

# KALEIDOSCOPE

the beauty of community at CHPC

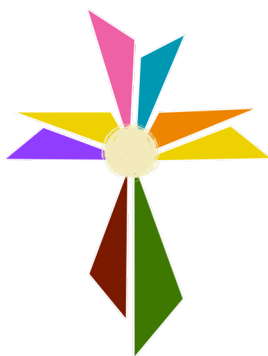
## College Hill Presbyterian Church Annual Report 2024

### Kaleidoscope

We spent the summer exploring how God can make a Kaleidoscope out of all of us. God takes each imperfect, fractured one of us and puts us together in a beautiful community as a loving invitation to our city. The annual report you have in your hands describes the marvelous pictures the Holy Spirit makes out of us as we serve the Lord together. We want to demonstrate God's grace and care for all so that God will be honored and others will see Jesus' life-giving presence in us and explore his call on their lives, too. God is making a Kaleidoscope out of us so that others will see and join us.

When we gather together in praise and prayer on Sunday or during the week, the Lord empowers us in the Holy Spirit to demonstrate our unity in Christ. (see pages 2-3 and 9-12) Check out the stories on pages 4-8 about all the different family ministries – 3C's, JU,

Whiz Kids, Sunday School, and Youth Group. Recall all the wonderful summer, Christmas, and Easter outreach events on pages 13-14. What a marvelous collection of various sizes and shapes that come together in a glorious, shining ministry.



And we don't want to keep this beauty for ourselves. We want to share it with others. Our Session, the elders who work together to oversee CHPC, has sought God's leading and blessing. They believe God has called us to increase our

invitation to all who will hear about the Lord's love. As you can see in the box to the right, the goals of our church clearly state that we want to obey Jesus' call to make disciples of all nations.

As we enter a new season of ministry, let us pray that God's Kaleidoscope will please the Lord and draw more into His beautiful community at CHPC.

### SESSION GOALS

Session set 3 goals for the staff and church to pursue during 2024-25.

- ♦ Motivate 30 visitors to become partners (members) or regular attenders by June 2025.
- ♦ Collect names and contact information of 350 new individuals through social media and/or church/community events by June 2025.
- ♦ With the Holy Spirit's leading, elders will train 30 people to share their faith, pray and testify to God's goodness by June 2025.

### CHPC GROWTH IN 2024

We were excited to have 5 Baptisms (1 adult, 2 youth, 2 infant) and welcomed 8 new members.



## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Our musical goal in traditional worship is to perpetuate the congregational singing of best-loved and most important hymns from historic Christianity while regularly adding worthy new additions. Throughout the past year we have introduced numerous modern hymns to the congregation.

We strive to include songs that worship God for his attributes and works as well as songs that testify to God's goodness in our lives. Whenever possible, we try to choose music that complements and reinforces sermons, series topics, and scriptural texts.

The Chancel Choir plays a large role in this endeavor, as they support the congregational singing and augment the worship experience with additional special music. We are happy to have added several members to the choir in the past year and would be grateful for an influx of men! (Tenors are especially needed!)

Jill Drewyor continues to serve as the church organist, assisting weekly in service music and choir rehearsals, where her proficiency in many styles of piano accompaniment is especially helpful.



Traditional worship services continue to include special music by the CHPC Handbell Choir under the direction of Carl Bryant, normally on the 2nd Sunday of the month from October through May.

The CHPC Orchestra under the direction of Penny Sauer regularly accompanies the service music and choir as well as provides special music on the third Sunday of the month from September through May.

We are grateful for the volunteer leadership and musicians who faithfully rehearse each week at regularly scheduled times. Persons interested in joining either organization are encouraged to consult with the respective director.

