



# Reaching Heights

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## HCC'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



We had a great turn out and God blessed us with good weather so that we were outside. The children all seemed to have enjoyed it. The parents expressed their thanks to us for being invited to the festivities.

Many thanks to all who helped with our Annual Easter Egg Hunt activities. You, our members, were very generous with providing an abundance of candy filled eggs. Special thanks go to Donita Singerman, Lynda Ackerman, Scott Phelps, and Lloyd Ackerman our Children/Youth Education Committee members.

Additional thanks to Jane Troha for her contribution to the refreshments provided. And we can't leave out our older young children and even older others who helped: Billy Dunn, J.C.

and Will Faust, Nela (Connee's granddaughter), Matt and Dan Clements, Julie Phelps and Carolyn Troha, who were home for Easter. Thanks to Kese for sending out our invitations, taking calls that came in, and keeping track of the numbers.



## BOOKS AND BRICKS FOR BRISAS CONCERT A GREAT SUCCESS!



The HCC sanctuary was rocking on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> as Rock the Word, the HCC house band, entertained a wonderful crowd of friends, family, and community members. Brian Stefan-Szittai from IRTF shared some poetry and Lena Newman shared photographs and some of the story of her work in Honduras. When the evening was over we had raised over \$2,500 (including a \$500 matching gift from the Outreach Committee). Those gifts will bring the library in Brisas to completion by putting on a roof, windows and doors, and a floor.

Thanks to the band; Doug, Jani, and Canyon McWilliams, Danielle McDonald, Clare Mitchell, Debbie Osgood, Mike Faust, Dale Hukill, and Pastor Roger. And a special thank you to all those who gave to make the dream of this small community come true.

# Along The Path...



If you want to prove that miracles happen you could point to the Cleveland Indians' record number of wins in April.

If you want to prove that the world is going to end soon you could cite the amount of rain we've had (has it been 40 straight days yet?).

And if you have questions about resurrection and new life, take a look around at Heights Christian Church these days: 48 HCC and community children participating in our Easter egg hunt, \$2,500 raised for a library in Honduras, 10 children and youth signed up for summer camp (7 of those for Junior camp), literacy classes two nights a week and exercise classes 5 days a week, Co-op Nursery school students visiting the residents of Campbell Court, and all that on top of all the things we've been doing for a while, the Shaker Youth Center, the Giving Garden, outreach grants, the Giant Garage sale, and the list goes on.

We have just finished celebrating the resurrection at a glorious Easter worship service. But Easter is not just a one time event that happened 2,000 years ago, and it is not just something we celebrate one Sunday a year. Easter, the story of resurrection and new life brought about through the love of God for each of us, is an ongoing, everyday event that we can see and experience when we take the time to look for it.

As Christ's people we have a mission and hope for the future because we know that the God of love took on humanity to lead us to abundant life.

As the days lengthen and warm (and they will, even if recent experience suggests otherwise) we can celebrate that new life every day and reach out with the message of Easter to those around us.

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## BECAUSE YOU CARE

### Illness-Surgery-Hospitalization

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

### Deaths

*Robert "Mack" McWilliams—April 29*

*Dear friends,*

*Words cannot express how much I appreciate your love and support for me and my sister at our father's passing. I was deeply touched by the shared stories, your embrace of us after so many years out of the "nest" and your love for my folks. It means so much to know that others remember dad fondly and will miss him—and to be reassured that he did indeed make a difference with his life.*

*They say you cannot go home again, but I have rarely felt so much at "home" as I did the day of dad's service. My parents always said that they joined Heights because no snacks were served in the nursery, but the truth is that Heights was a good fit for them. You all reinforced the lessons my parents taught us—especially the connection between faith and justice work. You have helped to form me, and I will always carry a piece of you with me.*

*I thank God for your generosity of spirit and your witness.*

Grace and Peace,  
Carolyn Roderick Higginbotham

## REACHING HEIGHTS GOING GREEN



This is the first newsletter being sent out primarily via email. We will continue to print some copies that can be picked up at the church. Only a few people have requested copies be mailed which will significantly reduce expenses and our impact on the environment. Don't forget that the newsletter is also available on line at [www.heightschristianchurch.org](http://www.heightschristianchurch.org).

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## CWF LUNCHEON

**Wednesday, May 11th—12 Noon**

CWF will meet May 11th for their final meeting for the 2010-11 year. Lunch will be potluck and the ladies are asked to bring their favorite dishes. We will evaluate the programs for the 2010-11 year and ask for suggestions for the upcoming year. Our program will be, "How do we walk with the spirit in our lives today?"



## GIVING GARDEN TO GET GOING

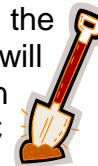


It may still be wet and chilly but plans for the HCC Giving Garden are beginning to take shape. We will be preparing the beds for planting at the work day on May 14<sup>th</sup> (see more info below) and will need additional help in planting and caring for the garden in the weeks and months ahead. If you are interested in helping please call the church office (216-561-4800) or speak to Scott Phelps or Debbie Osgood.

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## HCC WORK DAY—MAY 14TH

Everyone is needed for a workday on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 am. Most of the work will be outside mulching, weeding and preparing the gardens for planting, but there will also be some inside painting, window washing, and other tasks around the church. As an added incentive Mike Faust has promised to provide donuts. Come out and help make HCC look beautiful and enjoy the company of friends. Rain date is May 21<sup>st</sup>.



## HCC COOPERATIVE NURSERY'S SILENT AUCTION

**Saturday, May 21—7 p.m. IN HCC's Campbell Room**

Come for an enjoyable evening and bid on items from your favorite local businesses, area sports teams, craftsmen, museums and service providers and show your support for our unique preschool. Suggested \$5 donation per person which includes refreshments and hors d' oeuvres.

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## ATTENTION GRADUATES!

If you are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this spring, please take a moment to let the church office know your name, major, and future plans.



Please call the church office at 216.561.4800 or email us at [kese.hcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kese.hcc@sbcglobal.net)

## SAVE THE DATE



The Children/Youth Committee will meet in early May to finalize our **Vacation Bible School** theme, activities, and decided how you, our members, can help. So, put this date on your calendar boys and girls, moms and dads, grandparents, HCC members: **July 18th—22nd.**



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## **ANNUAL MEETING—JUNE 5**

On June 5<sup>th</sup> after worship we will once again celebrate all that we have done together over the last year. We will share a meal, honor our Peace Award winner and elect the leadership that will carry us forward into the new year. As we did last year everyone is asked to bring a main dish, salad or side dish according to the following schedule: A-H—salad/side dishes; I-Q—main dish; R-Z—desserts. The hospitality committee will provide the beverages.

### ***To All HCC Officers and Committee Chairs-***



With the end of the church year quickly approaching, its time to prepare the church's annual report. Please prepare your report with just 3-7 bullet points that share the highlights of your groups work, and, if you choose, a concluding paragraph summing up your work. This should make your job (and the office) easier and quicker. It would also be helpful, if possible, for you to send your report to the office via e-mail. A word document is okay, or you can include your report in the body of the e-mail.

Please e-mail them to [kese.hcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kese.hcc@sbcglobal.net).

**ALL REPORTS ARE DUE BY MAY 18TH.**