

BELL TOWER NEWS

College Hill Presbyterian Church – October 2021

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CHURCH-WIDE GROWTH GROUP EXPERIENCE: SEPTEMBER 26 – NOVEMBER 7

Sign up for a Growth Group online at chpc.org/growth-groups.

Growth Groups at CHPC provide a safe place for people to gather, exploring how God's Word relates to our everyday lives. We believe that most of our lives in Christ are lived out in the context of community, not just in once-a-week worship services or individual quiet times. Growth Groups provide an intentional place within our church for discipleship to happen. Discipleship is a natural product of us loving God and loving others. Growth Groups are not just a Bible study. Growth Groups are not just fellowship. Growth Groups are a unique combination of the two; they offer a place for our lives to be shared with other believers so that we grow in our obedience to Jesus.

We all long for meaningful relationships that will support and help one another in our Christian growth. According to the CHPC Church Pulse Survey that over 100 of you completed, two of the top three needs

in our congregation are connections to one another and spiritual formation. Growth Groups meet both of those needs by encouraging each participant to grow in Christ and by providing an opportunity to gather together and learn about each other's lives . . . *We invite the whole church to experience Growth Groups for seven weeks.*



"SECURE THE BAG: GOD'S FINANCIAL PLAN"

PREACHING SERIES 9/26 to 11/7

- Sept. 26: "Who's the Boss?"
Matthew 19:16-30—Do you have money, or does money have you? God and money compete for your soul. We must recognize the battle that goes on in our lives every day between God and money.
- Oct. 3: "Kingdom Currency"
Luke 18:18-25; 1 Timothy 6:17-19—Special Speaker Dan Martin from Pure Hope.
- Oct. 10: "Who's the Owner?"
Matthew 20:1-16—God is the owner of all. God provides for God's people. We need not live in fear of scarcity nor of a meritocracy. God provides according to God's generosity, not your ability.
- Oct. 17: "Bills, Bills, Bills"
Luke 16:1-15; 1 Timothy 6:6-10—Wise finances. Be content. Don't worry. Make a budget.
- Oct. 24: "Free Giving"
2 Corinthians 9:6-15—Giving cheerfully, generously, sacrificially, and strategically.
- Oct. 31: "Fool's Gold"
Proverbs 13:11, 21:20, 22:3,7, 27:23-27—How to say no. (CONTINUED PG.8)



COLLEGE HILL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Finneytown area toddler drowns in backyard pool

The Swim Ministry staff is committed to making an eternal difference in the lives of children one swimmer at a time, but the odds are not good:

DROWNING IS “A WORLD PANDEMIC FOR WHICH THERE IS NO BROAD PREVENTION EFFORT.” NEARLY 400,000 DIE EACH YEAR.— World Health Organization

DROWNING IS “A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR CHILDREN.” EACH DAY THERE ARE 11 FATAL AND 22 NON-FATAL DROWNINGS. EVEN NON-FATAL ONES MAY RESULT IN BRAIN DAMAGE AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY.—U.S. Center for Disease Control

Such statistics were the driving force behind our miraculous 2020 summer season: “The Big Splash.” In spite of the pandemic, we safely taught swimmers and finished financially solvent. Lesson fees covered expenses, but individual donations and grants enabled us “to dream BIG.” God used the 2021 grant application process to show us how we could make a differences



in even more children’s lives, despite the statistics.

The toddler in the newspaper article was part of a close-knit immigrant community that was devastated by his death. Two concerned neighbors asked us to pray for God to comfort for

those who grieved this seemingly senseless death.

The toddler’s death refocused our 2021 “Big Splash” grant applications. We intentionally included scholarships for children of immigrants and others who have little or no tradition of swimming lessons. All four grant requests were fully funded. Two national foundations cited our summer 2020 track record as proof of our commitment. The spokesman for “Step into Swim.” Rowdy Gaines—3-time Olympic gold medalist and commentator—said, “In 2020, you taught 202 swimmers in the midst of the pandemic. That’s 202 more than all the Y’s in the USA. Plus, you gave \$2,940 in

BY SHARLYN STARE —ADMINISTRATOR, SWIM MINISTRY



scholarships to *underserved* kids!

Grants, individual donors, our mulch fund-raiser and donors provided \$7,210 in swim scholarships. Over 35% of our swimmers where *underserved* children/teens who came from WhizKids and Treehouse tutoring/mentoring, Jesus U. and LifeSpring Ballet groups, Pleasant Hill Academy, Mt. Healthy North Elementary, and the area. Seven racial/ethnic groups took part in the swim lessons.