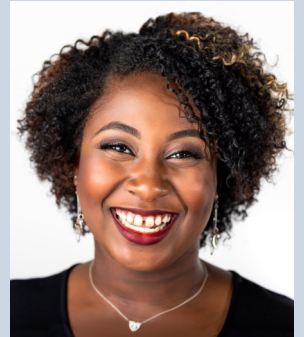
I also work with Helen Brooks and her team to schedule periodic performances of the Jesus University dance troupe in our services.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are planning to begin a quarterly, Sunday afternoon, organ concert series. Be watching for specific dates and announcements of guest organists as the new year approaches.



## Introducing

Current new section leaders who have earned degrees in vocal performance or are currently working toward such include Victoria Ellington (soprano), Jadyn Riggs (alto), and Sergio Enciso-Suarez (bass).





## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

My plans for the Contemporary Worship Service include introducing new songs, building a resource that supports the CHPC worship team through various seasons of leadership, balancing the utilization of individual team members, and focusing on a model that clarifies our purpose for worship.

The new songs that I plan to incorporate reflect our adoration for Christ and the impact of His work in our lives. Some examples are “Because of Jesus” by Charity Gayle, “Faithful Still,” by KingsPorch, and “Gratitude” by Brandon Lake. These songs are chosen to enhance our worship, particularly as we approach reflective seasons like Thanksgiving and Christmas. Additionally, we plan to weave traditional hymns into the service, using their choruses as tags to foster a sense of unity across generations and services.

I am focused on developing a resource to aid the worship team. This resource will outline detailed song flows and provide annotated chord sheets that specify

instrumentation, rhythm, dynamics, and transitions for each song. By providing these tools, I aim to create a worship environment that minimizes distractions, allowing the Holy Spirit to move and the congregation to engage more fully. All band members are given the opportunity to showcase their musical gifts. By this systematic approach to song selection and rehearsal I will include the diverse talents of the team, contributing to a dynamic and inclusive worship experience each week.

Finally, I seek to emphasize three key elements: *Why* we worship (celebrating God’s goodness and mercy); *How* we worship (inviting the Holy Spirit’s guidance and expressing our adoration), and; *What* we do to worship (the outward expressions of worship facilitated through well-organized performances). Through this framework, I hope to foster a worship experience that is both engaging and reflective of our core values.



## Introducing

Elizabeth Ross, our new Contemporary Worship Director, is a graduate student at the University of Cincinnati, pursuing a Master’s of Music in Theory. Elizabeth was introduced to CHPC through a colleague who invited her to substitute as an alto section leader.

Elizabeth is a skilled horn player and vocalist who participated in orchestras, classical choirs, and a contemporary worship band at her home church in Spring Hill, TN, before she relocated to Cincinnati. In her spare time, she enjoys quality moments with her husband, Kennedy, watching movies, going to the gym, and organizing her house.







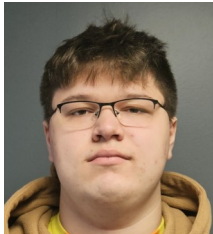
## SUNDAY MORNING



CHPC Family Ministries has had an amazing year of learning & exploring the goodness of God. On Sunday mornings we provided Nursery for infants that are 6 weeks to 3 years old, for both services. During 2nd service we provide Sunday School for our Pre-Kindergarten to 6th graders. We have a strong team of 35+ Leaders that serve each morning in the nursery and/or teach Sunday School. They have led the children through fun themes from the Grow Kids curriculum: “Blast Off” (Spiritual Habits), “Throw Back” (Jesus Teachings), and “One Step” (Early Steps).

## ON THE CASE

The Family Ministries team was excited to rekindle day camp back to CHPC. Our Connections camp was amazing this year. We truly connected with our community, congregation, and children. We had 35 campers registered and it was a blessing to have each one participate. Many were from our community & 3C's body, which was fantastic. CHPC was transformed into “Seekeropolis” for the ON THE CASE theme. We were spies that investigated the truths of God—how He has gifted us individually to serve and spread the Good News of Christ. We had 30+ volunteers from the age of 19 to 80 years old. It was a time of connection, teamwork, unity, and fun within this team. God was felt and we cannot wait for what is in store for next year.



