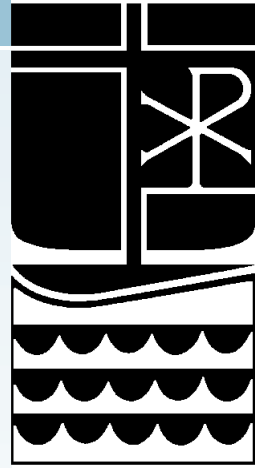


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# Life Together

*SPECIAL EDITION*

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These are the words that comprise the first line of the last verse of The Crescent Hill Hymn.

We find ourselves in the midst of an unexpected and unforeseen gale. The wind is blowing. The waves upon the sea are growing. In this moment, the ship on which we are making this journey seems small and frail.

We are all anxious. We are all worried. We are all grieving. We are all fearful at times.

Much to my surprise, my days these days consist of working from home while doing my best to keep my kids fed and their brains stimulated. I am grateful that I am able to do much of my work remotely and that we have been able to keep the church office open during the week from 9AM until 5PM. While I am more fortunate than many, it has been a stressful time.

One book that has been very influential in my life is *When God Interrupts* by Craig Barnes, President of Princeton Theological Seminary. In the book, Barnes astutely notes that although life is beautiful, life also consists of a series of losses and grief.

Barnes points out that we suffer loss when hopes and dreams we possessed do not come to pass. Barnes points out that we suffer loss when our health begins to deteriorate. We suffer the ultimate loss when we find ourselves at death’s door.

The current unexpected crisis in which we find ourselves has already led to a great deal of loss. I really miss college basketball this time of year. Students are missing out on educational and social opportunities. Many are losing jobs. While I do not know anyone who has suffered physically from the virus at the moment, we should all prepare for that possibility. Losses abound.

It is in the midst of such loss and grief that Barnes points out that God appears. In moments of loss and grief, the good news of the gospel found in Jesus Christ enters in offering hope, peace, and comfort.

Easter is drawing near. On that day we celebrate because we choose to believe that Christ entered into the darkness of death and brought forth light and life.

Even in these dark days, perhaps especially in these dark days, the light of Christ continues to shine bright, perhaps more brightly than ever before. These are difficult days, but these continue to be days when God’s presence continues to dwell among us, transforming us for the better.

Finally, take note of the fact that this monthly publication is entitled *Life Together*. That title is a tribute to a book written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer in 1939 entitled *Life Together*. Bonhoeffer was a German pastor and professor. He wrote *Life Together* during a time when Nazi philosophy and practices began to take hold over Germany. The book begins with a recitation of Psalms 133:1: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Even though we cannot gather in manners and ways we are accustomed to, we can still find ways to dwell together in unity. Such gatherings are essential. Crescent Hill Baptist Church will continue to facilitate ways to do so.

Sincerely, Jason

# Senior Spotlight

We have all experienced disruptions in our routines. We grieve the loss of many of our long-anticipated plans. CHBC's Student Ministry asks you to spend some of this reflective season in prayer for our high school seniors. They are learning to navigate this uncertain time in what would have otherwise been their final months of celebration. These are days that would otherwise have been filled with communal recognition of their years of hard work. We invite you to learn about each of these remarkable young people and find ways to encourage and celebrate them.

Please join the CHBC Student Ministry Team in honoring and supporting these students through your prayers. Consider becoming an official CHBC College Champion (like an encourager) for one of these students by maintaining contact and offering support through their transition to college. For more information, or to be paired with a student, please contact Brittani Bair at [brittani@chbcky.org](mailto:brittani@chbcky.org) or [\(502\) 295-0274](tel:5022950274).

## Logan Flecke

I am graduating from the Brown School and going to Xavier University in Cincinnati to study Criminal Justice. I will pursue a career in federal law enforcement. I enjoyed being on the Brown School swim team and singing in the church choir.



## Christ Moo

High School: St. Francis

College: haven't made a decision. But likely UofL's Speed School. Planning on studying bioengineering.

Fun Facts: I'm Karenni, not Karen.

I've made garments for KMAC Couture 2018, 2019, and 2020 if it'll happen. I've technically published a short fiction book titled "My Dad is a Murderer." I enjoy volleyball and art. I know how to knit and crochet.



## Hannah McCarty

Next year after graduating Hilliard Darby I am going to be attending Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio majoring in middle grade education. I will cheer on the eagles for the 2020-2021 basketball

season and I hope to get involved in the church at Ashland.

