



## *FROM YOUR PASTOR*

### ***Do You Want to Be Made Well?***

As we move into March, we are invited to continue our Lenten journey with prayer, meditation and fasting. Fasting for this length of time does not mean to give up all foods, but we are encouraged to give up things that we should let go of anyway; or begin eating or doing things that would be beneficial for us. Some examples include giving up things such as: sugar, salt, fried foods, red meat, alcohol, television, social media, etc. Examples of things to begin could include: exercise, eating right, journaling, meditating, setting aside time to read the Bible daily, praying more often, etc.

In support of our fast during this Lenten Season, the theme of our evening Bible Study is *Your Body as a Temple*. This theme was adapted from the scripture of 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 where Paul writes: “*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.*” How we treat our body is a form of worship and praise to God. Thus, handling it with respect, kindness, care and discipline are important not only to us, but shows love and reverence to God. Also, what we do with our bodies, how we act, what we say, and how we live are gauges of our discipleship and gratitude to Christ for his incredible sacrifice on our behalf.

Yet, it is important to note that when we talk about our bodies, our physical body is only one aspect of our overall health and wholeness. “When it comes to holistic health we are looking beyond the physical body and are addressing *physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and intellectual* health. All of these 5 aspects of holistic health are what enables a person to truly live each day in the healthiest, happiest way possible and if one area is compromised, most likely other areas will be as well.” During our Lenten Bible Study, we will also be concentrating on *financial health* as an important aspect of maintaining our well-being. Having financial health means to be able to afford basic necessities and provide stability, which go a long way toward maintaining overall health. (If you would like a copy of the lessons for your own personal study, please contact the office for updates as they are made available).

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**JOIN US EACH SUNDAY**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM (Bilingual Worship) - Inside and On**  
**College Hill Community Church's Facebook Page**  
**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 9:15 AM ON ZOOM**

## ***Do You Want to Be Made Well?***

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By studying the Word and how it speaks to all aspects of our health, and looking at ways for us to practically and consistently care for ourselves regularly, we gain knowledge and tools. These provide the foundation and the incentive to respect and care for ourselves as well as others. One scripture that speaks to us about the importance of our health and how our faith plays a fundamental role in our success, comes out of John 5:1-9. In this passage Jesus challenges a man who has been suffering for many years to move toward being healed as follows:

*After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. John 5:2-9a (NKJV)*

How many times do we as people of faith suffer needlessly because we have given up hope, lost faith, or simply thought the road to healing was too difficult or even insurmountable? For once we have remained in our circumstances long enough, sometimes we convince ourselves that our situations and conditions cannot be changed. Only when we are reminded that "*with God all things are possible*" (Matthew 19:26b, NRSV) does faith fly in the face of denial and uncertainty. Yet, faith is an action word which challenges us to attempt the improbable, and disprove the impossible, by never giving up.

How we care for our temple is a testimony to our faith-walk and testifies to the power of the Holy Spirit which lives within us. Our overall health is dependent upon ALL aspects of who we are. Attending to our emotional, physical, social, mental, spiritual and financial health provides the balance we need to be our best selves. However, while all are important, our faith is what ultimately gives us the power to accomplish more through Christ than we ever could our own; *for we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us* (Philippians 4:13, NRSV). But first, we must answer the question Jesus poses: "*Do You Want to Be Made Well?*"

May the Lord continue to bless you on your journey!

