



## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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



**“YOU STEPPED RIGHT BACK UP, EVEN WITH TEARS IN YOUR EYES. OUR HILL KIDS NEEDED TO SEE THAT”**—This doesn’t look like a fair picture—for the young boy nor for developing support for our CPC in The Hill ministry. But it most certainly is! (FYI: I did ask permission). What you need to know, this was very much a God-moment at our last Summer Park BBQ. On his first try, the board didn’t break, which brought the tears (and embarrassment) in front of a crowd of (easily) 150. Then the cheering started: “*Noah! Noah! Noah! Noah!*” And then it happened. His composure still unraveled, this young boy, filled with shame and tears stepped back up there. This time the board broke. This was so important for our kids: our young people saw a lesson in stepping back up after failure (public failure) and trying again. They were encouraged that they, too, can step back up, with God’s help and a community (a church!) shouting their name, and try again. This was gospel to those whose address, too often,

determines destiny. Later, embracing him, I told Noah, “*You stepped right back up there, even with tears in your eyes. Our Hill kids needed to see that. God used you. Sorry he hurt and embarrassed you. But he used you in the life of all these kids.*” My friends, your partnership with us enables us to see God-moments just like these.

**THIS . . . A FATHER, HIS SON, AND HIS GRANDBABIES**—At our last Summer Park BBQ we had the privilege of our very own Rick Varrone, along with his son and grandbabies, illustrate growing in faith through their karate skills. The lesson went with my last Park Sermon on why it is important to get involved with church. But it was their living parable of a father, his son, and his grandbabies, all together, ministering in the Hill that provoked the best lesson. The Varrones illustrated for us the importance of Fathers and Sons, and yes, Grandbabies—multiple generations together. One of our goals as a church is to see more fathers bond with their children; see men step up as fathers; see children become healthy adults because they have had time with their fathers. Rick is part of our congregation and is often called upon to give lessons, share the Word, and even use his karate skill to strengthen our faith as a church and to reach out to Hill neighbors. We are stronger for his presence. God send us more mature Christian fathers. And, O God, raise up from among us strong Christian men and fathers for the Hill.



**HONORED AT THE 2018 ANNUAL HILL REUNION**—Each year, CPC in The Hill is present at the annual Hill Reunion, “One Love, One Hill.” This year both Maxine and I were honored to receive awards from the One Love, One Hill committee. Maxine received the *Community Service* award and I received the *Community Outreach & Advocacy Award*. Maxine, who is our CPC in The Hill office administrator, has long been serving her community—her award is well deserved. I was humbled by the nomination, seeing that I am new to the Hill. I am humbled to be adopted by Hill residents and called a member of the Hill community. In fact, because of your support, I am considered a community pastor.

**FY19 has Begun!**—September 1, 2018 begins a new ministry and fiscal year for us (FY19). Your support and partnership enabled us to see God’s ministry among us in FY18. Now, we need you to consider supporting and continuing to support us with your kind financial gifts and prayers. We try to be frugal (on an already shoestring budget) with our expense lines. This coming year, Lisa and I must raise **\$43,436**, about \$4,500 more than this year (or an ≈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
			<b>\$3,620</b>	<b>\$43,436</b>



These two young ladies started coming, on their own, waking up and getting dressed, and joining us at CPC in The Hill Sunday mornings. Without their parents. They and their brothers and baby sister never (ever) had been to church before. Your partnership ensures we continue to make Christ known in the Hill to kids just like these young ladies.

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

### OUR HILL MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Haven’t heard anything, but STILL IMPORTANT**—Pray for our worship site situation: the owners of 158 Davenport are selling it and will likely be finalized this Fall sometime. We don’t have to move right away (in talks with the potential 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.
- Lisa and I have one tenant at the house now. We need at least one more (we are renting out rooms for now), which will then free up enough funds to rent an apartment in The Hill. Just one more. Pray God leads that one to us soon.
- Pray that the multitudes who have interaction with us (with CPC in The Hill and/or with me) will be drawn to Christ and to recognize the importance of church fellowship (at CPC in The Hill!).
- 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”



I am back at Riverside Opportunities School. Each Thursday (and whenever needed), I am present to mentor, help with resumes and job search for students, and even (later at some time) teach a customer service class.



A young man, who was just a boy who was at CPC in The Hill when I first started—all grown up, sought me out to tell me how he was doing. God, we need a youth minister!



We appreciate the old(er) and young help we had at our 2018 annual Hill Reunion table on Sat. Sept 8th. Our table is always a big hit. Many people stopped by. Maxine was great going through our flyer, explaining all we do and why we do it!