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From Your Pastor....

Grace and peace to you in the name of our lord and savior, Jesus Christ! What a joy and a privilege it has been to worship with our College Hill family for these first two months! Originally, the idea of Drive-in worship seemed like a compromise between on-line worship and service inside. However, it has turned out to be much more than that. It has been a time of family and friends gathering together, enjoying fellowship, encouraging one another, and worshipping and praising God outside in our beautiful neighborhood and in the midst of the community. We have seen old friends and made new ones. We have laughed together, cried together, and most of all, supported one another. We are so happy to be joined together with everyone either in person or via Facebook. Your presence and participation both physically and electronically make it all worthwhile. We thank all of the incredible workers and worship leaders without whom, we could not have done all of this. And most of all, we thank God who made this all possible.

It has been an amazing couple of months. It reminds me of that famous line from the novel a Tale of Two Cities, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." We have endured much during this time; and yet, we are continually blessed beyond measure with God's grace, mercy and love which abounds daily. We pray for all those who are suffering or have suffered due to COVID. And we remain prayerful for those who have lost loved ones during this time. As we have witnessed tragic and senseless violence around the nation, we have taken a stand to remember some of the many lives lost to brutality and stand up to "say enough is enough." Yet, we also stand hand in hand as a multi-cultural, multi-racial community leading the way to say, "we are all one in Christ." When one suffers, we all suffer. We pray for the grieving families in need of justice, and we pray for the police officers who risk their lives daily to protect and serve. We also urgently call for necessary changes in our justice and legal systems to require better training, accountability, discipline and justice against rogue officers, and more equitable and humane treatment for all. Most of all we pray for healing in our nation so that we can move toward reconciliation and restoration in all of our communities.

With so much going on in our families, our communities, in the nation and the world, I am asking that we all join together in a season of prayer and fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. As we look toward our next election in this polarized nation, we have to ask ourselves: "Regardless of who wins will we have peace?" With no certain end of this pandemic in sight, how can we not ask, "What does the Lord require of us during this time?" The prophet gives us a response from the Lord in Micah 6:8 saying, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" However, figuring out how to do this is a lot harder than it sounds. This time of fasting is to cease from unnecessary activities and seek God's face. It is to pray without ceasing and listen for God's voice. Of course, fasting during this time is not to starve ourselves, but to give up something as a sacrifice: i.e., sugar, fried foods, alcohol, cigarettes, social media, television, or something else of your choosing. And to take extra time to: read, go for walks, spend more family time, pray, journal, or whatever helps you get closer to God and the people around you.

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Let us take this time and listen for that still small voice. It is a time to stop and appreciate all of the blessings we have around us. However, it is also a time to discern what the Lord has in store for us next. Pray for us and we pray for you. Let us lift up our families, our church, our community, the nation and the world.

I look forward to speaking to and getting to know each of you in the coming months. Remember, God loves you, and so do I. I want to leave you with the lyrics from one of my favorite songs, by Bishop Paul Morton, "Be blessed." I hope it blesses and reminds you, we are all in this together.

Be Blessed my brother
Be blessed my sister
Be blessed wherever this life leads you
Let me encourage you
Let me speak life to you
You can depend on God to see you through
You can depend on me to pray for you

You might be hurting
You might be crying
You might be worrying and, and frustrated to
Let me encourage you, let me speak life to you
You can depend on God to see you through
You can depend on me to pray for you

Pray I'm gonna keep on prayin'
Pray I'm gonna keep on prayin' for you
Pray I'm gonna keep on prayin'
Pray I'm gonna keep on prayin' for you
You can depend on God to see you through
You can depend on me to pray for you

Now let me prophesy for a minute
I see you in the future
And you look better
I see you walking in favor and prosperity too
Let me encourage you
Let me speak life to you
You can depend on God to see you through
You can depend on me to pray for you

I'll pray for you
You pray for me
And watch God change things!