Pastor Worthen

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## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Emerson Bleicher	March 3	Nancy Garner-Bruce	March 26
Lakesia Humphrey	March 6	Tamara Daniels	March 26
Marvin Griffin	March 11	Desiree McGriff	March 26
Ruth Francine Bragg	March 13	Keziaha McGriff	March 27
Rondosha Brown	March 13	Cayeline Richardson	March 27
Isaac Allen Hulbert	March 15	Zakiya Harris	March 30
Jose Vidal	March 19	Nelson Stone Sr.	March 30
Nelson Stone III	March 20	Fay Day	March 30
Emerson Morales	March 23		
Alexis March	March 23		

## PRAYER LIST

Jane Beal	Margaret Oglesby
The Bragg Family	Charles Peterson
Marco Antonio Camacho	Bernetha Pulliam
Derrick Daniels/Family	Dick Righter's Family
Paula Drake & Family	Melanie Shoop
Vicki Eason	Ethel Smith
Doris Evans	Kiffany Stargell
Paula Ewers	Mary Steele
Janet Fahlen	Nelson Stone, Sr.
Isabella Green	Dorris Thompson
Hilario Antonio Gutierrez	Gerry Thompson
Diann Harris & Family	Jimmy/Sue Thompson
Obie Harris	Ronals Todd
Andrea Hirtle	Lee & Pat Townsel
Chante Johnson	José Vidal & Family
Jose Jones Family	Pastor Darryll & Rev. Karen Young
Karen Jones	
Michael Love	
Jackie McKenzie & Family	
Bob Moore	
Carolyn Moore	
Filomena Nicacio	



## TEENS COLUMN

Since 1987, Women's History Month it has been observed in the United States annually in March and is dedicated to reflection on the numerous but often overlooked contributions of women. Below are some quotes from Women in American History:

- ◆ "I was a person with dignity and self-respect, and I should not set my sights lower than anybody else just because I was black." - **Rosa Parks**, Activist in Civil Rights
- ◆ "Don't ever make decisions based on fear. Make decisions based on hope and possibility. Make decisions based on what should happen, not what should-n't." - **Michelle Obama**, former U.S. First Lady
- ◆ "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." - **Eleanor Roosevelt**, former U.S. First Lady
- ◆ "Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception." **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, 2nd Woman on the Supreme Court
- ◆ "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." **Helen Keller**, Author, Disability Rights Advocate
- ◆ "If you are going down a road and don't like what's in front of you, and look behind you and don't like what you see - get off the road. Create a new path!" **Maya Angelou**, poet, Civil Rights Activist
- ◆ "I'd rather regret the risks that didn't work out than the chances I didn't take at all" **Simone Biles**, gold medalist Olympian Champion

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"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Romans 12:12 NIV

**TEEN'S COLUMN** (continued from page 3)  
**Great Women in United States History**



**Kamala Harris** was elected District Attorney of San Francisco, California Attorney General, and United States Senator. She is the first woman, the first Black American, and the first South Asian American to be elected Vice President of the United States. Vice President Harris said her Mother had a saying, "Kamala, you may be the first to do many things, but make sure you're not the last."

**Ruth Bader Ginsburg** graduated first in her class from Columbia Law School in 1950. She was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1980 and to the Supreme Court by President Bill Clinton in 1993. As a judge, Ginsburg favored caution, moderation and restraint. She was considered part of the Supreme Court's moderate-liberal bloc presenting a strong voice in favor of gender equality, the rights of workers and the separation of church and state.



**Susan B. Anthony** was champion of temperance, abolition, the rights of labor, and equal pay for equal work. She was born in 1820. From an early age, Anthony was inspired by the Quaker belief that everyone was equal under God. Even though most people thought it was improper for women to give speeches in public, Anthony made many passionate speeches against slavery. She co-founded the American Equal Rights Association. She helped form the National Woman Suffrage Association, to push for a constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote. Anthony died in 1906, 14 years before women were given the right to vote with the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1920.

**Barbara Jordan** was the first African American congresswoman elected from the Deep South. She grew up in a poor Black neighborhood in Houston and was encouraged by her parents to strive for academic excellence. In 1966, Jordan won a seat in the Texas legislature, becoming the first Black woman to do so, and was voted in as the president pro tempore of the state senate. In 1972, she won election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1972. President Bill Clinton appointed Jordan to head up the Commission on Immigration Reform and honored her with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994.





## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At Southminster Presyterian Church

7001 Far Hills Dr.  
Open for Holy Week  
March 29 - April 2

10am– 12pm and 5pm - 8pm

Southminster Presbyterian Church, Centerville, will be hosting an interactive Stations of the Cross during Holy Week. The liturgy of the ten stations has been adapted from *A Sanctified Art* and Rev. T. Denise Anderson, former moderator of the PC(USA).

The stations take approximately 20 - 30 minutes to go through and everything is indoors and handicapped accessible. The stations are spread out for social distancing and masks will be required for all participants.

The Stations of the Cross begins at the sanctuary entrance of Southminster and will be open March 29-April 2 from 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. and 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Please contact the church at 937-433-1810 to signup.

**We invite you to come by and prepare your minds and hearts for Good Friday and Easter Morning.**



Remember to turn you clocks ahead one hour at 2 AM on Sunday March 14th (or make it easy on yourself and turn it ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 13.)

### *Puppy Time*

Sometimes I run short of articles for the newsletter so I add photos of two of my favorite things – dogs and babies/toddlers and write captions for them. This is one of those months.



Just taking time to smell the flowers!



Being patient is hard!



A suction cup would help!



I'm just too cute for words!



Now appearing - The Three Canine Tenors!

“Two days after Vice President Harris was sworn in as the nation’s first female Vice President, Tom Buck, pastor of First Baptist Church in Lindale, Texas tweeted, “I can’t imagine any truly God-fearing Israelite who would’ve wanted their daughters to view Jezebel as an inspirational role model because she was a woman in power.” Buck doubled down in a follow-up tweet the next day - “For those torn up over my tweet, I stand by it 100% - my problem is her godless character. She not only is the most radical pro-abortion VP ever, but also most radical LGBT advocate.” Weeks earlier, before the January 6th insurrection, Steve Swofford, head of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall near Dallas, made a similar statement – “what if something happens to (Biden) and Jezebel has to take over? Jezebel Harris, isn’t that her name”.

“While it may be easy to dismiss these Texas pastors as isolated examples, experts warn that these messages are far more prevalent in congregations across America — particularly in White Evangelical churches — than many may realize. Swofford serves on the SBC’s executive committee. Calling Vice President Harris a Jezebel accomplishes multiple things: It delegitimizes her power and dehumanizes her. Jessica Johnson, an assistant professor of religious studies at the College of William & Mary, said the term has historically been used as a justification for racial violence against Black women.” (According to the bi-monthly publication *The Lily*.)

When I first read this I thought, “that’s the Evangelicals and Southern Baptists – bigots who pretend to be Christians.” After pondering that, I realized I was grouping people of an entire religious denomination in to one. Merriam-Webster defines prejudice as “a preconceived judgment or opinion - an adverse opinion or leaning formed without just grounds or before sufficient knowledge”. Suddenly a light bulb went off in my head – I’m prejudiced toward different groups – Evangelicals for one. My opinion is based on the actions of some – not the actions of all. As Americans we need to tackle the problem of prejudice – first by looking at ourselves. In the future, I’m going to look at the person, not the Denomination or party when someone says something I strongly disagree with.

I was very pleased when Vice President Harris was elected. She is not only the first woman to serve in that position but also the first Black American, and the first South Asian American to be elected. I have much respect for Vice President Harris based on her actions and what she has said in public. I admire all of the hurdles she overcame to become who she is today. As for the two pastors who called her a Jezebel, I pray that someday they will not judge a person by the color of their skin or their gender, but accept them for who they are - one of God’s children.

Personally, I feel we need to start with what we teach our children. Children have to be taught to hate and be afraid of people whose color is a different shade and eyes are a different shape. There needs to be discussions in schools about prejudice and the harm it creates. Churches need to hold discussions about prejudice - what it means and what can be done to stop it. Discussions need to be held between denominations about what Christ taught and what it means to accept each other.