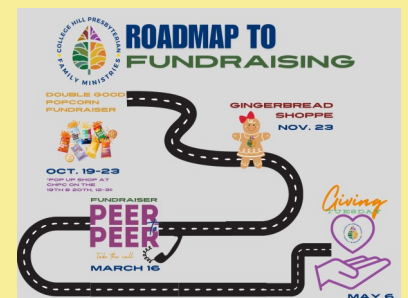
### Introducing

Lex Bowerman has joined the Family Ministries Team as a Family Ministries Assistant. He is currently studying Archaeology at University of Cincinnati.

## COMBINED FUNDRAISING

One advantage of having all the youth-related ministries under one umbrella is that we are able to join forces for raising money beyond the general budget to use for scholarships and programming for our kids.

Look for the ways you can help Family Ministries support all of our kids (3Cs, Whiz Kids, Jesus University, Sunday Morning, and Youth!







### YOUTH GROUP

The 23-24 season of CHPC Youth Group was certainly one to remember. A year full of bonding, discipleship, and evangelism ultimately peaking in a 17 hour road trip down to Lakeland, Florida. The youth group season really began after the final transition of leadership as Nikki McKenna assumed her role as the new Director of Family Ministries at CHPC. She quickly instituted her own take on how a Youth Group should operate, with a strong focus being placed on Unity.

From the outset, Nikki announced plans to travel South to Florida for our annual Summer Fuge trip. Along the way we were going to stop at Daytona Beach and Universal Studios Amusement Park. This promise of something so fun at the end of the year helped give the students something to look forward to and helped keep attendance up throughout the fall, winter, and spring. With the new focus on coming together, a new rule was put in place: in order to attend the Fuge trip at the end of the year, you had to attend the majority of Youth Group meetings and could only miss 1 (of many) fundraisers.

This was just one of many big changes Youth Group experienced this year.

Other notable changes were the implementation of centralized, family style dinners, the transition of Youth Group from the Great Hall back into the Learning Center, the introduction of a monthly Mental Health Awareness week, rescheduling Youth Group from Wednesday evenings to Sunday afternoons, and expansion of Youth Group to include ages down to the Fourth Grade. Needless to say, the CHPC Youth group saw a lot of change this past year.

Despite constant shake ups to what we were used to we stayed driven and focused on making it to Florida at the end of the year. We still had to somehow reach a daunting goal of \$10,500. By the time our seven fundraisers had run their course we had surpassed our goal by thousands of dollars. All of the hard work put in by students, parents, and leaders alike resulted in a truly memorable trip.



### New Teen Ministry

The Teen Grief Group involved six-week group with three teens who had experienced a traumatic death loss facilitated by Living Hope Counseling.

This grief process group provided space for the teens to identify the losses and trauma of their individual losses that included sibling death and parental deaths.

Then they explored creatively their journey of healing understanding the impact of the loss/grief on their mental well-being and strategies to process the loss and trauma.







### 3CS PRESCHOOL

Three Cs Preschool and Kindergarten closed out another successful year. We have managed to be in-person serving children and their families for 56 years.



We had over 80 children for the 2023-2024 school year. We are back to pre-covid numbers and are so pleased we can still serve our community through Jesus' love. It is so beautiful to have the privilege of teaching children about God and Jesus and to be given the opportunity to do that with parents as well. 3Cs has such a strong and special community.

We are so excited to be making more connections with CHPC. It was fun to watch our families at the Halloween Hootenanny. We had so many show up. We also had and still have several families involved with Jesus University. I was blessed to watch some students dance at church. The Easter egg hunt and magic show were a highlight for our families as well. We are looking forward to a joint relationship with the church and cannot wait to see what the future holds.

This year we have 11 staff members and over 80 students. It is exciting to get to spread the love of Jesus to our community and beyond with so many families. There is nothing more beautiful than witnessing Christ's love through our sweet little community. We are looking forward to partnering with the church for fundraising and for activities. We can't wait to see what the future holds.

