



When the ball dropped at midnight to kick off a new year and decade, no one could have anticipated what the year was about to bring. Only three months in, 2020 became all about cancelling trips, major events and social distancing. Navigating this pandemic is new for all of us, including working from home, protecting loved ones, getting supplies and staying connected to friends. Yet there is one powerful, simple way that we can be united and uplifted in deeply meaningful ways: through kindness. “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around” said the late writer Leo F. Buscaglia. Lets take a look at some of the positive things people have done for others during this pandemic.

- ◆ At Morristown Memorial Hospital, medical professionals were surprised with messages of encouragement and kind messages on the pavement of the medical center’s entrance doors. One message (written colorfully in chalk) read, “If you are just arriving thank you for what you are about to do!”
- ◆ Senior citizens are at the highest risk during the COVID-19 pandemic. With extra time on their hands from social distancing, California native Daniel Goldberg, a junior student -athlete at San Marcos High School in Santa Barbara (along with a couple of friends), wanted to help the elderly. He created Zoomers to Boomers, a website where seniors in the Santa Barbara area can sign up to have their groceries delivered the next day by a high school student. This act inspired many citizens throughout the country to check on their elderly neighbors.
- ◆ Throughout the country, basic medical supplies are running extremely low in hospitals where nurses are being told to use bandanas instead of a medical mask. Local individuals have been stepping up and heading to their sewing machines, making handmade reusable masks for medical professionals on the frontlines.
- ◆ What began in the streets of Italy has made its way to America -- cheers, singing and applause every night to thank health heroes. New York City residents have taken to their balconies, windows and doorsteps (at a safe distance) to energetically make noise (even banging on pots and pans) as a sign of gratitude for those in the hospitals risking their lives to save others. My sister who lives in Portland, Oregon goes to her church every night and together with neighbors ring the church bells and sing songs.
- ◆ This neighborhood in Severna Park, Maryland is feeling a strong sense of community from a mystery mom who leaves bagged lunches outside a busy roundabout. With a sign that reads, “For anyone who needs it: I will be leaving some healthy sack lunches on this table for you if you are hungry and need to eat. Made with love by a neighborhood mom in a clean and sanitized kitchen. I will leave this table up from 11AM -1:30PM.” Her actions are a reminder that no matter who you are, you can make someone’s day a little brighter.
- Facial coverings worn during the COVID-19 pandemic make communication more difficult for people with hearing impairments. People with hearing difficulties have trouble reading lips and recognizing facial expressions with masks in place. It makes it difficult to know if a person is kidding, happy or angry if you can’t see their face. A College Student and Her Mom Designed Masks to Help the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. It has clear plastic in the middle of it.



“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 ESV

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Rev. Karen McDonald	Aug. 1	Linda Means	Aug. 15
Misael Zagal	Aug. 4	Burley March	Aug. 15
Olivia Tellez	Aug. 6	Dorothy Stargell	Aug. 18
Lauren Stone	Aug. 8	Joel Carson	Aug. 18
Dorris Thompson	Aug. 9	Cheryl Howard	Aug. 20
Darrel Jones	Aug. 10	John Day	Aug. 27
Sherman Gray, Jr.	Aug. 11	Lynn Hulbert	Aug. 27
Thomas Kelley, Jr.	Aug. 12	Chris Carlisle	Aug. 28
Vicki Eason	Aug. 13	Eric Means	Aug. 28
Gloria Gates	Aug. 13	Phillip Means	Aug. 28
Eugenia Brown	Aug. 13	Kayla Drake	Aug. 31

PRAYER LIST

Family of Bill and Rose Allen
 Jane Beal
 Terrence Boyd
 The Bragg Family
 Betty & Jan Brecht
 Joan Crabtree's Family
 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
 Andrea Hirtle
 Chante Johnson
 Jose Jones Family
 Pastor Robert E Jones Family
 Michael Love



