



**LETTING GO AND THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS**

I watched today’s service from home. As usual, it lifted me. I was touched by the testimonies people in the congregations shared. Pastor said we often don’t know what someone is going or has gone through. I’d like to share a personal story about letting go of the past and the power of forgiveness.

I was extremely shy when I was young. In addition to being shy, I was unable to pronounce my “r’s” and other letters – I talked fast and only my family was able to understand me. I had an uncle who affectionately (in his mind) called me the ‘little dutchman’. It embarrassed me every time he said it. I was known at church as the quiet girl with the sweet smile.

When I was 7, I had four major traumas in my life that affected me deeply. The first one involved my best friend – a boy, also seven, who attended our church. Mike was the only person outside my immediate family I felt comfortable talking to. (I don’t know if he understood me but at least he didn’t ask me several times to repeat myself.) Our dads played softball together and every week we took our gloves and a ball to Kettering Field and while the game was going on, Mike and I would find an empty space and play catch. Mom said when the church game was over, Mike and I would walk back to the diamond, arms around each other’s shoulder, talking and laughing. In early June of 1955, Mike’s mother took him and his 9 month old baby sister up to the attic and shot and killed them both before taking her own life. At 7, you really don’t understand death and I couldn’t understand why his mother, who I always liked, would do this. Mom said Mary was ill and had been scheduled to be admitted to the hospital the day after the shootings. To me, being ill meant a cold, measles, chickenpox or the flu - not killing your children. My parents and the entire church were very much affected by the deaths I didn’t want to bother mom and dad with what I was feeling because I thought it would be more painful for them. I just kept looking at his photo in the newspaper and reading the article to try to understand. From Sunday School, I remembered Jesus came back from the grave and thought Mike would do the same. For several weeks, when I went to church I looked all over for him.

Later that summer two incidents occurred - one involving a teenage cousin and the other involving a pastor. The one with the pastor was so traumatic I just remember bits and pieces. Those three things were too much for me to handle so I tried to put them out of my mind. I didn’t share with my parents about the incidents my cousin and the pastor - I was too ashamed.

In the fall, I was traumatized by an alcoholic uncle. Mom and my great aunt were driving him to a sanitarium to dry out – I was only with them because mom kept me home from school that day due to being sick. I really loved this uncle. He was funny and played the banjo. Halfway there, he started yelling and saying he didn’t want me in the car. A couple of times he tried to get to my door to open it. Besides being terrified, I thought I must be an awful child for him to act like that. He committed suicide a month later.

I feel that God knew I couldn’t deal with the incidents in the fragile state I was in at seven, so he helped me put the memories away until I was able. I withdrew from almost everyone except my family. I felt safe and loved when I was with them. I learned to put on a good front when I was with others. I never lost my faith during this time and knew God was with me.

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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**

In my forties, the memories came out of hiding and hit me full force. I felt like that little seven year old again. I kept getting more and more depressed and angry but still put on the best front I could to others.. One night, I was working late alone in my office and suddenly I started hitting my hand with a ruler saying “you are a bad girl” over and over. It was then I knew I needed help.

I went to a therapist for about a year and a half. It was a relief to tell another person the things that happened to me. She had me write my feelings down and then we talked about them. I realized I was writing my feelings as a seven year old and my feelings as a forty year old. I wrote one memory called “Time Stood Still”. In it, I addressed each incident and ended each one by writing “time stood still - and when it started again, nothing was the same”. I was very honest with my feelings and wrote them through many tears. After about a year of therapy I finally told my mother about my cousin and the pastor. Later, I told my sisters. I was relieved to finally have it out in the open.