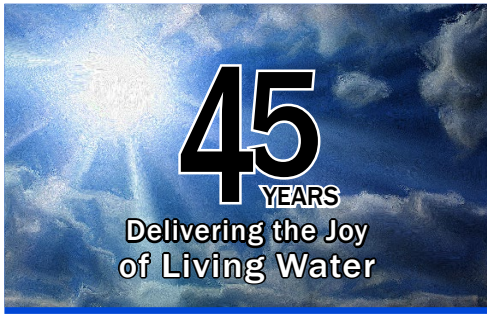
GOD AT WORK—Sekar emailed wanting evening swim lessons for 13 children of refugees. We said, “Yes” even though we had no pool, no staff, no transportation, and no idea if we spoke a common language. When the students arrived in our church van, their swim teachers smiled, and with a slight bow greeted them and their parents with their traditional greeting, “Namaste!”

Few had ever been in a swimming pool. The children took swim lessons, and their parents learned “water safety” (Reach-Throw-Don’t go). Mid-week, Sekar revealed that he was the one who had found the drowned toddler and that the child’s brother was one of our students.

The last-day award celebration was filled with hugs and photos. Later, as the teachers gathered in prayer, we each sensed that God had touched us deeply through the drowning death of one child. As we simply taught swimming, we had seen fear and grief overcome by respect, love and fun. We were refreshed and renewed in our resolve to keep “Delivering the joy of Living Water.”



SWIMMERS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS JOIN IN A SILLY PHOTO



CLASSES BEGIN WITH PRAYER AND PHIL. 4:13—THE “CAN DO IT” VERSE.



ONE-ON-ONE LESSONS HELP BOTH SWIMMERS AND TEACHERS SUCCEED AS WELL AS NURTURE FUTURE STAFF.

PRATEEK WENT FROM FEAR OF WATER TO CREATING A DIARAMA OF “HIS SWIMMING POOL” AS A THANK YOU GIFT FOR THE TEACHERS.



AN INSIDER’S VIEW

BY DR. RUTH SEIPLE

What brings me back to the Swim Ministry each summer? Smiles, fun and accomplishments, solid Bible devotionals, working side by side with others, focused on serving Christ and giving God the glory. In 2020, COVID-19 caused me to take a break from teaching a week or two for the first time in 27 years. I missed the ministry deeply.

This summer, I returned to find safety protocols in place and the same true spirit of teaching as I have always known. I was confidence that my involvement wouldn’t compromise the health and care of my elderly parents and my infant granddaughter.

The ministry is very serious about water safety for all ages and nationalities. But, the Swim Ministry’s most enduring “products”

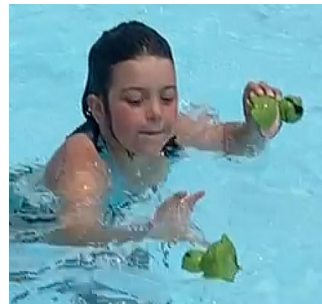


DYLAN CLARK & RUTH SEIPLE TEACHING “BIG SPLASH” SWIMMERS FROM ETHIOPIA.

are the excellent young people raised up as teaching staff. They are tomorrow’s Christian leaders. I have witnessed the values and character of our teen staff shining outside the swimming pool. I see many of them showing up at the University of Cincinnati. I interact with them as adults in churches around the city and out in the local community. How exciting!

Professor Ruth Seiple is the Director of the Kolodzik Honors Program, School of Business, University of Cincinnati.

LEAPS OF FAITH ARE COMMON.



GAMES LIKE “FROG HERDING” MAKE PRACTICING SWIM SKILLS FUN.

SHOWING OFF HOMEWORK IS A GREAT WAY TO START CLASS.



THE STAFF LEARNS LIFE SKILLS AND “INTER-DEPENDENCE.”





JACKY KALUBI: YOU CAN GO HOME AGAIN . . . MINISTRY AROUND THE WORLD

INTERVIEW BY CHERYL SCHAEFFNER

This summer, CHPC Elder and professional educator Jacky Kalubi and her son Daniel said yes to a fellow Congolese friend and doctor. He invited them to join the medical team (pictured above) returning to the Congo—Jacky’s country of origin.

Daniel managed the operations of the trip, setting up lodging and transportation and leading registration. He particularly enjoyed exercising his gift of languages, speaking English, French, and Tshiluba. Jacky herself speaks seven languages and joined the team as an interpreter for the nurses, doctors, and pharmacists who volunteer for Christian Brigade, an organization that sponsors international medical missions.

