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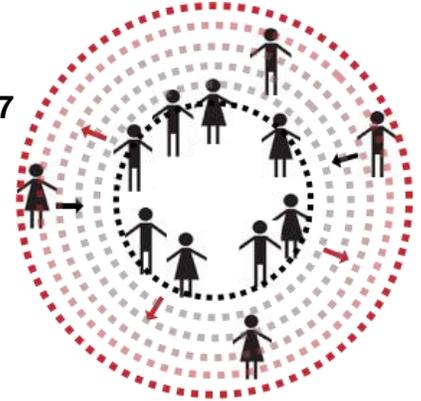
June, 2016

Summer Worship

June 5 *"Do not weep"...Really?* Luke 7:11-17

HCC Annual Meeting — Theme: *"Widening the Circle"*

We'll share a potluck meal and 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.

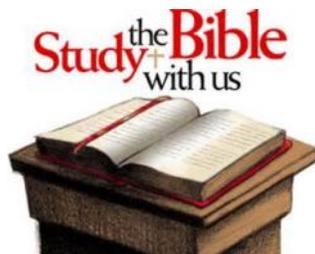


Beginning June 12 worship moves into the Campbell Room

June 12 Rev. Kris Eggert preaching

June 19 *On Freedom* Galatians 3:23-29

June 26 *On Freedom (Part 2)* Galatians 5:1, 13-25



Study ^{the} Bible
with us

You are invited to join us for a

Summer Bible Study

Every Thursday Beginning

June 9, 2016 – 1:00 pm

- ◆ The purpose is for those who would like to make use of The Bible.
- ◆ Membership in Heights Christian Church is not required.
- ◆ We hope to promote healthy spiritual growth.
- ◆ It will be participative, enjoyable and informative.
- ◆ Come on your own or bring someone with you

MISSION STATEMENT

As believers in Christ we are called to be God's loving servants: Sharing our faith so others may believe, affirming scripture as our guide, seeking peace and justice, extending God's care in our community and the world

Along The Path...



So now it's June and summer is finally here, the season of vacations, and cookouts, and warm, maybe even hot, weather. It is a time when the cycle of life changes, at least a little, for most of us.

We don't have any big summer vacation plans this year. We've scheduled a few days in Chicago to see our younger son, Mark. We'll spend time here and in Pittsburgh with the grandchildren. And we'll enjoy gardening, and Monday night bike rides, and other things that can only happen in Cleveland when the days are long and warm.

So the summer will be different...and the same. There is still worship every Sunday in a caring community where God is present. There are opportunities to serve and study (especially with a new bible study on Thursday afternoons). There is planning to be done and connections to be made and fellowship to be enjoyed.

So take hold of the many opportunities that present themselves to you both in and out of HCC. I hope you find refreshment this summer as we continue to find new ways to live out God's call on our lives.

...from your Prayer Ministry

"Wows come in all shapes and sizes, like people." (Anne Lamott) What is it that makes you say "WOW!"? It might be a beautiful sunset, a painting, a musical performance, the sight of your newly planted garden or weeded perennial bed. No matter what the source, "WOW" conveys a sense of wonder, or perhaps closeness, as with Moses and the burning bush. Moses fell to his knees and was both fearful and also changed by the wonder of belief that it had awakened in him. He knew he had "seen God" and was moved by the wonder of the experience.

Scripture scholar, William Brown tells a lovely story of one of the well-known preacher, Fred Craddock's family traditions. Fred told that his ancestors had a Sunday afternoon practice of going walking, in groups or alone, on which they would admire nature, scenery along the walk, or the people. They called this practice "Going marveling". They would collect unusual things that they noticed and wanted to take home to remember. These were simple things, flowers, or stones etc. but they were symbols of "marveling" on a Sunday walk. The next week, they'd repeat the same practice. Going "marveling" can nurture a prayer life because marveling brings to us the concrete experience of "WOW". It awakens our eyes to the myriad ways in which God reveals God-ness in our human world. Wonder lies at the heart of biblical faith.



Let's see what happens if we "go marveling" and then bring that experience to our next time of meditation. No words are needed; just focus on what it was that made you say or think "WOW" and see where that leads.

... 'til next time, we'll marvel as we think of what we find daily in our HCC community.