### GINGERBREAD SHOPPE

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 23rd for our annual Gingerbread Shoppe, Craft Show and Lunch. Star 93.3 will be broadcasting live from the church for a part of that day! This show has been taking place to raise money for scholarships for 56 years and has become an important tradition for many families' Christmas preparation. This year we will include youth vendors for the first time!







### JESUS UNIVERSITY

Jesus University Ballet Ministry just celebrated it's 11th year as a ministry on September 14, 2024. Each year a new Captain and Co- Captain are chosen to lead their team as ambassadors for Christ. Brianna Romine was chosen as Captain this year. She spoke at the church picnic this past summer about how Jesus University is helping her grow closer to Christ. Brianna is a very strong and confident dancer; she loves the program and the book the girls are reading together.

We have 3 wonderful ballet Instructors leading our girls. In keeping with our mission, they have joined with us in "Growing a diverse group of Jesus followers", who also love to dance. Our advanced Instructor- Aliyah Brandy is back from maternity leave . While Aliyah was out, the girls were led by Kenya Simmons, who has decided to stay on as Interim Instructor for all three groups. Kenya danced to the song "I shall not want, in which Kevin Moser and Helen Brooks performed. Angela O'Neil has joined the team, and she is teaching and leading the Middles group ages 7 – 11, along with Kelley Foresman as their teacher in bible study. Allison Jacobs continues to teach the little girls on Friday nights their ballet technique, as well as the proper French word for each pose and position. She also continues to prepare the little ones for bedtime by reading to them the last 10 minutes of their time at Jesus University.

Jesus University has a lot to be thankful for: we are growing a robust ministry, and we can't wait to see what God has planned for us next. Currently we have 47 girls enrolled and we are praying for 60 girls in the next 2 years.

We want to be community focused, and Christ led, remembering the Great Commission to "Go out into the world to all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit" (*Matthew 28:18*).







### WHIZ KIDS

Whiz Kids, our weekly tutoring program for students in grades one through six and up, had another good year, with sixteen students served by sixteen tutors, one coordinator, one assistant, one curriculum volunteer and a transportation volunteer.

Whiz Kids is a labor intensive effort, but worth it as we see kids run to hug their tutors, and write notes like, “I don’t know where I’d be in my faith without Miss -----.”

Whiz Kids has the academic goals of improving reading fluency and comprehension. It has the spiritual goals of giving students an experience of 1-1 attention in the context of a loving Christian community, explaining the gospel, increasing biblical literacy and inviting families into the life of the church.

Five of the eight families involved in Whiz Kids at CHPC participated in at least one other church activity this year, including community outreach events, mentoring relationships, Jesus University Dance, and a summer day of camp at Kirkwood in June.

Kip Mueller and Colleen Scheid also continued tutoring two students once a week throughout the summer, and all families enjoyed three parties during the year with dinner, crafts, activities and a gospel presentation. At Christmas, our partner organization, City Gospel Mission, had Christmas gifts and new coats for each child. With the additional gifts of hats and scarves from the church’s knitting group, the students were well-covered!

Most tutors put in over 30 volunteer hours each including training, tutoring sessions and party attendance. Including transportation, curriculum, snacks and set-up as well as administration time, staff Colleen Scheid and Kenya Luke and volunteers Susan Faul and Paul Verhagen, together put in 633 hours of work in program preparation and support.

To volunteer or donate, contact Nikki McKenna.

### THANK YOU!

We’re so grateful for the dozens of people who have devoted their time and love to this ministry.

Colleen Scheid has retired after coordinating the program for eleven years, but we look forward to many more years of ministry under new leadership.





## CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES

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The Care Ministry continues to grow and we are reaching more and more people through our E-mail prayer chain, Shut-in visitation, Diaspora Communion, Love Shepherd Ministry, Care and Prayer Phone Ministry, Knitting Group, Grief Group and our Funeral/Memorial Service team.