Jacky was a vital team member since the medical diagnoses depended on the translations she was able to provide.

The team members traveled to Tshibombo, a remote village in the interior of north central Congo. They were met by a crowd of people of many ages expecting their arrival. Alerted through radio announcements, people walked or motored from as far as 50 miles away to obtain the free services.

The team worked 12-hour days, providing medical treatment, surgery, medications for pain management and infection control, preventive teaching, and prayer. At the end of the long days, the team met to debrief each other about what they had experienced: burn cases, problematic pregnancies, infections, malnourishment, emergency surgery, unmanaged diabetes resulting in the need for amputations, and more.

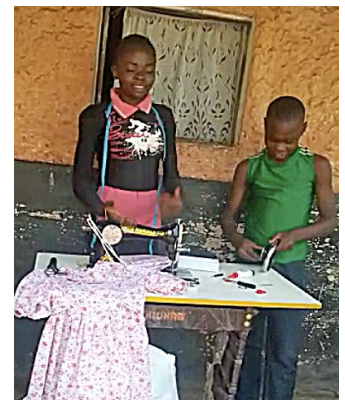
A memorable experience was the discovery of the gender of twins in utero using an iPhone that could do ultrasounds. Only one in three infants born in rural villages have access to a hospital, thus prenatal care and teaching is a high priority.

Concerned about the empowerment of women, Jacky gathered and provided feminine hygiene products that were enthusiastically received (see photo below). In addition, the team provided Bibles,



medicines, shoes, toys, and caps.

MUSAU IS PICTURED WITH HER NEW SEWING MACHINE THAT WILL ENABLE HER TO BE AN “INDEPENDENT WOMAN.”



Jacky plans to return with a team of people equipped to dig wells for a village whose source of water is rain collected in a cistern depleted during the dry season. Be part of the ongoing mission.



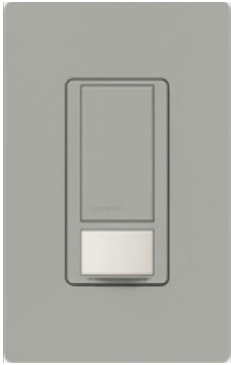
THE GOVERNOR OF KASAI ORIENTAL PROVINCE WELCOMES THE MEDICAL BRIGADE LEADERS AND DANIEL (right).

**HEAR JACKY KALUBI:
OCT. 17 OUTREACH
MISSION MEETING**

Jacky will presents exciting stories/ images from the trip & future plans.

- Introduction at the 9:00 and 10:30 AM worship services;
- 12 PM to 12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall;
- A more personal update by Jacky at 12:45 PM during Lunch with the Outreach Bunch at Krimmer’s Restaurant (1704 Galbraith Rd., west of Hamilton Ave.). NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED.

SEE christianbrigades.org (Congo)



Throughout the CHPC campus, programmable occupancy and vacancy sensor light switches automatically control room and hall lights. Many have a push button manual control as

well as a dimming sensor. Switches have a 180-degree field of view and manual presets for delayed-off time settings. Once you use them, you'll wonder why you haven't installed them in your own home.



During the Aug. 15th Open House, many remarked how "bright" the halls and rooms were. LED lights had replaced traditional ones. The technology has been around for decades. Now, LEDs are affordable, reliable, and safe. Energy efficient and long-lasting LED lights are environmentally responsible and budget-friendly. They can be used anywhere, require up to 85% less energy than traditional ones, and radiate little heat. Most LEDs last a minimum 25,000 hours. If an LED bulb were left on all day every day, it would be about 15 years before it needed replacing. This reduces electricity *and* maintenance costs and helps the environment. ■