One day the therapist had me sit in a chair and put a small chair in front of me. She told me to imagine ‘little Jan’ sitting there and tell her what I needed to hear when I was seven. At first I couldn’t visualize myself. I tried to explain the incidents to ‘little Jan’ but I couldn’t find the words to explain what happened and why it happened. Finally, I saw myself at age seven, the shy, confused and frightened child I was and said, “the things that happened to you were not your fault. None of it was your fault”. I broke down sobbing because I realized I blamed myself the past thirty five plus years. I went home that night exhausted and realized I couldn’t change the past and that I needed to forgive the people who had hurt me in order to heal.

I wrote a letter to my then teenage cousin ,who was living in another state telling him how his actions affected me. I also told him my immediate family knew, but I wasn’t going to tell any other relatives. I added that I carried the blame all of my life and now I was giving it him – the person who was responsible. I closed the letter with. “I forgive you”.

Lastly I had to go to the cemetery to deal with my other traumas. I talked to my uncle first forgiving him. Sitting by their graves I told Mike how much I missed him and Debbie, and how sorry I was they didn’t have the chance to grow up. Talking to their mother Mary was the hardest. I told her I know she loved her children very much, and had to be in so much pain to do what she did and I was sorry for her pain. I also had to tell her how much it hurt to lose my best friend and said, “I forgive you for the effect your actions had on me.”

When I was finished I felt a huge weight had been taken off me. I finally let go of the anger, the shame and realized in spite of everything I turned out to be an ok person. For the first time I felt at peace. Forgiveness is powerful. It helps alleviate anger, pain and sorrow. But you have to give it honestly - saying the words without believing what you are saying negates the effectiveness.

My cousin returned to Dayton for a funeral a few years after I wrote him the letter. When I saw him, I didn’t feel anger or resentment. I greeted him with a hug as I do all of my cousins. That moment I confirmed I had honestly moved on.

My past is part of who I am today. I seldom think about the events in 1955, but when I do, I’m ok. All things considered, I’ve had a good life. I’ve done almost everything I’ve wanted to, I’ve felt love from my family and friends, I’ve tried to treat others with kindness and respect, and I have a deep faith in God. As for my shyness, I’m still working through it. Presenting in-services at Stillwater has made me comfortable getting up and talking in front of people. Therapy made me feel comfortable sharing my feelings. I’m still not entirely comfortable with one on one conversations, but I force myself to do it anyway. I like the person I am today recognize the positives and negatives around me, and know that everything plays a part in who I am.

I shared my story to give you hope if you’ve gone through something difficult that you can’t get past. With God’s help you can work through anything. The poem “Footprints in the Sand” ends with, “I just don’t understand why, when I need You most, You leave me.” He (the Lord) whispered, “My precious child, I love you and will never leave you, never, ever, during your trials and testing’s. When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you.” God is always with you. You are never alone.

I wish love and peace for each of you in 2022.

Submitted by Jan Brecht



# PRAYER LISTS



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

- Prayers for recovery and comfort for Kathy Lakes and her grandson who have COVID and for the entire Lakes Family
- Anastazia's mom, Ms. White for continued healing and recovery
- Donna and her husband, L. Grace for healing and recovery
- Prayers for the health and well-being of Olivia, Misael and the whole Zagal family
- Prayers for Jose Jones' family in Colorado, many have tested positive for Omicron.

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

- Prayers for grieving family and friends during the holiday.
- Prayers for Ginger, Charles and their family, in the loss of her father.

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

Brenda Brown  
 Ruth Bragg and Family  
 Vicki Eason  
 Bruce Johnson  
 Michael Love  
 Bob Moore  
 Nelson Stone Sr.  
 Dorris Thompson  
 Gerry Thompson  
 Jimmy Thompson  
 Pastor Darryll & Rev. Karen Young  
 Michael and Gloria Gates  
 The Stevens Family

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

- Thomas Adams
- Everyone travelling for the holidays
- Prayers for those who refuse to be vaccinated and are at risk, and prayers for all those receiving the booster shots

## Prayers over Our Community, and the World

- Prayers for the families of several tragedies that have occurred in the past few weeks.
- Prayers for those dealing with mental health
- Prayers for President Biden & gov't
- Prayers for everyone to spread love, and maintain an open heart to love in God's way



## PRAISE REPORTS

- Kay and Jim thank God and the prayers of College Hill. Kay is home from the hospital and doing better.
- Pam Byrd is happy to report that she is recovering without surgery.

