



Holding On to God's Seeds...

*"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?
⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'
¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*
Luke 15:8-10 NRSV

This month, I wanted to share a revelation that I received during worship this past Sunday. And this revelation brought to mind the parable above, of which Jesus spoke in the Gospel according to Luke. Now, the natural inclination, especially as a preacher, is to focus on the moral of the story, which is the joy that God and the heavenly hosts experience when a sinner repents. This of course, is an incredible image to consider, that our changes of heart and behavior elicit such celebration in heaven. What a joy to know that the state of each of our individual souls rate such importance in the divine realms!

However, my revelation was not based only on this good news, but rather the words of the scripture that preceded it. In verse 8 of Luke, we are told of a woman who loses 1 of 10 coins, which moves her to promptly begin searching and scouring all over to find the single coin she lost. Now, we are not told what kind of coins these are. We do not know if they are bronze, silver, gold...or the value of what one was worth. However, what we do know is this was only 1 coin out of the 10 she possessed. So, I would assert that the response of the woman to the loss of the coin, was directly related to the value she placed upon it. Whether it was worth a little or lot based on societal standards, to her, the value of the coin was immense. It was worth the woman stopping everything she was doing, in order to focus all of her time, attention and effort on finding it.

This made me think about how many things warrant such time and attention from us? Certainly, most of us would not scour the house for a coin or even dollar, unless we had no other money. Though I do remember as a child searching under the sofa cushions in hopes of finding some lost change, or jumping for joy about finding a quarter on the street to allow me to go buy some candy from the corner store. Yet, as an adult, I have become blessed enough, or maybe privileged enough, that it takes about \$20 to garner my attention, and probably \$50 to make me go searching for it. Still, someone else might tear up the house for far less. It is all about the value we give to something.

So, fast forward to this past Sunday. We did an illustration during the sermon using some small colored pompoms. These pompoms represented seeds in a parable about the word of God. Surprisingly during the illustration and after it, there were members who made sure no pompom was lost, and we had a few people even ask to take some home. I did not ask anyone why they wanted them, or for what they planned on using them. They may have wanted them for crafts, or simply to keep to remind them of the story. It did not matter to me why they wanted to keep them, because as far as I was concerned, if they were of value to them that was enough for 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

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This caused me to think of the old saying "One person's *trash* is another person's *treasurer*", and how many things we value differently today. For instance:

- We know there are people who died for every person to have a right to vote, while some throw away this right they fought so hard for.
- Even today, people are still trying to unfairly manipulate votes in favor of a particular party (gerrymandering), in an attempt nullify the voices of people who need to be heard as if they don't matter.
- A vaccine to fight COVID was developed and is saving people's lives daily. It is provided to all of us in this country free of charge. Yet, some people choose not to receive it for various reasons.
- The decision to wear a mask could save countless people's lives. Yet, some fight for the right not to wear one.
- And as we move into Black History Month, we continue to witness attempts to prevent the teaching of black history in our schools, as if the reality that this nation was built on the blood, sweat and tears of a nation of African Americans is something to overlook.

Something, anything, is a valuable as we make it. Just like the pompoms from the illustration, the seeds in the story, and the word of God are as valuable to us as we choose to see them; let us not take for granted the things God provides. We were able show our illustration because our church is open, when others are not. Going to church is a right and a privilege at the same time, not to be taken for granted. We are alive today, maybe partially because of our good decisions, but definitely due to the grace of God. Every day is a gift and an opportunity. God offers us so much that we never earned, and often don't deserve. How much do we value and nurture what He provides? It should make us want to hold on to our seeds!