Rev. Dr. M. Merritt Worthen

EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR WORTHEN

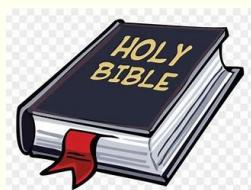
Time: Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

The current focus is on what the Bible tells us about prayer.

M Worthen is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Bible Study Meeting

Meeting ID: 836 6634 1725



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Vivian Fletcher	Sept. 2	Keven Bowman	Sept. 20
Nyomi Grace Drake	Sept. 3	Matthew Gray	Sept. 20
Maria Bernado	Sept. 3	Larry Jenkins	Sept. 21
Don Gaskins	Sept. 4	Daryl Peterson	Sept. 23
Kathy Lakes	Sept. 6	Alexis March	Sept. 23
Kim Coleman	Sept. 7	Nelson Stone, Jr.	Sept. 24
Paula Drake	Sept. 9	Trey Coleman	Sept. 24
Bernetha Pulliam	Sept. 10	Lucy Brandon	Sept. 24
Brianna Smith	Sept. 10	Ma'CKyla Lakes	Sept. 24
Marcos Comacho	Sept. 14	Jerry Daniels	Sept. 26
Gladys Turner Finney	Sept. 16	Tamara Daniels	Sept. 26
Beverly Jenkins	Sept. 18		

TEENS COLUMN

My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.
Maya Angelou

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.
Maya Angelou

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.
Benjamin Franklin

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present."

Bill Keane

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us."

Alexander Graham Bell

"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one."

John Lennon

People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it.

George Bernard Shaw

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Don't lower your expectations to meet your performance. Raise your level of performance to meet your expectations. Expect the best of yourself, and then do what is necessary to make it a reality.
Ralph Marston

Family of Bill and Rose Allen
Jane Beal
Terrence Boyd
The Bragg Family
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



An Elder or Deacon will be available to pray individually with anyone who desires prayer. Those in need of prayer can come forward for prayer during prayers of the people after the sermon. Say a special prayer for our sick and shut-ins & those in need of improvement in their health.



Dayton's College Hill Community Church Engages in Black Lives Matter

BLM tribute crosses made and donated by friends of the church

by Tammy Warren | Presbyterian News Service
Photos by Kathy Lakes

It is impossible not to be emotionally moved by the rows of crosses displayed on three sides of College Hill Community Church in Dayton, Ohio. The 20 crosses on display honor Black lives lost in senseless killings, the majority at the hands of police officers sworn to provide protection.

George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Botham Jean, Freddie Gray, Stephon Clark — and so many more. Each story is heartbreakingly tragic and the Rev. Dr. M. Merritt Worthen, the church's senior pastor, said, "We will not forget."

The congregation of about 130 members prays faithfully for all the families who have lost loved ones so tragically. They pray for the police officers who have done wrong and have been allowed to get away with the wrong they have done. They pray for police officers who are doing a good job and have done no wrong. They pray for justice.

The crosses were made by Paul Papanek and Jerry Black Ford, friends of the church in Troy, Ohio, with the painting and names



Passersby have expressed gratitude to College Hill Community Church in Dayton, Ohio, for its silent Black Lives Matter tribute cross display.



Crosses surround the church in tribute to Black lives lost, many to police shootings and excessive use of force.

of Black lives lost carefully added by some of the church's youth. The crosses were installed in mid-August as a continual reminder that each person can do something to make a difference in promoting social justice and dismantling structural racism.

In November 1970, the session voted to close CHCC. In the nearly 50 years since that motion failed by a four-vote margin among church members (54-58), the church has grown into a multicultural and multilingual family of faith. The congregation celebrated its 75th year in 2019. Worthen's father, the Rev. Johnny Merritt, served as a minister at CHCC years ago, and her father's best friend, the late Rev. Dr. Robert E. "Bob" Jones, was senior pastor of CHCC for nearly four decades until his retirement in 2014. The Rev. John Zuercher served as interim pastor until the fall of 2016, when the congregation unanimously called the Rev. Dr. Darryll Young, who was later joined by his wife, the Rev. Dr. Karen Young. Rev. Darryll Young served as senior pastor until January 2020, when he had to step down for medical reasons.