CUT OUT FOR FAMILY FUN ✂

FAITH FORWARD OCTOBER

THE LORD HEARS HIS PEOPLE WHEN THEY CALL TO HIM FOR HELP. PSALM 34:17

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Make a card for someone who is having a hard time.	4 Ask God to show you what He wants to do for you.	5 Tell God to show you what He wants to do for you.	6 Start a family prayer journal to keep track of God's work in your mind.	7 Say, always with me, and you feel like the love that you deep-root in your heart.	8 Make a list of your needs. Start asking them as prayers for God's power.	9 Get out into nature. Read the Bible and get wild in speaking.
10 Memorize Psalm 241	11 Ask God to show you what He wants to do for you.	12 Read Psalm 138 to remind yourself of God's power in your project.	13 Take time talking about one another. God's love is very real to you.	14 Send someone a message and simply say, "I love you."	14 Take time to be thankful for the things you have in your life.	15 Pray for someone who is in a hard place with the Lord.
17 Make a card for someone who is having a hard time.	18 Ask God to show you what He wants to do for you.	19 Tell God about something that happened that is important to you lately.	20 Take time talking about and doing God's work in your life.	21 Pray for a family member who is in a hard place in their journey.	22 Take time to be thankful for the things you have in your life.	23 Take time to be thankful for the things you have in your life.
24 Take time to be thankful for the things you have in your life.	25 Read John 3:16 to remind you of God's love for your family.	26 Read Psalm 138 to remind yourself of God's power in your project.	27 When you pray tonight, send a prayer for someone in need.	28 Ask God to show you what He wants to do for you.	29 Ask God to show you what He wants to do for you.	30 Ask God to show you what He wants to do for you.

SORRY

NEXT GENERATION

BY SAMUEL MOCK, DIRECTOR

THE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY re-launched August 18th. It has been quite the journey growing with the people around me, worshipping together, and diving into books of the Bible (currently Ephesians). In our first fall meeting, we celebrated what God had done during the summer break. We took time to reflect on what God had taught us during that time. As we shared with one another, we appreciated each person's perspective. Then we celebrated what God has taught us, and brought us through during the summer.



Before the summer we had studied the book of James. We learned the importance of serving and being an active part of the body of Christ. How we treat others, how we use what we have been given and what we do is ultimately a reflection of our personal understanding of God's grace that we have been given. To put that grace and love into action, we looked for ways to serve and share grace. We hit the streets to share the gospel and give packed meals to those experiencing homelessness.

Please partner with us in prayer or consider volunteering with us as we "say yes" to God and pursue Him.



Galen Warren and 174 swimmers including Rob Bechtel registered for the race held Sun., Sept. 19—the only open water swim on the Ohio River. Beginning at the Serpentine Wall, they swam the river to Kentucky and returned to Public



Landing. Only 120 finished the 900 yard swim: 80 men and 40 women. The average time was about 20 minutes. The river patrol



stopped traffic. Life guards in kayaks and police boats lined the course. The swim was a fund-raiser for *The Adventure Crew*, a Cincinnati-based non-profit working in over 20 inner-city schools to get teens out into nature year round. For Galen, the swim was an 80th birthday present to himself.

THE YOUTH MINISTRY has also begun! Anne and Bill Clippard generously offered their pool to the Youth Ministry so that we could come back with a bang (a splash?).



As we started the year, we began a series called "Squad Up." This study is about how we have been selected by God, how he brings us into his family or his "squad," and how this choice is all his and it doesn't change based on our sin but instead relies on the faithfulness of Jesus. We are focusing on relationships

both vertically and horizontally. Vertically, the relationship is with God. Everything we do should come from that. Horizontally, when we consider how we are loved and the grace we have experienced, we must return that love and grace to others.

"Squad Up" also focuses on who we can share God with and how. As we know God's love and share it with others, a "squad" of people is built up around us that will help point us to God. Then, together, we grow in ways that we can be more available to God as he adds more to "his squad" (family of believers). ■

Deadline for *Bell Tower News* submissions is the 15th of each MONTH to Sam Stare starecvg@aol.com

SESSION UPDATE

BY SAM STARE, *Session Elder*

Darryll Davis' pastoral credentials were received by the Great Lakes Presbytery of the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) April 6, 2021. Historically the CHPC Session presents a robe and stole on such an occasion. Darryll took time to select his robe and stole. On August 18 at the end of the Session meeting, Rev. Davis was formally robed. Pastor Drew Smith read a



prayer of installation and dedicated the clerical garments for their uses. The Session cheered!

CREATING SPACE TO GROW

BY JEANNE SCHNEIDER, *DIRECTOR OF LIVING HOPE COUNSELING SERVICE* (jeanne@livinghopecs.com)

Groups offered by Living Hope Counseling Services: "FORGIVING WHAT YOU CAN'T FORGET" – a 7-week study based on Lisa Terkeurst's book.

Join mental health professionals as they facilitate the journey of forgiveness leading to freedom.

Wednesdays (9:30-10:45 AM) beginning Sept. 29 (it's not too late to join) to Nov. 10. Materials: \$35.