Blessings - Pastor Worthen



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2022

Dr. Jack Thomas will be our guest speaker during College Hill's morning worship service on Sunday, February 13, 2022. As we continue to emphasize the importance of learning and education, it seemed only fitting to hear from the president of our own local HBCU. Some brief excerpts from his bio include:

Dr. Thomas is the author of numerous publications and professional presentations including his most recent publication titled, *Within These Gates: Academic Work, Academic Leadership, University Life, and the Presidency*. Dr. Thomas has been a committed advocate for diversity and inclusion. Dr. Thomas has been a committed advocate for diversity and inclusion. He has been recognized by Minority Access, Inc. and others for his work helping to provide meaningful and transformative opportunities for minorities through mentorship and access at various universities. Dr. Thomas has done further graduate work in theological studies at Liberty University and is an ordained Baptist Minister. Dr. Thomas' current body of work includes research on public institutions that have had to make transformative programmatic and human capital decisions due to decreased federal and state financial support and declining enrollment. The working title of Dr. Thomas' latest book is "From the Segregated South to the Presidency."

With his extensive background in education, scholarship, and advocacy we are excited hear Dr. Thomas bring us a message for such a time a this!

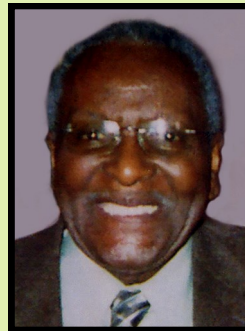


PRAYER LISTS



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

- Ruth Bragg
- Connie Lawson
- Lorenzo Smart



Brother Jimmy Thompson's Homegoing service is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 12 at College Hill Community Church. Family will receive visitors at 10 AM with the service starting at 11:00AM.

Updates will be provided as we receive them.

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
Pastor Darryll & Rev. Karen Young
Michael and Gloria Gates
The Stevens Family

Prayers for Safe Traveling Mercies, Jobs, Life Situations

- EVERYONE
- Prayers for those who refuse to be vaccinated and are at risk, and prayers for all those receiving the booster shots



Prayers for Comfort, Love & Peace for those Grieving

- Prayers of peace and comfort for the Thompson family and friends of Brother Jimmy Thompson who passed away.
- Prayers for Zakaya Bragg for the loss of her father

Prayers over Our Community, and the World

- Prayers for those dealing with mental health issues
- 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

- Thank God for the CCC and all the work they are doing. Also, every healthcare, social worker and volunteer who fights for equality and justice!
- Jose's whole family, who came down with COVID during the holidays are now Covid free! Praise God for healing and recovery!

BIRTHDAYS - MEMBERS & FRIENDS

FEBRUARY 2022

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| Jorge Herrera (Tellez) | Feb. 1 |
| Linda Peters | Feb. 3 |
| Tiffany Brown | Feb. 3 |
| Aaliyah Drake | Feb. 4 |
| Katlin Harris | Feb. 6 |
| Adriano Herrera | Feb. 7 |
| Elijah Schiessler Benson | Feb. 8 |
| Perce Benson Jr. | Feb. 9 |
| Julia Burrell | Feb. 15 |
| Karen Young | Feb. 19 |
| Patricia Grigsby | Feb. 20 |
| Danielle Pegues | Feb. 20 |
| Gerry Thompson | Feb. 25 |
| Jana Adams | Feb. 25 |

MISSIONARY IN HER OWN HOMETOWN

Sister Diann Harris is a “missionary in her own hometown”. A recent article in the Dayton Daily News highlighted her latest endeavor, which is to raise money for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Like most missions, this one was not born overnight but is just the latest in a web woven over the course of several years.

One of Diann’s earlier missions was playing a supportive role in Rev. Robert E. Jones’ ministry. One day, Rev. Jones visited her asking her to create a box he could wear on his head for a sermon, “Thinking Outside of the Box.” As you might imagine, she was totally surprised, and responded “Say what!!?” But Diann and her now deceased husband Zuri (Harold), created what he needed by combining the box he brought with a hat so that he could wear it without being suffocated. (I don’t remember that sermon, and I surely hope there is some video in the archives so I can at least get a glimpse.) The next big challenge was when he asked her to create an eye he could wear as a third eye symbolizing Jean Booker’s “visionary third eye.” This was a prop he wanted to use at Mrs. Booker’s memorial service. Strange as this may seem in writing, I was there; and believe me; it was very effective as only Bob Jones could carry out. Later on, he asked her to create three posters depicting messages for those standing on the corner of Philadelphia and Salem, and other places, protesting the closing of Good Samaritan Hospital.



