

Revised Schedule Announcement . . .

The last week of CPC's Spring Term will be May 14th

CPC THIS Week

☉ **Morning Prayer Service**

All are invited on Tuesday mornings 7 to 8 am – Tuesday, April 24, May 1st & May 15th – note there will be no service on May 8th.

☉ **Theology I**

Tuesday mornings - 10:30 to 11:30 am – Tuesday, April 24, May 1st with special bonus class on Wisdom on May 15th. Please note there will be no class on May 8th.

☉ **Food for Thought -**

this Wednesday evening beginning at 6 pm

TOPIC: Tragedy and the Blame Game:

Reflections on the VT Shootings

*** special note – if you are interested in assisting with childcare on Wednesday evenings – please contact Jennifer Cheng at 457-9825.

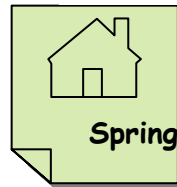
☉ **College & Grad/Pro - Dating Seminar**
Celibacy to Polygamy:

The Dating Conversation Revisited

This Friday evening, April 27, at 7 pm



Please consider sharing your talent, unique or otherwise, with the CPC community. Space is limited so sign up soon. To sign up please contact Joe Shields - cpc.ioe@snet.net.



Spring Building & Grounds Workday

Assist in the life of the church by providing an attractive, inviting facility for worship, fellowship, staff offices, & community outreach. This excerpt from the Facilities Team Purpose Statement is what our workdays are all about. We are planning outdoor & indoor work including planting, weeding, sweeping, raking, cleaning, painting, etc. We can use rakes, shovels, flowers, drop clothes & many helping hands. Please come if you can.

Saturday, April 28

9:00 AM to ~2:00 PM, Rain or Shine

Coming up at CPC

Student Partnership Sunday, April 29th

Food for Thought – Special Concert Series

Wednesday, May 2nd & 16th

Graduation/Celebration Sunday, May 6th

Mother's Day Sunday, May 13th

Coffeehouse Friday, May 11th at 8:00 pm.



Dr. Meredith G. Kline

In Memoriam

December 15, 1922 to

April 14, 2007

*please see special write-up in back

Get Connected at CPC

CPC Women's Prayer Group

Meets every Thursday from 11:00 am to noon at Peggy Keabian's home in Guilford, for more information contact Peggy – 453-6965 or Jennifer Cheng – 457-9825.

CPC Community Groups

Groups meet throughout the month - if you would be interested in joining a community group or more information, please contact Tolivar Wills at cpctolivar@snet.net or call 777-6960.

College Students

Yale Students - rides are available from Phelps Gate at 10:15 am every Sunday –when school is in session.

College Fellowship Lunch will meet today.

The Student Partnership will meet on Sunday, April 29th

WANTED: The CPC Sermon Recording Team

is need of **two volunteers** to record one sermon a month. *No experience necessary.* Ryan Hodges can train you in one Sunday. If interested please contact Ryan Hodges at rjhodges12@yahoo.com

CPC Sunday Nursery & Wednesday Evening Schedule

Please contact Abby Hodges abby.hodges@yale.edu for Sunday scheduling & Jennifer Cheng for Wednesday evening (203) 457-9825 sjcheng@mindspring.com information.

Sunday Nursery

4/29	SS: Heather & Steve Woolbert	Worship: Anna Graham, Karen Peck, Jim Thomas, and TBD
5/6	SS: Leah Kelley & Sam Wills	Worship: Yvonne Lempke, Morgan Hume, Molly & Tim Gribble
5/13	SS: Joanne Donovan & TBD	Worship: Dan & Alyson Cantey, David & Martha Olson
5/20	SS: Megan Peck & Paul Wildey	Worship: Arijana Lempke, Heidi Shimp, Debra & Fabio Pinto
5/27	SS: Sara Daniel & Nancy Shields	Worship: Lizzy Olson, Scott Wilhelm, Hannah & Lei Chen

Wednesday Evening

April 25

Nursery

Sam Wills

Games

Shi Jen Cheng

Floater

Jennifer Cheng

*** We are in need of adding additional volunteers to the Wednesday evening roster – if you are interested or would like more information on the rotation – please contact Jennifer Cheng at the above email/phone listing.

