



## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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### NEWS FROM CPC IN THE HILL—AUGUST 2018

**2018 “IN HIS MIDST” PARK BBQ MINISTRY**—Eight Wednesday evenings in the park are in the can for 2018. What an adventure this summer has been. I must first thank those who donated to my GoFundMe Park BBQ campaign—you all ensured we had the resources for our signature ministry. We set up around 5:00pm each Wednesday. About 10 minutes before the food is ready I call everyone over (*Hey, good people, the hot dogs and hamburgers are ready—come on over!*). Between 30 to 40, with a few evenings of 50+, gather to hear the Word before we pray and eat. If anyone is homeless at this hour (and we do have homeless among us), that means they don’t have a bed for the evening (and we might very well be in their bedroom!). We served an average of 85 people each evening; a few at 90+ and our last evening, 140+ for sure. The last night we also handed out backpacks with some school supplies. We are grateful to the Beacon Bikers who donated 100+ backpacks for the kids. We need some rest, but we can’t wait for the 2019 Summer Park BBQ to start next July. I will be raising funds for this particular ministry in April 2019—stay tuned! We will need your help again. [My 2018 BBQ Park Line Selfies in review >> <https://tinyurl.com/y82r3t7v>]



**“I ♥ NEW HAVEN” HILL COMMUNITY BBQ**—Each summer *Bridges Of Hope* facilitates a day of volunteering called “I ♥ New Haven.” This year, *CPC in The Hill* & *Building IT Together* partnered with BoH to throw a large Hill community BBQ. *Building IT Together* is a Hill community group dedicated to empower change for Hill neighbors. *CPC in The Hill* has been helping them with a Saturday Free Breakfast on Congress Ave. We bring the lemonade (in the winter, hot chocolate). This community BBQ fed 200+ in about 2 and a half hours. There was a bouncehouse for kids, face painting, and lots of simple caring and listening to our neighbors. The volunteers (most from outside the Hill) were amazed that CPC in The Hill does this for 85+ each week in the summer for our Hill neighbors. Your support and prayers enables CPC in The Hill to be a part of community activities like this one, where we partner with other community organizations seeking to encourage and empower our Hill neighbors.



**AT LEAST ONE GUEST EVERY SUNDAY SINCE APRIL**—We are seeing more people regularly attend our Sunday service. We’ve had at least one guest (pretty much) every Sunday since April, with some returning! This is a good thing. And someone from the Park has joined us regularly—that’s one! God bring us more so others can be a part of what you’re doing through CPC in The Hill.



**The End is Nigh and the New FY is Soon Upon Us**—As of today, August 24, Lisa and I are at **91%** of our goal, leaving a FY '17–'18 shortfall of \$3,511 (if all the pledges come in). We try to be frugal (on an already shoestring budget) with our expense lines. Your help this year was encouraging and helped to sustain our ministry. The new budget year (FY 19) is a week away, beginning September 1, 2018. This coming year, Lisa and I must raise **\$43,500**, about \$4,500 more than this year (or an  $\approx 11.54\%$  increase). Our goal is to see \$3,620 of monthly giving. See the grid below and *where you can help. And, please help us for FY 19!*

Monthly	Annual	Supporters	Totals	
\$30	\$360	15	\$450	\$5,400
\$50	\$600	6	\$300	\$3,600
\$75	\$900	5	\$375	\$4,500
\$100	\$1,200	4	\$400	\$4,800
\$150	\$1,800	4	\$600	\$7,200
\$200	\$2,400	3	\$600	\$7,200
\$300	\$3,600	3	\$900	\$10,800

Monthly      FY 19  
**\$3,620      \$43,436**



Some of our CPC in The Hill kids waiting for service to begin. Some of our kids come with their parents, some want their parents to drop them off. I was told last week some of our new kids even woke up by themselves, got dressed, and said, “We’re going to Pastor Chip’s church this morning. Keep praying and keep giving!”

***Thank you and keep the support and pledges coming!***

### OUR HILL MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Still IMPORTANT**—Pray for our worship site situation: the owners of 158 Davenport are selling it and might likely be a done deal by the end of August. We don’t have to move right away (in talks with the new owners), but we will need a new place for worship this Fall. Pray God guides us and gives us wisdom concerning a new home for CPC in The Hill.
- **Still working on Packing**—Getting our Bridgeport Home ready to sell or rent—this takes time, none of which Lisa nor I have. Pray God helps us in this so we can move this Fall to the Hill!
- Pray for those in the park who heard the gospel, that they’d be drawn to Christ.
- Almost every Sunday, our services have been full of our regulars and guests seem to be joining us on a regular basis; pray we are welcoming to them and God provides good follow-up with them (by me)
- Pray as we begin a new season of fundraising (Sep’ 18–Aug ’19) and that God helps us to develop more partners for this coming year, FY 19.

**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 <http://www.cpcinthehill.org/> > Donate > Donation Applied > “Hill Church Planter–Rev. Chip Anderson”



As a part of our ministry vision, we want to help CPC in The Hill members start businesses *in the Hill*. Here that piece of art at City Hall was a parable of what God is doing, the work of the cross in Maxine’s life. She is my church administrator, who also wants to start a food cart business, Maxine’s Mercy Cart. We were at City Hall checking on vendor licenses and zoning. We have to start somewhere . . . this is a start. Your gifts, support, and prayers, make Maxine’s vision and our vision possible.

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