For several years Rev. Jones and the Rev. Kent Organ shared the pulpit as a fully integrated Black and white ministry partnership model with a vision to grow a multicultural church, which was a radical goal for the 1970s.

In 2006, the Rev. Francisco Pelaez Diaz, currently a doctoral candidate at Princeton University, laid the foundation for the CHCC Hispanic Ministry and led the ministry until 2012. Ruling Elder José Lamont Jones, Spanish teacher, youth leader, pianist and music director, coordinated the Hispanic Ministry from 2012-20. He has recently been appointed as a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission co-worker in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is assisting the Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa (CPK) education department, working on behalf of the church's primary and secondary schools. José and his wife, Evelin, are already on task virtually from their home in the Dominican Republic until the pandemic travel ban is lifted. They are both learning language skills and getting acquainted with programs, context and culture of the CPK.

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The church has spawned several PC(USA) mission co-workers and pastors over the years, José said.

José's last day at CHCC, July 5, was Worthen's first day behind the pulpit in an outdoor worship venue. "We were fortunate to be able to call her after years serving churches outside the bounds of the [Miami Valley Presbytery](#) and in community activism," José said. "I pray that God will bless College Hill's ministry in the community and Rev. Dr. Worthen as she leads the march toward future engagement and ministry to the Dayton community. I feel she is the just the person College Hill needs in times such as these."

Outdoor, bilingual, parking lot worship, with livestreaming on Facebook, has been well received. The Outdoor Worship Committee is set to coordinate outdoor services (with all safety precautions, including masks, gloves and social distancing) until the end of October. A season of prayer and fasting will start Aug. 31 to begin to consider what worship will look like after October. Individuals and families considered at-risk are encouraged to continue online worship, Worthen said. The church also offers Zoom Bible studies, Zoom Sunday school and a YouTube channel to archive sermons.



The Rev. Dr. M. Merritt Worthen (Contributed photo)



The Rev. Dr. M. Merritt Worthen prepares to lead outdoor worship at College Hill Community Church in Dayton.

As a preacher's kid, Worthen's path to the pulpit may seem like "a long time coming," she said. She grew up in the church but ran from church for many years before sensing God's call on her life during college. She was in her 20s when she was baptized.

While pursuing her Master of Divinity from [United Theological Seminary](#) in Dayton, Worthen served as associate pastor at Grace United Methodist Church and [Trinity Presbyterian Church](#), both in Dayton. Upon graduation, she was ordained as an elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She served in UMC congregations from 2010-2018, before taking a sabbatical to complete her doctorate at Union Institute and University. During her two-year sabbatical, Worthen prayed and asked the Lord what she should do next.

"God's timing is absolutely amazing," Worthen said, explaining that she received the call to the senior pastor role at CHCC the day before defending her dissertation in late June. Her first official day was July 1.

"Our steps are ordered by the Lord," she said. "It's like coming home."

COLLEGE HILL CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9 am - 1 pm
Wednesday 10 am - 1 pm
Thursday 11 am - 3 pm



Thank you for your love and support during mom's illness and death. It was very much appreciated.
Betty Brecht's family (Jan, Barbara & Carolynn, Lynn & Rusty, Lisa & Dale, Michael, Mara and Lewie)

Mission Co-Worker Update: Who Says Quarantine Can't Be Fun?

By Jose Jones

Grace and Peace to you my CHCC sisters and brothers! I write an update on how life goes in the Dominican Republic as Evelin and I await being able to travel to Congo in the new year. Well, the storm that approached as I departed Dayton (Isaiah) set the tone for how things would be during my first month here. To date, we've had THREE severe weather events! I don't remember it being so bad.

