



College Hill's Statement on General Conference 2019

*4 Love is large and incredibly patient. Love is gentle and consistently kind to all.
It refuses to be jealous when blessing comes to someone else.*

*5 Love does not brag about one's achievements nor inflate its own importance.
Love does not traffic in shame and disrespect, nor selfishly seek its own honor.
Love is not easily irritated or quick to take offense.*

*6 Love joyfully celebrates honesty and finds no delight in what is wrong.
7 Love is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others.
Love never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up.*

*12 For now we see but a faint reflection of riddles and mysteries as though reflected in a mirror,
but one day we will see face-to-face.*

*My understanding is incomplete now, but one day I will understand everything,
just as everything about me has been fully understood.*

*13 Until then, there are three things that remain: faith, hope, and love—yet love surpasses them all.
So above all else, let love be the beautiful prize for which you run.
1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 and 12-13.*

Today we the pastor, staff and church council of College Hill United Methodist stand in solidarity with our LGBTQ community and allies as we process the pain and harm caused by the General Conference's passage of the "Traditional Plan." This plan not only maintains current anti-LGBTQ language in The Book of Discipline, but also creates more punitive measures for control and enforcement of already unjust policies. The legislation has been referred to the Judicial Council for a ruling on its constitutionality. There are many unknowns about what will find its way into the Discipline following UMC Judicial Council deliberations.

Demands of rigid conformity deny our Wesleyan theological heritage and the rich diversity of the Body of Christ. The mandatory penalties and discriminatory language disproportionately impact LGBTQ persons who wish to serve and worship in The United Methodist Church. The exclusionary and hateful core of the plan undermines our ability to welcome, love and support all members of our beautifully diverse church and world.

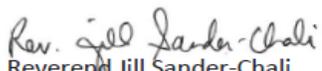
Therefore, we resist the notion that we must choose between faithfulness to the Gospel, faithfulness to The United Methodist Church, and faithfulness to the LGBTQ persons the Gospel calls us to love, serve, and celebrate. We recognize as incompatible with Christian teaching any policy which criminalizes ministry with LGBTQ persons and their families, particularly through the blanket rejection of LGBTQ persons who are called and gifted for ministry.

Today we re-affirm College Hill's commitment to advocate for the full inclusion and equality of all people. We will honor God's call on the lives of all people and celebrate and support our LGBTQ community. We welcome into full membership and participation in all aspects of our church, persons of every race, national origin, language, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental ability, economic or marital status, and faith backgrounds. We re-commit ourselves to do all in our power to create true beloved community and to work for wholeness in the Body of Christ.

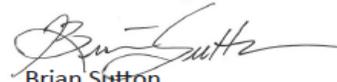
College Hill is a place where injustice, intolerance, hate and fear mongering will not be tolerated. We hope you will stay strong and join us in that fight. Your place in God's kin-dom and your worth as a child of God is not debatable, revocable by vote, or removable by a denomination. You will always be embraced, supported, and celebrated at College Hill United Methodist Church.

Please join us as we find ways to respond as a community and advocate for the full inclusion and equality of all people.

Your Pastor, Church Council and Staff.


Reverend Jill Sander-Chali
Senior Pastor
College Hill United Methodist Church


Cate Adams
Church Council Chair
College Hill United Methodist


Brian Sutton
Director of Youth Ministries and Community Life
College Hill United Methodist

March 24, 2019

Attendance 234

Giving \$11,171.00



Sunday's Baptism at 9:00 Worship
Congratulations to the Mumford family on the baptism of Charlotte Renee Mumford. Charlotte is the daughter of Mason & Samantha Mumford from North Carolina. Samantha is the granddaughter of Neil Lusk and the late Doris Lusk.

GARAGE SALE

CHUM's Garage Sale

Friday & Saturday, April 12 & 13

It is time to start digging through those closets, basements, garages and attics to find those treasures you are ready to live without and donate to the CHUM Garage Sale. Please take a bit of time to clean off the items you bring in to donate. NO clothes. You may bring the items anytime now and place them at the west end of the basement in the hallway near room #B1. The sale will be open each day from 8am-4pm.