"SAVING YOUR MARRIAGE BEFORE IT STARTS (OR AFTER IT HAS BEGUN)"

– a 5-week course that will help couples prepare for or enrich their marriages. Filled with lively exercises and enlightening self-tests that will help couples apply what they are learning directly to their relationship. Group will meet the following Sundays (6:30-8:15 PM): Oct. 24, Nov.



LIVING HOPE
COUNSELING SERVICES

7, 14, 21 and Dec. 5. Materials: \$40/couple. More Information and registration at www.livinghopecs.com/current-groups

Are you struggling personally with anxiety, grief, depression, restless nights and/or your relationships? Living Hope counselors are available to provide quality mental health counseling that addresses the whole person – body, mind and spirit. Counseling is available to all, with financial assistance for those who are in need.

Support the ministry of Living Hope Counseling by *praying* that we can be a place of hope and healing for the hundreds of clients seeking help. Pray for God's protection over the counselors and clients. *Checks can also be made* to Living Hope Counseling Services and mailed to: 5742 Hamilton Ave Cinti., OH 45224.

Other practical needs include bottles of water, reams of paper, digital clocks, sound machines, and boxes of tissues, which can be dropped off at the counseling center or marked clearly for Living Hope and left at the church's Atrium desk.

STAFF UPDATES

BY PASTOR DREW SMITH, 9/17/21

"There is a time to come, a time to stay, and a time to leave," says Michael Parker, who has resigned as our Director of Traditional Worship effective October 3rd. I was very sad to receive this news from Michael, but I understand his reasoning and decision. We will miss him greatly.

Since 2015, Michael has been a stabilizing and energizing force as the music ministry leader for the 9 AM Traditional Service.

He has recruited a variety of new vocalists and instrumentalists. He renewed the CHPC Orchestra by tapping into hidden talent in the congregation. He has formed various groups: the men's choir, women's choir, African choir, and the famous "Get-Up" choir. By God's grace, Michael led us all in worship in word and song. We have all benefited from his knowledge of hymnody and history.



In the next weeks, please take a moment to thank Michael for his leadership. Let him know ways that his ministry has blessed you.

We will take some time on the October 3 to celebrate Michael together.

Dr Cindy Candelaria (ccandelaria@chpc.org) will serve as the Interim Director through the end of 2021.



Jill Drewyor, church organist, and Dr Karl Bryant, the Handbell Choir Director, will assist and support her in this interim period. Cindy has been singing at

CHPC for several years.

WATCH FOR CINDY'S BIO IN THE NOVEMBER BELL TOWER NEWS.



ALL SAINTS DAY

BY SHARLYN STARE, BTN EDITOR

Much of my early life in Christ, I ignored the history and practices of “The Church.” Raised within the Protestant tradition, saints, holy days and feasts meant little to me. Then I started reading about church holidays. It changed my mind and my prayer life! Here’s an example:

October 31—*Halloween* was once thought to stem from Irish Celtic paganism. By the 5th Century the Church chose the day to celebrate *All Hallows Eve*: Jesus’ victory over death and Satan, and Eternal Life in Christ. Traditions developed like making lamps out of pumpkins and candles to keep vigil through the night.

November 1—In the 8th century Pope Gregory II established *All Saints’ Day* to honor all the saints or “hallowed”

ones in heaven, especially those martyred for Christ. Three centuries later, it became one of the six major feast days in the Roman Church. It was a time to remember believers who died and pray for the eternal life of others. Family members and friends dressed in bright costumes, and entertained each other in exchange for treats. (Sound familiar?)

This year, consider this deeper purpose of the holiday. In the midst of life take time to love other. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to ones who don’t know Christ and make you his witness. Honor those who died in the past year, and pray for martyrs suffering for the Lord worldwide. Thank God that “the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” That’s no trick!

PREACHING SERIES

(CONTINUED FROM PG 1)

Learning how to say I have enough. Telling the difference between a need and a want.

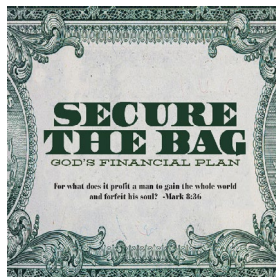
Nov. 7: “Work, Work, Work”

Proverbs 6:5-11, 10:4-5, 14:11, 24:3-34; Genesis 1:26-28, 3:16-19; Col. 3:22-24; 2 Thess. 3:6-12—The eternal value of work. The challenges and benefits of work.