After the mandatory 14 day quarantine, Evelin and I have been busy re-arranging the house so I have an office space for work and also sorting through things that need to be thrown away for the time when we head off to Congo. The other Saturday, we took advantage of the opportunity presented when we took pictures modeling the necklace sent to Evelin, made by the ladies at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church to raise money to build schools in Congo (contact me if you'd like one)...when the photos were taken, we put some music on and had a quarantined "night out" of dancing. Who says quarantine can't be fun?



José and Evelin
modeling the Build
Congo Schools
necklace.

While not able to visit churches and share about our work in Congo, I have been very busy meeting with the other Africa Area Mission Co-workers, meeting with people and churches (by Zoom and phone) engaged with the Congolese refugees in the US, learning French with my tutor in Kinshasa (through WhatsApp). In fact, technology has been a saving grace to my ability to reach out to others and build relationships. Each Tuesday at 3:00 pm (Eastern Time) we meet for prayer on a prayerline set up by Congo Mission supporters.

I'd like to spend the rest of this message, promoting what has occupied the bulk of my time these past months: The Congo Mission Network Annual Conference. This year's topic will look at how partners in the US and Congo have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. We will also have a theological reflection on systemic racism using the Belhar Confession.

Anyone familiar with the history of Congo knows that its past 300 years have been marred by atrocities and violence, often at the hands of others. Even today, outside influences have contributed to more than 5 million internally displaced refugees and unfair trade practices which leads to an average daily income of less than \$2 USD!! If in the US, with African Americans representing the seventh most wealthy "nation", we are having trouble reconciling with our racist past, how can our Congolese brothers and sisters? I invite you all to join in on our discussions and presentations.



CMN Conference Planning Committee Zoom Meeting

College Hill knows that injustice anywhere is an affront to justice everywhere! How can we, with a clear conscience, use our cell phones knowing that important raw materials come from children working in unsafe conditions for pennies a day? Why is it that a country with the second largest rain forest and abounding farmlands be home to the most hunger and poverty? Something is wrong and only through a concerted, committed effort can we begin to make it right!

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Our first session will be September 16th at 11:00 am and available on YouTube afterwards. This will be a worship service, setting the tone of the conference, with key leaders of the church and the Congo Mission Network. Rev. Denise Anderson, former co-moderator of the denomination will be delivering the message. The same themes of fair trade, racial harmony, etc. by which we live out the Gospel at College Hill in Dayton are easy for me to apply in my current position. You have taught me well! Please join us to learn how College Hill has gone international.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

My webpage: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/jose-lamont-jones/>

Congo Mission Network webpage: www.congopartners.org

Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CongoMissionNetwork>

Conference Registration: <https://forms.gle/X487RRRhcxV4ReKh8>

My e-mail: jose.jones@pcusa.org

DEACON'S CORNER

Greetings Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

Your Deacons prayers include hopes that all of you are doing as well as possible. We also assure you even though we don't have in-person contact, we are still here for you. We pray for you, attempt to maintain contact by phone or email, and continue to have our Deacon's meetings over Zoom. How to serve you better always is on our agenda. Some of our ideas include the following:

- ◆ sending a group positive thought for the week to the persons on their individual Deacon's list
- ◆ paying for and sending a monthly One Call prayer to our members and friends
- ◆ asking persons who are living alone to provide a relative's or friend's phone number in order to contact them if the deacon has been unable to contact someone after several Efforts
- ◆ making an in-person contact, if a deacon has been unsuccessful contacting someone after attempting to contact him/her three days in a row

Our wish is not to be intrusive, but to help keep our members and friends healthy, happy, and cared for. Please feel free to contact one of the deacons if you have input on these suggestions. Please remember you can contact us to simply chat, share a happy event, and of course when you are in need of help.

Ephesians 4:2-3

2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love

3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Let us strive to stay supportive and connected!

