



**Stepping Out on Faith...**

*So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.*

James 2:17 (NRSV)

We have just recently completed our first hybrid (Zoom and in-person) congregational meeting. Somebody should have shouted, hallelujah! While there were some hiccups here and there, we are pleased that we attempted something that seemed such a daunting and enormous task; and it WAS. Yet, we did it anyway! That’s what faith looks like. Faith is action in the face of opposition. Faith is persistence when others would give up. Faith is doing something that you are not even sure is possible, yet you are willing to try it anyway, IF you believe God is with you. Simply being stubborn is not faith. Faith is filled with the power of God because it is movement towards God’s will and/or plan.

Although our leadership has not yet met to debrief about the meeting, allow me to expound on just some of the reasons I believe our meeting was a success, as well as some opportunities for improvement as we move forward. They are:

- 1. **A Willingness to Try Something New** – To be honest, we have debated for some time about holding all in-person meetings, all Zoom meetings, as well as hybrid meetings. While we didn’t want to leave anyone out, to put it frankly, the enormity of the human resources and technology that are needed for in-person meetings was overwhelming. Yet, we remained aware that there are still some members unwilling or unable to come back inside. (A special thank you goes to Social Justice and Peacemaking for pushing for this, with Brother Stan Hirtle volunteering to help).

Given all that we had on the docket, especially for this particular meeting, we did not want to add additional time to an already lengthy agenda. We were afraid that adding the Zoom component would cause delays as well as pose problems for some members who were not used to it. And it did! However, we have learned from this experience, and now feel like we can move forward more efficiently in the future. Experience often IS the best teacher!

- 2. **Mistakes Are Simply Steps Towards Success** – The hybrid process went better than many of us expected. However:
  - a. **We still need to work on the voting technology and sound quality.** We’re told some not use the poll feature. Was this user error, or technology? Probably both! Anyone using Zoom needed to download the latest version of Zoom prior to the meeting. Also, the speed and strength of your WIFI can be an issue. We will test this out a little more. Further updates to be released prior to the next meeting.

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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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2. **Mistakes Are Simply Steps Towards Success** – The hybrid process went better than many of us expected. However: (continued from page 1)

b. **Technology only works if you know how to use it.** Training was offered, but unfortunately no one signed up. There was a lot of prereading material, and this could easily have been missed. Feel free to set up time with our secretary, Sister Dominique, now to get prepared for the next meeting. More updates to follow.

3. **Trust, Patience, and Cooperation** - I have now moderated three congregational meetings. This was one of the most important, with a lot more new information; yet the actual meeting process was the smoothest yet. Almost all the reports and motions were approved virtually unanimously! (Another opportunity to shout!) This is important because consensus shows your leadership (Session and Pastor) that you have trust in their decisions and recommendations. It also reveals that as we are being led by God, the Holy Spirit brings unity and cooperation.

We also thank everyone for their patience. We started later than planned, but everyone waited patiently and even volunteered to help. (Perhaps the snacks helped ☐). And virtually everyone stayed to the end to complete all the scheduled church business. We thank the online participants for sticking with it, even when there were technological glitches or problems communicating. We hope the online experience will get better each time.

4. **A Willingness to Work** – Always remember that *“in the Lord, your labor is not in vain.”* 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NRSV)

For every person that showed up (in-person or online), your presence showed your willingness to be a part of helping the church move forward! The final tally of attendees has been reported as 52 members (41 in-person, 11 online). We would like to see more, especially in-person. However, we know life happens, and there are various reasons why not everyone can be present. We hope that as we provide more meeting opportunities, and people accept Zoom training, more can attend in the future. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who would like to attend, but could not for whatever reason.

This sort of meeting takes a lot of time and resources, some that are members and some that are not. We appreciate all the hard work that went into the contribution, planning and execution of this meeting. Giving first glory to God, we also say “thank you” to the Session, staff, committees, ministers, members, and volunteers that made this possible.

5. **Vision Provides Clarity and Unity** – A lot of information was proposed in the vision and plan. There were very few questions, which we hope means understanding and approval of many. Of course, we are aware that more questions, thoughts and ideas may come up as we move forward, which we will be happy to answer as we go along. .

The next steps are to meet 2 or 3 more times in smaller groups to answer further questions and to hear ideas from the congregation, and publish these to the larger group. The plan is to bring the vision/plan, land acquisition decision, and poll of support regarding your current pastor to a vote the end of April or early in May. While the poll of support for the pastor will not be an official vote (without the approval of the Presbytery) this step gives the Session, and myself, a gauge of where you are as a congregation and how we should move forward.