Jackie McKenzie
 Bob Moore
 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 Darryll & Rev.
 Karen Young
 Young



CROP Hunger Walk Goes Virtual on October 4

This year's Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk to support Church World Service and the Dayton Foodbank will be different from other years. Rather than more than 120 walkers gathering on Sunday, October 4 at Island MetroPark, the Walk this year will be VIRTUAL and flexible. By September College Hill will develop its own plans for safe and distanced walking, but the key thing is to maintain our exemplary commitment to giving—especially online or by check or cash. Let's plan to again be among the leaders of area churches in CROP Walk donations. You can give online today to our College Hill team of walkers at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/daytonoh>. Watch for more CROP Walk information in the September church newsletter.

Questions? Larry Hollar (937-643-3168) can answer them.

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.



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 PRAYER
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OUTSIDE CHURCH AT COLLEGE HILL



The outdoor service that I attended at College Hill Sunday was so uplifting and on point. I had a difficult week and just being able to get in my car, drive to my church, sit comfortably to praise God and hear such a heartfelt and meaningful sermon preached by our spiritual leader Pastor Merritt got me through the week.



My hat goes off to the technology team that works diligently to make sure are sound is perfect each Sunday. I know that there is always a challenge but through God's grace College Hill is always blessed.

Peace , Blessings and stay Healthy!!

Lovingly, Lucie Gaye Gerren



I'm loving the outdoor services at CHCC. We are so blessed to have pastor Worthen shepherding us - her messages have been so on time. I like sitting outside on the lawn dressed and ready to worship God surrounded by his fresh air, the birds, the trees, the clouds, the church family in their cars, the neighbors on their lawns. So far with temperatures in the 90's its been pleasant sitting in the shade and home before the temperature. peaks. don't know how it is received for those in air conditioned. cars, but I love praising God in his elements. Thanks to all the staff behind the scenes who are making this possible. Praise the Lord.



Submitted by Darlene Brookshire



TEENS COLUMN

The following comments are food for thought during this difficult time of Covid 19.

Never let a bad day make you feel like you have a bad life.

A bad attitude is like a flat tire, you can't get very far until you change it.

It's important to make someone happy, and it's important to start with yourself.

Life is not about making others happy. Life is about sharing your happiness with others.

Whatever someone did to you in the past has no power over the present. Only you give it power.

Stop looking at what you have lost, so you can see what you have.

Talk about your blessings more than you talk about your problems.

The happiness you feel is in direct proportion to the love you give.

You are responsible for how you feel no matter what someone does to you. Remember, you are always in control of your thoughts so choose to feel confident and adequate rather than angry and insecure.

Being kind to yourself in thoughts, words and actions is as important as being kind to others.

Don't be afraid of change. Oftentimes you will lose something good, and then gain something even better.

If you want to be happy and bright, let go of your need to always be right.

If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it.

The time spent on hating is the time lost for living a peaceful, happy life. It is a habit that controls what you see, what you say, what you do, and ultimately what you become.

Sometimes you need to be alone to reflect on life. Take time out to take care of yourself. You deserve it.

You cannot change what you refuse to confront.

The difference between who you are and who you want to be, is what you do.

If you want your life to change, your choices and actions must change. Every day brings a chance to start over.

Of all the things that can be stolen from you – your possessions, your youth, your health, your words, your rights – what no one can ever take from you is your freedom to choose what you will believe in, and who and what your heart will love.

Keep your heart open to dreams. For as long as there's a dream, there is hope, and as long as there is hope, there is joy in living.

When you try to control everything, you enjoy nothing. Sometimes you just need to relax, breathe, let go, and just live in the moment.

Even though you cannot control everything that happens, you can control your attitude toward what happens. And in that, you will be mastering change rather than allowing it to master you.

Sometimes you just have to look back at your past and smile about how far you've come.

