



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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JULY 2018—NEWS FROM CPC IN THE HILL



THE FUTURE BEGINS NOW AND YOU CAN BE A PART OF IT—Each Sunday, we see several young people at worship. Some come with Maxine and Nigeria. Some come without their parents. Some are dropped off by their parents—and their parents go off to their own church, but the kids want to be here at CPC in The Hill. Amazing. On an average morning, we will see 8 kids (preK-8) and a few teens. Many Sundays we can see a dozen and on some, as many as 24. The young man with John sitting at the laptop (L&R) wants to be a pastor, so he asks to help with the service PowerPoint. He reads, sings, and turns the song slides. The young man in the middle was willing to step up to read the Old Testament reading for that service. He did a great job. **This is where it starts! Right there at that laptop. Our church's future leadership. The future leadership and role models in the Hill. And, future leadership in the Presbyterian Church in America. Minority leadership and leadership from our social margins starts right here.** We need to think long—strategic, patient, supporting—loving on these kids. *And, we need your support to ensure we don't lose these kids as they move into the teen years.*



"IN HIS MIDST" 2018 SUMMER PARK BBQ MINISTRY IS UP—We have had four (4) BBQs in the park so far; four (4) more to go. Lots of new people. Of course, our old friends appreciate us being back. Each evening has been good; making new friends and reaffirming old ones. So far, the crowds have been between 65 and 90, in fact last week easily over 90+. Unparented teens seem abundant this year. It is always hard to hear the stories of the homeless. If someone is homeless at this hour, they don't have a bed; in fact, we might be *in* their bed-room! There is a good chance that for a number of people this is their only real food for that day—for some, maybe for a few days. The Beacon Bikers are present. Even the founders of Higher Ground Ministries (an addiction recovery and addiction prevention Christian peer support ministry) have joined us. (We're planning on starting a chapter in the Hill.) The series of Park Sermons is "In the Father's House There Are Plenty of Rooms for Everyone." We see good responses. *Please pray for God to work through us, drawing many to faith and to church!*



2018 SUMMER SPORTS & ARTS CAMP—Our Hill volunteers and the volunteers from our anchor church, CPC New Haven, are *amazing*. We saw an average of 60 kids each day. The community saw Christ Presbyterian Church loving our neighbors. It is amazing how big an impact our CPC in The Hill, with help from CPC New Haven *and from you*, has on this Hill community. Many asked if we could have camp all summer. Maybe someday. This is a great platform for outreach and visibility for our church and has become one of our signature ministries in the Hill. Please take the time to watch the 2018 Summer CPC Impact Mercy & Sports Camp video to see all that we saw happen. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsSLAZW-sL0&t=2s>

Closing in on Our Monthly Outside Support Goal (\$3,160)—*Thank you and keep the support and pledges coming!* As of June 30th, we are at **80%** of our goal, leaving **\$7,711** to be raised for our Sept 17–Aug 18 budget ministry year. The gifts and pledges to date have enabled **\$2,528** of monthly outside giving (from people like you!), leaving a need for **\$632** additional monthly support. Help us close the gap: in the final months we need \$7,711 to meet our expenses. ***Where you can help. And, please help!***

OUR HILL MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **IMPORTANT**—Pray for our worship site situation: the owners of 158 Davenport are selling it and will most 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 by this Fall. Pray God guides us and gives us wisdom concerning a new home for CPC in The Hill.
- 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 a young man, John, who accepted Christ at our Wednesday BBQs, that he'd now grow in 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 we meet our Sep-Aug expenses (we are short \$7,711) and that God helps us to develop more partners for this coming year, FY 18-19.

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”



I pray for each child at the Table every Sunday. At this point in their lives, they need to know they are a part of our church family and greatly loved.



Maxine and I always put on a good show during announcement time after the end of the service.



That moment: Beacon Bikers. CPC in The Hill. Teddy from High Ground Ministries. Praying with a young man to receive Christ. We need more of these moments!