- ◆ The E-Mail Prayer Chain reaches 154 people and is updated regularly. On average, we send prayer requests two times a week, many times more often. I believe it has developed a real sense of community and I often get responses with updates and thanksgiving. It is also useful in sending out MealTrain information.
- ◆ Gene Gosselink and his team continue to do an amazing job reaching out to shut-ins, often by visits but also by telephone calls. Gene reports each month, keeping us informed of progress and needs as they arise.
- ◆ Janet Johnson coordinates Diaspora Communion each month, working closely with Elders and Deacons to make sure people who cannot attend communion service are served.
- ◆ Elena Stothfang coordinates the Love Shepherd Ministry and keeps abreast those who need a Love Shepherd. It is wonderful to know that Covenant Partners who can no longer attend Worship in person are being ministered to in such a meaningful way.
- ◆ Wanda Kuyper and her team oversee the Prayer and Care Telephone Ministry and are faithful in reaching out to each Covenant Partner member during the year.
- ◆ Knitting Group – This group of faithful women meet each week for fellowship and in the process knit beautiful prayer shawls. It is a gift to deliver them in person!
- ◆ Janet Johnson, Barb Enderly and Joanne Cornelius lead the Grief Group which meets about every 6 weeks. This group is unique in that it meets people right where they are and has no outlined curriculum. The goal is to help those who are in the midst of grief find a safe place to share, to discover they are not alone and to minister to one another. Lunch is also served.
- ◆ The Funeral/Memorial Service team comes alongside people as they walk through the difficult journey of losing a loved one. It is a privilege to work in this role and it is a way for extended family members and friends see how we at CHPC come alongside one another and do our best to provide what is needed in times of loss.







### YOUNG ADULTS

Serving our Young Adults has been such a blessing. We have 6 young adults on average each week with a core group of 8.

I also have a smaller group of young adults (4) that I have invested in over the past year. I have seen 3 become deacons from that group in their respective churches (2 at CHPC).

Our other leader has been growing and developing so that she can partner with Bethel Presbyterian Church, her home church, and fellow ECO church in Columbus to start a young adult ministry there once she has

graduated. It's always a joy to grow alongside all our young adults and see them grow a heart for ministry.

This year, we have ministered to approximately 20 young adults and have seen some move away for the next chapter God has for them. Please join us in prayer as we continue to explore creative ways to engage young adults in our neighborhood.

Check out some photos from our adventures to Red River Gorge, Breakout Games, and Analog Coffee Bar.



### DISCIPLESHIP

What a year it has been for Discipleship ministries! I have been moved by the hunger God was giving our congregation! This year, we saw 8 groups go through Emotionally Healthy Spirituality. What a joy it is to live in such a healthy community that is seeking God and pursuing His will. If you're not in a growth group, consider joining one; there are 14 to choose from, with different days and times to ensure there's something for you.

We also launched our Faith-Sharing training and had 27 people attend to grow in sharing their faith. Many have requested that we keep having the training, and I'm excited about what God has for the future of faith-sharing as we want it to be a regular part of our discipleship.

Our Vision is to encourage, equip, and empower you to live and share your faith authentically and participate in God's plan for a flourishing community.





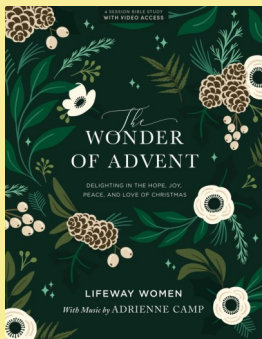


### TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday morning a group of women (more than 40 currently), gather for 2 hours to share what God has taught them through Bible study, application of the

#### NEXT STUDY

Before taking a break for Christmas, the women plan to do a four (4) week Advent study. In January there will be a new study open to all women. Watch for upcoming information and think about joining.



teaching, how they've been impacted as a result, and prayer praises/concerns. This ministry provides an opportunity for women to connect with God, form new friendships, and reach out/evangelize by inviting others to attend. Most of the women attend CHPC, but some come from other churches. In the past year some of the young 3C's moms have joined the group.