At times, Rev. Jones and Diann flipped roles, and he supported her missions. For example, she had started her Stone Faith Ministry and a plant ministry. She had given Rev. Jones a basket of flowers. When he returned the basket to her, she shared that one of her friends had ordered some of the stones for various uses at her church. Liking the idea, Bob got some to use at New Hope, the church he was serving following his retirement from College Hill. Diann was germinating, even then, the possibility of using the stones to generate funds to help others struggling with medical costs. Writing that missionary-web thread illustrating the intermingling of pastor/parishioner, friend/friend acquaintance/acquaintance in mission work, leads us back to her present endeavor.

On January 28, 2022, (Diann and Harold’s birthday) Diann had a kickoff for her newest mission, the fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society mentioned in the first paragraph. She is asking participants to use a jar to save change until Thanksgiving Day 2022. All the collected funds will be given to the society.

The richness of Diann’s missions cannot be depicted adequately on paper. When we can once again gather, we need to have a Mission luncheon, or other appropriate gathering, where she can share her story of the wonderful spiritual and physical places her mission has taken her to, and the marvelous interrelationships that she has experienced. Let’s make that happen!

Submitted by Pat Townsel

Note: There is an article about Diann’s fundraiser in the January 13 edition of the Dayton Daily News. It can be assessed in the E-paper section on the DDN website. The article describes that Diann’s husband Harold (Zuri) died on Thanksgiving Day in 2019 of Leukemia and she wanted to have a fundraiser for the organization that helped them.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES AT SINCLAIR

REGISTER FOR ALL EVENTS @ www.sinclair.edu/diversity

OUR AMERICAN JOURNEY EXHIBIT

Remember, Reflect, React

Sinclair Library | Building 7 | Room 7-001

Exhibit Tours, contact michele.marcum@sinclair.edu

The Black Experience in America

Experience, examine, and explore the African American journey by looking at a variety of artifacts such as books, magazines, and pictures as a means of capturing and understanding the determination, courage, and resilience of Blacks in America

WEST DAYTON PHOTO PROJECT

by Aaron Paschal

Displayed at the Our American Journey Exhibit

February 1 - February 28

THE MEETING by Jeff Stetson

In-Person Event – Free and open to the public

FEBRUARY 9 & 10 | 7:00 P.M.

(Noon matinee on February 10)

Sinclair Dayton Campus, Blair Hall, Building 2

A Sinclair Theatre production directed by Shaun Diggs. What if Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had had a private strategy session? This fictional account of a meeting between two of the most important men of modern times takes place in 1965 in a Harlem hotel during the height of the Civil Rights Movement.

8TH ANNUAL BLACK LOVE DAY

Virtual Webinar – Free and open to the public

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11 | 3:00 P.M.

While this year Sinclair's Celebration of Black Love Day is February 11, across the nation February 13 is the recognized date. Founded in 1993, it is intended as a celebration Black love, illustrated through 5 Tenets: love for creator, self, family, the community, and the Black Race. Sinclair's focus this year will be on self, using the theme: Self-Love is the Key. The virtual program will feature local talents including Furaha Henry-Jones, Taylor Curtis, Amaha Sellassie, and, Jay and Tracie Mills

7th ANNUAL BLACK UNITY CONFERENCE

Virtual Webinar – Free and open to the public

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4:00 P.M. - Join guest speaker, Heather McGhee, on this virtual webinar as she discusses her book ***The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone And How We Can Prosper Together***, a powerful exploration of inequality and the lesson that generations of Americans have failed to learn, racism has a cost for everyone, not just for people of color.

