



**6 PRESCRIPTIONS FOR RESILIENCY  
IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY**

I have heard more and more on the news and in the community how mental stress and illness is becoming more prevalent in this ongoing pandemic. Many people are dealing: with depression, isolation, grief, suicidal thoughts, uncertainty, fear and exhaustion, and it is spreading at an alarming rate with our youth.

Regardless of your age or even faith, it is important to acknowledge this reality and to do as much as we can to address it. Unfortunately, for those who are self-aware enough to admit they need help, psychiatrists and counselors are overwhelmed and understaffed. And even with clinical support, it is vital to combine faith with science to combat this very real threat.

Therefore, it was not surprising that when I traveled to preach for a retreat of pastors and leaders in the Detroit Presbytery last week, many of these topics were discussed as people are dealing with these same struggles all over. So, I just wanted to share some key points that I lifted up there, in hopes you might be able to use them yourselves, or share them with someone in need. There are 6 Prescriptions for Resiliency in Times of Uncertainty. These are practical prescriptions grounded in scripture. Keep them close, because you never know when you might need them.

- 1. Don't AVOID struggle. Chances are you probably can't anyway. And if you avoid a challenge, it will usually come back another way. And be encouraged that struggle builds faith and makes you stronger. For we are told in Romans 5:3-5:**

*<sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

- 2. Take advantage of forced change. The pandemic has us doing things differently whether we want it or not. Change is inevitable. Moving to acceptance, allows us to find the blessing in the new normal. We are told in Isaiah 43:18-21:**

*<sup>18</sup> "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. <sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. <sup>20</sup> The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, <sup>21</sup> the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.*

- 3. Learn to adapt to new environments and circumstances. Do things differently. Do what is best for you. Just because everybody is doing things one way, or there's a certain way you've always done something, doesn't mean you can't try something new. Be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!**

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.*  
Romans 12:2

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

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4. **Don't give up because things get difficult, get creative. Find your sweet spot. Learning what you don't like or don't want, puts you on your way to what you do want. A "no" now, could be preparing you for a "yes" later. Per Galatians 6:9-10:**

*<sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. Galatians 6:9-10*

5. **Don't wait for a change in circumstances in order to be happy but claim your happiness in all circumstances. Your attitude is directly related to your altitude!**

*For I have learned to be content with whatever I have. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:11b-13*

6. **Take your rest regularly. Sleep is only one form of rest. Take the time to claim rest for your mind, body and soul! For we are reminded that the Lord desires to give us to rest.**

*<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

*<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;*

*<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.*

*Psalm 23:1-3a*

We don't know how long this pandemic, or any other struggle or storm is going to last. What we do know is we don't have to go through it by ourselves. God is always with us, and he will continue to strengthen and uphold us if we just trust in him. And I will give you this one for free! 😊 For we are assured that:

*<sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.*

Take your prescriptions faithfully and you will make it through!!

*Pastor Worthen*

### A Blessing or a Curse?

Holocaust survivor and devout Christian Corrie ten Boom recounts how her sister Betsie thanked God for the fleas infesting their packed barracks. When Corrie resisted the idea, Betsie pointed out that 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to "give thanks in all circumstances."

Still, Corrie wasn't convinced — until the sisters realized the infestation kept the guards away, giving prisoners in those quarters freedom to worship and pray. The biting pests, which seemed like added misery, became a blessing.

Anger and bitterness sometimes cloud our vision, causing us to forget to thank God *in* all situations, though not necessarily *for* them. Other times we don't wait long enough for blessings to be revealed. But faith is like waiting through a storm, knowing a rainbow is coming eventually. Meanwhile, the Lord holds an umbrella for us, and the closer with him we walk, the less wet we'll get.