*“My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, ‘Here’s a good seat for you’ but say to the poor man, ‘You stand there’ or ‘Sit on the floor by my feet’ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?”*

*James 2:1-4 NIV*

*“So in everything, do **to others** what you would have them do **to** you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” *Matthew 7:12 NIV**

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In partnership with the Urban Leadership Academy

## INNOVATION & INSPIRATION: STRATEGIES FOR CHURCH LEADERS

With Rev. Dr. Daryl Ward



March 06, 2021 @ 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM CST  
March 13, 2021 @ 9:00AM - 11:00AM CST

### FREE BOOK:

*LETTERS TO MY SON: ADVICE FOR  
TODAY'S PASTORS AND CHRISTIAN  
LEADERS*

BY DR. WARD

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### 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

### SAVE YOUR STAMPS

Please save you stamps from letters received. The stamps should be cut 1/4" on each side. Stamps may be given to **Gladys Turner Finney** who will forward them to the Sisters of the Holy Cross to benefit their ministry with the Poor Fund



## March: Women In History Month by Pat Townsel

Despite the present turmoil in our country, what an exciting time it is to be a woman today. Though we have yet to achieve full gender equality, the value of women individually and collectively is increasingly influential. Perhaps the reality of that influence was most prominently affirmed in the latest US presidential race. The election of the first female American Vice President who also is of African American and South Asian American ethnicity heritage truly erased from my lips the words "Our country is not ready yet," Let us pray and work together to ensure that that power of the vote is fully realized in the actions following the vote.

Presbyterian Women for many years celebrated at least in some way Women's History Month, and yet we have not done so for the last 3-4 years. **We have but a week until the beginning of March the designated USA Women In History Month, but PW let us quickly have a Zoom meeting to plan something.** I will prime the pump with the offer of a \$10.00 gift (which I am trying to figure out what it should be as the idea is just occurring to me) to the first person who emails me the answer to the question: "What does NWAH stand for? ", along with two sentences about whatever it stands for. Who can resist that easy offer? Will Professor Nancy Garner Bruce be the winner?

For over 30 years, Women's History Month (formerly Women's History Week) information, publications, and The theme for the 2021 month is, **"Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced"** continues to celebrate the Suffrage Centennial.

There is so much to inspire us from ancient times, right up to the present. That inspiration can spur us to see what yet needs to be accomplished, and propel us to work toward correcting those lacks, or help us to aspire to even greater achievements. A wealth of information is as close as our fingertips tapping on our cell phone or computer keyboards. General Information is available at [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women's\\_History\\_Month](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women's_History_Month).

Another highlight is **International Women's Day, March 8, 2021** which is focused on doing something active to improve better working conditions and for a more inclusive and gender-equal world.

The global **theme for International Women's Day in 2021** is 'Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future in a COVID-19 World'. COVID-19 has impacted women and girls in profound ways, amplifying the inequalities they face every day." If you are a student, why not do an extra credit assignment by doing a little research and writing a short paper. If you are still wondering how to fill your time stuck at home, go on line and read a little about this underrepresented and under-celebrated re-

### COLLEGE HILL CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9 am - 1 pm - Marlea Gaskins  
Wednesday 10 am - 1 pm - Kathy Lakes  
Thursday 11 am - 3 pm - Paula Ewers

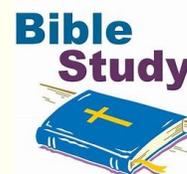
### JOIN PASTOR WORTHEN FOR BIBLE STUDY

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7pm

ON ZOOM.

Meeting ID: 848 8361 9102

Pass, code: 334762



## We all make a **DIFFERENCE!**

The pandemic has made us all feel alone and even more as if we have no control over our lives. As simple as it seems, a phone call, a text, a card or a letter can really make a difference. It can bring us closer to people we can't spend time with physically because of the virus. It is also a tool.

We get so frustrated by the politics today or driving on roads destroying our tires. We have to do SOMETHING. As Christians we are told to endure. Sometimes we have to complain - not to family or friends but to the people WE pay to do a job.