Wisdom gives: a long, good life, riches, honor, pleasure, peace. Proverbs 3:17 (LTB)

I just felt incredibly moved to share this today, both because it ties in so beautifully with Pastor Worthen's message Sunday and because I am forever amazed at how God continually whispers, nudges (and occasionally shouts) that which I most desperately need to grow, heal, and be transformed.

I just want you to know how grateful I am for your individual passions and gifts, and that I am truly blessed to work alongside each of you on projects at College Hill where God's call on our lives happen to intersect.

Please pass this along to others as you feel so moved..watson051@yahoo.com.

Love & Peace, Melanie Monzon

Cultivating God's World

The LORD God took the man and put hi in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Genesis 2:15

READ GENESIS

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“Dad, why do you have to go to work?” The question from my young daughter was motivated by her desire to play with me. I would have preferred to skip work and spend time with her, but there was a growing list of things at work that required my attention. The question, nevertheless, is a good one. Why do we work? Is it simply to provide for ourselves and for the people we love? What about labor that’s unpaid - why do we do that?

Genesis 2 tells us that God placed the first human in the garden to “work it and take care of it” (v.15). My father-in-law is a farmer, and he often tells me he farms for the sheer love of land and livestock. That’s beautiful, but it leaves lingering questions for those who don’t love their work. Why did god put us in a particular place with a particular assignment?

Genesis 1 gives us the answer. We’re made in God’s image to carefully steward the world He made (v.26). Pagan stories of the way the world began reveal “gods” making humans to be their slaves. Genesis declares that the one true God made humans to be His representatives - to steward what He’d made on his behalf. May we reflect His wise and loving order into the world. Work as a call to cultivate God’s world for his glory.

By Glaenn Peckiam.

REFLECT AND PRAY

Dear God, thank You for the honor of joining You in Your work in the world. Help me to reflect Your love, wisdom, and order in my life and in the place where I work.

What’s the work God has given you to do? How could you cultivate this “field” by bringing order into it and bringing good from it, by His grace?

SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

On the first four days of creation, God created the physical infrastructures - the galaxies and earth - sky, land, and seas (Genesis 1:1-19). On days five and six, God created the living creatures - birds, fish, and land animals to populate the three realms (vv. 20-25). However, the epitome of creation was on day six when God created human beings. Humans were given prominence, purpose, and special placement in God’s plan; the only creature created “in [God’s] image, in [God’s] likeness” (v. 26). Only humans have the attributes of personhood, self-consciousness, will, reason, knowledge, emotions, creativity, morality, and spirituality, just as God Himself. Speaking of the crowning distinction of humans in creation, the patriarch Job asked of God, “What is mankind that you make so much of them, that you give them so much attention?” (Job 7:17; see Psalms 8:4-6; 144:3). K. T. Sim



Catch the Building Spirit
Catholics & Presbyterians Building Together

**28th year of service to Habitat of Greater Dayton
2020 is named “the year of lifting up others”**

Catch the Building Spirit is a nonprofit group of Catholic and Presbyterian churches in Dayton. Our mission is to provide funding, project supervision and workers to build one house each year for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton.

Dayton Habitat selects eligible partner families who are unable to qualify for a home mortgage due to their limited household income and need safe affordable housing. The partner family must show an ability to pay a non-interest mortgage, show fiscal and personal responsibility, and take classes in personal financial management, home maintenance and nutrition. Then each partner family earns the privilege of home ownership by working “sweat equity” hours. The commitment is significant: 275 hours for a single head of household and 525 hours for a couple. Work may be done at the ReStore on west Riverview or on someone else’s home under construction. Eventually, the partner family can select a site for a home built for the family size. The results of this program have an extremely high success rate of successful home ownership.



This year’s, family is Ira and Therese Compton and their two children. Ira works for a major shipping company and Therese works in home health care and part time in a manufacturing facility. The three bedroom house we are building is located at 6718 Sandy Drive, Trotwood.

