



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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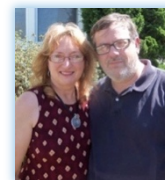
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SPRING 2019 — UPDATE & REVIEW



CPC SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE—In February 14 people from CPC in The Hill attended our SoCT CPC *Introduction to Spiritual Leadership Conference* (ISLC). A Certificate of Attendance was given to our participants to celebrate our church's first step in building church leadership. We intend to facilitate our own CPC in The Hill ISLC here in the Hill. The goal is to develop a track for leadership, teachers, and eventually elders from the Hill for our church. We will have this 2-day conference in the Spring of 2020 (which will be included in our FY20 budget @ approx. \$1,200 for a 2-day event).



CPC IN THE HILL QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS—CPC in The Hill has scheduled quarterly congregational meetings to keep information flowing and to promote a wider sense of responsibility among those who consider CPC in The Hill their church home. These meetings help for longer planning and an appeal for others to take on responsibilities to accomplish our weekly, monthly, and annual activities and events. We also provide food for the event and have budgeted \$200 for each quarterly meeting (\$800 annually).



CPC IN THE HILL LADIES BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER—Our ladies have a Bible Study and Prayer time each Wednesday evening. This is led by Maxine and Denise (i.e., Dr. Nisi). I prepare a study guide each week, typically based on the previous Sunday's sermon text. The ladies, themselves, provide food, sometimes even a whole meal. The ladies are seriously growing and this group has been pivotal in pulling in guests to our fellowship. Although the ladies bring their own food, we make sure a few times a year there is a grand meal; office supplies; and women-related conference scholarships for the ladies who are regular on Wednesday evenings (approx. \$800 annually).



MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP—Each Thursday morning at 7:30 a few CPC in The Hill men meet for breakfast, some fellowship, and a reflection on a text of Scripture. Buster (lower left) often takes the lead asking each of us, "So, what's been going on in your life? What's God been up to?" Sometimes one or two other guys having breakfast come over and join us. Many are starting to recognize us and me as a local pastor. We invite everyone to join us at Sunday service—we pray God moves many! This ministry covers a coffee and a sandwich for some of the guys; plus, we often offer a sandwich or coffee to a stranger. (We plan on \$15 a week @ 43 weeks, or \$645 yrly.)



LADIES FELLOWSHIP & PAINTING/ART TIMES—The moms who brought their kids to the quarterly Kids Art & Painting wanted their own time for painting and fellowship. So, Sharon and Nigeria started putting together Ladies' Painting Saturdays (basically on a quarterly basis now). Sharon supplies all the art material (out of her own pocket) and CPC in The Hill provides some refreshments. This is a good time of fellowship and a great venue for inviting guests, which draws more into our church fellowship. Eventually we need to, as a church, pick up the cost of this ministry, which will be budgeted around \$500 annually.



1ST EVER CPC IN THE HILL KIDS CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION—Our kids worked for two months on a Christmas story skit to present to our CPC in The Hill church family. Of course this was good in and of itself for the kids, but their self-esteem was so lifted when then saw a full sanctuary of a number of guests and, very significantly, their parents (some joined us for their very first time at worship). This was such a great Sunday. Instead of me giving the children's message; our children gave us a Christmas message.



PREPARING EASTER BASKETS FOR OUR KIDS—A number of our ladies and some teens, gathered together to make our kids Easter baskets the morning service. We have 60 baskets—all gone. Older kids even gave up a basket so a younger child could have one—meaning more than 60 kids. Along with the baskets, the kids also had an Easter egg hunt after the service. The pre-day also provides a great time of fellowship and ownership of the ministries of CPC in The Hill. It was an incredible service!

Monthly	Annual	Supporters	Totals	
0	\$360	4	\$120	\$1,440
\$50	\$600	3	\$150	\$1,800
\$100	\$1,200	2	\$200	\$2,400
\$300	\$3,600	1	\$300	\$3,600
\$500	\$6,000	1	\$500	\$6,000
		Additionally needed >>	Monthly \$1,270	FY 19 \$15,240

Spring Update on our Financial Resources—At this time we are thankful to be at **65%** (or \$28,200, pledged, promised, or given) toward our FY19 (9/1-8/31) fundraising goal of \$43,440. This leaves **\$15,240** (or 35%) remaining for the necessary resources needed for our Hill church budget. Our goal is to see \$3,620 in monthly support to contribute toward our expenses. We have \$2,350 at this time, but need between pledges and one-time (or quarterly or monthly) gifts an additional \$1,270 of monthly outside support. *Would you consider partnering with us to ensure we have the necessary resources and help fill the gap. See where you can help. Or, perhaps in your planning for next year's church budget for our FY20 budget (which starts September 1, 2019).*

Thank you and keep the support and pledges coming!

OUR HILL MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that God helps us to be good neighbors on our new street (Carlisle St) here in the Hill and that God gives us divine appointments.
- 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, etc.).
- Pray God continues to move 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.
- 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”



My wife, Lisa, is sharing at the 5 Christ Presbyterian Churches Ladies Retreat this Spring. She spoke about the Hill ladies' Bible study and how they were learning how to pray. Lisa is getting pretty good at speaking up-front!



We decided to experiment with a full breakfast for our Easter Service this year. We had quite a spread. Maxine even made fried fish and grits—now that's Hill food! There were tables set up in the sanctuary, some people ate there, some in the pews. Yes, we let people eat in the sanctuary—and even at the start of the service. I think we will do it again next year. My vision is to have breakfast every Sunday—but we pray someone will step up to make this happen each week. For now, we continue with some fruit, coffee and juice, and breakfast pastry or breads. This year's Easter Breakfast was a success.



The CPC in The Hill ladies joined 4 other CPC churches (3 other church plants and the CPC New Haven anchor church) for a Spring Ladies Retreat. Each of the churches had representation on the Retreat Committee, which included our Maxine. Almost a dozen of our Hill ladies and their guests joined the retreat. All had a great time.