Julie Lee, From Newsletternewsletter Publication

## BIRTHDAYS - MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Brianna Comacho	Nov. 2	Michael Taylor	Nov. 15
Robert Moore	Nov. 2	Andy Thompson	Nov. 19
Zaria Hunter Boyd	Nov. 3	Linda Jones	Nov. 20
Lucie "Gaye" Gerren	Nov. 4	Stephanie Smith	Nov. 21
MackArthur Lakes	Nov. 5	Lathana J. Robinson	Nov. 23
Matthew Johnson	Nov. 5	Marvella Lambright	Nov. 24
Aniya Drake	Nov. 7	Shomari Peters	Nov. 25
Brooklyn Worthen	Nov. 7	Zibiah Hunter	Nov. 27
Lee Townsel	Nov. 10	Margaret Oglesby	Nov. 28
Lee Benson	Nov. 12	Pedro Zagal	Nov. 28
Betty Johnson	Nov. 12	Jameca Jones	Nov. 29
Elmer Campuzano	Nov. 14	Karen Cassidy Hollar	Nov. 30
Alfred Jenkins	Nov. 15		



I am so grateful for my College Family & Friends. Your outreach of love, care and concern for me and my daughter during our time of grief is much appreciated. our prayers, emails, cards, phone calls was so touching.

I am so grateful to have each and everyone of you in my life. You make this world a beautiful better place by your outreach. Thanks be to God to everyone.

So Grateful,  
Judy McCray

I am thankful to God for all that He is and all that He does. And I'm thankful for my own family, and the extension of family we have gained in College Hill!

Pastor Worthen

I am thankful for friends in faith who surprise and challenge me, who won't let me be satisfied with easy answers, flimsy faith, and cheap grace.

Larry Hollar

## Honoring our Veterans

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to **pray that God will bring peace on earth.**



The theme for Veterans Day 2021 is centered on the centennial commemoration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Located at Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb was initially dedicated by the Army on Armistice Day, November 11, 1921, with the burial of an unknown service member from World War I. Over the past century, additional unknowns have been buried at the Tomb, and the site has become a people's memorial that inspires reflection on service, valor, sacrifice and mourning.

From Newsletternewsletter Publication & The US Department of Veteran Affairs

## PRAYER LIST



### Prayers of Healing, Recovery & Comfort over Illness, Health Tests and Treatments

- ◆ Rev. Yolanda Shaw for healing and treatment
- ◆ Jim Tredennick for healing and comfort
- ◆ A colleague of Stan Hirtle, Tom McCarter's, son was killed in a car accident in Toledo.
- ◆ Tamara Daniels for upcoming surgery
- ◆ Health and well-being of Olivia, Misael and the whole Zagal family
- ◆ Jose Jones and Family for healing, who have been diagnosed and dealing with COVID
- ◆ Pastor Angelica requests prayers for the national Presbyterian Church of Colombia during a time of serious internal challenges; for the city of Cartagena as it continues to experience heavy rains and an outbreak of dengue fever; and for her family's health, especially her young son Johan.
- ◆ Local civil rights leader and Former Legal Aid colleague of Stan Hirtle, Branford Brown to the prayer list. He injured his leg and part of it was amputated.

### Prayers for Comfort, Love & Peace for those Grieving

- ◆ Mack and Kathy Lakes, and family over the loss of their cousin, Catherine "Pete" Walker
- ◆ Sherman & Marva Gray, and the Gray Family over the sudden loss of his father
- ◆ Erika and Shirley Dixon, and family over the loss of Lessie Dixon
- ◆ Lisa Lester and family over the loss of her husband James, who passed from cancer
- ◆ Taylor and her family over the loss of her aunt

### Prayers for Safe Traveling Mercies, Jobs, Life Situations

- ◆ Prayers for those who refuse to be vaccinated and are at risk
- ◆ Karen Jones on move to Chicago

### Prayers of Comfort, Healing & Peace for those with Chronic Illness

- ◆ Jane Beal
- ◆ Ruth Bragg and Family
- ◆ Brenda Brown
- ◆ Vicki Eason
- ◆ Bruce Johnson
- ◆ Michael Love
- ◆ Bob Moore
- ◆ Nelson Stone Jr.
- ◆ Doris Thompson
- ◆ Gerry Thompson
- ◆ Pastor Darryll & Rev. Karen Young
- ◆ Michael and Gloria Gates
- ◆ The Stevens Family

### Praise Reports

- ◆ Kameron Turner was offered a promotion with the Columbus Crew and thanks you all for your prayers and encouragement!
- ◆ Praise God nothing stood in the way of our praise, and we had an amazing time worshipping outside!