5:15 P.M. – Redlining Quilt by Carroll Schleppi & Shannon Naik

The visual evidence that racism – specifically redlining – is systemic and structural, with reverberations still impacting the lived experiences of all of us is beautifully and poignantly displayed in this work of art – Quilting Redlined Dayton. Participants will have an opportunity to see how the quilt came about and Carroll's and Shannon's vision for progress.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:30 A.M. – Redlining Quilt by Carroll Schleppi & Shannon Naik

See yesterday at 5:15 P.M.

10:00 A.M. – Culinary Art Presentations

Soul Food from Africa to America

From Cornbread to Couscous

11:00 A.M. - Brittany D. Jones, Ph.D., with Amaha Sellassie

Join Dr. Jones and Amaha on this virtual webinar for a conversation on ***Activating Our Space and Decolonizing Local Food Systems: Utilizing Food in Community Development***.

12:30 P.M. – STRONGER TOGETHER:

Performance Artists Presentation

Leroy Bean (Spoken Word); Mariah (Spoken Word); Kyle Flemings (Spoken Word); Brandon Whitehorn (Hip Hop/Rap Artist); Phillitia Charlton (Play write/Actor/Author)

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES AT SINCLAIR

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BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA SERIES

"I DIDN'T KNOW THAT"

Feb. 15th 11:30 A.M.

Feb. 21st 2:00 P.M.

Sinclair Conference Ctr. Bldg. 12

Whether you're an expert or novice, go deeper than the typical black history questions. Have fun with your colleagues answering questions you may already know and learning facts that you didn't.

REDLINING: MAPPING INEQUALITY IN DAYTON & SPRINGFIELD

Hosted by Think TV (Channel 16)

This one-hour documentary, produced by Richard Wonderling with Associate Producer Selena Burks-Rentschler, tells the story of local families who were impacted by redlining, and the lasting effects of this federal policy on our region. It also makes some surprising discoveries about the roots of redlining that trace back to our region, and some larger-than life personalities who have been all but forgotten.

Go to ThinkTV webpage for more information @ <https://thinktv.org/>

FEBRUARY 16 | 6:00 P.M. - Community Screening and Premiere at the Dayton Metro Library

FEBRUARY 22 | 7:00 P.M. - ThinkTV virtual Screening and Discussion

FEBRUARY 24 | 9:00 P.M. - Broadcast Premiere

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

—Barack Obama

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

—Martin Luther King Jr.

YOUNG WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Jack Bennett Free Virtual Event

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

1:00 P.M. – Keynote

2:00 P.M. – Breakouts with Grade-level Peers

3:00 P.M. – Pitch/Scene Reading

Historical Fiction on Film: From Pitch to Page – Featuring Joyce Barnes, screenwriter, producer and director of *Charles Young: An American Patriot*. This virtual event is open to grades 6-12 and their teachers.

BLACK MEN AND WOMEN PIONEERS OF THE AMERICAN WEST

Virtual Webinar – Free and open to the public
ROSS A. COEN, Ph.D., Historian/Author

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | 11:30 A.M.

A conversation with guest speaker, Dr. Ross A. Coen, about the untold stories of Blacks in the American West. Did you know that Oklahoma had 59 all Black towns, and 25% of the Cowboys of the American West were Black; Buffalo Soldiers protected America's Historical Parks; and "Stagecoach" Mary Fields was the first female mail carrier in the American West? Join us to hear these stories and more.

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

—Harriet Tubman

"Let us be dissatisfied until that day when nobody will shout 'White power!', when nobody will shout 'Black power!', but everybody will talk about God's power and human power."

—Martin Luther King Jr.

Update from Jose LaMont Jones

Greetings sisters and brothers of College Hill Community Church! I want to thank you for your prayers and calls for my return to health after a bout of Covid. Wow! Two years of masks, physical distancing, choosing to not gather in large groups, etc. and still that little bug got me! Just goes to show that our control is limited and it is God's sovereignty that goes beyond any power we think we might have. That said, it was God's will that my case was mild, having been vaccinated and all, and that I recover and get medical clearance, again, to travel.



