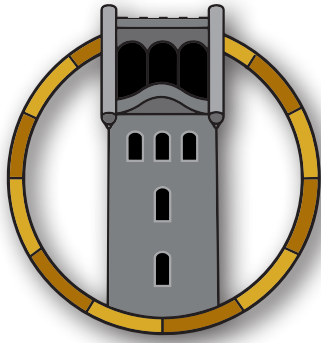




BELL TOWER NEWS

College Hill Presbyterian Church – OCTOBER 2026

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FABULOUS FREE CONCERT... LUNCH ON THE HILL

Highly Acclaimed Organist
Kelly Hale
in concert with
Stephen Campbell
trumpet
Victoria Ellington
soprano
**11:00 AM, Saturday
October 10, 2026**
College Hill Presbyterian Church
5742 Hamilton Ave
Cincinnati, 45224
NO CHARGE • ALL INVITED

When was the last time you shared a relaxing Saturday with a friend, family member, or colleague to enjoy great music, and then have “Lunch on the Avenue in College Hill?”

This opportunity for a “double treat” is provided by the Music Ministry of College Hill Presbyterian Church, Arts Revival of College Hill, and the wide variety of restaurants along the Hamilton Avenue’s business district. The church’s Schantz-Allen organ is one of the best in the Tri-State

area. With more than 5000 pipes in three locations, the organ can be used for dramatic, improvisational, and special exotic effects—percussion, orchestral, and theater-organ sounds—perfect for a diverse musical program of great standards and a popular classic repertoire.

DR. KELLY HALE is Professor Emeritus at U.C.’s College-Conservatory of Music and a 50 year resident of College Hill. From 2015 to 2022, he was principal pianist in the film tour of *Bugs Bunny at the Symphony* and guest artist with 29 orchestras, including the Philadelphia Orchestra, Boston Pops, and New York Philharmonic. For 40 years, Kelly was Artist-in-Residence with the Bay View Music Festival, the oldest chamber music festival in the U.S. as Vocal Coach, Opera Director, Orchestra Conductor and Assembly Organist. Locally, he has been the Organist and Choir Director at All Saints, Calvary, and Ascension & Holy Trinity Episcopal churches. He substitutes frequently in churches in the Greater Cincinnati area.

STEPHEN CAMPBELL is Assistant Professor of Music (trumpet) at Ball State University. He is the principal or associate trumpeter of the Lexington KY Philharmonic Orchestra, Charleston West Virginia Symphony and the Muncie Indiana Symphony Orchestra.

VICTORIA ELLINGTON is equally at home singing with Chicago’s Lyric Opera, the Cincinnati Opera Chorus, or leading worship as the church’s Director of Contemporary Worship. Her scintillating soprano voice will complement the excellent . . . instrumental music of the day.

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SUMMER AT CHPC



SUMMER MINISTRIES LEADERS joined the May 31 College Hill Community Parade to invite kids to “Set Sail” for a summer of adventure, learning, and fun!

Here’s how the vision was fulfilled under the leadership of Nikki McKenna, Director of Family Ministries, and a team of interns and volunteers. Celebrate what God did in Summer 2026.

8 WEEKS OF SUMMER

JUNE 3 to JULY 31—Weds. & Thurs.
9 AM-12 PM for K-6th graders.

Participants enjoyed music, drama, Bible storytelling, and STEM activities. A fun, faith-filled way to spend summer.

STEM activities are hands-on projects that combine science, technology, engineering, and mathematics into a single learning experience. Instead of teaching these subjects separately, STEM activities ask students to use skills from multiple disciplines to solve a real-world problem. Used in classrooms, after-school programs,



and homes, such activities help kids (and adults) develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills through doing, not just memorizing.

CHPC PARTNERED with a variety of groups in College Hill, including Cherish the Children Childcare and College Hill Academy. Each week had a separate theme such as: unity, relationship building, serving others, God’s presence, joy and friendship, growth and confidence, belonging, the lasting effects of faith, and more. Special experiences included Basic First Aid & CPR (BELOW), *Living Hope* mental health lessons, Field Trip Day, Splash Day, summer art and music lessons, and outdoor murals.

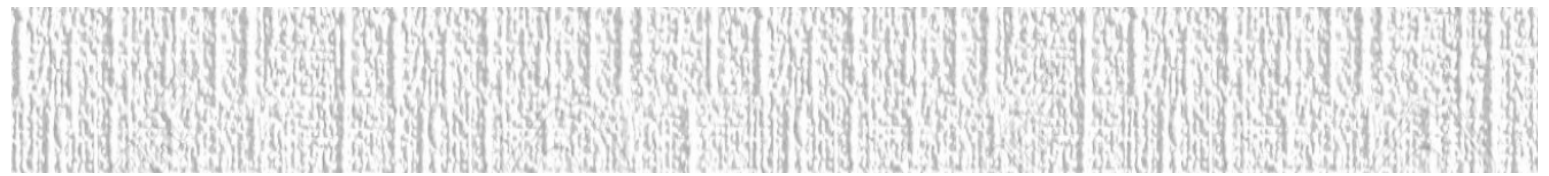


CONNECTIONS CAMP

JUNE 22 to 25—8:30 AM-12 PM for K-6th graders.