TGIF

March 29nd @ 6:30pm

Connie's

2227 N. Broadway

Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner and conversation!

For more information contact

Janice Rich, 265-4879

Also contact Janice for carpooling.

The March Crawl



On Thursday, April 25, we will be crawling to Sedgwick, KS to Cy's Place **THE HOOF & HORN** Supper Club. Please note the date change due to Maundy Thursday being on the 3rd Thursday. Sign up sheet is available in the church office and be sure to make note if you need a ride to Sedgwick, KS.

Meditation Class Continues

Brad Smith's Meditation Class continues. The time will be from 6:00 - 7:00pm for each class, in room #201. Classes will be held on the following **Monday** evenings:

***April 8 and 29**

***May 13**



College Scholarships Available

If you have never received a scholarship from the College Hill UMC Foundation, you may be eligible. Money is available to graduating high school seniors/GED who actively attend CHUM. If you are returning to college due to a career change you may also apply for a scholarship. Applications are available in the church office and completed applications, along with the additional information requested, must be **returned to the church office no later than Sunday, April 7, 2019.**

FOUNDATION GRANTS

CHUM Foundation Grants

The CHUM Foundation are currently taking applications for grant fund requests. The requests must be for the improvement of College Hill UMC. If your class, group, service or department are in need of funds for your ministry here at College Hill, please stop by the church office to pick up an application. **Applications must be returned by Sunday, April 7, 2019.**

CHUM's Blessing Box

Thanks to the many of you that have been donating to the Blessing Box this Lenten season. The neighbor on the other side of the fence brought in 3 sacks of groceries that had been thrown over the fence into her yard Wednesday night. This seems to happen when food is placed in the box early evening and left overnight. Food and items placed during the day usually get taken pretty quickly and the box is emptied. If you bring items for the Blessing Box during the evening, feel free to drop it off in the office behind Patty's desk and know that it will be placed in the box that week. The neighbor was wonderful to collect and return and says this has happened before...she is great to keep an eye on the box!



Vacation Bible School

To Mars and Beyond 2019 VBS is here! This year VBS will be in the evening with a light dinner kicking the night off during the week of June 17-21st from 5:30 - 6:00pm. During **Vacation Bible School** from 6:00 - 8:00pm, children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they explore where God's power can take them. They will become Voyagers and discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. Register today and let us know you're coming. You'll not only skip the line on the first day but will reserve your shirt size! Click on the VBS link from our CHUM home page: www.collegehillumc.org to sign up a child or to sign up as a volunteer.

Faith Sisters' Book Club

For **Sunday, April 14**, they will be discussing Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. Rose Chapman will host this gathering. New members are always welcome to join in!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

AGAPE, Rm. 201 - This week we discussed the creation/evolution of monotheism with dualistic forces of good and evil. God became less human than the gods of the past. We learned lots of new big words too. Thank you, Dave, for your preparation and leadership of our lessons. Don't forget to collect quarters for supporting the CHUM garden and remember to contribute to the CHUM garage sale. Knopp's treat next.

BUILDERS, Rm. 305 - Part 10 of "Seeking Allah Finding Jesus." Guided by the Hand of God pages 260 - 283 and extend Epilogue pages 284 - 297 for Sunday. Sharon has goodies. Keep Charlie, Nori, and Mark McKee in your prayers.

CHILDREN, Children's Center - The children continued their Lenten study focusing on symbols that are used to reference stories from the Bible. The children are working on 3 projects that build on each other each week. This week their two symbols of emphasis were the chalice and symbols of healing. This Wednesday evening, weather permitting, the children will take a walking field trip to the Fire Station to deliver our thanks for their service they provide to all of us in Wichita.