### Prayers over Our Community, & the World

- ◆ Prayers for those dealing with mental health
- ◆ Prayers for President Biden
- ◆ Prayers for everyone to spread love, and maintain an open heart to love in God's way
- ◆ God's peace, protection and revitalization.
- ◆ Prayers for justice, healing and reconciliation in our nation and communities & God's peace, protection, and revitalization of our community

## CHANGE IN OPERATION OF CHURCH OFFICE

As you may have already heard, there has been a change to how the church office will operate as we continue through the pandemic. Given that we have had to deal with various safety concerns, and especially after the vandalism we experienced recently, we have become increasingly concerned about holding an empty church open. We have also had various issues arise with our security system and technology as well which are being worked on over the next few months. Therefore:

*For safety during the pandemic, the secretary will now be on a hybrid schedule working both from home and in the office.*

*Please be assured that phone calls will still be answered and/or returned Monday – Wednesday and Friday from 9am-2:30 pm. Note these times may vary occasionally depending on scheduling needs.*

*The secretary will be present at the church most Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am-2:30pm, and Thursdays from 12:30pm-3:00pm. Remaining hours she will be working remotely.*

*Office hours of the secretary remain 5 hours a day, 5 days a week. However, some hours will be worked from home, while others will be worked at the church.*

*If you need to come to the office, please schedule your visit the days she is scheduled to be present.*

*If for some reason you need to meet with the secretary outside of these hours, please call or email the office to set up a time.*

*For those submitting announcements and/or prayer requests for service, the deadline is now Thursdays at 12pm.*

We solicit your support and prayers as we continue to navigate these uncharted waters of the pandemic. We are working to make sure the office resources are made available as needed, while maintaining a level of safety for the office staff and pastor as well. Pastor Worthen remains available to the congregation as needed: via email, phone and by appointment.

### No Misunderstanding

Alexa, Siri, and other voice assistants embedded in smart devices in our homes occasionally misunderstand what we're saying. A six-year-old talked to her family's new device about cookies and a dollhouse. Later her mom received an email saying that an order of seven pounds of cookies and a \$170 dollhouse were on their way to her home. Even a talking parrot in London, whose owner had never bought anything online, somehow ordered a package of golden gift boxes without her knowledge. One person asked their device to "turn on the living room lights," and it replied, "There is no pudding room."



There's no such misunderstanding on God's part when we talk with Him. He's never confused, because He knows our hearts better than we do. The Spirit both searches our hearts and understands God's will. The apostle Paul told the churches in Rome that God promises He'll accomplish His good purpose of maturing us and making us more like His Son (Romans 8:28-29). Even when because of "our weakness" we don't know what we need in order to grow, the Spirit prays according to God's will for us (vv. 26-27). Troubled about how to express yourself to God? Not understanding what or how to pray? Say what you can from the heart. The Spirit will understand and accomplish God's purpose.

By Anne Cetas

Submitted by Melanie Monzon from Our Daily Bread devotional

## CRITICAL RACE THEORY

Social Justice and Peacemaking requests that College Hill's members and friends contact the Dayton delegation of State Representatives and Senators and express your opinions concerning honest discussions of America's racial history in schools and other public forums.

Two bills HR 322 and 327, prohibit teaching or other state promotion about racial concepts that are "divisive" or from a list of "prohibited" ideas concerning racial matters. Similar laws have been introduced in many other states.

In recent years there have been demonstrations against perceived racial disparities in violence by police, healthcare, education, employment, incarceration and other areas. There has also been examination of America's history including enslavement of African Americans, Jim Crows new and old, and resulting inequalities that continue to exist even after legal segregation, redlining etc. are no longer part of the law. In addition much has been spoken and written on the things it would take to bring about real racial equality, and how people need to talk to each other about racial matters.

While the term "critical race theory" does not appear in the bills, many of what are called "prohibited" or "divisive concepts" are objects of a public campaign to attach various unpopular ideas and associations to the concept "critical race theory," which can be studied in law schools and graduate college courses. These include such things as racial stereotyping, racial scapegoating, whether America and its history are and have been inherently racist, and whether people today are responsible for their group's past actions, or should feel discomfort over them.