The theme was “SET SAIL.” Kids enjoyed breakfast, music, skits, art, games, and Bible storytelling while learning to trust God as “their Captain!” Friday evening was water carnival for campers and the College Hill community.





BREAKFAST ANYONE?



SUMMER 2026 JESUS UNIVERSITY CAMPS

BY HELEN BROOKS, CO-DIRECTOR

Jesus University participated in two summer camps with LifeWay—July 6-10 (7th-12th grades) and July 17-20 (3rd-6th grades). A group of 15 girls from Jesus U's *Middles* group and 5 boys from CHPC, plus Joe Brooks, Kelley Foresman, Kiara Gymiah, and Dave Smith, attended CentriKid Camp in Kentucky. It was wonderful and messy. Check out the photos on the next page..

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUMMER 2026 JESUS UNIVERSITY CAMPS

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The CentriKid Camp group gathered at CHPC and prayed before going to



Kentucky for some good *clean* fun!



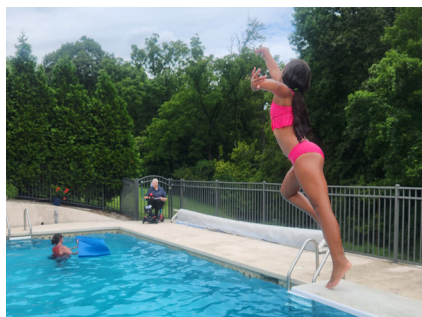
Meanwhile, the *Advanced* and *Elite* groups of dancers (PICTURED BELOW WITH DREW SMITH) went to Cedarville University for LifeCamp. Ten girls, Helen Brooks, Delan Hobbs-Barnes, Karla Maya, and Saniyah Kellon had a wonderful life-forming experience.



Campers grew in body, mind and spirit.



In the middle of the summer, the girls of Jesus University enjoyed a refreshing day at Bill & Anne Clippard's home and pool.



JESUS U also hosted a Ballet Clinic the evenings of June 8-12.



3Cs' SCIENCE CAMP

CHPC's Christian Co-Operative Community provides students with an excellent foundation for both school and life. Not only is it an excellent preschool and kindergarten for the students, but it is also a community like no other. It is a supportive environment where parents and teachers support one another.

August 3-6, 3Cs hosted a science-oriented camp geared for ages 2.5 to 10 year olds. It was filled with experiments, crafts, snacks, games, and reflections on God's Creation!



The Swimming Ministry is an American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim lesson provider for skill levels #1-6. The large staff offers one-on-one lessons to children over 4 years old, adults, and special need students.

DAY LESSONS were taught June 29-July 3, July 13-17, and July 27-31, at North Hills Swim Club.

EVENING LESSONS were taught June 22-26 and July 20-24, at Twin Towers Senior Living Campus.

WATCH for the MINISTRY'S 50th Anniversary SCRAPBOOK in the November *Bell Tower News*.

CONCERT with LUNCH on the HILL

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Victoria has completed all her doctoral studies at UC's College-Conservatory of Music and is working on her dissertation. Don't miss her beguiling vocal offerings.

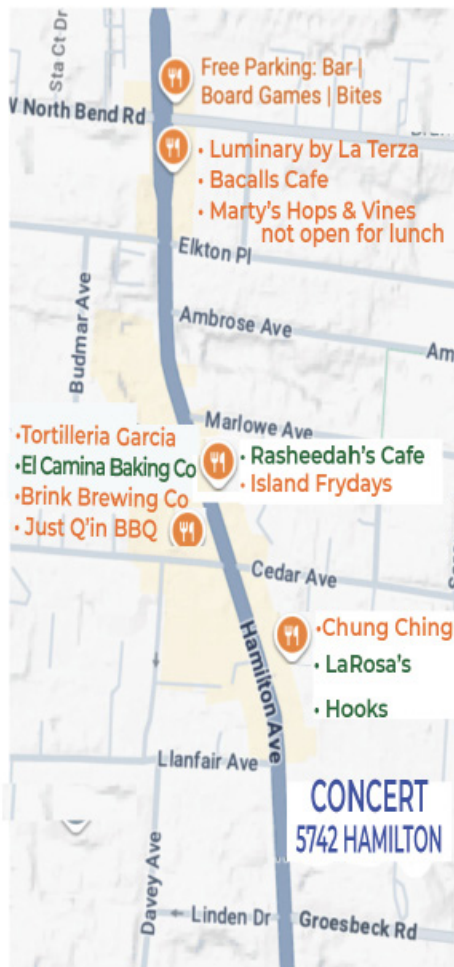
WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

College Hill has excellent food and drinks available for Saturday Lunch.