Deacon Co-Moderators, Ruth Bragg and Jacqueline McKenzie

Join the College Hill Team--Support the Dayton CROP Hunger Walk October 4

Hunger rages on in our nation and world during the coronavirus pandemic. That makes the life-giving work of Church World Service and the Dayton Foodbank more vital than ever, as they combat poverty and hunger among our neighbors near and far.

Our Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk, focused on **Sunday, October 4**, will be all-virtual in 2020. While we will miss walking together on the pleasant paths of our MetroParks, we can be creative this year while observing the applicable social distancing and mask requirements. You make your own choices how best to observe the walk. Here are some ideas:

- ◆ Take a mini-walk around our church or neighborhood that first October weekend (I plan to walk around the block at College Hill after worship on October 4. You're welcome to join me, masked and socially-distanced!)
- ◆ Walk from your home with signs and CROP shirts, recording the walk on social media
- ◆ Organize a week of hunger reflections, ending with a gathered, socially-distanced walk alone or with others on Oct. 4
- ◆ Take part in a "spirit walk" if you feel you can't actually walk safely right now
- ◆ What's your creative idea? Find great suggestions and resources for virtual walks at <https://resources.crophungerwalk.org/virtual-walks/>.

The first thing to do: **register yourself as a member of the College Hill team online** at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/daytonoh>. Make a donation yourself, then invite family members and friends to sponsor you with secure online donations. Use social media to spread the word that you're



making a difference along with hundreds of others in faith communities throughout the Miami Valley. I hope our College Hill team will include all ages, and will welcome first-time walkers as well as our veteran participants. The key is for everyone to get registered online to make contributing simple and safe for our sponsors.

If you don't plan to walk but want to sponsor one or more College Hill walkers or the whole team, use this link to make a secure online payment: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/daytonoh>. Donations by check (made out to CWS/CROP) or cash are also welcome. Contact me to arrange for ways I can receive your gift. I will be glad to gather checks and cash on October 4 or on the Sundays around that date.

Jose Jones, Mac Lakes, Josephine Laury

When you do celebrate the October 4 CROP Walk - by yourself or with others - check out the Dayton CROP Walk Facebook page for a "send-off" video encouraging you in your journey with and for people who are hungry. Post photos of your walk to our Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/daytonareacrophungerwalk>.

Three-quarters of the funds raised go to Church World Service, and one-quarter stay here in Dayton for our Foodbank. Please remember: Each step you take, and each dollar you raise, is a prayer for a hunger-free world. Thank you!

Larry Hollar, 937-643-3168, larryhollar@gmail.com

COLLEGE HILL YOU TUBE CHANNEL

Good news! We now have our College Hill Community Church YouTube Channel available for your viewing.

As we have transitioned to outdoor worship and live streaming on FB, some people have expressed they do not use or do not want to use FB to watch our worship services. We developed our YouTube Channel for easier access to our services in hopes of having even more of our congregation join in.

A few of our services contain copyrighted content, so we are working on editing and will post those soon.

See instructions below on how to access our College Hill Community Church YouTube Channel.

Instructions For College Hill YouTube Channel

1. Sign in to YouTube.com
2. In the YouTube search window, type: college hill community church dayton ohio.
Be sure to type in the YouTube search window.
3. Once this page has loaded, you will see 3-4 ads, so scroll down until you see the College Hill rainbow emblem and the words College Hill Community Church
4. To the right of this, you will see a subscribe button. Click to subscribe, and the bell next to that is an option to get notifications when a new video is posted.
5. Once you have subscribed, click on the words College Hill Community Church and it will take you to our YouTube Channel. There you will find a few College Hill worship services since the arrival of Rev. Worthen, and a few special services before July 2020. We are editing other past services due to copyright issues and will have those available soon.

There is a College Hill Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, so make sure to see the word "community" in the title.