It is necessary to read these different complex bills with their specific and general provisions, and determine what their practical effect will be. Proponents say they provide a proper balance and prevent teachers and others from imposing their views on children. Opponents say the bills essentially create the opportunity for lawsuits, campaigns to defund school systems and agencies, and conflicts with local school boards. They say the end result will be to discourage the objective, honest and frank discussions of our society and its history, from which all sides can learn, and to promote denial of and continuation of inequality and prejudice in our society and state.

People also disagree over whether these bills are needed, particularly given the times and the issues school boards and other government agencies face due to COVID.

These bills have had several hearings and are moving forward. This is an important matter. Please review the bills and then contact your legislators and tell them what you think should happen.

Submitted by Stan Hirtle

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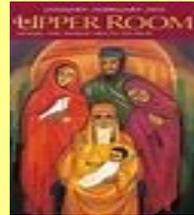
## A New Thanksgiving Tradition

At Thanksgiving, we give thanks for things (food, home, clothing, work) and loved ones (family, friends, pets). But if the people we name aren't present, they may never know how precious they are to us. This November, start a new tradition by writing notes of thanks to people you appreciate.

From Newsletternewsletter

## DAILY DEVOTIONAL MAGAZINES

The Upper Room and Daily Bread devotional magazines are now available. Ask the usher for a copy.



## ATTENTION

There will be a joint worship service with College Hill and our Sister Church in Cartagena, Columbia, Iglesia Presbteriana de Cartagena (Presbyterian Church of Cartagena) on Sunday, November 7 at 6pm. You can view it by joining on Facebook Live as you would a Sunday morning service. It will also be recorded for viewing at a later time. Come join us!

*Join us at 9:00 AM every week for a "Prayer Walk" through the neighborhood surrounding the church.*

## Congregational Meeting



There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, November 21 immediately following the worship service.

## Spanish Language Bible Study SUNDAY NIGHTS at 7pm via Zoom

Join us on Sunday nights at 7pm 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.

In August, we are beginning a new study, "Into the Light", the Presbyterian Women series that looks at lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. Hope implies movement: both God's inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament may be one of the church's most timely gifts to the world.

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)



## HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH TIME TO GIVE TO THE CHURCH

Earlier this year, Carole Estelle called to ask if I would be a Deacon. My first thought was no, but since I couldn't think of a good reason I told her I would think about it, hoping she would move on and ask someone else. I tried thinking of legitimate reasons not to serve. The only thing I could come up with was: "I already do the church newsletter which takes about three days a month - how much more does the church want me to give? Then I thought, "What if the disciples said to Jesus - I will follow you, but just for 3 days every month" or if Jesus had said, "I will be a teacher/healer but just for 3 days every month." At that point I stopped thinking. As the Quality Assurance Coordinator at Stillwater, I was always preparing reports that included some statistics. So I looked at the percentage of time I spend each month on the newsletter. Those 3 eight hour days were just 3% of the month.

Carole called me back about a week and a half later, and since I had not come up with a legitimate excuse (as hard as I tried), I told her I would give it a go. For years, while taking care of my mother, I didn't attend church. When she was in the nursing home I took her every Sunday to Church Service in the facility. After she passed, I didn't attend College Hill's Sunday Service partially because of Covid, but also because I usually sleep until 11am. When I became a Deacon, I thought I should attend Sunday Service. However, I was used to one hour services and I was told the services often lasted two or more hours. Again I thought, do I want to sit through that long of a Church Service? My mind started working again (always an adventurous thing). Then I realized I watch College and Pro football for three plus hours on Saturdays and Sundays, will go to the theater and sit through a play or musical that lasts two or more hours, and will watch a two hour movie at home. So I knew I could sit through a two hour church service if I wanted to.

Now I'm glad I agreed to be a Deacon and that I'm attending Church services on Sundays. In a way I feel like I've returned home. The church was a big part of my life growing up and I didn't realize how much I missed being a part of it. I enjoy Pastor Worthen's sermons each Sunday, getting reacquainted with old friends and meeting new friends. I've been in the service field all of my adult life and enjoy being a Deacon to support church members.