The key thing to remember is that this is a faith walk. If what we're doing seems easy and comfortable, then we're not thinking big enough. Easy and comfortable may feel safe, but it limits what God can do in and through us. Doing what we have not done before, and going places we have never gone, can be scary; but God with us is stronger than the world against us. For “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man(woman), the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NKJV)

With much Love,  
Pastor Worthen

# PRAYER LISTS AND BIRTHDAYS

## BIRTHDAYS - MEMBERS & FRIENDS

APRIL 2022

Robert (Bob) Davis	1-Apr	Mary Moorman	12-Apr
Johanna Griffin	1-Apr	Josephine Laury	14-Apr
John Salazar	3-Apr	Patricia Johnson	18-Apr
Marjorie Baker	4-Apr	Karen Jones	19-Apr
Breia Watson	4-Apr	Daniel Peters	21-Apr
Helyn Waddell	7-Apr	William Givens	24-Apr

## PRAISE REPORTS

- Thank you to Dominique & Pastor Worthen for the amazing activities that we have done in the past few services. I needed it and I pray that everyone has their breakthrough or whatever it is that they are praying for during Lent! College Hill, stand on God's promises!

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

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

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

- Prayers of miraculous healing and recovery for Esrich Walton who has stage 4 cancer.
- Prayers for Sandra March
- Prayers for Tamara Daniels having surgery in April
- Prayers of improved health for Earl Greenwood

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

- Prayers for Bishop & Rev. Cox as they are praying with us during our Lent fast. Blessings to them
- Prayers for our neighbor Margaret Myles and her fiancé'. For a beautiful wedding & joyful life together. Also for her fiancé' August, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Prayers for the Thompson family.
- Prayers for Jose and Dylan Vidal & family
- Prayers for everyone watching and worshipping with us online! We pray they return soon.

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

- Prayers for the families and communities of the recent tragedies, shootings and accidents.
- Prayers for the people living in and who have fled Ukraine
- Prayers for everyone who has experienced loss this year, whether from Covid, or wars, or anything else.

## Prayers over Our Community, and the World

- Prayers for those dealing with mental health issues
- Prayers for the conflicts happening overseas
- Prayers for everyone to spread love, and maintain an open heart to love in God's way
- Prayers for all who have experienced violence in their lives.
- Weekly prayers for the churches listed on page 15

Prayers of comfort and peace for those who have lost loved ones.

Our church members and leadership.

Justice, healing, and reconciliation in our nation and communities & God's peace, protection and revitalization in our communities.

## Fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society



This is a reminder to participate in Diann Harris' fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Diann's husband Harold died on Thanksgiving Day, 2019 of Leukemia. Please use a jar to collect your spare change in until Thanksgiving 2022. At that time, funds will be collected and given to the society.



## Deacon Ministry

Hello, from your College Hill Deacons! This month we wanted to remind College Hill members that one of our responsibilities is the honorable and spirit-guided distribution of our Benevolence funds. The Benevolence Fund is kept alive by donations from our College Hill members, and this fund is used to assist with any minor financial area that a member may be experiencing. In the past months we have helped with car repairs, utility bills, and rent assistance. We do not pay bills in their entirety...our funds are not that large; however, we're able to help in small increments that offer some relief. Simply contact your deacon if you are in need of a small financial gift in times of emergency or special need. Be sure to allow time for the process which is 7-10 days. The Deacon Benevolence Fund also accepts contributions on a continual basis. You may place a contribution in the offering plate and indicate the Benevolence Fund on your envelope or mail it directly to the church. God bless!

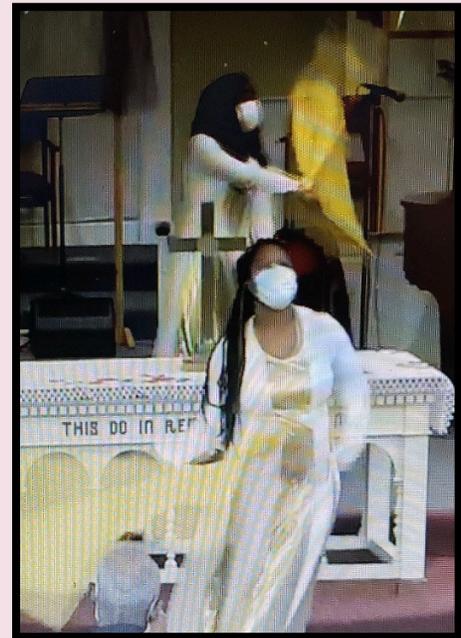
Submitted by Kathy Lakes, Deacon Moderator

## GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE

If you have been interested in planting and taking care of your own garden plot, there is a community garden in the College Hill neighborhood that has garden plots available. We have a call in to the person in charge, but for now we know it is \$10 per plot and it is on a street about six blocks over from College Hill. Deacon Mack has agreed to till the ground for anyone who needs that service before planting your crop. Thank you, Deacon Darlene Brookshire, for telling us about this opportunity. More specific details will be shared soon!



Submitted by Kathy Lakes



*Quantaria Dargan and Anastazia White did a praise dance to the Twenty Third Psalm (I Am Not Alone) on March 20, 2022.*

## **WELCOME TO COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH NEW MEMBERS**

As a way of building stronger connections between us Jan Brecht newsletter co-editor suggested reactivating a previous column dedicated to highlighting new church members, or others monthly. Though they have been very visible fellow servants in our congregation over the past year and a half, the first two featured persons are our own Sister Dominique Worthen, Choir Director and Church Secretary, and Brother Bobby Turner one of our drummers. We know them from their visible works and the light of God shining through them, but below are short summaries of information they would like to share.

