



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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DECEMBER 2018 — NEWS FROM CPC IN THE HILL



2018 HILL CHRISTMAS STORE, LOVING ON OUR NEIGHBORS, PARTNERING WITH OUR SISTER CPC—Our 2018 Hill Christmas Store was grand as ever. We saw 100+ more gift donations for this year's event (typically 160ish; this year 274+). Our Beacon Biker friends donated to the day's event (**THANK YOU!**). The partnership with our CPC New Haven anchor church, again, proved special and affirming to us. Our CPC in The Hill young ladies worked the whole set up, served our customers (wrapping and wrapping), and stayed for cleanup. This store is a great example of what church family means and for empowering our Hill neighbors. *We plan on expanding this event in the future, so stay tuned, we might need your help and partnership!*

LADIES FELLOWSHIP AND ART TIME—Our ladies loved that our church provided Art/Painting time for our kids—but “*we want to have our time, too. How about a ladies Art Event?*” So, Sharon, Maxine, and Nigeria (aka, Binky) put together two painting events this Fall for our ladies that provided an opportunity for fellowship and for outreach. Thankful that Sharon provides much of the supplies for the event—and Maxine puts together a nice light cracker and cheese and fruit table. These events are so important for us, creating space that is positive and strengthening for our ladies and their friends. *Your support enables us to ensure we have the resources to make times like this happen.*



WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ALL ABOUT? – OUR CPC IN THE HILL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Our first annual Children's Christmas presentation was a huge hit (if you can say that about a part of a worship service). The kids had practiced for nearly two months and they did wonderfully. God blessed us with a full house; probably the most attendance we've had, *where guests even brought guests*. What a powerful service, remembering what Christmas is all about. The kids acted out their parts very well and read Scripture wonderfully. Our

guests were also able to experience our whole church service and what it's like worshipping with us. The kids helped make it easy. And, we know they were encouraged to see how many people came out to see and hear them. We love our kids. This event, within our Sunday morning worship, was significant, not only because it told the Christmas story from the kid's perspective, but also because half our kids usually come without their parents—and many of their parents actually came for the first time! *Pray that we continue to have the resources and workers to serve and build up our CPC in The Hill children.*



Perhaps God has blessed you so you can give an end of the year gift
to our Hill church plant and ministry.

Your prayers and financial support makes all this possible. Thank-you!

December Monthly Update on our Financial Resources—As of December 15th, we are at 50% (or \$21,960) pledged or given toward our FY19 responsibility (\$43,463) for the necessary resources for our Hill church plant and ministry. Our goal is to see a monthly fundraising income of \$3,620. ***If all pledges and anticipated donations come in***, we are currently at \$1,830 (or 50% of our monthly needed amount). You can help fill the gap: this can be pledged or given—monthly, quarterly, or even with an annual one-time gift. The chart below portrays how monthly giving (or an annual gift) works at various giving levels. ***See where you can help. And, please help us for FY 19!***

Monthly	Annual	Supporters	Totals	
\$30	\$360	6	\$180	\$2,160
\$50	\$600	5	\$250	\$3,000
\$100	\$1,200	3	\$300	\$3,600
\$150	\$1,800	2	\$300	\$3,600
\$300	\$3,600	1	\$300	\$3,600
\$500	\$6,000	1	\$500	\$6,000
Additionally needed >>			Monthly \$1,830	FY 19 \$21,960



BIG NEWS—We are signing a lease on Dec 27th for a 1st floor apartment in the Hill. Yes. God has provided just enough funds to move into the Hill neighborhood so we will literally have feet on the ground in the community we are privileged to pastor. We will need your support more than ever to stay here. Please consider partnering with us in this adventure.

Thank you and keep the support and pledges coming!

OUR HILL MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray that all works smoothly as we move into our new home January 1st. Pray God helps tie up financial-loose ends, strength for the physical aspect of the move, and wisdom as we become a part of the neighborhood.
- Pray our CPC in The Hill kids' parents that don't join us on Sundays begin to see the wisdom and value of joining their kids for worship Sunday mornings.
- Continue to pray God moves some of the people whom I have been befriending and working with over the past two years into our fellowship, many who would call me their pastor—pray God opens their hearts to the importance of church.
- Now more than ever—Pray that God will connect us to new potential supporters who will partner with us financially so that we will have all the resources needed for our Hill ministry

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”



Our monthly fellowship meals are well attended and a great opportunity for getting to know each other and for encouraging one another. At this particular meal we had Korean, Spanish, and English all gathered around the tables.



One of our few children at the Christmas Store (we try to discourage bringing children so parents can buy surprises!). She was enjoying playing with some of the toys, while her folks were shopping. This is why we're here!



It was an incredible day. Planning started in Oct. Set up begins day-off at 8:30am. Store opens to the public at 11—and is open till the last item goes or 1pm . . . we've rarely need the whole two-hours. Then afterwards, 135 (our CPC church on Whitney and our Hill volunteers and workers fellowship over a lunch together.

A quick slide video of our Christmas Store event: <https://tinyurl.com/y9cgsf2f>