



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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News from CPC in The Hill—April 2018



CPC IN THE HILL LADIES AT THE WOMEN OF VIRTUE CONFERENCE—Each year our ladies attend a local women's conference. The group has grown from a handful to now almost every CPC in The Hill lady plus some friends and other family members. Southern New England is a spiritually dry place, so there isn't much for special group church-centered events. And, even fewer ones we can afford. So, we are thankful for this *free* Bridgeport area women's conference. We pay for some gas money and lunch is on us. *We are thankful for our supporters who make even free events manageable for us.* The ladies come back encouraged and strengthened in their faith—and so thankful for a CPC in The Hill ladies' adventure. Our hope is to start our own "Hill" church conference in the near future.

EASTER BASKETS TO THANK OUR CPC IN THE HILL KIDS—I wish I had taken a picture—we were cashing out Easter Basket supplies at a local \$1.50 store for our CPC in The Hill kids, when we held up the line for quite some time. (They had to open another cash register!) You know me and crowds—so I preached some (well, sort of). I apologized to the small crowd and explained, "We know all this stuff [I listed what we were putting in the baskets] isn't really about Easter. These baskets aren't to attract kids to Easter Service; they are a thank-you to our kids." I went on about how our kids, even without their parents, show up at Sunday services. They pitch in helping set up—every Sunday! At our events, they load and unload and help set up. Many stand, forgo playing, and serve others the entire event. "How can we not say thank you. And Easter, when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, it is a perfect time to tell our kids how much they mean to us and to God." We got some applause and some "Amen!" You can see (in the picture) some of the kids even helped put the baskets together. We love our CPC in The Hill kids. Your support and prayers make all this possible.



YOUR SUPPORT ENABLES US TO PARTNER WITH OTHERS WHO CARE ABOUT THE HILL—Each Saturday CPC in The Hill men help a local Hill group serve a free breakfast to anyone in need. I call it a sidewalk breakfast. These good people are called "Building IT Together," just people from the Hill giving back to people in the Hill (out of their own resources, too!). Their goal is to encourage and empower those who live in the Hill to take back the Hill and build up their lives. This is not a church event, but still our involvement doesn't go unnoticed and we are doing what we love: *servicing the people of the Hill.* We are humbled and grateful to have been asked to join them. Your support makes this possible.

A SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND LIVING SERMON ILLUSTRATION: GOD BUILDS OUR FAITH—Brother Rick, one of our own CPC in The Hill men, is a black belt and uses his training and skills to help our kids learn about God. Here Rick is teaching how God strengthens our faith to overcome hard times in our lives. He increases the boards to break to illustrate how as we grow older there are more difficult challenges—and that's why we need to grow in faith. He used older kids each time he added a board. Our kids—and the adults—love that we can do this, even on a Sunday morning.





MAY 5TH—ANNUAL BACKYARD BBQ @ THE ANDERSON’S—We are looking forward to our Backyard BBQ @ the Andersons (in Bridgeport, CT), an annual fundraising event to support our signature church ministry: *the “In His Midst” Summer Park BBQ*. For eight (8) Wednesday evenings during the summer, Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill rolls a grill into a nearby New Haven park (Trowbridge Square Park). We invite friends and family to join us at the BBQ or help through the GoFundMe campaign (just click the picture or type <https://www.gofundme.com/2018-cpc-in-the-hill-bbq-ministry>) to support this ministry. *Please consider giving to this very important and needed ministry.*

Thank you to those who have been supporting us and for those who pledged! We are at **69%** of our \$40,000 goal for this year’s budget, leaving **\$12,480** to be raised for our Sept 2017–Aug 2018 ministry year. Per month we need **\$3,333** of outside support to cover our responsibility for ministry expenses. As of March 31, the gifts and pledges have enabled us to see **\$2,293** of monthly outside giving (from people like you!), leaving a need for **\$1,040 additional monthly support**. The grid to the right visualizes what monthly pledging can accomplish. Let me emphasize, pledges are very important in that pledge help us to budget and allocate funds to our growing activities and ministries. *See where you can fit—where you can help! What do you think you can do to support us for a year? See below for how.*

Monthly	Annual	Supporters	p/mo &	p/yr Totals
\$30	\$360	@ 13	\$390	\$2,880
\$50	\$600	@ 4	\$200	\$1,800
\$100	\$1,200	@ 3	\$300	\$3,600
\$150	\$1,800	@ 1	\$150	\$1,800
Additional support needed > > >			\$1,040	\$12,480
			p/month to reach our goal	

OUR MINISTRY IN THE HILL PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) Please continue to pray God connects us to potential new families and that He’d help us reach out to new families who would join us and help our church grow. We have seen one new family since last monthly update—keep praying!
- 2) The volume of kids who come regularly to our services and who show up at most of our activities indicate our need for a youth worker/minister/volunteer; pray God raises up someone (and provides the funds, which also means increased fundraising!).
- 3) **We have begun the process to sell our home in Bridgeport so we can make a move to the Hill**—Pray for wisdom and guidance on the sale of our house. Ask God to bring someone to buy our home!
- 4) Pray we reach 100% of our fundraising goal (\$40,000) soon —we need \$12,480 more to meet our goal. Pray God moves some hearts to give and pray we connect with some churches that will support us.

- **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”



Three of our kids at *Learning to Read OUT LOUD*. The two ladies are helping the young boy to read the book—and he is the one doing the reading!



This is the grill we’re buying to replace our old worn-out one that has been used very well. You can help through our GoFundMe campaign for our 2018 Summer Park BBQ ministry >> <https://tinyurl.com/y9hto5b4>



The ladies gathered under the leadership of Nigeria (also known as Binky) to begin putting the Easter Baskets together—we had 80 made and you can see some of our young people also helped.