## BIRTHDAYS - MEMBERS & FRIENDS

### JANUARY 2022

Queen Peters-Thornton	1	Charlie Phillips	18
Michael Hulbert	1	Rosalyn Givens	20
Susie Grierson	5	Kevin Bleicher	20
Irene Campuzano	14	Thomas Richardson	27
Marcus Johnson	14	Diann Harris	28
Andrea Hirtle	15	Filomena Nicacio	29
Emika Herrera	16	Merritt Worthen	28
Irene Campuzan	17	Ethel Smith	30
Virginia Day	17		

## VOTING LAWS Submitted by Stan Hirtle

Democracy issues continue to dominate our political process in our divided country as the 2022 and 2024 elections approach.

In theory voters should choose the leaders. However in practice much of today's politics involves the leaders choosing the voters, and gaming the system through manipulation of voting requirements, gerrymandering (drawing legislative districts to one side's political advantage), and choosing local officials willing to make partisan rather than honest decisions concerning the counting of votes.

President Trump claimed that the last election was stolen from him by fraud, and some of his supporters stormed the capitol on January 6. There is little evidence of real fraud, but much distrust of the system, and of the party they disagree with.

An issue is whether voting laws should be set by states or the federal government, especially laws that control the election of federal office holders. In practice some people care more candidates they want will get elected than they do about which government sets the rules. However someone needs to guarantee election integrity.

While all states contain many people on both sides of the partisan divide, numerous states, including Ohio, are considering changes in their voting laws. They would reduce voting by requiring more and earlier identification, limiting early voting and limiting mail voting, among other things. There are also efforts to allow partisan officials to ignore the facts or act in spite of them.

These tactics, and underlying arguments about "states' rights," have historically been used by majorities to oppress minorities, particularly African Americans in southern states.

At the federal level, the US Senate is considering SB 2747, called the "Freedom to Vote Act", has a number of comprehensive voter protections, including a minimum of 15 days for early voting, mail-in ballots, and making Election Day a national holiday. The bill would set up national standards for voter identification. It also establish protections for election officials against intimidation and partisan interference. To further ensure election integrity, the Freedom to Vote Act would require states to use voting systems with a verifiable paper trail and establish national standards for voter identification.

The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, H.R.4 , also in the Senate, would make illegal voting rules that discriminate on the basis of race, language, or ethnicity and empower voters' to challenge discriminatory laws. It would also require preclearance in any state where minority voting rights are threatened.

While these provisions are popular with voters, they face partisan opposition and "filibuster" that is requiring Senate supermajorities to pass anything. Arguably these requirements for democracy are basic to how all other laws are passed and society's problems are dealt with.

One problem is that, particularly with the distractions of COVID, the public is not making its voice heard to its political leaders who are deciding these issues.

The Bible calls for social justice and protection of the excluded ("the least of these"). Rulers are called to rule with justice and wisdom and not to abuse their power for selfish ends. To the extent that our institutions are democratic, we all share in these duties.

Social Justice and Peacemaking urges everyone to review these bills. Then contact your US Senators. Tell them your thoughts about ease of voting and barriers to voting, whether filibusters should be allowed in deciding voting rights, what you want them to do.