Calling the city, your representatives, or commissioners can feel really good. I use to buy cheap dishes to smash and relieve stress, when I was married - safer option - right. Your blood pressure and state of mind is your most important job. City services and protection are our rights as citizens. I actually talk to humans when i call, not Senate though! Not ranting but stating my concerns. It may only be a little change, like getting a pothole filled, but it helped create change, like Senator Portman retiring.. Yes, I know 45 gets most of the credit for that, but I tell myself I helped by complaining to him loudly and often.

This is part of what the Peace and Social Justice Committee does individually and as a group. We encourage you to try it too. Even with the virus keeping us from meeting in person or participating in demonstrations, we continue to work to be aware of the problems facing our community with letter writing and calling for change, even during this challenging time.

We have also continued our book study. Most of us study the Bible faithfully and we also study issues effecting us all. Right now we are reading "How To Be An AntiRacist" by Ibriham X. It is helping us to recognize this isn't just race but a knee-jerk reactions to our "ISMS"! We don't just learn bias. It expands and limits our thinking. It takes conscience thought and daily effort to overcome. This bias is almost like a drug. We know better but it justifies our feeling and actions. We have interesting discussions and I believe it helps us grow beyond those limits.

Everyone's big concern, of course, is the virus and getting vaccinated. Because we work with the community we have the blessing of the Caravan of Churches. We think of them primarily with this season of Lent. Our shared Easter service traditions that Bob Jones worked to initiate. But it's so much more. Karen Young's Dayton Scholar's program was supported through this network of churches too. It is our community's very effective connection to the city and others. Pastor Merritt let us know about contacting St. Margaret, Mt. Enon, and Grace United to schedule appointments for vaccination. Kathy Lakes called many, as many as possible, to get scheduled. That is a social justice action. Phone calls!

So call about the roads or your concerns about city services, call the Ohio Department of Transportation 614-466-7170 and the City of Dayton, 937-333-3550 / 937-333-4800.

We have to make sure we are heard. It's like voting, things won't change if you don't use your voice.

Please let us know how you are letting your voice be heard.

**STAY HEALTHY**

**STAY SANE**

**KEEP GROWING**

Submitted by Carole Estelle

# OHIO COVID-19 VACCINE TOWNHALL

*Medical Experts, Community Leaders, Professionals*



## *Medical Experts, Community Leaders, Public Health Professionals will Answer your Covid-19 VACCINE QUESTIONS*

- ◆ Monday, Feb. 22, 6:30 pm - African American Ohioans
- ◆ Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6:30 pm - Hispanic/Latino Ohioans
- ◆ Monday, March 1, 6:30 pm - Asian American and Pacific Islander Ohioans
- ◆ Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 pm - Rural Ohioans

### **HOW TO WATCH:**

Watch live or on demand after the event:

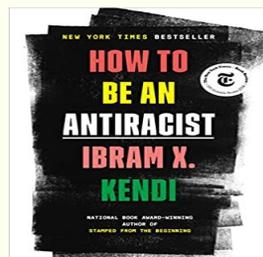
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/OHdeptofhealth/>
- YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/c/OhioDepartmentofHealth>
- Online - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/townhall>

Watch Later on TV on the Ohio Channel. Find your local channel and the date and time it will air by checking with your PBS station or television provider.

### **College Hill/Harmony Creek Book Group**

The group is studying the book, "How to be an Antiracist" by **Ibram Kendi**

Mar 18, 2021 07:30 PM  
Apr 15, 2021 07:30 PM  
May 20, 2021 07:30 PM



Join us on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 854 1864 3647  
Passcode: 852766



Ivy Young, church treasurer has indicated that CashApp has presented some problems for us and a replacement is being researched and hopefully will be available soon. In the meantime, donations can be mailed or brought to the church or perhaps even easier set up for donation directly from your bank. We apologize for the hopefully short-term inconvenience this causes for anyone.