In Kinshasa, DRC (my place of service), the infections showed a spike but not nearly as high as in the United States. It appears that the strong vaccination campaigns for other infectious diseases and accompanying treatments have rendered some protection from Covid. The jury is still out on that decision but know that, although the pandemic rages on, its impact is much less in Africa and, specifically, the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The year 2020 had been a strange year! Apart from the impact of the pandemic which has affected the economy and our ability to move about, the active volcano Mount Nyiragongo erupted in May displacing 400,000 people leaving nearly a hundred-thousand permanently homeless. The PCUSA and the reformed churches in Africa (including the Presbyterian churches) provided emergency relief by providing tarps for "housing" as the rains approach, grants for starting over, etc. Many youth and children have been separated from their families and work is underway to reunite them and deal with the trauma of such separations.

Both water and food insecurities have been exacerbated as lava flows destroyed water distribution systems and covered fertile farmlands. It will take another 50 years for these lands to be restored. Please pray that the humanitarian aid from around the world be efficiently utilized to repair the water supply issues and keep this agricultural area as productive as it can be.

In Kinshasa, on the Eastern side of the country, food and water insecurities has also become an issue. Internal migration, in part due to ongoing conflicts, has led to fragmentation of agricultural land and the need to improve soil quality for the long term. I have been working remotely with the Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa (CPK) to summarize the outcomes of a pilot project on urban gardening and the expansion of the same which will help churches, schools and community organizations to fill in the food distribution gaps and provide livelihoods for the unemployed. You can see the presentation we prepared on the Congo Mission Network YouTube channel.

As you can see, while the pandemic has "shut down" many activities and the ways we used to do things, the needs continue and God continues to call us to be fearless disciples and remain actively engaged, both in our communities and the world. Technology has been a great help but it is still the hands-on, old-fashioned relationship building, prayer, action and giving that is most effective. I'm back on track to travel to the DRC and ask you to keep me, the mission God has for me and our sisters and brothers in Congo in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS

*To Bailey Phillips, daughter of Charles and Ginger
Phillips, who has graduated early!
Bailey turns 17 in February.*

Beyond Candy Hearts and Roses

The first half of February seems dominated by pink and red, cards and candy. But people not in a loving romantic relationship can sometimes feel left out of the festivities. Of course, all people need love — and certainly love is not limited to the romantic kind. Author Leo Buscaglia, who became known as “Dr. Love” for writing about the topic, said, “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”



Jesus taught that loving one another is second only in importance to loving God (Matthew 22:37-40), and that when we love one another, God lives in us (1 John 4:12). There are so many ways to do that — beyond candy hearts and roses! But Valentine’s Day is as good a reminder as any.

From Newsletternewsletter Publication

Race, Science, and the Church

The “Race, Science, and the Church” Zoom workshop will be held on February 16 and 23 from 12:00 - 1:30 P.M. both days.

Is your church actively discussing race? Or is it hard for your congregation to start such a conversation? Science for the Church, a ministry that seeks to help congregations engage science, has found that considering race through the lens of science enhances conversations both new and ongoing.

Science, like the church, is facing a reckoning as it comes to grips with scientific racism past and present. The human sciences – biology and psychology – are shedding light on what race is and how it impacts us, body and mind. The range of fields connected to medicine are learning the complicated and often ugly relationship between race and health. These are just a few of the ways science can inform and improve the conversation our churches have about race.

We invite the presbyteries, clergy, and other church leaders in the Synod of the Covenant to join Science for the Church virtually over consecutive Wednesdays, beginning February 16 in a program that will introduce the following:

- Race as a social construct, not a biological category of Homo sapiens.
- How the social construct of race does impact both our biology (mind and body) and behavior.
- The impact of racism on health, particularly for persons of color.