Below are listed the studies the Tuesday morning ladies completed this past year:

- ♦ "Seamless", an overview of the entire Bible
- ♦ "John, Believe I AM", a study of Jesus' seven (7) I AM statements
- ♦ "Discerning the Voice of God", how to recognize when

God speaks

- ♦ "When You Pray", a study of six (6) prayers in the Bible

Currently, the women are studying "Jonah", and learning to see how an interruption in life may actually be a divine intervention. Priscilla Shirer (teacher) challenges participants to work together on a mission project by putting what they're learning into action. The groups' plan is to work with our CHPC youth group in the coming months by providing lunch and engaging students in conversations, (spiritual or otherwise), and most importantly, taking the time to listen to them.

In June, ten of the women attended The Gospel Coalition 2024 Women's Conference in Indianapolis. The theme of the conference was "Behold and Believe" and covered Jesus' seven (7) I AM statements, deepening the ladies' understanding of these powerful verses. Keynote speakers, breakout sessions, along with praise and worship with 9,000 women was both powerful and impactful.

This fall, some of the women have enjoyed a couple of "field trips" such as going to the movie theater to watch "The Forge," and attending a teaching event with Priscilla Shirer at NKU.





### BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club at CHPC, is not a group of young kids serving detention on a Saturday morning. It is however, a bunch of rambunctious adults, male and female, who come together to connect, encourage, laugh, cry, pray, and eat.

Breakfast Club features video sessions, community service projects, deep dives into the scriptures, singing, meditating and also quiet



moments, evoking life questions around community, relationships, and where do we need to mature more.

Breakfast Club will go through the Bible in 52 weeks in 2025, and anyone 20 years or older is invited to join us.



### PRAYER

Our congregation has been leaning into prayer in a variety of ways over the past year. Our leadership team determined to make prayer a priority, and we've seen some fruit from that desire.

We offer two prayer teams at the end of each service, and people may request prayer for themselves or for someone else. In the first service of the month, we offer communion and pray during the taking of the Lord's Supper – it is part of that celebration.

On the fourth Saturday of the month we offer Outside Prayer & Coffee. We set up a canopy in the front yard right on Hamilton Avenue, make some coffee, and are available to pray or chat with anyone who comes by. Sometimes we pray for people in their vehicles. Sometimes people are walking by and stop for a

coffee, and are grateful to have a listening ear and receive prayer. Seeing how God calls and ministers has been a blessing and encouragement.

CHPC offers Healing Services, a few times each year. We worship together a bit, share a short word about healing or prayer, and then offer prayer teams. Seekers may have an extended time of soaking prayer. It is a sweet time in the Lord.

We have also offered a few Mini Prayer Retreats in the past year, and are continuing to seek ways to offer space for our congregation to experience prayer and dive deeper in their own walk with Jesus.





## LOCAL OUTREACH

This year, we have been blessed to connect with so many wonderful people from our community through our outreach efforts, such as our quarterly outreaches like Celebrate Summer and Harvest Hootenanny.

- ◆ We've served the schools near us, both Pleasant Hill Academy and College Hill Fundamental, to encourage the staff and love on the students.
- ◆ We celebrated with the College Hill Community by partnering with College Hill Urban Redevelopment Corporation to host and participate in events like Light Up College Hill.

We have had so many wonderful opportunities to share God's goodness with our neighborhood, and we have seen the fruit of that with 5 people coming to our church from prayer and coffee, our monthly outreach. Events like these led to several new connection points.

We've connected with 234 throughout the year who have taken part in our different Outreach celebrations and ministries (this number doesn't include the schools). We hope to continue to find ways to meet people and share Jesus with them, and we're thankful for how you've partnered with us to make that happen this year! Let's keep dancing in the joy of the Lord, showing others the sweet life in Christ and sharing with them the magic of the Gospel.

### UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS

#### HARVEST HOOTENANNY

(Fall Outreach)

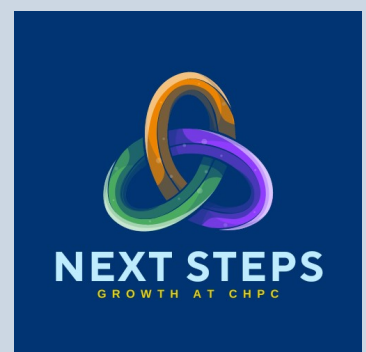
October 25—Patrick's Park

6-8pm



Look for our Next Steps initiative, which focuses on helping you find your next step in your walk with God and as a partner here in ministry.

- ◆ **Welcome Events**—Occurring after each service, it's a quick event to meet Elders & Deacons & learn about the church
- ◆ **Connect & Explore**—Designed to help newcomers learn about our ministries and opportunities to serve
- ◆ **Partnership Course**—Learn more about our Denomination and our church and consider becoming a "partner (member) at CHPC







## GLOBAL OUTREACH

This year, we took an amazing team to Kenya to partner with global workers in sharing the Gospel with Muslims through the act of teaching English, and another team brought dignity to young women and shared stories of Jesus with the youth in the area.

One thing is for sure. Going on Missions will stretch you, and this team learned that through the ever-changing agenda, even a missional change 10 weeks out from their departure due to some illnesses and flooding at our original site. The team certainly learned that living on mission means giving God your YES, even when he changes your plans.

As we continue to encourage missional living in our congregation, we want to offer you yearly mission trips.

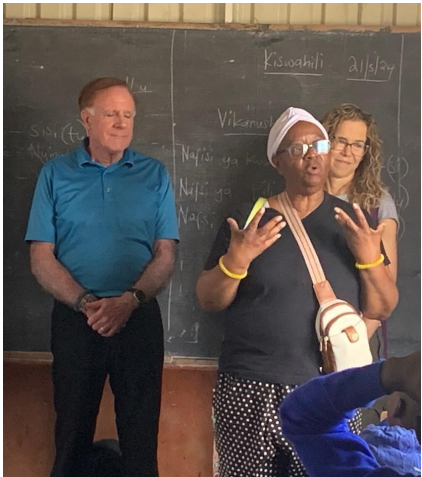
Our goal is that you would encourage our global workers on the ground and aid them in any meaningful way that is related to the ministry God has given them. We also want our mission teams to be in awe of our God, who is so much bigger than our little City and Country, and we hope that you'll learn new ways to communicate faith that you can use when you return here to Cincinnati.

Check out some pictures from our Kenya team below, and ask God how he may be asking you to partner with us on our next Mission trip.

### 2025 MISSION TRIP

Be on the lookout for news about our 2025 Mission trip: we're partnering with SonLight Power to take solar light to those schools and hospitals that don't have access to electricity.









### “Change is Good.”

2023-2024 brought many changes for the Facilities Ministry. Greg Fischer transitioned from full-time to part-time ministry and welcomed Michael Gaines as the new Property Manager. The transition is on-going, and we continue to move forward on a number of projects. The team has started or completed the following projects:

- ◆ New Parking Lot (Summer 2024)
- ◆ New Roof for Learning Center (Fall 2024)
- ◆ New Signage for Parking Lot and Buildings (Fall 2024)
- ◆ New Benches to replace benches on campus (Fall 2024)

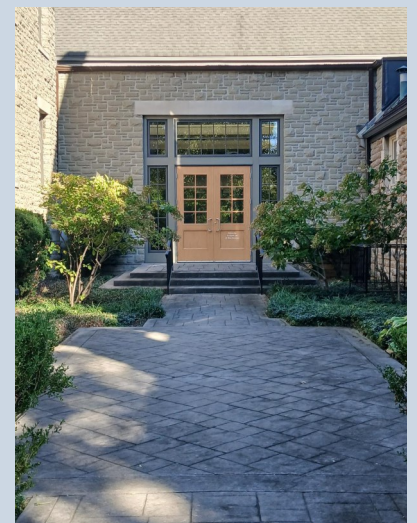
Our 6 buildings are beautiful and require on-going hands-on care. Once a week, our Facility Volunteer Team meets to do annual, seasonal, or special projects. Both teams work to ensure that we can steward the property well. Without these teams, our campus would not be as beautiful and well maintained. If you like the idea of working with your hands, learning new things and want to assist when you are able, please let Michael Gaines know.