## **SCAM ALERT**

I'd like to share a few examples of scams my family & I have been the intended victims of.

We are currently in the middle of tax season. If you receive a phone call from the IRS that informs you that you owe money and threatens to have you arrested if you don't pay - hang up. The IRS never makes unsolicited threatening phone calls and will never ask you to send money via wire or a prepaid credit card. Don't be fooled by caller ID indicating it's the IRS. Scammers use "spoof" phone numbers to give the appearance of being legitimate. Several years ago, my youngest sister was contacted by a person who said they worked for the IRS, that she owed several thousand dollars and would be arrested if she didn't pay the amount immediately. Lynn knew she didn't owe money and notified the police and the IRS and discovered it was a frequent scam to collect money and personal information.

Several years ago, someone called supposedly from Publisher's Clearing House to tell me I'd won a substantial prize. They asked for my Social Security number and I told them I would not give that out over the phone. Then they asked for a credit card number and I asked why. They replied "to pay for administration fees and taxes". It didn't sound right to me so I told them I would not give them my number and hung up. I called the number back to see if it was legitimate and received a message that the number was disconnected.

A couple of months ago, I received an email from Amazon saying that the \$4000 television I ordered would be delivered in a few days. I did not, nor would I ever order a television that cost that much. I checked my Amazon account and could not find the purchase order so I figured it was a scam. About an hour later I received a phone call from a Gerry Thomas. I didn't read the name correctly and thought it said Gerry Thompson so I answered. The caller said he was from Amazon and there were signs my account had been compromised. Because I had received an email about the tv a hour earlier I listened to what he said. He asked if I knew anyone who lived in Florida. When I replied "yes" he told me to go to my computer and follow his instructions. I had a bad feeling and told him I thought he was trying to scam me and hung up. I then called Gerry, hitting the redial button, to see if she called me but the person who answered the phone was named Gerry Thomas. I re-read the email and realized the delivery address was to a place in New Jersey. I called Amazon and left a message and then forwarded the email to Amazon notifying them of the scam and the address the television was to be delivered to.

My advice is to BEWARE of phone calls that ask for any personal information or credit card numbers. Tell them you will call them back after you check out their site on the internet or by calling the company's phone number (not from caller ID).

Submitted by Jan Brecht

## RENT ASSISTANCE

The Ohio Development Services Agency is now distributing \$100 million in federal funding to help low-income Ohioans who do not own their own home pay their rent, water, sewer, wastewater, electric, gas, oil and/or trash removal bills.



Ohioans can apply for assistance with outstanding balances dating back to March 13, 2020, assistance for future rent/utility payments once back bills have been made current, and assistance for future rent and utility assistance for three months at a time.

Eligible Ohio households must:

- Be at or below 80% of their county's Area Median Income (varies by county and size of household);
- Have experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19; and
- Demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

The funding, which was approved by the Ohio Controlling Board for distribution, will be divided among Ohio's 47 Community Action Agencies. Ohioans can apply for assistance by contacting their local Community Action Agency. A list of agencies can be found at [businesshelp.ohio.gov](https://businesshelp.ohio.gov) under Home Relief Grants.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEKEEPING**

College Hill Community Church PCUSA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Social Justice and Peacemaking  
College Hill Church

Every month on the Second Tues.  
until Jun 8, 2021

Mar. 9, 2021 07:00 PM

Apr. 13, 2021 07:00 PM

May. 11, 2021 07:00 PM

June 8, 2021 07:00 PM

**Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076**

**Passcode: 170476**

Submitted by Stan Hirtle

### **Spanish Language Bible Study Monday Nights at 7pm via Zoom**

Join us on Monday nights for a lively and informative Bible Study in collaboration with our sister church, the Presbyterian Church of Cartagena, Colombia. Pastor Angelica leads us weekly in a theologically grounded, practical, and participatory investigation of the scriptures.



