The Hill. What a journey thus far—ordained in September, installed as pastor in November, and now . . . God take us somewhere with this adventure and glorify your name here in The Hill. *Please consider supporting us as we plant and minister in the Hill*.

PREPARING FOR REFORMATION CELEBRATION — Maxine and I are doing our best (below) to explain the upcoming 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Luther nailing his 95 Theses to that old door. We had a CPC joint service at our anchor church to celebrate the reformation: CPC Wallingford, CPC Fairfield, CPC New Haven, and, of course, CPC in The Hill. No doubt Maxine and I make announcement time entertaining as we explain the upcoming celebration and what the reformation means to us in The Hill. We had a good turn out from CPC in The Hill and Maxine shared her testimony, too!







**2017 HARVEST PARTY**—Every late October season we host a Harvest night for our CPC in The Hill kids and the kids of the neighborhood. Decorating pumpkins and cupcakes (and eating them!) We had an abundance of kids, close to 40 plus many of their parents. This event was especially marked by the presence



of parents this year. Our kids had fun; a nice alternative to roaming the streets for candy (and yes, they went home with plenty of candy!). The parents expressed their gratitude that we'd put on such a great event for their kids.



Please watch the Harvest party video we put together from this evening: http://tinyurl.com/y88uqmqn

FINANCIAL GOAL UPDATE—Now, moving to the Hill is our next step, but we must raise the funds to support our budget. Our anchor church wants to see us move to the Hill as soon as possible, which will make our ministry more effective. This year, Sept 1, 2017–Aug 31, 2018, Lisa and I will need to raise \$40,000 to help cover expenses. As of 10/31, we are at 44% pledged and given toward our financial goal and responsibility for this year's budget, leaving \$22,400 to be pledged or donated.

| Supporters | Monthly | Year    | Total   |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 12         | \$25    | \$300   | \$3,600 |
| 6          | \$50    | \$600   | \$3,600 |
| 6          | \$100   | \$1,200 | \$7,200 |
| 2          | \$183   | \$2,200 | \$4,400 |
| 1          | \$300   | \$3,600 | \$3,600 |

Remaining to be raised >>> 22,400

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. 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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/CPCintheHillPrayerPartners">https://www.facebook.com/groups/CPCintheHillPrayerPartners</a>. We cannot do this without the prayers of the saints.

FYI—Please consider supporting us with your prayers and as financial partners. This year, we will be responsible to raise \$40,000 to meet our CPC in The Hill budget. <u>Will you please consider helping us in the 2017-2018 ministry year</u>? Lisa and I would love to

share at your church, Sunday school, Bible Study, or Prayer Group. Please contact us to set up a time. Thanks!

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

## **Our Ministry in the Hill Prayer Requests**

- ◆ Pray God helps us to maintain the momentum we experienced this past October and especially as a result of the installation service.
- ♦ Pray God will move the families whose kids already join us to join us as well.
- ◆ Pray God raises up new supporters and sustains our current supporters for this new year, 2017–2018.
- ♦ Again, pray God awakens the youth workers we need in the Hill.
- ♦ Pray that God draws men to our CPC in The Hill ministry as we begin to intentionally reach out to Men in The Hill.
- Finally, please begin praying for our move, the budget to be met, and how we are to handle our current home and a move into the Hill.
- 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 > Donate > Donation Applied > "Hill Church Planter–Rev. Chip Anderson"



In October, we had our first CPC in The Hill Men's meeting. We decided we need to take the time to engage men throughout the Hill—so we passed out flyers for an upcoming, 1-hour Men get together @ 158.



The kids had a great time at the 2017 CPC in The Hill Harvest Party.



We had such an abundance of kids at Harvest night, I used the occasion, while they waited to start, to film them shouting out: WAKE UP YOUTH MINISTER!

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