



Reaching Heights

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CELEBRATING GOD AT WORK THROUGH US — SUNDAY JUNE 5TH

The HCC Annual Meeting and Dinner will take place on June 5th at 11:30 am in the Campbell Room immediately after worship. The meeting will feature our 2011 Peace Award winner, Jamal Dillman-Hasso as well as a look back at the past year and a look into the future. Dinner will be potluck and you are asked to sign-up by calling the church office (216-561-4800). Please bring a dish based on your last name: A-H—salad/side dishes; I-Q—main dish; R-Z—desserts. The hospitality committee will provide the beverages.

HCC ANNOUNCES OUR 2011 PEACE AWARD WINNER



Jamal Dillman-Hasso is a senior at Shaker Heights High School who has volunteered with independent organizations in Cleveland dedicated to justice in the Middle East, including the Ohio Alliance for Justice in the Arab World and the Middle East Peace Forum. Jamal is a student activist leader who led the Leftist Student Action Committee during the 2009-2010 school year and the Progressive Alliance of Shaker Students during a brief period in 2010. He has volunteered with the Housing Research and Advocacy Center in Cleveland for 2 summers. Jamal is also a member of the Gaza Delegation, a NGO working towards the end of the Israeli siege of Gaza and the establishment of democracy in Palestine. And in March, Jamal brought Oberlin College Assistant Professor Zeimab Abul-Magd to Shaker Heights to discuss the Arab Spring.

Jamal is an accomplished pianist and lives with his parents and brother on Townley Road.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION—SUNDAY JUNE 12TH

On Pentecost Sunday, June 12th, 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



SUMMER CHOIR

Anyone who enjoys singing is invited to share in the Summer Choir by simply coming to the choir room each Sunday morning at 9:20 to rehearse. No hot robes and no week-night rehearsals—just the satisfaction of sharing in a meaningful part of our summer worship

COMMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY



On Saturday, May 21th, many members of the HCC family finally came together for a spring workday after being rained out the Saturday before. Coffee and donuts were available before the gloves were put on and sleeves were rolled up. People were painting indoors, weeding, moving yards of leaf humus, and planting vegetables in the Giving Garden.



Kudos to many hands that assisted in maintaining our beautiful church, grounds and the Giving Garden.

Along The Path . . .



It is the time for growing things, for vacations, for picnics, for baseball, and ice-cold lemonade. It is, for many, a time of recreation, renewal, and relaxation. It is a time when the pace of life changes, at least a little, and that is good.

It is a time when the pace of church life changes as well. Our worship service becomes a little more relaxed and informal; our second hour program pauses for three months; many committees and our board of Trustees take a break for the summer.

But even as some things slow down, others are gearing up; like our children's education program which is preparing for another year of Vacation Bible School (July 18-22 – will you sign up to help?). And HCC's gardeners will take turns keeping the Giving Garden weed free and picking the harvest that we'll share with neighbors.

And we'll continue to gather each week to sing and pray, to hear God's word spoken, and to gather around the table as a family; committed, even in a time of rest and relaxation, to praising our Creator for all the blessings we enjoy.

See you here!



MAKE TIME FOR GOD'S TIME

Our Daily Bread booklets for June, July and August have arrived and can be found in the baskets on the Narthex and Campbell Room tables. For many of us, this little devotional has become an inspirational habit.

Try it, you'll like it!

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY RECOGNITION

Two HCC members were recognized at the High School awards night, May 26th, for their National History Day projects. Cara Sutherland achieved National Alternate status for her Individual Performance "Elizabeth's Pirates: Spain's Thieves." Grace Clements and her group received an Honorable Mention for their Group Exhibit "God's Will Be Done? The Religious Debate Behind Eugenics." Congratulations Cara and Grace!



CONGRATULATIONS HCC GRADUATES



Shaker Heights High School

Kayley Buddenbaum

University of South Carolina

St. Louis University

David Blackwell

Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance

New York University

Daren A. Cheatham

Master's degree in Global Studies

Wesleyan University

Jared S. Cheatham

Bachelor's degree in American Studies

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CORNER . . .



Summer Sunday School starts on June 12th. Creative lessons for the summer will be based on the topic, "Fruit of the Spirit". This will address topics such as honesty, love, peace, and joy. During the summer months we will have joint sessions with Pre-K to 5th grades. We do not have 2nd hour summer programming.