We wrapped up our study of the Beatitudes in mid-November and are now delving into a new study of the Women of the Old Testament. This is a family-friendly, multigenerational, international gathering in which children, youth, and adults are all encouraged to participate!

Connect via internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89568392922>

Dial-in by phone: (301) 715-8592

meeting number: 89568392922 (then press # at the prompts, no password required)

# FAIR DISTRICTS

Whether you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or somewhere in-between, fair districts impact what you care about in your community. Your voice is needed to help prevent public officials from drawing districts that don't represent us. The time is now to *fight for a better democracy!* **2021 is a huge opportunity to influence the way our districts are drawn for Ohio's legislators. This opportunity only happens once every TEN YEARS.** After the Census, the new information about who lives in the state is used to redraw all legislative districts. Gerrymandering is the manipulation of political districts to rig the outcome of elections to favor one political party over another. Both Democrats and Republicans have engaged in gerrymandering but this type of map-making reduces voter choices, and leads to fewer competitive elections, and can allow elected officials to be who are less accountable to their constituents.

Ohio's districts have been described as resembling a shattered mirror, with oddly-shaped districts that stretch in all directions. Typical boundaries such as counties and cities are routinely carved into numerous districts, splitting communities.

From fairdistrictsohio.org

## Faith Journey

A family was heading on vacation: two little ones were nestled in car seats; the van was packed. As Dad locked the house and Mom secured the garage, an adult neighbor the kids knew walked up and spoke through an open window. "Where are you going?" The kids shrugged. "Well, what road are you taking?" the friend asked with a knowing smile. Of course, they had no idea. "Do you know where you'll eat today, or where you'll spend the night?" Blank stares. Then the friend asked, "Who are you traveling with?" The children broke into grins and shouted, "Mommy and Daddy!"

On the journey of faith, we don't know precisely where we're headed or how all our needs will be met. But we know who we're traveling with: our loving God who is fully aware of the twists and turns ahead; the loving Parent who promises to care for us wherever we go.

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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.

## **MEETINGS**

**Worship Service** - every Sunday at 10:30 AM College Hill Community Church PCUSA. Also lived streamed via Face book on collegehillcommunitychurch FB page. Previous recordings of services available on our FB page and Youtube.

**Adult Sunday School** - every Sunday at 9:15 AM on Zoom. Meeting ID: 812 9453 9963  
Passcode: 759784

**Bible Study** - every Wednesday 7:00 PM on Zoom with Pastor Worthen (*March 3, 10, 17, 24*)  
Meeting ID: 848 8361 9102 Pass, code: 334762

**Spanish Language Bible Study** - Every Monday at 7pm via Zoom (*March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29*)

**I&S Meeting** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday *March. 8* - at 3PM on Zoom

**Social Justice and Peacekeeping** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm, *March 9* on Zoom, Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076 Passcode: 170476

**Worship & Music** – Tuesday at 5pm. *March. 9* - on Zoom

**College Hill - Harmony Creek Book Group** *March, 18* at 7:30pm on Zoom.  
Meeting ID: 854 1864 3647 Passcode: 852766

**Session** – fourth Monday of every month at 6:00 PM, *March 29* on Zoom

## **SPECIAL DAYS/EVENTS**

### **March is Women's History Month**

**Ohio Covid-19 Vaccine Town Hall**, *March 1 & 2, 2021* (See page 10 for details)

**World Day of Prayer**, *March 5, 2021*

**Innovation and Inspiration: Strategies for Church Leaders**, by Rev. Dr. Daryl Ward -*March 6 and 13* (See page 7 for details)

**International Women's Day**, *March 8, 2021*

**Daylight-Saving Time begins**, *March 14, 2021*

**First day of spring**, *March 20, 2021*

**Holy Week**, *March 28 – April 4, 2021*

**Stations of the Cross at Southminster** – *March 29 – April 2* (See page 5 for details)

**Palm/Passion Sunday**, *March 28, 2021*