



Assurance in the Midst of Uncertainty...MMMM ?

Once again, College Hill finds itself in a season of change looking for an earthly leader to shepherd us along our “Servant Journey for God.” The unexpectedness and the shock of that change was be very anxious for us as individuals and for our church as a body. How blessed it is that after the first three months of our transition, we are still standing on the solid rock of our past 75 years of faithful Godly service That is wonderful for where we have been. However, in a new year, how do we move forward serving, working, and growing in love and joy?

Thankfully, most of our worship leaders are in place for February. We have two continuing office volunteers, Marlea Gaston and Paula Ewers, and a third new person, Melanie Monzon who will work to prepare bulletins for Sunday worship. Rev, Dr. Charles Williams continues graciously to volunteer his pastoral gifts to us each first Sunday, and any other times and ways as he can. Additionally, a rotating deacon and elder volunteer each month for unexpected needs. These steps address some worship, organizational, and pastoral care issues; but not necessarily questions regarding how we are to engage in “**The Work of the Church**” while we are without a pastor.

The first thing we all must remember we are not leaderless, nor are we directionless. Jesus is the head, of the church, and various scriptures provide general and specific guidelines for church missions and programs. For example, think of Micah 6:8, “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (NIV) A little more explicit passage, Luke 10: 27, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” (NIV) provides a clearer picture. For even further clarification review “ Matthew 25:35,⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” (NIV)

The above three verses inform of us of the kinds of actions God wants us to undertake and the kinds of hearts/minds we are to have in relating to one another as we execute those expectations. Another verse describes how we can work as individuals and groups and still be as one! “Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ” 1Corinthians 12:12 (NIV)

So yes, we face many uncertainties. However, those uncertainties need not be cause for confusion, mistrust, and anxiety. With clear and open communication and striving to follow Jesus in faithfulness and love, we can go forward, continuing our work confidently. We go, after all, within the best of hands—those of God and His only begotten son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Submitted by Pat Townsel



JOIN US EACH SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM (Bi-Lingual Worship)
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 9:45 AM

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Jorge Herrera	Feb. 1	Adrienne McFall	Feb. 17
Ay'ahna Robinson	Feb. 1	Raleita Furlow	Feb. 18
Ann Ward	Feb. 1	Vernell Foster	Feb. 19
Terra Mack	Feb. 2	Patricia Grigsby	Feb. 20
Linda Peters	Feb. 3	Danielle Pegues	Feb. 20
Tiffany Brown	Feb. 3	Vann Rogers	Feb. 21
Kinyanjui Migwe	Feb. 4	Joan Crabtree	Feb. 22
Aaliyah Drake	Feb. 4	Gerry Thompson	Feb. 25
Katlin Harris	Feb. 6	Jana Adams	Feb. 25
Adriano Herrera	Feb. 7	Jennifer Cruz	Feb. 26
Robert 'E" Jones	Feb. 11	Charles Beal	Feb. 26
Julia Burrell	Feb. 15		
Sue J. Thompson	Feb. 15		
Felix R. Martinez	Feb. 16		

PRAYER LIST

Terrence Boyd
 The Bragg Family
 Betty & Jan Brecht
 Geneva Brown
 Marco Antonio Camacho
 Derrick Daniels/Family
 Paula Drake & Family
 Vicki Eason
 Doris Evans
 Janet Fahlen
 Don Gaskins Family
 Isabella Green
 Hilario Antonio Gutierrez
 Diann Harris & Family
 Obie Harris
 Family of Otis Henderson
 Andrea Hirtle
 Chante Johnson
 Jose Jones Family
 Rev. Robert E. Jones
 Michael Love



Jackie McKenzie
 Bob Moore & Fam
 Carolyn Moore
 Filomena Nicacio
 Misael & Olivia
 Margaret Oglesby
 Charles Peterson
 Bernetha Pulliam
 Melanie Shoop
 Kiffany Stargell &
 Parents
 Mary Steele
 Nelson Stone, Sr.
 Dorris Thompson
 Gerry Thompson
 Jimmy/Sue Thompson
 Ronals Todd
 José Vidal & Family
 Pastor & Rev. Karen
 Young

TEEN COLUMN

I HAVE A DREAM

I lead a Bible Study weekly at an extended care facility. Instead of studying verses from the Bible today, in honor of what would have been Dr. Martin Luther King's 91st birthday on the 15th of January, we listened to Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech given in front of the Lincoln memorial on August 28, 1963. Listening to his words still moves me to tears and sends chills up and down my body.

I was 15 when I first heard his speech. I want to share an excerpt from it with you. I suggest if you haven't heard Dr. King give his speech, that you google it and listen to the emotion behind his words.

"I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. And some of you have come from areas where your quest -- quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed.

Let us not wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my friends.

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An Elder or Deacon will be available to pray individually with anyone who desires prayer immediately after the worship service at the front of the church in the choir stand. Say a special prayer for our sick and shut-ins & those in need of improvement in their health.



TEEN COLUMN "I HAVE A DREAM" (continued from page 2)

And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a *dream* today!

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of "interposition" and "nullification" -- one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a *dream* today!

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; "and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together."²

This is our hope, and this is the faith that I go back to the South with.

With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

And this will be the day -- this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning:

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride, From every mountainside, let freedom ring!

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true.

And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire.

Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.

Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.

Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado.

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California.

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But not only that:

Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee.

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi.

From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when *all of God's children*, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual:

Free at last! Free at last!

Thank God Almighty, we are free at last"

Let us put into practice what Dr. King taught - that "hate begets hate; violence begets violence, toughness begets a greater toughness. We must meet the forces of hate with the power of love".