GOING NORTH FROM THE PARKING LOT:

Orange is "eat-in." **Green** is take-away.

- **Hooks Fish & Chicken** - American favorites made to order. Carry-out only
- **LaRosa's** - Carry out or delivery only.
- **Chung Ching** - Chinese & Vegan.
- **Just Q'n** - Southern BBQ with soul and "Spirit." Take out, eat in, enjoy at Brinks. Don't miss the cornbread.
- **Brink Brewing Co.** - Award-winning craft beer and other beverages. Bring in food from College Hill restaurants.
- **El Camino Baking Co** - Preservative free breads & pastries; vegan & gluten-free baked goods; organic tea/ coffees/ wine. Limited seating space.
- **Tortilleria Garcia** - Fresh, authentic, hand-made Mexican foods and salads.
- **Island Frydays** - Jamaican, Caribbean-themed restaurant sharing the island's hospitality, music, and food.
- **Rasheedah's Cafe** - American "soul food." Breakfast/Brunch - Halal. Takeout.
- **Marty's Hops & Vines** - Pub food & wine—not open for Saturday lunch.
- **Bacalls Cafe & Bar** - New American cuisine. "The grill next door." Brunch, dinner. Eat-in or takeout.



• **Luminary by La Terza** - "The perfect cup of coffee with ethnically sourced beans" brings people together. Breakfast and lunch food available..

• **Free Parking— Board Game Bar & Grill** - Eat, relax, try a game from the grill's library.

MAKE FUTURE CONCERTS POSSIBLE

College Hill Arts events like this concert are supported by donors with a passion for quality music & arts. Donations may be made in the offering plates at the exits. Checks can be sent to CHPC at 5742 Hamilton Ave, Cinti OH 45224. Indicate "FOR THE CONCERT SERIES." Donate in honor or memory of someone.

EQUIPPING "IN ACTION"



Last year in June, a multi-national team (above) went to Nairobi, Kenya to equip pastors and lay leaders with the Equipping Ministries Int'l relational skills taught around the world. Team member Natalie McSwain wrote about it for the October 2025 *BTN*. This August 18-20, the Kenyan partners held a 3-day conference to teach EMI's 3 core courses. Daniel, the Kenyan leader, said, "I don't even know why I was hesitant. Why have I not done this before? When I come to Cincinnati in October, you're going to meet a more confident me!"

THAT'S EQUIPPING!



PATRICK WOLTERMAN MEMORIAL PARK
5923 HAMILTON AVENUE



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THANKS FOR IDENTIFYING “WHO’S WHO”

IN THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER BTN, WE ASKED FOR READERS TO HELP IDENTIFY PEOPLE IN THE PHOTO. WE GOT A GREAT RESPONSE!

The former & current CHPCers

gathered March 21 to celebrate how God used Jerry Kirk in their lives—a preview of heaven. (PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT). **FRONT ROW:** Rev. Steve Mattis, Judy Haag, Cynthia Mattis.



David Gottfried, Sarah & Rev. Doug Rumford, Debbie Purdom, and Chuck Osburn. **BACK ROW:** Jim Ertel, Jack

2ND ROW: Rev. Rick Carter, Becky Watson-Carter, Gayle Benninghoff-Ertel, Nancy Watson Presnall, Linda Barr Young, Jeni Warren, Debby Riley, Nancy Nichol Shryock, Vicki &

Young, David Welch, Rev. Steve Stager, Rev. Pat Warren, Rev. Jim Riley, Rev. Mike and Sandy Wheatley. HOW HAS GOD USED THESE MEN AND WOMEN TO TOUCH YOUR LIFE?

Dear Sam

HAVE A CHPC QUESTION & DON'T KNOW WHO TO ASK? TRY WRITING TO “DEAR SAM.” HERE'S A SAMPLE:

There's a lot going on at CHPC. Is there one place I can go to get the information about the month?

BRITTANY TROESCHER, CHPC's website manager, and KENDRA MEYER, who does the weekly bulletin, had the same thought. Now you can: go to the internet <https://chpc.org/events/>, chpc.org/btn/, or check **Sunday's bulletin-worship guide** for the latest info. The electronic Calendar of events is found on the first pillar closest to the entry door of the Atrium.