Science’s troubled history, past and present, around race (e.g., eugenics). Program leaders include the Science for the Church team – Drew Rick-Miller, Edgardo Rosado, and Greg Cootsona – and at least one scientist actively researching one of the above topics. All registrants will receive a bibliography of science-related resources on race (articles, books, videos, podcasts) as well as the opportunity to receive Science for the Church’s weekly newsletter.



Presbytery of the Miami Valley
1541 S. Smithville Rd.
Dayton, OH 45410



Journey Groups

Offered by LeaderWise

Meet Monthly from March to November

Timing to be Set by Group

Targeting: Pastors/Commissioned

Ruling Elders in any type of ministry

Register: Journey Groups Registration

Registration Deadline: February 15

Cost: \$100 total cost per participant;
remaining costs covered by the Synod
and Presbyteries.

It is a disruptive and chaotic time to lead. Pastors need more support than ever. These facilitated journey groups (small group cohorts for support of 5-7 people) will gather monthly to take a time apart for reflection on their wellbeing. LeaderWise facilitators are trained in wellbeing and resilience and will interject learning & encouragement along the way. Particular focus is made to help the group bond, so that at the end of the program groups might choose to stay together even without the facilitator



Presbytery Spring Youth Retreat April 1 - 3, 2022

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



Hello, from your College Hill Deacons! We welcome Deacon Pat Townsel to our Board, and those members on her shepherding list will hear from her in the near future. If you are unsure as to who is your deacon, call the church office or speak with Deacon Moderator Kathy Lakes at 937-212-5776.

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,



For early information and questions:
info@kirkmontcenter.org

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
by creating a user name and password

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING

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

Feb 8, 2022 @ 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076

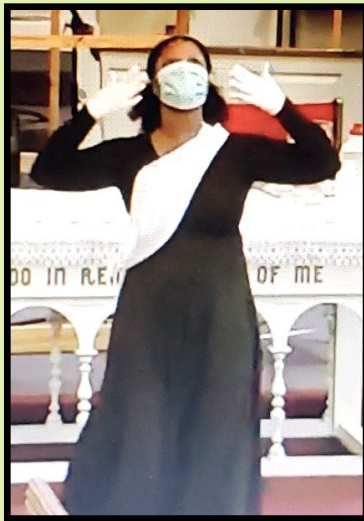
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REMINDER

We continue to collect used eyeglasses, cell phones & stamps. We are starting to collect plastic tops/lids and pill bottles.



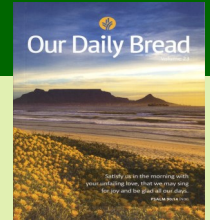
Darlene Brookshire



Quanteria Dargan did an inspiring praise dance to "Never Would Have Made It" on January 30th during the morning service.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL MAGAZINES

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



Honor Thy Teachers

When President Eisenhower invited James Michener to a White House dinner, the bestselling author replied: "Dear Mr. President, I received your invitation three days after I had agreed to speak a few words at a dinner honoring the wonderful high school teacher who taught me how to write. I know you will not miss me at your dinner, but she might at hers." Instead of taking offense, Eisenhower answered: "In his lifetime, a man lives under 15 or 16 Presidents. but a really fine teacher comes into his life but rarely."

Fine teachers are indeed worth cherishing, whether they hold classes in churches or public schools, on Sundays or on weekdays. Let us honor and appreciate all teachers, all year long. Thank you for preparing lessons with care, for going above and beyond to meet each student's needs, and for sparking curiosity about God and everything he created. You're a blessing!

From Newsletternewsletter Publication

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.