BONUS for the “Secure the Bag”

series: special workshops about how to apply God’s principles to our financial plans and choices. THURSDAYS

Oct. 14 to Nov 4 (7:00-8:30 PM), an expert in the field will share wisdom about how to best spend, save, invest, and use the money God has entrusted to our care for his Glory.



CONGREGATIONAL 2021 GOALS AND PLANS FOR 2022.

BY PASTOR DREW SMITH

CHPC Congregational Goals for this year were to invite others to church, serve others in our community, and spend time with God in prayer and scripture. We wanted to encourage one another to make a plan for serving God and growing in Christ. “The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps” (Prov. 16:9).

It’s time to assess how we did in fulfilling those goals. Many of you (over 100) completed goal cards last spring. Pull those out and count how many times you followed your plan. I know some of you have been keeping a tally over the last several months-- at least one of you has an Excel spreadsheet. Some of you may just now be remembering your goals. Others may have to rely totally on your memory. Ha! That’s O.K.—grace abounds. There is no better time than the present to rekindle those heartfelt plans to grow in service to God and others.

Go to www.chpc.org/goals and complete the form. List the number of times that you completed a goal. Feel free to continue to fulfilled some of your goals. You can still share that information for the comprehensive compilation.

We will announce what God did for our growth at the Congregational Meeting. Also, begin dreaming about your personal goals for 2022. A new form will be online in November. By keeping a copy of your new goals they will be easier to remember.

NOMINEES FOR CHPC OFFICES



RESERVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, OCT. 24, 9:55 AM

CHPC'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On October 24, the congregational meeting will be held between worship service.: 9:55 – 10:35 AM. To do this, the traditional 9 AM service will end 10 minutes early (9:50 AM) and the start of the 10:30 AM second service will be delayed 10 minutes (10:40 AM). Multiple indoor locations may be used to allow for social distancing. Covenant Partners (members) will use paper ballots to vote on a slated of nominees for CHPC Offices.

CANDIDATES LISTED were recommended by the congregation, and interviewed by the 2021 Congregational Nominating Committee, chaired by Session Elder Sharon Holland. After prayer and discernment, the CNC proposes the nominees to lead CHPC. Elders and Deacons serve 3-year terms, the Trustee a 5-year term, and CNC members a 1-year term.

PERSONS NOT LISTED IN THIS INSERT may be nominated "from the floor" during the Congregational Meeting. Nominees must be an active Covenant Partner (member) of CHPC and affirm, in advance, to the person nominating them that they are willing to serve if elected.

TRUSTEE - Kip Mueller

I have had a long association with CHPC, where I was baptized as an infant and became a member Dec. 30, 1962. However, it was not until my early twenties that I truly recognized God's call on my life and my need for our glorious Savior, Jesus Christ. In 2013, having returned to the College Hill community, I rejoined CHPC. I married my fine wife Cathy in 1975 at CHPC, and we just celebrated our 46th year of marriage. We have a daughter, son, and three grandchildren. This summer I was informed that I had been nominated to be an officer, and I "said yes" that I am willing to serve in any capacity for which I'm needed.



God has blessed me with the gift of teaching, which has afforded me the ability to be an outstanding educator for over thirty-five years. Teaching is my calling. In February, after a year of training, the ECO denomination confirmed me as a Commissioned Lay Pastor. The evangelism goal I have for myself at CHPC is to reach out and connect with others. My favorite verse from scripture is Psalm 100:5-- "For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; And His truth endures to all generations." I take pleasure in spending time with my family. My husband Tom, five adult children, and ten grandchildren are a significant part of my life and keep me active.

ELDER - Mark Holland

I grew up outside of Charlotte, North Carolina, where all my immediate family, mother, and older siblings (two brothers and a sister), still reside. A saved sinner by the grace of Christ, I was raised in the Church and though fealty has at times waned, I, like the prodigal's older brother, have ever been in my father's house. I came to Cincinnati in 1992 to attend graduate school, where I met Sharon, my wife, in 1995. We married, started our family, and have resided here since. A early ECO member, I and my family joined CHPC in 2016. It is my hope that CHPC will prosper, grow, and become an planter of more ECO congregations. (CONTINUED)



ELDER - Rosa Brinkman

Being a faithful servant to the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is what I live for. It is a lifestyle that does not happen once a week. It happens every day! It's a lifestyle of knowing that I need him to guide me each and every minute of each and every day. I earned a bachelor's degree in education prior to obtaining a master's degree, both from Xavier University.