As we move into 2025, the Facility Ministry will prioritize the maintenance of the Regeneration projects and increasing facility efficiencies. We will also continue to support ministry outreach and growth. Please pray for God’s direction and wisdom as we steward the property into the future.

### THANK YOU!

We could not do all that we do without the dedicated time and effort of the Gardening Green Team and the Facility Volunteer Team. Both teams do so much and are unsung heroes of the facility ministry.

If you have a love for gardens, flowers, plants of all kinds or just love being outside with friends, please consider joining the Gardening Green team in 2025.





## FINANCE REPORT

Our Fiscal Year ended August 31, 2024. Each year, Session approves a budget consisting of 3 main components; the amount we believe the congregation will give through tithes and offerings, other income that we will receive (such as building use by other organizations), and how much we will spend during the year.

Many of our expenses are fixed like salaries and utilities. We spend 70% of our annual budget on our staff and facility which is a typical overhead percentage. This is higher than in past years, reflecting the increased costs of utilities and infrastructure.

This year, the congregation gave \$1,073,410. Thank you for your many generous contributions! We ended the fiscal year with a slight surplus. Session voted to make

**\$1,073,410**

Tithes & Offerings

an additional contribution into the Capital Improvements Fund of \$25,000 out of the surplus. This left us with \$7,514 surplus to roll over into FY2025. For next year, we have kept the Congregational Giving number the same at \$1,100,000. There is a budget report available at the front desk or from Heather Lethander at [hlethander@chpc.org](mailto:hlethander@chpc.org).

### HOW YOUR TITHES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Have you ever wondered where the money goes that you gift to the church? Our general budget supports all the ministries that take place both inside, as well as outside the church. There are obvious ministries such as worship, Bible studies, Sunday School, global workers, and outreach events in the community. The budget also goes towards staff salaries and our amazing church campus that supports ministries that take place within our walls such as Adult Children of Alcoholics, Found House, Young Life, and Christ's Community in College Hill. We make a difference through outreach to City Link, Mosaix, Pleasant Hill Academy and College Hill Fundamental, and our 3Cs

FY2024 Total Income	\$1,527,174
FY2024 Expenses	\$1,494,660

FY2024 Surplus	\$32,514*
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FY2024 Surplus	\$32,514
Contribution to Capital Improvement Fund	(\$25,000)
Rollover to FY2025	\$7,514

Preschool. We provide direct support for 14 global workers, and even more with indirect support, and send church members out on mission trips to support other ministries around the world.

### GIVING FORECAST

Our congregational giving is generous, and has remained approximately the same for 5 years. As our expenses have grown, so has our need for other sources of income. We have made strong partnerships with other ministries who need a home such as Easter Seals, Igniting the Fire Ministries, Turning Point Outreach, Living Hope Counseling, Design and Intent, as well as other organizations such as Cincinnati Children's Hospital, the Bradford and Hunt Builders. We realize that there is a shift in generational giving that also affects CHPC. Studies show that our younger generations prefer to give online or through text and are more likely to give to specific needs or appeals rather than to a general budget. While we strongly prefer people to support the general budget (because it is spread among ALL the ministry that CHPC provides), we recognize that we have certain ministries that lend themselves to more specific types of giving such as youth scholarships, mission trips, etc. Offering Family Ministry Fundraisers is one way to broaden our financial reach to people outside our church to help support the ministries that we are offering. Our congregation can help us by sharing those campaigns with others.