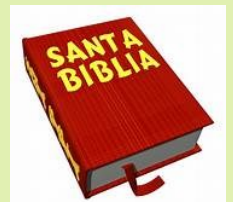
In August, we are beginning a new study, "Into the Light", the Presbyterian Women series that looks at lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. Hope implies movement: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



This year, the National Random Acts of Kindness Week is the third week of February with the Random Acts of Kindness Day falling on February 17th. One can never go wrong with kindness, and there can never be too much of it. The idea behind Random Act of Kindness Day is to cultivate feelings of kindness and brighten up someone's day. Every small act of kindness is significant. It may seem like it doesn't accomplish much but, just like the domino effect, one act of kindness can lead to more positive outcomes. Don't hold back from uplifting others with compliments and compassion on this day.

Being kind or nice can be good for the giver as well as the recipient. Getting long for you and that person behind you in line at the coffee shop. The goal of Random Act of Kindness Week is to improve schools, the workplace, families, and society through kindness.

Psychiatrists say being kind offers benefits for you, too!

- Fuels personal energy and self-esteem
- Makes you happier
- Good for your heart
- Helps you live longer

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

Random Acts of Kindness Day was initiated in 1995 in Denver, Colorado by a nonprofit organization called The Random Acts Of Kindness Foundation. The event spread to New Zealand nine years later, in 2004, and the observance of the holiday became more and more widespread.

Random Acts of Kindness Day may not have been around for a very long time, but kindness has existed throughout human history. There are great examples of prominent figures in history who have made an impact through their selfless acts of kindness — Princess Diana, the Dalai Lama, and Mother Teresa, to name a few. Various studies have also proved that kindness is undoubtedly an inherent part of nature, with feelings of care developing in humans while they're still babies.

The following are some examples of Random Acts of Kindness

- When driving, allow someone into your lane
- Buy a coffee for that person behind you in line or at a drive thru
- Make a donation in someone's name
- Leave double the normal tip
- Send someone a "thank you" email or text
- Give blood
- Mentor someone who needs it
- Give food to a neighbor in need or to a food pantry
- Post something funny on Facebook
- Smile and say 'hello' when you walk by someone
- Hold the door open for the person behind you
- Shovel a neighbor's driveway when it snows
- Donate your old clothes and household items

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention." Kahlil Gibran

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible!" Dalai Lama

*"Kindness is choosing love over hate,
Light over darkness,
Compassion over judgement."
—Raktivist (Random Acts of Kindness activist)*

"How do we change the World? One Random Act of Kindness at a time."

Morgan Freeman

Social Justice and Peacemaking Article

Because Fifth Third Bank on N Main and Siebenthaler just closed, I'm taking a survey on what services we have in Northwest Dayton. There are no Fifth Third banks in Dayton proper except the downtown branch which is very hard to get to by car. Chase Bank has one on W Third in the Wright Dunbar area. and Huntington Bank has one next to Kroger on Siebenthaler. But is that fully serving our community? Then, where are the stores like Walmart, Target, Restaurants, Hospitals, movie theaters, strip malls etc?

My question is, "What is wrong with our area?" I love living in Northwest Dayton.. It is safe, beautiful with many homes being well cared-for and most of the people that live in this area spend most of their monthly money to survive. So why aren't businesses considering that? Why do they have to move to the suburbs where there are fewer people per square mile?

Of course, we all know it is RACIST! But, in this day and age, we should have businesses above that idea.

What can we, as concerned residents, do about it? I want to do something but I'm not sure what that is.

The Social Justice/Peacemaking Ministry Unit is concerned about these happenings but haven't come up with any solutions.

Now we just need to support the businesses that are in our area, which are mostly 'black owned' businesses. Can we get a list of those to report to our members/friends? Please send us a list that you know and we could make a report to our congregation with those that we need to support.

Let's fight this problem and make a difference in NW Dayton.

Submitted by Paula Ewers

THE PATHWAYS TO HOME OWNERSHIP PROJECT 2022

Week of Compassion, the disaster ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will be hosting volunteers to finish the interiors of homes as part of this project January 9 - April 2, 2022. COVID protocols in place.

