



## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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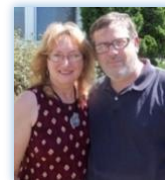
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## 2019 SUMMER NEWS FROM CPC IN THE HILL



**OUR FIRST PRE-CAMP TRAINING & COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE**—Our CPC 2019 Impact Week started with our first annual Pre-Camp Training and Community Worship in the Hill here on Davenport Ave. Our own Rick Varrone and his son's family's band provided some worship. The evening revolved around the theme, “*What Does Mercy Look Like in the Hill?*” Pastor Craig, from our anchor church, kicked off the teaching time with an *exposition* of Ephesians 4.

Afterward I had two teaching sessions: 1) Matthew 9:13, “Go

and learn what this means: ‘I desire *mercy*, and not sacrifice’” and the issue of clean vs. unclean; and, 2) The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:37), “He said, ‘The one who showed him *mercy*.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You go, and do likewise’” and the concept of “strong and weak ties.” We concluded with a brief training for volunteers—how to express mercy to our Sports & Arts campers. Over 45 adults and teenagers attended. It was an incredible evening. We intend to build on this with next year's Impact Week with our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Pre-Camp Worship, Bible Teaching, and Training.



**2019 HILL SPORTS & ARTS CAMP**—This year we saw many new families; this is a good thing, hoping to make broader and wider connections here in the Hill. The devotional time covered the acronym G.R.A.C.E: *God's Riches At Christ's Expense*. The kids enjoyed five days of soccer, some did basketball, and some Art. The kids in the Arts class made a quilt and pillows. The quilt they made will be given to the Executive Director of the local non-profit, Christian Community Action, to give to a client who could use a blanket and be encouraged. We had an average of 50 kids and 30 teen volunteers over the five

days of last week of June. On the Saturday after camp we had a wonderful post-camp BBQ at Maxine's on Stevens Street, where 100+ from CPC in The Hill, CPC New Haven (our anchor church), camper families, and many community members enjoyed food and fellowship.



**THE 2019 PARK BBQ MINISTRY KICKED OFF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY IN JULY**—The 2019 Summer BBQ Park ministry, “In His Midst,” began its first of eight Wednesday evenings on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Even with some rain (we have a no cancellation policy) 60+ showed up for the first park sermon and grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, salad, a number of other dishes, and dessert. We noted many new families, children, and teens this year. So, we needed, again, to gain their trust. Many returned for the following

Wednesday evenings (7 so far). Our last, August 21<sup>st</sup>, we will also have Backpacks and some school supplies for all the kids that are at the BBQ finale. We are grateful for the Beacon Bikers who donate the backpacks and for all those who donated to the 2019 Park BBQ ministry. We are grateful to those who empower us to serve and love on our Hill neighbors. ([The 2019 Park BBQ Line Selfie Video](#))



\*Lisa and I will be serving a breakfast each Saturday morning, starting September 7<sup>th</sup>, on the sidewalk in front of our Hill apartment. More on this in the next newsletter. You can also keep track of this new ministry on our Facebook Prayer Partner page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CPCintheHillPrayerPartners> (please join if you haven't already).

**Update on our Financial Resources**—We are grateful for all who gave out of their abundance to put us at 91% of our fundraising goal for this year (FY19). We still have a few (in that 91%) to catch up or give toward what we expected in FY19, but still over all, it was our best fundraising year since I started 3 years ago. Please help us with FY20 as we grow.

Now moving into our 4<sup>th</sup> year of fundraising, we will need to raise **\$47,000** to meet the expected (yet still bare-minimum and austere) FY20 budget. Some things still come from our own pockets, but the basic ministry needs of the church (i.e., the FY20 budget) needs to be fully funded. See below for how you can pledge or make a one time donation for the FY20 year, which begins 9/1/2019.

***And, please help us for FY 20!***



***Serving the Hill Community***—

Although our congregation has been faithfully giving more of their own resources (\$7,000 in FY19 up from \$6,000 in FY18 and \$4,800 in FY17), we can't do this without your support. In order for me to focus on building and growing a church here in the Hill from among people who barely meet their own daily basic needs, we require outside support. *Please consider partnering with us.*

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

## OUR HILL MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that God moves people into our church, so they, too, can grow in Christ and learn to show Jesus' love to the Hill community.
- Pray God gives us a good number of people to take our first CPC in The Hill leadership development course (starting in October).
- Pray God gives us wisdom to use our new home as an extension of our CPC in The Hill vision (timing for home Bible study, communal meals, sidewalk BBQs, and, now, especially our Carlisle St Saturday sidewalk breakfasts).
- Pray God continues to move people whom I have befriended and have been working with over the past years *into our fellowship*, many who would call me their pastor—*pray God opens their hearts to the importance of church.*
- Pray that God will connect us to new potential supporters for FY20, 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

- Checks: "CPC New Haven"/in memo "FY20 Hill/CA"/mail: 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"



Maxine at our Hill Pre-Camp training sharing about her ministry to her Stevens Street neighbors: Friday night free movies during the summer. She is getting so good at speaking up-front. Her love for Jesus and CPC in The Hill is so evident.



Even in the pouring rain, people come out for our Park BBQ. Our consistency, no matter the weather, is well noted by our Hill neighbors.



Our flock is growing. You can see the young boys up-front, helping with our service PowerPoint as the congregation sings. We believe in preparing, best we can, our future helpers and church leaders.