Dr. Meredith G. Kline



I am often asked, “Who do you think has had the greatest influence in your ministry?” My response is always something along the lines of: “In terms of how I read the Bible and the way this impacts my teaching, and especially preaching, each and every week? Without a doubt, it would have to be the influence of Dr. Meredith G. Kline!”

It was my great privilege to sit under Dr. Kline’s teaching, *and praying*, while a student at Gordon Conwell. (Anyone who has sat in one of Dr. Kline’s classes will understand perfectly why I include “*and praying*.” Never has anyone led me into the throne-room of God through prayer like Dr. Kline through his carefully thought-out, theologically rich and deeply personal prayers that preceded each and every one of his classes.) And so while many gather around the world this week to celebrate and memorialize this giant of the faith and Biblical scholar, I fondly remember his prayers, his complex diagrams of redemptive history on the old blackboard, the conversations he endured after class with a skeptical student on his way to becoming a “Reformed” and Presbyterian minister, rooted not merely in tradition or history but in Biblical study under the mentoring assistance of so humble a giant in Biblical scholarship!

How great was his impact on me, and subsequently our church? Let me illustrate it this way, if perhaps you would stop to whisper your thanks to God for the ministry of Meredith Kline: For if there has been anything in the preaching and teaching ministry of this church that is “Christ centered” (which I pray to God there is!), then I can honestly say that the hermeneutic method and framework that gave me the intellectual and theological justification for reading the Old and New Testament scriptures in this way was handed down to me by Dr. Meredith Kline. That is to say, if there has been anything in my ministry with you over these past 15 years that has instilled a love and confidence in God’s written word so as to bring us to a greater confidence and love for God’s living Word, if anything in my ministry that has enabled you to see the continuity between the Testaments and God’s careful orchestrations of history that vindicates the experience of the two travelers on the Emmaus Road with Christ, then you have reason to whisper a prayer of thanks to God for Dr. Meredith Kline! Indeed, it was Dr. Kline’s careful explanations and applications of a covenantal hermeneutic that finally enabled me to read the Bible as a unified, if not multi-layered, revelation of God acting through redemptive history as finally and climactically revealed in Christ. For this alone, we can all be thankful. But there is more.

If you have come to believe in a God centered way of salvation as signified and executed through the judgment waters of Christian baptism through the ministry here at CPC, it was Meredith Kline’s By

Oath Consigned that finally converted your pastor, once a staunch Baptist himself, into the Reformed and Presbyterian way of thinking about salvation itself as then relived through Christian Baptism! And if you have come to see Genesis not as a topic of controversy mainly, but as a “Kingdom Prologue” in relation to God’s self-revelation as the great King of Kings in both the first and many subsequent “new creations” of redemptive history that again climax in the New Creation of Christ acting through the Holy Spirit, then again you may want to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for Dr. Meredith Kline. And if you have heard something of the distinction between God’s “common and special grace” here at CPC—even as to enable you to see God at work outside of redemption—with huge implications in how we relate to the world as Christians with grace and even respect rather than with hostility, then again, thank God for Meredith Kline.

On and on I could go, paradigm shift after paradigm shift—shifts in my anthropology as related to the priestly “Images of the Spirit,” shifts in my understanding of Scripture as related to a covenantal “Structure of Biblical Authority,” shifts in my understanding of history itself as culminating in “God, Heaven and Har-Magedon”—it was a huge couple of years for me under the incredible teachings and ministry of Dr. Meredith Kline! Many of the commentaries I have used over the years are also written by those indebted to Meredith Kline. And so while you may never have met him, you have certainly been impacted by him, even as you can join with me in delighting that Meredith Kline is now finally experiencing that which figured so prominently in his studies and teaching, even all things “heaven” in the presence of Christ.

In memory of Dr. Kline, I have asked Rebekah to include some of his writings in our book store. Have a look, if per chance you would want to attempt the, sometimes arduous, task of transcribing some of Dr. Kline’s made up hyphenated words. To be sure, he is not an easy read, but he is certainly a profound read in a league of his own vis-à-vis mining the riches of covenant history in scripture! Enjoy!