Senator Rob Portman  
448 Russell Senate Office Building,  
Washington, DC 20510  
Phone: 202-224-3353  
<https://www.portman.senate.gov/meet/contact>

Senator Sherrod Brown  
503 Hart Senate Office Building,  
Washington, DC 20510  
Phone: (202) 224-2315  
<https://www.brown.senate.gov/contact/email>

## By His Way

Ok, I am willing to admit that hard as I try, I just can't keep from being redundant. But my biggest consolation about that realization is that I am in very good company. After all, I am just what life is. Year after year, we have the same seasons accompanied by the same repetitious phrases such as, "Wow I can't believe that spring summer, fall etc. are here already. Time really flies." I bet you can guess what redundancy I am about to discuss - new year resolutions. But this year, I am going to approach my resolutions with a slightly different orientation. Rather than make a list of individual resolutions, I am choosing just one basic and overarching one. My resolution for 2022 is simply to approach everything with the evaluative question, "Is what I am thinking, wishing for, praying for planning to do or doing or not doing, "In His way" (blocking) or" By His way (exemplifying)? And, by the way, I am starting with writing this article, by keeping it short and sweet. Sometimes I talk or write too much, and the message I want to communicate becomes lost in the boredom/ confusion/ convolution of too many words. Maybe my resolution resonates with someone who reads this article. If so, hopefully, it will be helpful to him or her. Happy new year, and much success with keeping whatever resolutions you make.

Pat Townsel

## A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

—Author unknown  
From the Publication Newsletternewsletter

## 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:

[kturner@clevelandbrowns.com](mailto:kturner@clevelandbrowns.com)



## A Winning Pattern for the New Year

Some anonymous wise person penned the following directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:

"You will never be sorry — for thinking before acting, for hearing before judging, for forgiving your enemies, for being candid and frank, for helping a fallen brother, for being honest in business, for thinking before speaking, for being loyal to God and the church, for standing by your principles, for refusing to participate in gossip, for holding your words when tempted to demean another, for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts, for sympathizing with the afflicted, for being courteous and kind to all."

From the Publication Newsletternewsletter

## Facing Injustice

As the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., approaches, many cities and many churches will recall the courage and challenge of the civil rights leader who suffered and died for his beliefs.

When he confronted those who dealt out injustice, he and his followers were stopped, jailed, sometimes beaten, ridiculed and threatened. They were called rabble-rousers, Communists, disturbers of the peace and worse. Many people stood by and did nothing.

It is no wonder that Dr. King said, "**In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.**"

Whatever else we remember about Dr. King, we should recall that he chose not to remain silent in the face of injustice. Can we say the same about ourselves?

When anyone is treated without respect, without fair play, without kindness or Christian love, we must not remain mute. We should follow the suggestion of Dr. King: "With our faith, we will transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood."

From the Publication Newsletternewsletter

## **SELF-DEBATE-THE BEST WAY TO WIN**

One of my great church friends and I are in an often on/off debate regarding citing the past and thinking about now and the future. I can be one of those who says, "We used to...(you can substitute any number of finishing words). Truthfully, I don't just debate this with her, but also off and on with myself. Several days ago, it occurred to me that what we really are debating about is whether I am using the past as a reason to block progress. That thought motivated me to question, "What is progress? "Is change always good?" Could the past actually be better than the change that either is being proposed, or possibly initiated? "Is there possibly even a better change than the considered or initiated one?" Is anyone picking up that I am sneakily leading up to the church security guard situation again? You're right, I am.



I have recently been hearing or reading about communities that have taken seriously the "defunding the police" issue, and are executing some innovative practices. An article in the December 23, 2021, edition of the Dayton Daily News focused on some actions and plans of the Dayton City Police Department. Becoming more aware of the study and discussion prior to these efforts, made me question our actions before we instituted hiring a security guard. I have done some biblical research and discovered that our having a security guard actually has scriptural support, but that alone has not convinced me our action is a good one or even a warranted one. I still haven't had anyone from the church contact me for discussion, so I guess I will just continue to debate the issue with myself. So far, I am wining that debate. Maybe I just have an inept opponent.