NOMINEES FOR CHPC OFFICES CONTINUED

ELDER - Dan Ott

I am humbled to be invited to serve CHPC as an elder. I have attended CHPC since the first grade, finally



becoming a member in 1998. I dedicated my life to Christ when I was 12 years old. My faith grew immensely when I was involved in Young Life, both as a high school

student and as a leader while in college. I have been married to my wife Rebecca (Clippard) for 24 years. We have 3 children (Libby, Cameron, and Cade). We are still involved in the Young Life ministry as adults by supporting and hosting our local high school Young Life ministry. I'm excited to serve our church and continue to witness the ways God is working within us to become a diverse community of Jesus followers!

DEACON - Jinda Bowerman

Jinda's Numbers of Years:
31 years of intentionally following Jesus
23 years as a Registered Nurse
21 years of marriage
19 years of motherhood
13 years at CHPC
11 years living outside the continental U.S.
10 years as a Family Nurse Practitioner



9 years as a Deacon (and humbled to be called to 3 more)
6 years as an Air Force officer
3 years of teaching preschool
2 years of chancel choir singing
1 year of hand bell ringing
Favorite verse —Colossians 1:17 “He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

DEACON - Joe Brooks

I am honored to be nominated as a Deacon. I joined CHPC in 2005.



God called me here, Alpha fueled the fire, and the rest is history: Elder, Deacon Congregational Nominating Committee. I look forward to serving once again. I'm married to the love of my life, Helen Brooks. Together we have 6 adult children and 19 grandchildren. I currently lead a men's group called Ignite and also serve behind the scenes with Jesus University dance ministry. There are many scriptures I truly love, but 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 is really speaking to me in this season. It is teaching me a method to apply as I serve.

DEACON - Pat Dollard

I came to know Jesus in high school, mostly through Young Life and some friends who cared to listen a lot and speak just a few guiding words. One of those friends was Pam, whom I later married. So now you know

we have a lot of history together. I have a long history with CHPC--about 41 years, I think—and I rejoined the congregation in 2016. I long to see CHPC as a church home (a place to abide in peace) for the people of the College Hill area. Pam and I have been married for 42 years and counting. We have 3 sons, 2 wonderful daughters-in-law, and 4 grandchildren, and they are all amazing. We just met our most recent granddaughter, Lilliana, who is one month old. Favorite Bible verse: I John 2:10.”Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.”



DEACON - Debbie Duncan

I came to know Jesus when I was 15. For 42 years I was a member of Forest Park/Kemper Road Christian Church. While there, I was a Deacon, Elder, Moderator of the Church Board, and Treasurer. I found out about CHPC while working with Feast of Love. I felt God was calling me to CHPC to find what was missing in my life. I joined CHPC in March of 2020 and found a welcoming, loving family. I have experienced God's healing power.

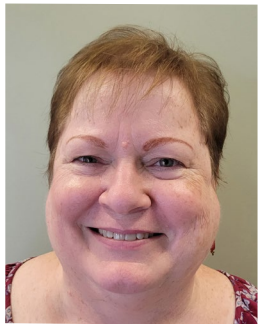


NOMINEES FOR CHPC OFFICES

(DUNCAN CONTINUED) I am excited to see the different ways we glorify God as “we clothe [ourselves] with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” It’s no surprise that my favorite verse is Colossians 3:12, the one I quoted above.

DEACON - Karen Peacock

I accepted Christ when I was thirteen at CHPC and was very involved with the church throughout junior and senior high school. When I went to UC,



I was active in a campus ministry that developed into a church, so I attended there. After working

in Cincinnati in Graphic Design for several years, I joined staff of a campus ministry working with international students. I moved to Indiana and worked at I.U. for almost four years, then moved to California for twelve years. There, I earned my M.A. at Fuller Seminary, was active with international students, and had various jobs, including six years at a PC(USA) church, where I helped to support the Deacon’s ministry. I have been back in the Cincinnati area since 2007 (I live and work in Northern Kentucky), and have recently rejoined CHPC, where I now attend with my mom. My passion has always been for cross-cultural ministry, so I would love to see CHPC become even more diverse and reach out to peo-

ple from other nations!.

DEACON - Cheryl Schaeffner

I look forward to serving our church as a Deacon. I’m grateful for the opportunity to *pay forward* the love and



support that have been given to me and my family. My major calling is to the area of healing. In my work as a nurse and a psychologist, I have witnessed God’s

healing power in people’s lives as they submit themselves to prayer and the Holy Spirit’s power. My hope is that everyone of us will know the depth of healing available to us as we follow Jesus. My further hope for CHPC is that we will continue to grow in community together, living out the command to love one another as God loves us . . .and therefore be empowered to reach beyond our church to others to share our joy and the good news of Jesus with us.