The church is always in need of volunteers and members willing to serve in various roles. I encourage you to volunteer or say "yes" if asked to serve. I know some in the congregation are aging or sick and may not have the energy or the physical ability to do the things you could when you were younger. (That is where I am in life.) But, I think it's important to do what you can. Tasks can be adapted to fit what you are able to do. Don't be just a Sunday Morning church goer. Support the church with your time as well as financially. I don't think there is an answer to the question 'how much is too much time to give to the church?'. I think each of us has to decide.

*"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith."* Galatians 6:10

Submitted by Jan Brecht

## Will You Be A Helper?

Helpers are always needed! Helpers are always wanted! Helpers are always special and greatly appreciated! Will you please be a helper?

Ready to serve?

Volunteers are needed on:

Audio Visual Team

Interpretation & Stewardship  
(Finance)

Usher Board

Contact: Church Office, Pastor Worthen,  
Sister Carole Estelle.



### Calling All Youth!!!

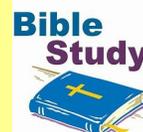
Come one, come all. Bring your time and talents to be a worship leader, praise dancer, flagger, sing in youth choir, spoken word, artist, deacon, usher, or other ministries.

Contact the Church Office, Brother Marcus Johnson or Pastor Worthen



### JOIN PASTOR WORTHEN FOR BIBLE STUDY EVERY THURSDAY AT 6 PM ON ZOOM

Meeting ID: 848 8361 9102 Pass Code: 334762



### Join with others in Presbytery of the Miami Valley for a Time of Prayer

Connect with others from around the Presbytery of the Miami Valley for a time of prayer. On the first Wednesday of the month at noon we will gather, via Zoom, for a time of prayer. This guided time of prayer will allow us to pray for one another, our neighbors, and our world. Those participating will have a chance to share their particular joys and concerns, celebrations, and challenges.

Join via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 813 8149 4899

Passcode: 984343

One tap mobile or dial by your location

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Questions? Contact Executive Presbyter Terry Kukuk at [ep@miamipresbytery.org](mailto:ep@miamipresbytery.org)



Deacon Ministry

Hello from your Deacon Board! We are **THANKFUL** to be able to serve our God, to assist our Pastor, and to build friendships with our church family. In the last month, your Deacons have focused on College Hill high school and college students. We have assisted in updating their contact information as many of them have moved to their own residence or are at college. By this time, they have received positive contact from their Deacons encouraging them in their endeavors and assuring them they are also being lifted in prayer. College Hill knows that the young people are our future, and the Deacons want them to know they are supported even beyond the walls of their church home. If you know of a youth or young adult who could use positive contact from the Deacons, send a message to Deacon Moderator Kathy at [lakeskathy@gmail.com](mailto:lakeskathy@gmail.com).

***“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18***

Submitted by Kathy Lakes, Deacon Moderator



Oh goody! I get my first taste of turkey today !!!!



I'm thankful I don't have to dress like this every day

### CROP Walk—Great work, College Hill!



At the end of October, College Hill is again the Number 1 faith community in funding support for the Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk that took place on Sunday, Oct. 3. Our seven walkers and our many generous sponsors truly made a difference in raising funds for Church World Service and the Dayton Foodbank. Your gifts of cash, checks and online donations for the CROP Walk now total more than \$1,800, with Gladys Turner Finney and Jan Brecht gathering the most sponsors and funds. Overall the Dayton Walk has raised more than \$10,500 as campaign fundraising now draws to a close. Contact

Larry Hollar at 937-643-3168 with any questions about how you can support the Walk and ways to end hunger. Thank you again!

Submitted by Larry Hollar

## "Your Support Brings Relief in Colombia"



Our sister church in Cartagena, Colombia reported last month that steady rains and resulting flooding and mudslides had swept away homes and many belongings in the marginalized community of La Paz, near the church. Our College Hill delegation had visited the La Paz barrio in 2016, and we had supported the children of that neighborhood in peacemaking programs since then.