Catch the Building Spirit commits to providing most of the funding for each house. Money is raised through donated goods and services and cash donations from parishioners. Due to the Coronavirus, several of our churches and parishes are unable to conduct fund raising for CtBS this year. Your contribution will help pay for the Compton’s house. Won’t you help lift the Comptons up with a financial gift to this year’s build?

Attached is a breakdown of typical building material costs for this year’s house. “Catch the Building Spirit by making a donation. Thank You.

Mail Check to:
Catch the Building Spirit.
1490 Forrer Blvd. P.O. Box 20100
Dayton, OH 45420

OR

Go to our Website: <https://catchthebuildingspirit.org/> and use PayPal or a credit card to donate

Your gift is not a handout, but a hand up, to this family in their goal to have a safe, affordable house.

Thank you, Hank Baust, Trustee - Catch the Building Spirit



Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became law in 1990. The ADA is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public. The purpose of the law is to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. The ADA gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. It guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services, and telecommunications. The ADA is divided into five titles (or sections) that relate to different areas of public life.

Title I (Employment) *Equal Employment Opportunity for Individuals with Disabilities*

This title is designed to help people with disabilities access the same employment opportunities and benefits available to people without disabilities. Employers must provide reasonable accommodations to qualified applicants or employees. A reasonable accommodation is any modification or adjustment to a job or the work environment that will enable an applicant or employee with a disability to participate in the application process or to perform essential job functions.

Title II (State and Local Government) *Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services*

This title outlines the administrative processes to be followed, including requirements for self-evaluation and planning; requirements for making reasonable modifications to policies, practices, and procedures where necessary to avoid discrimination; architectural barriers to be identified; and the need for effective communication with people with hearing, vision and speech disabilities. This title is regulated and enforced by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Title III (Public Accommodations) *Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities*

This title prohibits private places of public accommodation from discriminating against individuals with disabilities. Examples of public accommodations include privately-owned, leased or operated facilities like hotels, restaurants, retail merchants, doctor's offices, golf courses, private schools, day care centers, health clubs, sports stadiums, movie theaters, and so on. This title sets the minimum standards for accessibility for alterations and new construction of facilities. This title directs businesses to make "reasonable modifications" to their usual ways of doing things when serving people with disabilities. It also requires that they take steps necessary to communicate effectively with customers with vision, hearing, and speech disabilities. This title is regulated and enforced by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Title IV (Telecommunications)

This title requires telephone and Internet companies to provide a nationwide system of interstate and intrastate telecommunications relay services that allows individuals with hearing and speech disabilities to communicate over the telephone. This title also requires closed captioning of federally funded public service announcements. This title is regulated by the Federal Communication Commission.

Title V (Miscellaneous Provisions)

The final title contains a variety of provisions relating to the ADA as a whole, including its relationship to other laws, state immunity, its impact on insurance providers and benefits, prohibition against retaliation and coercion, illegal use of drugs, and attorney's fees. This title also provides a list of certain conditions that are not to be considered as disabilities.

GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT <https://adata.org/ada-anniversary>