He also said "darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Think how wonderful it would be if instead of using weapons, people would talk things through. One side listens and hears what the other side says and vice versa.

Think how wonderful it would be if leaders of countries sat face to face and worked out their differences in a respectful way instead of going to war. Think of all the lives that could have been saved.

Submitted by Jan Brecht

ATTENTION - CHANGE IN DISTRIBUTION OF NEWSLETTER

Beginning in April, paper copies of the newsletter will only be mailed to people who request them. We currently mail approximately 220 newsletters each month. To reduce cost and manpower to prepare them for mailing, the newsletter will be found on the church website www.collegehillcommunitychurch.org. A notice that each month's newsletter is on the website as well as a copy of the newsletter, will be sent to each member the church has an email address for. For those who do not have access to a computer, there will be copies in the vestibule of the church. **If you want a copy mailed to your home**, please contact the church office or email Jan Brecht at jsbpups@aol.com. You may also mail a request to Jan at 7036 Park Vista Road, Englewood, OH 45322. You may want to email Jan to ensure she has your current email address.

College Hill Community Church, PCUSA is delighted and honored to have The Reverend Cindy Kohlmann preach in the Sunday morning service on February 9th, 2020 . The leadership council of the Presbytery of Miami Valley offered our church the rare opportunity to take part in Sunday worship when she visits our presbytery this coming February. Rev. Kohlmann is the Co-Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly the fourth level of Presbyterian governmental bodies. The four levels of government are: Session, Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. We look forward to welcoming and sharing worship with her. As always, visitors too, are most welcome to join us in this significant worship opportunity. Service begins at 10:30 AM.



The CRUCIAL 2020 Primary Election-
March 17th

**Absentee Voting by Mail – Begins Feb 19th-28
days before election**

**EARLY IN-PERSON Voting-at Board of
Elections Begins Feb 19 and includes the two
Saturdays, one Sunday and the Monday before
Election Day**

**Election Day Voting – March 17 – Polls open
6:30am-7:30pm**

**Check to be sure you are still registered and
where your polling place is:**

lookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx

**Attention all members and
friends of College Hill.**

A new church directory is in the works, If any of your information concerning address, phone number or family members living in your home has changed, please call the church office at 937-278-4203 and leave a message with your new information. Or email the church at collegehillcommunitychurch@gmail.com.

A prayer for Ash Wednesday

Lord of the winds, I cry to thee, I that am dust, and blown about by every gust, I fly to thee. Lord of the waters, unto thee I call. I that am weed upon the waters borne, and by the waters torn, tossed by the waters, at thy feet I fall.

—Mary Coleridge (1861-1907)

Ash Wednesday is February 26.

Easter is April 26th,

Registration is open for the NEXT Church National Gathering to be held March 2-4, 2020 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati. This year's theme is "What Do These Stones Mean? Witness, Power, and Hope" and is based on Joshua 4:1-9. The NEXT Church National Gathering is filled with church leaders (pastors and lay people) haring stories of their experiences of ministry, new ideas they are trying, and honest conversations about ministry today. Creative worship centers participants around God's presence, and multiple opportunities to engage in workshops and conversation about particular aspects of ministry foster new and deeper connections.



NEXT Church is a network of leaders - church members, ruling elders, youth leaders, educators, pastors, seminarians and professors - across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) who believe the church of the future will be more relational, more diverse, more collaborative, more hopeful and more agile. NEXT Church provides hopeful space for robust conversations about the theology, culture, and the practice of ministry, supports strong, faithful leadership in a time of adaptive change, and encourages collaboration and creativity across congregations and geographies.

POOR PEOPLES' MARCH: A National Call for Moral Revival

In 1968, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and many others called for a "revolution of values" in America. They sought to build a broad, fusion movement that could unite poor and impacted communities Today, the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival has picked up this unfinished work. From Alaska to Arkansas, the Bronx to the border, people are coming together to confront the interlocking evils of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, militarism and the war economy, and the distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism. We understand that as a nation we are at a critical juncture — that we need a movement that will shift the moral narrative, impact policies and elections at every level of government, and build lasting power for the poor and impacted.

OHIO Rally - April 23

Dayton is honored to be chosen as the site for the OHIO Rally.

Poor Peoples' March on WASHINGTON, DC

June 20, 2020 Bus transportation for \$100.00 RT

In the image of love

While using play therapy with young cancer patients, social worker Amy Jandrisevits found that kids identify best with dolls that resemble them — yet doll diversity was rare.

As described in Gather magazine, she launched a line called "A Doll Like Me" that customizes dolls not only to "a child's ethnicity, gender, hair color and interests, but also their physical characteristics such as clefts, birthmarks, scars and limb differences." She adds, "It is more than just a doll to a child; it is a representation of the child who owns it." So far, Jandrisevits has made 300+ dolls for kids worldwide — a project she considers to be a ministry.

!""k Dolls representing vast human differences are a profound reminder that God infused the world with variety and pronounced it good. Just as each custom-made doll is made in the image of the child who will adopt and love it, we're made in the image of God, who claims us as his beloved children forever.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

2/08 DEACON'S MEETING
2/14 Valentines Day
2/17 Presidents Day
2/26 Ash Wednesday



SESSION



REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SESSION
must be received by February 12 to be included in the Session agenda that is prepared and sent to all Session Elders. The next Session meeting will be held at 6:00 pm February 18.

**THE MISSION STATEMENT FOR
COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH**

We are a family of Christians who intentionally include all God's children as we live in faithful obedience to God's command to love one another and seek justice, using Jesus as our example. We strive to serve God's people and connect to each other personally, spiritually and socially.