DEACON - Luke Verhagen

I was baptized as an infant (hot topic of debate, I know) here at CHPC and grew up in the church.



I entered an intentional, personal relationship with God after a youth mission trip when I was 13. I have been active

with the youth group ever since, now having served as a leader for

ten years. I am recently married to Molly (Brown), whom you may see singing as a worship leader during the second service on Sunday mornings. Together, we are seeking God’s direction in a call to cross-cultural missions, particularly with Wycliffe Bible Translators. I am honored to be nominated to serve as Deacon for a second term, and I look forward to seeing God work through His Church to bring truth and healing to our world.

DEACON - Steve Williams

I accepted Christ at an early age through the guidance of my grandmother and parents. I am the son of the first African American police sergeant in Woodlawn. I have been a member of CHPC for 3 years and have worked and volunteered there.



I married my beautiful wife LaDonna in 2019, joining our families together. I honorably accept this nomination as a Deacon. I come humbly and eagerly to serve the church and the people as I continue to grow in my own Christian faith. I have prayed about accepting the nomination, asking God to lead me as a broken vessel to a calling as I continue to learn about being a Deacon, a church leader and servant of the Lord. My passion has always been serving others and making others feel WELCOME when they enter into our place of worship—people who know me know I love to talk, meet, and greet. (MORE ON PAGE D)

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CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CNC)- **Becky Alif**

I made CHPC my home in 1986, having searched for a church that delves into the Scripture. While secretly not wanting to become a “fanatic,” I attended a Malcolm Smith mission weekend and was hooked, I wondered why the entire church was not there. The Eph. 4:12 vision was new to me and appealing. The picture of a dendritic cell, shared by an Elder during a prayer vision week, has come to pass. Co-pastors breaking away, starting new ministries--enabling lay leaders to step up. My vision for the church is that this practical fulfillment of the new covenant would explode in our midst: the new wine of the Holy Spirit poured into earthen vessels serving as priests of our Holy God and Savior.



CNC - **Ken Elu**

My birth family is in Nigeria. I am a 3rd generation Presbyterian. There were 5 boys and 3 girls. My parents lived out Prov. 22:6: “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” They introduced the family to Christ and to His Church. At 17, I confessed my sin and gave my life to Jesus. Later, I was ordained as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria and have actively served in the Church ever since. When I came to America 16 years ago, I met my



wife Nitha who had four children. I joined CHPC in 2013 and served as a Elder one term. I look forward to working with others to grow and nourish a multi-cultural community of faith. My verse? Phil. 3:10— “. . .that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.”

CNC - **Sharon Holland**

My husband Mark and I came to CHPC after devoting three years to a church-plant which closed. We believed in ECO's mission and we were eager to be part of a church growing in diversity. I am currently serving a one-year term as an Elder. I have two girls in public school and I homeschool two. All my girls are artists. They do not get their talent from me. I also teach literature and writing at our home-school co-op. Currently, I am teaching a class on classic twentieth-century travel literature. The best way to read about polar expeditions is tucked under a blanket, sipping hot tea, and feeling grateful. [Sharon served as Chair of the 2021 Nominating Committee.]



CNC - **Ann Klusmeier**

I look forward to serving our church on the CNC. My husband Mark and I have three adult children. Our daughter Julie was just married at CHPC. The Klusmeier family has been part of CHPC for a long



time. I joined CHPC in 1992, so I sometimes think I'm still a “newbie.” While I can't remember a time I was not a Christian, I truly started living my commitment when I joined CHPC. I'm excited about CHPC expanding to be a more diverse community of Jesus followers. I appreciate that diversity is not only about skin color, but also about so many other traits, some visible and some not. A favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:31: “What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

CNC - **Gwyn Spindel**

At one , many members of our very large family reunited on Sundays at CHPC. My own first memory of CHPC is as a five year old in Sunday School. Although I cannot remember the names of the teachers, the lessons learned became the foundation for a lifelong love of God and his Son and of a determination to serve them to the best of my ability. CHPC is a loving church and it is an honor to have been asked to serve for another year on the CNC. I look forward to having God use me to motivate others to serve in order to bring their talents to work for his people, to unite his people and this community, and to have CHPC always be his beacon on the hill. My favorite verse is Psalm 9:10—“Those who know Thy name put their trust in Thee.”



VOTE : Sun., Oct . 24, between services.