Submitted by Pat Townsel

*It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it. ... Joseph Joubert*

*Every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle. We have called by different names brethren of the same principle.  
,,,,, Thomas Jefferson*



**Presbytery Spring Youth Retreat  
April 1 - 3, 1922**

Keynote Leaders: Michele Slone & Bryce Wiebe

If you would like to sign up to go, or if you would like information about youth scholarships for this year's retreat, please contact:  
Rev. Marc A. van Bulck 513-523-6364

**Clergy Community Coalition contact info:**

Bishop Richard Cox- 937-287-9353  
Nancy Keihl 937-422-4391  
*Or contact church office!*

**SAVE YOUR STAMPS**

Please save your 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



**Deacon Ministry**

Your deacon board wishes you a happy new year, and the best of health and joy in this upcoming year. We are prepared to be a part of your celebrations and concerns in 2022, and know you keep us in prayer, also. We are College Hill Community Church family!

Submitted by Kathy Lakes

**COMING THIS SPRING**



**Women's Spiritual  
Nurture Retreat**

*Finding Hope*

**March 25 - 27, 2022**

Friday evening - Sunday Worship  
Kirkmont Center, Zanesville, OH

Leader: Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Nowak

Cost: \$200 (Scholarships Available)

Registration forms available January 3, 2022

For early information and questions:  
info@kirkmontcenter.org

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING**

You are invited to join in the Social Justice and Peacemaking Meeting .

**Jan. 11, 2022 @ 07:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076  
Passcode: 170476

**FAITHLIFE – ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Interpretation & Stewardship Ministry is accepting your offering and contributions to College Hill Community Church through Faithlife.com. Register at [https://](https://faithlife.com/products/giving)

[faithlife.com/products/giving](https://faithlife.com/products/giving)

by creating a user name and password

Offerings may also be mailed to or dropped off at the church office.

## REMINDER

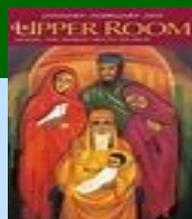
Thanks to all who helped donate one gallon pop tabs to Ronald McDonald's house to help out of town families with children hospitalized. Still collecting used eyeglasses, cell phones, stamps.

Darlene Brookshire



## DAILY DEVOTIONAL MAGAZINES

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



## Presbytery of the Miami Valley Youth Triennium Registration Information

**Who:** Youth completing grades 8-12, who are active members of a local church. The delegation will consist of 20 youth and 4 adult advisors.

**Cost:** The total cost is approximately \$700.00 per person. The Presbytery will cover a third of the cost and provide transportation. Sending congregations and participants are each expected to pay \$230.00.

**Where:** The 2022 Presbyterian Youth Triennium will be held at the Indianapolis Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. Participants will be housed in hotels.

**When:** Sunday, July 24 to Wednesday, July 27, 2022

### How Do I Apply to be a part of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley Delegation?

1. Tell your Pastor/Youth Director/Clerk of Session why you would like to attend the Youth Triennium.
2. Ask for the church's spiritual and financial support
3. Ask your Pastor/Youth Director/Clerk of Session to recommend you.
4. Once your church recommendation is received by the registrar, you and/or your parents will receive an email with a link to more information and lots of forms to be filled out and returned to the registrar.
5. All recommendations should be received by **January 31**.

## 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.

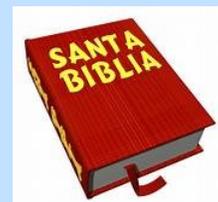
In August, we are beginning a new study, "Into the Light", the Presbyterian Women series that looks at lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. Hope implies movement: 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)



## TEEN COLUMN

Dr. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was born January 15, 1929. He was one of my heroes during the 1950s and 1960s. I remember watching him on television as a child and teen and respected how he led non violent protests. He led the 1955 boycott in Montgomery, Alabama when Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white male passenger. He helped establish the SCLC (the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) to battle segregation and achieve civil rights of African Americans across the United States and became the first president of the organization. He worked with other civil rights leaders to organize the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, which took place on August 28, 1963. The purpose of the march was to protest racial discrimination in employment and racial separatism in schools, while also demanding fair wages for all workers. The march was the largest gathering in Washington, DC's history. It was at this march that Dr. King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial. In the spring of 1965, Dr. King helped organize the Selma to Montgomery marches for voting rights. Dr. King helped get the following Acts passed: Civil Rights Act of 1964, Voting Rights Act of 1965, Immigration and Nationality Services Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968. These are just a few of Dr. King's accomplishments. This was a man whose life is worth studying and following his principles.