Submitted by Kathy Lakes

CONDOLENCES

Our Condolences go to Kiffany Stargell and her family on the death of her father, Kenneth L. Stargell Sr., August 21, 2020. His service will be held Saturday, September 5th at 11:00 AM at the Thomas Funeral Home, 4520 Salem Ave, Trotwood, Ohio. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

REMINDER

College Hill Church is still collecting stamps, pop can tabs, eyeglasses, and old cell phones. Over a quart of pop can tabs was donated to the Ronald McDonald House recently. Let's recycle these items instead of throwing them in the trash.

Submitted by Darlene Brookshire.



BETTY BRECHT MEMORIAL FUND

With joy that softens the sorrow Presbyterian Women feel at the loss of our dear friend Betty Brecht, we turn our thoughts to how best to honor her life. Betty was a woman of such rich and varied personality, gifts and character, honing in on one facet is extremely difficult. Her daughter, Jan, and I have considered various ideas from those involving music to literacy, to fellowship gatherings. However, we want to open the selection to the other members' ideas.



To date \$360.00 has been donated to a PW Betty Brecht Memorial Fund, with more expected to arrive. Any one is welcome to contribute.

Please take some time to think of some of your favorite memories of Betty, and what ideas come to mind that might fit in with a memorial honoring her. You can contact Jan or me, and we will collate the ideas and distribute them for a vote to see which is the most supported one. Or if there are enough of us to brave a safe, socially distant in person meeting, perhaps that might be fun and meaningful. I think if there were no more than the number we usually have at our meetings, I could host such a gathering at my home. Just let us know your ideas and your preferences. Jan and I are looking forward to your responses.

Pat Townsel

My sister, Lynn Brecht Hughes Cooper read this at mom's Funeral service. We have received so many positive remarks about it, I wanted to share it with you. "I would like to share part of a letter that my dad wrote to my oldest sister, Gayle when she was 3 months old and he was in the army, stationed in Austria during WWII. It was written June 16th, 1945. It begins with..."



'To begin with I don't know very much to tell you...'. As the letter goes on this is what was written and how my sisters and I were raised. 'Honey, when you grow up, please don't hate anybody. That's why I can't be with you now. Because some very foolish people let some very foolish man convince them that they hated the whole world. If you could only see the little children over here, who have never seen and will never see their fathers, it would make you feel badly. You will only feel worse when you get older and find out that the fathers of some of your playmates will never come home from France or Belgium or the Philippines or New Guinea or Germany or any other places. They were killed trying to preserve our freedom. Remember that Gayle and please don't ever do anything that will hurt the cause they gave their life for.'

When you get older please don't call a colored person a n-word. They are put on this earth by the same god who put you here. Get along with them as well as you do your best friends. Remember this one thing. If it hadn't been for a couple of colored soldiers your dad might not be writing this letter to you and a lot of other dads might not be writing to their little girls either. I hope your mommy will keep these letters for you and so when you're older you can read them. Tell her to keep this one at least, will you? Thank you." Very wise words from a very wise man and the words I live my life by'.

Submitted by Jan Brecht

CROSSES AROUND PERIMETER OF CHURCH

While driving past College Hill Community Church on the corner of Philadelphia and Cornell one may notice the sobering line of twenty white-painted crosses lining the border of the church grounds. The crosses bear the names of twenty of the many victims of senseless killings of black youth in the United States.



Rev. M. Merritt Worthen, newly called to College Hill as the Senior Pastor in July, led the congregation in building and planting these symbolic crosses in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. On Sunday, August 16, the crosses were dedicated during College Hill's outdoor worship. As Rev. Worthen stated to the congregation, "With each new violence and each new death of black lives, new protests erupt, only to fade away until the next occurrence. But, we cannot wait until the next time. We as a community of faith have dedicated this memorial of crosses to remind ourselves and our community that the racial crisis in our city and in our nation is not over. While COVID is a lethal threat to many, racism is a contagion that has spread unchecked across the country." On the Saturday that the crosses were being placed, drivers honked in support as they passed by. Yet one utility worker who happened to be doing a repair at