When notice of the flooding devastation came last month, in addition to our prayers, funds were provided by our College Hill Deacons, the Presbyterian Men, the Social Justice and Peacemaking Ministry Unit, several individuals, and our church's Colombia Partnership account, allowing us to quickly transmit \$1,450 to the Cartagena church to come alongside their own efforts to help more than 40 families in La Paz meet urgent needs. The accompanying photos show some of the recipients of this aid as they recently and gratefully received our support.

"We appreciate the generous way so many of you and our church have responded, with fervent prayer and material assistance, to support the ministries of our sister church in Cartagena and our friends in Christ in Colombia. We continue to pray that a delegation may go from College Hill to Cartagena in 2022 so we may see their good works more closely and deepen our mutual connections in faith and hope." *From the College Hill Sister Church/Hispanic Ministry Team*

Larry Hollar

*"Let change be the dance of our lives and let the song that we dance to be justice, right relationships, all things being made whole."* Jack Jezreel, Founder of JustFaith Ministries





**Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday  
November 7th**

**Turn clocks back one hour before you  
go to bed Saturday Night. Also, change  
your batteries in your smoke alarms.**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING**

You are invited to join in the Social Justice and Peacemaking Meeting every month on the Second Tue, until Dec 14, 2021.

Nov 9, 2021 07:00 PM

Dec 14, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076

Passcode: 170476

**Clergy Community Coalition contact info:**

Bishop Richard Cox- 937-287-9353

Nancy Keihl 937-422-4391

*Or contact church office!*

**REMINDER**

Thanks to all who helped donate one gallon pop tabs to Ronald McDonald's house to help out of town families with children hospitalized.

Still collecting used eyeglasses, cell phones, stamp. Darlene Brookshire



**Presbytery of the Miami Valley  
November 2021 Prayer List**

Each week we ask you to pray for a congregation in our presbytery. In addition, the Presbytery committee or group we ask you to pray for during the month of November is the Staff Support Committee.

**November 7** - Yellow Springs First Presbyterian Church, located at 314 Xenia Avenue, Pastor Daria Schaffnit.

**November 14** - *Inquirers*: Rachel Boden (Dayton: Fairmont), Haley Ingram (Dayton: Westminster), Emily Knoth (Springboro: Covenant), Deanna Roberts (Oxford), and Josh Sweeney (Dayton: Southminster).

**November 21** - *Those exploring the possibility of being a Commissioned Ruling Elder*: Sara Maus (Wilmington) and Janet Miller (Bath).

**November 28** - *Those working towards certification as a Certified Christian Educator*: Erin Dickerson (Dayton: Sugar Creek) and Tyra Jackson (Springfield: Covenant).

**BROWNS VS BENGALS GAME TICKETS**

Group tickets for the **Browns vs Bengals game on Jan. 9, 2022** are available now. Group of at least 20 people! *Please contact the office of Kameran at:*  
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**SAVE YOUR STAMPS**

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## SESSION NEWS TODAY

Greetings College Hill family and friends,

The month of November tells us the year is coming close to an end. Yet, we still have much work to be done! From the parable in Matthew chapter 25 verse 21, Jesus states: ***"His master said and to him, well done good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a little I will set you over much, Enter into the joy of your master."***

We invite you consider how you would like to spend your time and talents in the service of the Lord at College Hill community church. We have several opportunities and/or vacancies in various ministering units including:

Session, Deacon Board, Interpretation and Stewardship (Finance), Worship and Music, and Music, Ushers, Christian Education, Fellowship, Presbyterian Men, Presbyterian Women, Hispanic ministry, Cartagena Partnership, Social Justice / Peacemaking, Older Kids Ministry, Audio/Visual Team, Facebook/website, Newsletter, Public Relations, Buildings & Grounds, Outreach.

We are also always willing to consider the birthing of new ministries that are identified and people who feel passionate about leading them. If you have an interest in becoming a ruling elder, a deacon, a financial secretary, and/or trustee, please contact our nominating committee chair person, Ruling Elder Carol Estelle. You may also contact the chairperson of the ministry, or Pastor Worthen to share your interests or to gain more information about particular ministries. If unsure where you unsure what might be the best fit for you, please contact Pastor Worthen to discuss how your gifts and talents might be utilized within the church.