Below I've shared some of my favorite quotes by Dr. King.

*"Cowardice asks the question: Is it safe? Expediency asks the question: Is it politic? Vanity asks the question: Is it popular? But conscience asks the question: Is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular — but one must take it simply because it is right."*

*Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it.  
Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it.  
Hatred darkens life; love illumines it.*

*"You will change your mind; You will change your looks; You will change your smile, laugh, and ways but no matter what you change, you*

*"Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."*

*"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."*

*"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."*

*"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."*

*"The quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what is important."*

*"There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."*

## 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!!!

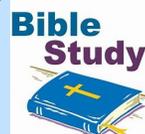
Come one, come all. Bring your time and talents to be a worship leader, praise dancer, flagger, sing in youth choir, spoken word, artist, deacon, usher, or other ministries.

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)

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

*For safety during the pandemic, the secretary is 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.

## **Presbytery of the Miami Valley January 2022 Prayer List**

Each week we ask you to pray for a congregation or group in our presbytery. In addition, the presbytery group we ask you to pray for during the month of January is the Presbytery staff: The Rev. Terry Kukuk, Executive Presbyter; The Rev. Lynn Bova, Stated Clerk; Kat Millhouse, Bookkeeper; and Don Nowak, Website and Communications.

### **January 2 - Bellbrook Presbyterian Church**

Located at 72 West Franklin Street, Bellbrook, Oh, Pastor Diane Ziegler.

### **January 9 - Belle Center United Presbyterian Church**

Located at 202 Walnut Street, Belle Center, Oh, Pastor Ted Dennis.

### **January 16 - Bellefontaine First United Presbyterian Church**

Located at 117 North Main Street, Bellefontaine, Oh, Pastor Steve Merrin.

### **January 23 - Blue Ball Presbyterian Church**

Located at 6901 Roosevelt Avenue, Franklin, Moderator Gidget Collins.

### **January 30 - Bradford First Presbyterian Church**

Located at 127 School Street, Bradford, Pastor Mike Buker.

### **February 7 - Clifton United Presbyterian Church**

Located at 183 Jackson, Clifton, Moderator Garth Adams.

*“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”* -Isaiah 60:1-3

## **REGULAR MEETINGS JANUARY 2022**

**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 (*Jan.13, 20, 27*). Meeting ID: 848 8361 9102 Pass, code: 334762

**Buildings & Grounds** – Wednesday at 2pm.

**Christian Education** – Sunday (*Jan. 16*), following the worship service

**Deacons** – third Monday of every month at 6:00 PM, (*Jan. 17*) on Zoom

**I & S Meeting** - 2nd Monday at 3PM (*Jan. 10*) on Zoom

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

**Session** – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 6:00 PM, (*Jan. 24*) on Zoom

**Social Justice and Peacemaking** – 2nd Tuesday (*Jan.11*) at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076 Passcode: 170476

**Spanish Language Bible Study** - Every Sunday at 8:00 PM (*Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30*) 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** – 2nd Tuesday (*Jan. 11*) at 5:00 PM on Zoom

## **SPECIAL DAYS/EVENTS DECEMBER 2022**

January 1 – **New Years Day**

January 6 – **Epiphany**

January 9 – **Baptism of the Lord**

January 16 – **Religious Freedom Day**

January 17 – **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

January 18 – 25 – **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

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My niece's dog, Halo and me on Christmas Eve.  
She thinks she's a lap dog.

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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.