



Reaching Heights

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Worship and Second Hour Adult Studies in May

May 8 **Mother's Day** *Mothers and the Apocalypse* **Revelation 22:12-21**

May 15 **Pentecost** *The Power to Go* **Acts 2:1-21**

You are invited to wear red to match the red geraniums that will fill the chancel as we celebrate the birth of the church through the power of the Holy Spirit. Geraniums can be ordered by filling out the bulletin insert or by calling the church office at 216.561.4800.

Bible Study with Joe — Led by Joe LaGuardia

The group will finish its discussion on "We Make the Road by walking"
Written by Brian McLaren

Topic Study — Led by Valencia McMillan

Freedom to Change — Cleary Vaughan-Lee

The United States contains twenty-five percent of the world's prison population. Innovative rehabilitation programs can offer effective tools to help prisoners re-enter society and stay out of prison. In this short film, *Path of Freedom*, we meet Fleet Maull, a former inmate who teaches basic meditation practices to prisoners. In this lesson, explore the themes of freedom and social justice.

May 22 **Annual Meeting** *Where is Wisdom* **Proverbs 8**

After church we'll share a potluck meal, hear this year's Peace Award winner, and celebrate the past, present, and future of our church. As we did last year everyone is asked to bring a main dish, salad or side dish according to the following schedule:
A-D: dessert, E-O: salad or side dish, P-Z: main dish.

May 29 **Memorial Day weekend** *An Unlikely Healing* **Luke 7:1-10**

June 5 **Summer Worship begins in The Campbell Room**

HCC welcomes Ben Malkevitch as Interim Director of Music



Ben is originally from Long Island, New York and earned a Masters of Music in Collaborative Piano from the Cleveland Institute of Music in 2010. He then moved out to California, where he was choir director, pianist, and organist at the First Congregational Church of San Francisco, UCC, and enjoyed a vibrant, varied career as a freelance conductor, vocal coach and pianist in the realms of opera and musical theater.

After moving back here last December, Ben has been working with TrueNorth Cultural Arts and Great Lakes Light Opera. In addition to singing and piano/organ he is an occasional cellist and composer. Ben lives in Lakewood and is proud of his son, Toby, who is 16 months old and a proficient walker. He greatly enjoys Indian food, indie films, and his two cats (proficient shedders). He is most grateful for the warm welcome he has received at HCC from the choir and entire congregation!

Along The Path . . .



I had another “doesn’t time fly” moment this week, which had to do with the Campbell Court Senior Apartments. It is hard to believe that it has been nearly a year and a half since the CC Board decided to sell the property and gift the proceeds to us. In that time we have used a small portion of those funds to start several mission projects, invested most of it, and had lots of discussions about other possibilities for reaching out and serving the community.

Some of the funds were set aside to make our building “mission ready” as we continue to open our doors to various community groups. A task force has been working for some time to identify projects that will make our space more functional and accessible to the community and to groups like the Youth Center and Preschool who are already here. They are in the process of making recommendations to the Board and you will likely see some activity over the summer.

What is important is that we continue to move forward, trying new ideas and letting go of activities that no longer have vitality and value. Some things may change and some things we try may fail, but standing still is not an option.

... from your Prayer Ministry

We are reminded by the news we hear each day, that our world has many challenges. Or perhaps it is the trials in our personal lives that cause us concern.



It is however, God’s promise that we are not alone and the power found in the resurrection of Christ that offers us the hope and the means to face those challenges and trials on the path of life and in the world around us.

Lord we pray that the light found in the resurrection shine on our path, giving us guidance, comfort and hope as we face the problems of the world and the challenges of life. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Written by Bobbi Phelps

... 'Til next time, let's together pray for this insight

BECAUSE YOU CARE **Illness-Surgery-Hospitalization**

Natalie Eichar	Allen Crowley	Jesse Hall	C.D./Lois Clark	Shirley Reading
Lisa Peabody	Mary Rogers	Joe Feudi	Janelle Eccleston	Patty Monroe
Alma G. Jones	“Cas” Castleberry	Lyubov Nikolenko	Henry Sharpley	Nancy Wilson
Dorothy Mathis	Peggy Yeager	Joe/Barbara Tolley	Sidney Mallory	Merle Passell
Paul/Shirley Hummel				

Births

April 13 — *Owen Reed and Maxwell Sarver Osgood*
Roger and Debbie Osgood, proud grandparents
Alex and Jen Osgood, proud parents

Death

March 31 — *Carol Dickson* (former member)

Moderator's Musings

Don and I have just returned from our grandson's First Communion. It is always special to share landmark moments with family and this was no

exception! Although Andrew is growing up in the Roman Catholic faith, we were not surprised to see that the mass contained more familiar elements than unfamiliar ones.

As part of the mass, the 24 second grade boys and girls sang a lovely song, "Beautiful" by composer Dennis Cleveland. The main verse of the song goes as follows (please imagine it with those

precious, innocent young faces acting it out):

Look at this flower bulb.

It is kind of plain.

Nothing special about it.

But,

If I plant it in the ground,

Water it,

And wait,

Jesus will make it into a beautiful flower.

If God can do that with a flower bulb,

Think what he can do with me!



Let's all invest some time this spring thinking about what God can do with each of us, individually and collectively. I know he can lead us to accomplish wonderful things!

Jane

Meet HCC's Newest Member



Rev. Rosalind Powell joined Heights Christian on May 1st as an associate member. Rosalind has been worshipping with us for several years and is already an active part of our congregation.

Rosalind was ordained by The Presbytery of the Western Reserve, (Cleveland, OH) Presbyterian Church, USA. For 25 years served in various positions in the Presbyterian Church and as a Spiritual Director and Retreat leader. Rosalind happily lets everyone know she is "retired". (smile) Prior to professional ministry, Rosalind was a certified Medical Assistant working in private practice as well as University Hospitals of Cleveland. We're happy to have you join the HCC family ... **Welcome!**

Missions Ministries



Gardens: Ah Spring! It is gardening season. Susan Buddenbaum, chair of our gardens, has well organized plans for our gardens. Plots are immediately available. The cost is \$35. For more information call Susan at 216-272-0793. But hurry because these usually go pretty quickly.

Outreach Committee: The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a donation drive for Family Promise. We are aware of how much our congregation is always giving. So, to give us a bit of a break while keeping the committee's commitment to Family Promise, this drive will be ongoing starting Sunday, May 8th through Sunday, July 17th.

The following items are needed: cleaning supplies, toilet bowl brushes, mops, brooms, dust pans, pillows, cups, other items will be welcomed and appreciated. Containers for collections will be in the Campbell Room, entrance near the office, and in the Narthex.

Peace and Justice: Dialogue groups are in place and will continue through May. Time and dates will be listed in the Sunday bulletins. Activities/events continue through the Community Advisory Committee (CAB).

Green Chalice: The committee met on March 20th and is actively engaging in plans for the future. Watch for more information as events/activities are implemented.



Thank you from Outreach, Peace & Justice, and CWF for your contributions to our Refugee school supplies. Great Job!

Attention Graduates!

2016 class of If you are graduating from high school or college, please take a moment to let the church office know your name, major, and future plans. Please call the office or email us at kese.hcc@sbcglobal.net.

New Mid Week Bible Study – Save the date!

On Thursday June 9 at 1:00 pm Pastor Roger and Minister Moreland will begin leading a weekly Bible Study and you're invited! This is being planned both as an opportunity for church members and friends and as an outreach to the community. Look for more information in the June newsletter.