## Paw Eh Ler Thaw

Alter ego/Nickname: Kaylee Pelt

High School: Butler Traditional

College: Berea College

Major: Undecided

Hobbies: Grocery shopping, soccer, volleyball, watching documentaries



Fun Fact: I always break my diet on Wednesday

Favorite Foods: Noodles, Rice, Papaya salad, Mango

Goals: buy my parents a house in the future

# April Birthdays and Calendar

1	April Paw	11	Abbie White	23	Zaw Win
3	Jack Bootes Ka Paw Ku Glen Skaggs	12	Chana Fisher Kwee Paw	25	June Bailey Nora Hadley Soe Soe (15)
5	Trudi Bellou Hsar Heh Hee Klo (10) Joseph Lah (12) Ywa Hay Blut Paw (11)	13	Ted Hodge Eh Wah	26	Tim Gritton
6	Jordan Aubrey Yeh Ba Bennett Duckworth	14	BeBe Htoo (10) Haley Ragsdell	27	Josh Adkins Joel Williams
8	Niki Conner Jim Mahanes	15	Matthew Clay Moo (1) Rachel Ni Paw Shell	28	James Ford-Pitts (4) Bor Nyon Po (21)
9	Rachel Bunker Kerri Richardson Cheng	16	Andy Bates	29	Josh Hay Bill Johnson Judy Kaufman Michael Smith
10	Bob Hieb	17	Yanira Allen Harper Twyman	30	Ian Hooper Eh Gay Paw Shee Har Wah (13)
11	Phyllis Skonicki	19	Hu Wah Min		Joe D. Williams
		22	Christian Ford		
		23	Diane Robl Jonah White (9)		

## How Are You Doing?

Several members were emailed to ask for a paragraph on how they are feeling, what are they doing, and/or what good things have you seen. Following are a couple of responses.

### **Anne-Britton Arnett**

Our household is doing well. We are increasing our consumption of fruits and vegetables, making sure we exercise every day, and are practicing social distancing. Our dogs are getting lots of walks, and we have really enjoyed our ZOOM meetings and online worship service from the website. It helps us all to stay connected. We picked up seeds for the garden this year, anticipating that there would not be seedlings available to plant tomatoes/peppers/etc. That is enjoyable for us, to plant the seeds in pots, and hopefully eventually be able to transplant our very own seedlings into our garden! The teenagers in the house are starting to go a tad stir crazy, but it's still manageable. I'm working from home a lot, and it's sometimes hard to even turn that off at 5pm. Luckily our AMAZING governor encourages me to shut down at 5pm to catch his daily briefing. Take care, friends! I continue to lift everyone up in prayer during this stressful time.

### **Steve Wilson**

You haven't seen me for a few months. My 70-something widowed mother, who lives alone in Georgia, was diagnosed four years ago with an auto-immune disease which attacked her kidneys. She performs in-home dialysis for 10 hours nightly, but we've been blessed that she's been able to live independently. She had some related health challenges since January, from which I've been helping her recover. She's made slow but good progress and I was ready to return to Louisville and my St. Matthews retail business. Then, corona virus happened. We are well and living in a fortress of protection around my mom during this crisis. We are isolating and only making one grocery/supply run every two weeks. There are so many challenges and unknowns for everyone now. I am, however, choosing to view this as an opportunity to spend time with my senior parent, and am grateful God has allowed me to be with and care for her during this uncertainty. From Georgia, I pray for everyone's wellness, knowing good things can come from bad.

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Make sure that you are signed up for the **Remind App** so that we can text you any last minute updates about meetings, gatherings, and events. If you are not, simply **text @chbcky to 81010**.

We will also send **eNewsletters** out regularly as information becomes available. If you do not receive that newsletter in your inbox, and you think you have signed up for it, check your spam folder. If you haven't signed up to receive the eNewsletter, go to [www.chbcky.org](http://www.chbcky.org). At the bottom of our homepage is a place to enter your email address for the newsletter.

Check the **church website** ([www.chbcky.org](http://www.chbcky.org)) and **Facebook** ([www.facebook.com/CHBCKY](http://www.facebook.com/CHBCKY)) for updates.

## Sunday Morning Worship Experience

As things with COVID-19 continue, and the need for social distancing and isolating increases, we will continue to offer an online worship service each Sunday. We are involving as few people as possible in person; therefore, we will not be live-streaming on Facebook. We will be recording and then uploading the video to our church website on Sunday morning. **The recorded worship service will be on the church website** ([www.chbcky.org](http://www.chbcky.org)) **by Sunday at 10:45 AM.**

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