### **Coming Events for November:**

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**, please join us in worship service as we celebrate and install Ruling Elder Brenda Brown and Ruling Elder Marlea Gaskins to the 2021 session, during our worship service.

**Saturday, November 13, 2021**, session will have a retreat for session members starting at 9 AM on a zoom platform.

**Sunday, November 21, 2021**, we will have our congregational meeting following our worship service.

**Monday, November 22, 2021**, session will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

**Thursday, November 25, 2021**, we wish you a very happy Thanksgiving day. Let us keep in our prayers and our practice all those who need to be lifted up, and those who need to be invited to a table.

***"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."*** Hebrews 13:1-2 (NRSV)

Submitted by Ruling Elder, Reverend Dr. Carolyn Peters and Clerk of Session, Marva Gray

### **FAITHLIFE – ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Interpretation & Stewardship Ministry is accepting your offering and contributions to College Hill Community Church through Faithlife.com. Register at <https://faithlife.com/products/giving> by creating a user name and password

**THANKSGIVING TRIVIAL PURSUIT**

1. The first Thanksgiving lasted:
  - A. One day
  - B. Two days
  - C. Three days
  
2. Which of the following was NOT served at the Pilgrims Thanksgiving meal?
  - A. Cranberries, corn, and mashed potatoes
  - B. Rabbit, chicken, wild turkey, and dried fruit
  - C. Venison (deer meat), fish, goose
  
3. Which Indian tribe taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate the land and were invited to the Thanksgiving meal?
  - A. Apache
  - B. Wampanoag
  - C. Cherokee
  
4. Which president is believed to be the first to pardon a turkey and start this annual tradition?
  - A. President Lincoln in 1863
  - B. President Roosevelt in 1939
  - C. President Harry Truman in 1947
  
5. The Pilgrims came to the New world seeking religious freedom and were also called:
  - A. The Puritans because they wanted to purify the teachings and ceremonies of the Church of England.
  - B. The Great Explorers
  - C. The Wanderers
  
6. What Meat was brought to the first Thanksgiving by the native Americans?
  - A. Deer
  - B. Turkey
  - C. Pork
  
7. When was the first-ever Thanksgiving NFL game played?
  - A. 1950
  - B. 1920
  - C. 1960
  
8. How many women attended the first Thanksgiving party?
  - A. None
  - B. One
  - C. Five
  
9. Which president did not agree to the celebration of Thanksgiving as a national holiday?
  - A. Richard Nixon
  - B. John F. Kennedy
  - C. Thomas Jefferson

**ANSWERS:** 1 - C; 2 - A; 3 - B; 4 - B 5 - A 6 - A 7 - B 8 - C 9 - C

## **REGULAR MEETINGS NOVEMBER 2021**

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

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

**Bible Study** - every Thursday at 6:00 PM – 7:00PM on Zoom with Pastor Worthen (Nov. 4, 11, 18). *There will be no Bible Study on Thanksgiving* Meeting ID: 848 8361 9102 Pass, code: 334762

**Christian Education** – to be determined

**Spanish Language Bible Study** - Every Sunday at 8:00 PM (Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 ) via Zoom. 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)

**Worship & Music** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday (Nov. 9) at 5:00 PM on Zoom

**Social Justice and Peacemaking** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday (Nov. 9) at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076 Passcode: 170476

**Session** – November 8<sup>th</sup> and the fourth Monday of every month at 6:00 PM, (Nov. 29) on Zoom

**Deacons** – third Monday of every month at 6:00 PM, (Nov. 22) on Zoom

**Indoor/Outdoor Worship Committee** – as needed

**I & S Meeting** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 3:00PM (Nov. 8) on Zoom

## **SPECIAL DAYS/EVENTS NOVEMBER 2021**

All Saints Day – Monday, Nov. 1

Daylight Savings Time Ends – Sunday, Nov. 7

Veterans Day – Thursday, Nov. 11

Worship – Sunday, Nov. 14 – Rev. Charles “Chip” Hardwick, PhD, transitional synod executive for the Synod of the Covenant is the preacher of the day.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, Nov. 21 following worship.

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 25

First Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Nov. 28

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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.