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Carolyn Peters

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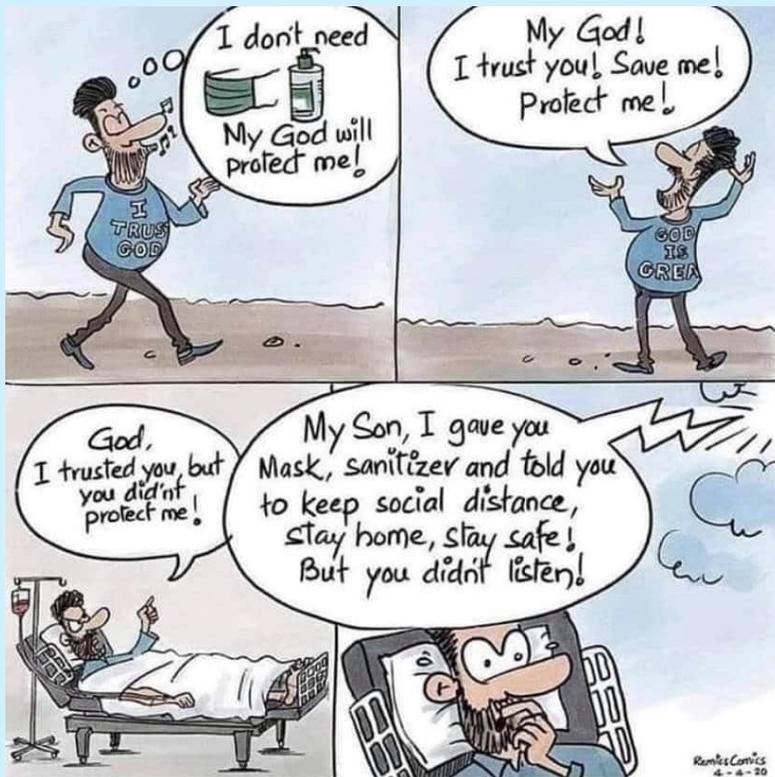
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Join us for Bible Study in Spanish on
Wednesday Nights @ 7pm ET

Pastor Angelica is leading us through the PW series "**Confessing the Beatitudes**" via zoom on Wednesday nights at 7pm. It's a family-friendly, multigenerational, international gathering in which children, youth, and adults are all welcome and encouraged to participate!

This study focuses on the teachings of Jesus in Matthew and Luke, helping us connect faith with daily life. Through a process of contextual study, reflection, and confession, it addresses some of the most difficult issues facing the world today: the economy, hunger, poverty, Christian community, water issues, a woman's role in society, faith and public life, and justice and peace.

PLEASE NOTE: Although this Bible Study is conducted entirely in Spanish, all welcome to join us! For more information, contact Melanie Monzon at melanie.anywhere@gmail.com or (937) 510-8978



Submitted by Pastor Angelica Munera Cervera from our Sister Church in Cartagena Colombia

The trip to Longstown has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus. Hopefully we can go next year.

Submitted by Ethel Smith

Note: Last month I shared a story about a work camp I attended at the Desoto Bass Courts. Ethel told me her great uncle, Reverend Desoto Bass did such great work on it the project was named in his honor. Rev. Bass was born and raised in Longstown.

Jan Brecht

Thank you everyone who contributed an article to this month's newsletter. It is very much appreciated.

Thank You - Jan Brecht



I keep telling God that, if I am blessed to win the lottery, I will give the money away. Unfortunately, I think God is waiting to see what I will do with the money I already have won.

Yes, you and I already have won the lottery by much of the world's standards. Oh, I know you think that you earned your money, but, as someone who works three jobs, I think I have the right to say this: We won a blessed life simply by being born in this country, and God is still waiting to see what we'll do with our winnings.

The old man who walks all day in the sun along the side of the road collecting aluminum cans works hard for his pittance. The single mother who works a minimum wage job to feed her kids, then sits up after they are in bed studying for her GED, earns everything she has. Thousands around the world subsist on what they find in garbage dumps. They are working for every swallow of life. Compared to them, you and I, well, we already won the lottery of life.

Yes, we put in our time and effort, but so much of what we have we didn't earn. We didn't do anything to be born in this country. We didn't earn families who were able to feed, clothe, and educate us. Those of us with healthy bodies didn't earn our good vision, hearing, or mobility. Although we have had heartaches and struggles, few of us can claim to be life's victims. We are blessed with many advantages we didn't earn.

So, when we are hoping to win the lottery, whatever that may be, we should pause

Blessings, Rev. Dr. Michael Piazza

Rev. Piazza is a nationally-known author, activist, and church growth consultant. He is the founder and president of Agile Church Consulting and the pastor of Broadway United Church of Christ on Manhattan's Upper West Side. You can follow him on Facebook and Twitter.



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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.