COMMUNICATORS, Rm. 301 - Thanks to John Brewer for leading the class in our discussion of the book All the Miracles of the Bible which focuses on the New Testament. Jesus' first miracle in the book of John was turning water into wine. Recommended reading for next week is John 4:1-29 and John 5:1-9. **Reminder to mark calendars:** Monday, April 8th from 3 - 7pm to assemble lunches for Open Door; Tuesday, April 9th @ 10am delivery of meals to Open Door; Saturday, April 13th @ 9:30am Brunch at Sheryl Bagby's w/treasure hunt involved; and Sunday, May 5th @ 5pm to be announced. Prayer Requests: Carly Brewer; people in Nebraska and around the world affected by weather catastrophes; world leaders; travelers; and all unspoken prayers and concerns. Sheryl Bagby has devotions next.

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES, Rm. B5/7 - Making it past the Marathon runners this morning, seventeen joined together! Sympathy to Nancy and Clint Hinman in loss of daughter, Becky. Floyd Hansen reviewed results of last week's survey on "Considerations for Moving Forward." Keith Williamson reviewed portion of "A Segregated Church or a Beloved Community." Tabletalk focused on if CHUM was a thermometer or a thermostat in today's culture. Sunday, read pp. 118-126 to finish this chapter and March.

DOUBLE CIRCLE, Rm. B4 - Dr. Brake's lesson was on Luke 19. Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Zacchaeus was the chief among the publicans and he was rich. He sought to see Jesus but could not see him because he was little in stature. For this reason, he climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him. 10 were present in class. Candy has been ill so our thoughts and prayers are with her. We hope she can return soon.

TRAVELING COMPANIONS, Bride's Room B14 @ 11:15 am - Join us for discussion on spiritual development and personal growth.

VICEROY, Rm. B3 - We have begun a series that looks at the distinctively Christian way to engage so-called "outsiders." We started last class with a discussion on immigration. We will continue with video series "Fear of the Other - no fear in love" by William H. Willimon.



College Hill United Methodist
Youth Ministry

March 31
City Scavenger Hunt
11:30am - 1:00pm

UPCOMING CALENDAR

April 7
Lunch Bunch
Prost @ 2721 E. Central
11:30am

April 14
Aviate Trampoline Park
Cost \$10.00
11:30am - 2:30pm



CHUM's
Kids Connections
6:00 - 7:00pm - March 20 - April 10
For all children that are
Kindergarten through 5th grade
Children's Center in basement
Theme is Sharing & Caring and
Service & Mission Projects too.

Children's Ministries
Welcomes All Children!
Children's Sunday School for 3
year olds - 5th Graders will take
place in the Children's Center during
the Sunday school time from 10:15 -
11:30am. Take children directly to their
classroom and pick them up at
11:30am from their classroom.
First Sunday of each month is
Family Worship so all children will
worship with their family and there is
no Sunday school. **CHUM Nursery**
is available for children 4 years and
under each Sunday. It is located at
the west end of building across from
the elevator next to Fellowship Hall.

Church Services

9:00 am - Sanctuary
Traditional Service

10:15 am - Fellowship Hall
Contemporary Service

Sunday - March 31, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon: Joyful Praying
Reversing Lent series
Rev. Jim Graves

Reversing Lent series

Often Lent is traditionally understood as a somber and sad time for doing hard things like fasting or repenting however, the purpose of this holy season is to draw closer to God through spiritual practices. As spiritual practices form us in faith, we not only experience joy, but we find we can practice the discipline joyfully! This series invites you to joyfully practice five spiritual disciplines for five weeks.

Week 4

JOYFUL PRAYING can follow Pauls' pattern of: giving thanks, asking for something, saying sorry, and giving praise to God. When we pray, it helps us share in the gospel and express confidence in God.

Philippians 1: 3 - 11



Tuesday, April 2nd
9:00 - 2:00pm
Church Office

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A Reconciling Congregation
Wise in the Ways of the Spirit,
Bold in the Ways of Justice,
and Graceful in relationships
with all Creation.