Teams: 4 - 10 people 14 years of age or older

Work & Skills: Teams should commit to a minimum of 3 days of work per week; most teams work Monday - Friday.

All skill levels are welcome!

Tools will be provided.

For more information or to register:

Email Caroline Hamilton Arnold @ caroline@weekofcompassion.org.

For more information go to www.weekofcompassion.org



KIRKMONT CENTER

2022 Summer Camp Dates

Check this out!

- Quilt Camp 1 June 5 - 10
- Beginners Camp June 12 - 15
- PYC Jr/Sr June 19 - 25
- Camp Kirkmont 1 June 26 - July 1
- Camp Rejoice July 10 - 16
- Camp Kirkmont 2 July 17 - 22
- Quilt Camp 2 July 17 - 22
- You and Me July 23 - 24
- Camp Kirkmont 3 July 24 - 29
- Camp Kirkmont 4 August 7 - 12

Registration now open!

Register at www.kirkmontcenter.org/

Adults only Alumni Camp July 29-31!

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?

Calling All Youth!!!

Ready to serve?

Volunteers are needed on:

Audio Visual Team

Interpretation & Stewardship
(Finance)

Usher Board

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



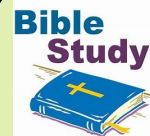
Come one, come all. Bring your time and talents to be a worship leader, praise dancer, flagger, sing in youth choir, spoken word, artist, deacon, usher, or other ministries.

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

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 February 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 February is the Presbytery Elected Officers: The Rev. Ben Beres, Moderator; The Rev. Sarah Sparks-Franklin, Vice Moderator; Ruling Elder Alice McCollum, Council Chair; Ruling Elder Kathleen Seewer, Recording Clerk.

February 6 - Clifton United Presbyterian Church

Located at 183 Jackson, Clifton, Moderator Garth Adams

February 13 - Covington Presbyterian Church

Located at 30 North Pearl Street, Covington, Moderator Kazy Hinds

February 20 - Bath Presbyterian Church

Located at 4624 Bath Road, Dayton, Pastor Emily Haddox

February 27 - Central Presbyterian Church

Located at 4699 Lamme Road, Dayton, Pastor Cliff Haddox

March 6 - College Hill Community Church

Located at 1547 Philadelphia Drive, Dayton, Pastor Merritt Worthen.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

- Romans 12:1

"A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside."
—Denis Waitley

"Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not."
—C.S. Lewis

REGULAR MEETINGS FEBRUARY 2022

Committee meetings are via Zoom until Session approves meetings inside

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 service 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 (*Feb 3, 10, 17, 24*). Meeting ID: 848 8361 9102 Pass, code: 334762

Buildings & Grounds – 2nd Wednesdays at 2 PM (*Feb. 8*)

Christian Education – 3rd Sundays following the worship service (*Feb. 20*),

Deacons – third Monday of every month at 6:00 PM, (*Feb. 21*) on Zoom

I & S Meeting - 2nd Monday at 3PM (*Feb. 14*) on Zoom

Indoor/Outdoor Worship Committee – Feb. 9 at 6 PM

Public Relations Committee – Feb. 16 at 10:30 am

Session – 4th Monday of every month at 6:00 PM, (*Feb. 28*) on Zoom

Social Justice and Peacemaking – 2nd Tuesday (*Feb. 8*) at 7:00 PM on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076 Passcode: 170476

Spanish Language Bible Study - Every Sunday at 8:00 PM (*Feb.6, 13, 20, 27*) 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 (*Feb. 8*) at 5:00 PM on Zoom

SPECIAL DAYS/EVENTS FEBRUARY 2022

AFRICAN AMERICAN (BLACK) HISTORY MONTH (See Events on Pages 5 & 6)

February 13 – Guest Speaker: Dr. Jack Thomas, President of Central State University

February 14 -Valentine's Day

February 21 - President's Day

February 27 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 14 - 20 - Random Acts of Kindness Week

February 17 - Random Acts of Kindness Day

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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.