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

Natalie Eichar	Allen Crowley	Jesse Hall	C.D./Lois Clark	Grace Loudenstein
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			

Moderator's Musings

Can you sense the Spirit moving in our midst? Can you feel the winds of change moving among us? Can you feel a renewed energy and hope in all things possible through God? I do, especially this month. Our Board of Trustees at the last meeting approved a number of projects and initiatives that will be unfolding across the summer months. The Campbell Room renovation will move into Phase Two with the selection and installation of new carpeting, laying the ground (Ha! Ha!) for expanding the usefulness of this space and permitting the Building Use Committee to proceed with plans to offer it to members and outsiders alike for weddings, receptions, funeral receptions or meals and other uses. Work will begin soon on revising and establishing policies for such uses.

Have you looked up in the main hallway recently? Our Facilities Manager, Mike Faust, has installed new eco-friendly lighting, making the hall a much brighter place. In June Mark Cubberley will be giving it a fresh coat of paint to further improve its image. New lighting will also be installed in the Co-op Nursery school classrooms and hallway to alleviate some safety concerns and to improve lighting in those areas. A long-needed redo of the second floor restrooms will occur this summer and monies have also been set aside for a landscape architect to take a look at the area outside the Tower Door entrance to HCC to explore possible improvements for handicap access to the main floor of the church and sanctuary. Lots of possibilities are percolating!

One area of church life that is especially exciting to me is the wealth of new experience, talent and training that is reflected in our new staff. We have had time to get to know Minister Michele Moreland and she will be rolling out a new Bible Study for us and the neighborhood this summer. She brings outstanding gifts of ministry with many new ideas to share with us. Our new Director of Music Ministries, Ben Malkevitch, has already hit the ground running! He is amazing! I can't wait to see what wonderful opportunities and ideas he is bringing to HCC! We are also adding a part-time staff position in Christian Formation (new "buzz word" for Christian Education) and Congregational Development. Her name is Kate Gilooly and she comes with many years of successful experience in the Heights areas working with children and youth, adults, congregational leadership development and will work with us on ways to become a "missional church". She will join us soon and you will love her faith, her experience, her knowledge and wisdom and her energy as you get to know her and begin to work with her starting in mid-June. Most of all, you will love her as you already do Pastor Roger, Minister Michele, Ben, Mike and Kese. Rest and relax this summer, and use some of the time to prepare for an exciting summer and fall filled with new opportunities to join these amazing leaders in discerning and acting upon God's plan for us here at HCC!

Yours in faith, *Jane*



A very heartfelt thank you to all my HCC family. I was overwhelmed by all the cards, phone calls and visits, which helped my rehab days pass very quickly. Also, thank you for the meals that were provided after I returned home. I am very blessed to be a part of this very caring congregation.

Grace Loudenstein

Congratulations 2016 Graduates



Aliyah Marie Benson is a proud 2016 graduate of SHHS who will head off to Hiram College and major in Neuroscience.

Canyon Ray McWilliams is also a proud 2016 graduate of SHHS. He will head off to play baseball and attend class at either Univ. of Buffalo, Ohio Wesleyan, or Florida Southern. Summer baseball movement will firm up his plans. Canyon plans to study statistics.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
11:30 a.m. Education Hour

(Nursery & Preschool care provided)

STAFF

Minister *Rev. Roger D. Osgood*
Assistant Minister *Minister Michele Moreland*
Minister of Outreach *Rev. Joan Brow Campbell*
Director of Music *Ben Malkevitch*
Director of Gospel Music *Willie J. Wright, Jr.*
Office Administrator *Kese Webb*
Facilities Coordinator *Mike Faust*
Childcare *Rosie Scott*

OFFICERS

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Pentecost Sunday

Flautist, *Maddi Lucas* and *Ben Malkevitch*



HCC Community Garden News

Many thanks to Sue Buddenbaum who is overseeing the garden this year. Due to her efforts all of the plots are spoken for. And thanks as well to Willie Dickerson, volunteer extraordinaire, who continues to tend to our giving garden on Winslow.

NEW

Peace and Justice Anthology

The HCC Community Advisory Board and the HCC Peace and Justice Committees has created a book called Building Community with Peace and Justice-An Anthology. The Anthology is part of the initiative to spark dialogue on issues that matter to the community in an artistic form. Thank you to those of you who participated with poems, stories and art. The books will be available Sunday, June 5. Cost per copy will be \$10.00.



Excited and Ready to GO!

It's that time of year when HCC's children and youth will attend Camp Christian for a fun filled week of fun. It's so cool to receive mail while away from home. Therefore, friends and family are encouraged to write the campers. The best and quickest way is to fax them at: (937)348.2845. Please be sure to use their first and last name.



Camp Otter

June 27-July 2

Alexander Johnson

Rabbit Camp

July 6-9

Theo Johnson

Chi Rho Camp

July 17-23

Alicia Benson, Madison Durham