A small area of the Giving Garden will be available for our children. If and when ever possible, the children will engage in some gardening during Sunday School time as volunteers decide it fits with the lesson. Otherwise, we would appreciate parents taking some time to supervise their child's/children's participation in the garden in coordination with adult volunteers. This is an Outreach project coordinated by Debbie Osgood. Please contact her or Andrena so that she can provide the guidance for this project. Lots of work has already been done. It looks good. Let's see how our children can be taught to keep it looking that way and to focus on how they can give to others.

Shake It Up Café

What is that? Come join us for our Vacation Bible School. Then we will reveal our secret. Pass the word along to your neighbors and friends. More information will follow in our Sunday bulletin and other advertisements. Be sure to pay attention to the registration deadline when it appears.

Where: Heights Christian Church's Fellowship Hall
When: July 18th—July 22nd 6:15-8pm
Ages: Pre-K up to those finishing 5th grade



WANTED: YOU as a volunteer for VBS. Please contact us; Andrena Sharp, Scott Phelps Donita Singerman, Lloyd or Lynda Ackerman. There will be sign up sheets in the Campbell Room by Sunday June 5th. Let's put your God given talents to practice with the children.

HCC 11 SENDS CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO CAMP

The summer camp program offered by the Christian Church in Ohio is again under way. Believing in the long-lasting value of the church camp experience, we encourage attendance at church camp and support the program by paying one third of the registration fee for each of our campers.



Junior Camp: June 19-25

D'Michael Collins Sean Crowley Da'Jahnae Dixon
Billy & Avery Dunn J.C. & Will Faust

Chi Rho Camp: June 12-18

Casey Crowley Cassandra Wood Bonnie Sutherland
Matt Clements—**Aug. 7-13**

It's fun to receive mail while at camp. Family and friends may write to our campers at:
(Campers name) Camp Christian Magnetic Springs, OH 43036 and/or fax them at (937)348-2845
Please use first and last names when faxing. Plan to mail a week ahead.



. . . FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Billy and Avery Dunn's concern for others in September 2010 lead to them giving their pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars to start the Heifer Fund. The congregation joined in. The total collected is \$120. The children have decided to purchase 6 flocks of chicken with the funds. How many chickens are in a flock? We'll have to get back to you on that.



...IN OUR PRAYERS

How often have we prayed “Give us today, our daily bread”? And again, how often have we speculated about the meaning of that request? And so we pray ... we sit and pray and wait. We ask God for favors: health for a friend, support for one going through a divorce, aid for someone who just lost a job. Maybe we mean all of that when we say “...our daily bread” or maybe not.

To me, the act of praying, and even the asking for daily bread, is a request for an awareness of the presence of God in my life and within my person. It’s a request for God’s sharing of that same presence with the persons I’m praying for.

But many a prayer-time passes and that “bread” eludes me. My mind wanders and finally the timer rings, signaling the end of prayer time.

The medieval mystic, Julian of Norwich said of prayer and, I think maybe, the notion of “daily bread”, that “God’s will is always that our prayers and our trust will be alike: large.” My conclusion to that is that perhaps the elusiveness, even the emptiness in my daily prayer might be telling me something. Maybe I’m asking for a mini-portion of God’s presence when he’s eager to give me a mega-loaf!

Til next time, we’ll keep you in our large prayers.

BECAUSE YOU CARE

Illness-Surgery-Hospitalization

<i>Clare Rosegger</i>	<i>Jane Campbell</i>	<i>Jesse Hall</i>	<i>Georgia Bibb</i>
<i>James Faust</i>	<i>Betty Klecka</i>	<i>Scott Lemmon</i>	<i>Eugene Blackwell</i>
<i>Leslie Wanner</i>	<i>Radia Longworth</i>	<i>Dorothy Mathis</i>	<i>Candace Hetterle</i>

NOTE OF THANKS ...



There are times in life when church families really come through with tremendous loving support for one another and our family certainly experienced that during Mack’s long illness, his death and the Celebration of Life Service and reception. It was a Memorial Service that we will hold dear to our hearts. The music was glorious. Having the choir sing and Dale play and Joe and Bernadette sing On Eagles Wings reminded all of us how important music had been to Mack in his life time and in mine.

The Reception was beautifully done and a big thank you to Mike for all the set up both for the reception and the Dinner afterwards and to Kese for the well done program and obituary and of course for Roger who led the service and coordinated it all with great finesse. We know how much work went into all of this and our family is eternally grateful to each and every one of you.

Kathie McWilliams and family



BOOK CIRCLE LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 15th—12:30 p.m.
Marbella Restaurant at 29425 Chagrin Blvd.