INFO? Contact STARECVG@AOL.COM



CHPC Holiday Food Drive

support the food drive by making smaller financial donations each month until the holidays

 chpc.org/food

DID YOU HAVE TROUBLE FINDING A COPY OF THE AUG/SEPT *Bell Tower News*? The edition was ready to print before I went on vacation. The Xerox copier had other ideas. Pictured are Kendra Meyer and Roger Williams, who figured out the problem and printed copies. *Bouquets to Kendra & Roger*. They sent this photo to me and I laughed. Looking for BTNs? Ask a Deacon. Check the rotating resource rack by the Atrium exit doors for copies. Or read it online at chpc.org/btn/. —Sam Stare





FIND YOUR GROUP

WWW.CHPC.ORG/GROWTH




BY CHRISTY ROEDIGER, ELDER

“So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.”

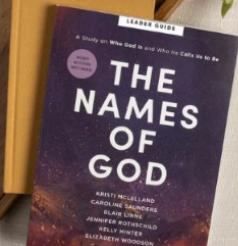
—Nehemiah 4:6 (NIV)

I wonder what the project could be that would bring us together to truly work with our whole heart? I remember being a kid on swim team and throwing my body off the starting block with everything I had. I was never a very fast swimmer, but I remember thinking on that starting block that maybe this time would be different and flinging myself with everything I had into the race. I wonder what it would take for our congregation to come together – each with their whole heart – into the ministry of Christ together?

Almighty God, You are drawing together this unique and diverse congregation. What is your dream for us? How can we better reach our community? How can we better share your love with each other? We are yours. We invite you to grant our congregation a vision of ministry to pour into with our whole hearts. We long to see you move mightily in our midst. Be glorified, Oh God, we pray in the name of Jesus, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Names of God

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



TUESDAYS
9:30-11:00 AM

SIGN UP AT CHPC.ORG/WOMEN/
• CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE •



Learn WHO GOD IS and Who He CALLS US TO BE. This Bible study group includes fellowship, group discussion, and video teaching. *Join at any time and bring a friend.* Questions? Contact Susan Koch at 513-673-3029 or frogtown54@gmail.com.



OCTOBER PROGRAM

Abigail Zhang



The Power of Voice:
Harriet Becher
Stowe's Legacy in Cincinnati

lunch & program
Wednesday
October 14th
12-2pm

\$10 - RSVP

www.chpc.org/seniors

Generosity

the freedom of giving



From beginning to end, God creates, loves, rescues, and empowers a people to rule wisely over his creation. God made us to be his beloved people and gives us what we need to care for the World responsibly and enjoy life in fellowship with him. We may reject him, his leadership and provision, but, God does not give up on us or his plan of redemption. *He sets us free from what stunts our growth as sons and daughters . . . heirs of his Kingdom!*

How giving develops us to be more like Christ.

Oct. 4—The Heart of Generosity

2 Corinthians 8, Matthew 6:19–24, Psalm 112.

Giving begins with God's character, not our wallets.

Oct. 11—The Practice of Generosity

2 Corinthians 9, Proverbs 3:9–10

How Christians give: habits, priorities, and intentionality. 2027 CHPC goal: Seek to increase giving by 5% this year.

Oct. 18—The Impact of Generosity

Acts 4:32–37, Philippians 4:14–20.

Celebrate what God does through ordinary gifts—community transformation, mission, mercy, gratitude, and personal transformation.

LETTER TO THE PASTOR—

"Thank you, Pastor Drew, for your inspirational sermon on August 23, 2026. This is the best overview that we have ever heard regarding the first 1,000 years of the history of God's people from the lineage of Abraham through King David, along with prophecies from Old Testament Scriptures of the eternal King Messiah Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We who are believers in Jesus and are grafted into the root of Jesse. This sermon will have a profound impact on many lives in the CHPC congregation. The ripple effect will impact others."

WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE AUGUST 23rd SERMON? Go to the internet and type in chpc.org/sermons/ you will find the archives of past sermons. Enjoy!



PLAN AHEAD — Invite someone to go with you to the *Free Concert* on Saturday, Oct 10 at 11 AM. Then have lunch together in College Hill on Hamilton Avenue. The list is on page 5. Most of the great restaurants and beverage providers are open throughout the week. Try a new one or an old favorite.

Grief Gathering

Wednesday, October 7th
11:30 - 1 pm
(includes a light lunch)

RSVP to Jan Johnson at
513-853-2873 or 513-324-7412

share comfort, compassion, and community with those dealing with losses of family or friends.

CHPC SCHEDULE

10:00 to 11:00 AM

Wednesday, October 7th
Wednesday, October 21st

This Market held in the CHPC parking lot and 11 other locations in the city makes it easier to access fresh, healthy, affordable food.



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Bell Tower News submission deadline: the 15th of the month.

Submit an article or photo of an event. Need more information? Contact Editor Sam Stare (513-382-5902) or email starecvg@aol.com.