the corner asked the heard before question-- don't all lives matter? Rev. Worthen is quick to agree that ALL lives matter. As she stated during Sunday's message, "I thank God we at College Hill are a congregation that welcomes people of all colors, and nationalities. African Americans, European Americans and Hispanic Americans stand together and worship together in this church as an example to this city that we can live and thrive together as a part of God's beloved community. And, we refuse to give in to fear, hate, racism and injustice. Not many people would be bold enough to do that, but this church said, "enough is enough." The display of crosses bearing the names of victims will remain on the church grounds indefinitely. For more information on this tribute, call the church office at 937-278-4203 on M, W or Thurs.

Submitted by Kathy Lakes



NEED A RIDE TO VOTE?

If you need a ride to the polls on election day or to the Board of Elections to vote early, call
Darlene Brookshire at (937) 654-7488

or
Jan Brecht at (937) 572-3706.

INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 3RD ELECTION

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION

Week of Sept 1st Absentee ballot requests forms will be sent to all registered Ohio voters.

Oct. 05 Deadline for voter registration (30 days before general election).

If you will be 18 on or before November 3rd you are qualified to register to vote.

You may register to vote online, by mail, or in person at the following locations:

Montgomery County Board of Elections (451 W. Third Street), Public Offices, the Library, License Bureaus, High Schools.

If you have moved or changed your name since the last election you need to update your information by completing a new registration form. Changes may be made during the 28 days immediately before, or on the day of, an election, but this may require you to vote a provisional ballot .

Oct. 06 Early Voting Begins at Board of Elections

October 6th – October 9th Tuesday-Friday: 8am – 5pm

October 12th – October 16th Monday-Friday: 8am – 5pm

October 19th – October 25th Monday-Friday: 8am – 6pm; Saturday: 8am – 4pm; Sunday: 1pm – 5pm

October 26th – November 1st Monday-Friday: 8am – 7pm; Saturday: 8am – 4pm; Sunday: 1pm – 5pm

November 2nd Monday: 8am – 2pm

First absentee ballots will be mailed

Oct. 31 Deadline for applications for absentee ballot. Applications for an absentee ballots to be mailed for the Nov. 3, 2020 general election must be received by the Boards of Elections by noon (3 days before general election)

Nov 2 Absentee ballots returned by U.S. mail must be postmarked no later than November 2nd

Nov. 03 General Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls.

QUOTES TO PONDER ABOUT VOTING

"Bad officials are elected by good citizens who don't vote." George Jean Nathan

"There's no such thing as a vote that doesn't matter." Barack Obama

PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT AND VOTE!

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

FACTS ABOUT HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The idea for Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated throughout the latter half of September and first half of October, began as a way to promote the history, culture and contributions of Hispanic-Americans. Specifically - those whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. Communities mark the achievements of Hispanic and Latino Americans with festivals and educational activities.

- Hispanic Heritage Week was started in 1968 by President Lyndon Johnson
- Expanded to a month by President Ronald Reagan
- Enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402
- Hispanic Heritage Month goes from September 15 to October 15
- The term Hispanic or Latino, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race
- Hispanic population in the U.S. is around 55 million
- California has the largest Hispanic population
- There are 1.2 million Hispanics serving in the U.S. armed forces
- Hispanics are the largest ethnic or race minority in the United States
- The projected Hispanic population of the United States in 2060 is 119 million
- 73.3% of Hispanics 5 and older speak Spanish at home
- Spanish is the second most spoken language in the United States
- There are roughly 12.2 million Hispanic family households in the United States
- Roughly 64% of those of Hispanic origin in the United States who are of Mexican background
- Dr. Ellen Ochoa was the first Hispanic woman astronaut to go into space
- Mario Molina won a Nobel Prize for his crucial work in understanding how the ozone layer is formed and depleted
- Octaviano Larrazolo was the first Hispanic woman U.S. Senator
- Joseph Marion Hernández was the first Hispanic Member of U.S. Congress in 1822



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