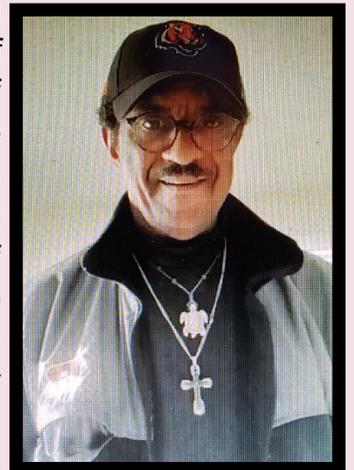
### ***Sister Dominique Worthen***



Dominique is a native of Dayton, growing up in Springboro, OH. She is the oldest of three daughters born to the Pastor M. Merritt Worthen & Reginald Worthen. She was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church from a very young age until her mom became the Pastor at McKinley UMC, and then New Vision UMC. She started attending College Hill in July of 2020 when Pastor Worthen became Stated Supply Pastor. She attended Stivers School for the Arts, and has been attending Sinclair Community College. Music and writing have always been her passions, and she also enjoys dancing, sports, and movies! She has always served in her church in leadership roles, whether as a choir director, or a youth leader (she loves kids). Additionally, she enjoys helping people as much as she can! Kameron Taylor is a very special person with whom she has been for 6 years. Dominique loves worshipping at College Hill, especially with her best friends Q and Al Dargan. She is excited to see what God has planned for her as she embarks on this journey with Him! Praise be to God for new chapters!

### **Robert Lenvill Taylor, a.k.a. Brother Bobby**

A native of Dayton, I am the 3rd of 5 siblings born to a remarkable, loving and caring couple; Dr. Rodger and Maceola Taylor. I was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church from the womb until my recent transfer of membership to College Hill Community Church. I went to Colonel White High School, and eventually to Howard University, where I studied African American Music and Percussion, earning a Bachelor's Degree. I am divorced, have no children, yet keep hope alive that I will meet a woman of God to share our lives together. Music has always been my passion. I also enjoy cooking, baking, reading, and humor (though some may question the latter!) I strive today and always to remember and demonstrate God as my first Love. Lastly I am excited to see what is in store for the future as I embark as a new man due to God's mercy and unmerited love. My desire is to yield to His will and see what He reveals trusting in Jesus my Lord and Savior.



We extend a warm welcome to them and are grateful that God has led them to a deeper relationship with us. We share their excitement and anticipation during our intertwined journeys with God.

## “INVEST IN OUR PLANET” EARTH DAY, APRIL 22

Americans were consuming vast amounts of leaded gas through massive and inefficient automobiles in the decades leading up to the first Earth Day. Air pollution was commonly accepted as the smell of prosperity. Until this point, mainstream America remained largely oblivious to environmental concerns and how a polluted environment threatens human health.



The stage was set for change with the publication of Rachel Carson’s New York Times bestseller *Silent Spring* in 1962. The book raised public awareness and concern for living organisms, the environment and the inextricable links between pollution and public health.

Groups that had been fighting individually against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness and the extinction of wildlife united on Earth Day around these shared common values. The first Earth Day, April 22, 1970 achieved a rare political alignment, enlisting support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, urban dwellers and farmers, business and labor leaders. By the end of 1970, the first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of other first of their kind environmental laws.

### THE THREE “Rs” OF THE ENVIRONMENT (REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE)

“**Reduce**” is the first R because when we reduce what we consume and what we waste, this gives us less to recycle and reuse at a later stage. The **most important way** to reduce the waste we produce is by becoming smarter with our purchases. Buying items that don’t contain plastic wrapping or packaging means that there’s less trash going into the bin when we get home. As *EPA* reports, packaging makes up almost a quarter of the garbage that ends up in landfills in the U.S. Other suggestions include:

**Purchase products that have more than one use**, if possible. For example, a silicone sponge to help you clean the dishes could also be used as a coaster to catch spills.

**Purchase groceries and other products that you use a lot in bulk**. Buying in bulk not only saves you money but reduces the amount of plastic that you bring home.

**Buy products that are produced with zero waste in mind**, such as a bamboo toothbrush that can be composted when it’s no longer used, thus preventing waste.

**Try to make use of packaging**. The best thing you can do is reuse it in some way. Perhaps you can use plastic wrapping to store fragile glass items when packing them away or as a plant cover to protect delicate plants and shrubs from frost.

**Ban the word ‘disposable’** from your home. Avoid purchasing disposable items like paper plates and cutlery.

**Decrease the amount of paper in your home**. You can do this in various ways, such as by removing your name from mailing lists, storing emails on your computer instead of printing them, and using a whiteboard to make notes and lists instead of sheets of paper.

“**REUSE**” is important because it deals with items you already have that aren’t being used anymore. While the tendency is to throw them out in the next garbage load, by thinking a bit more creatively you can give them a **new lease on life**. It’s amazing what you can do with the items you think you don’t need anymore.

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## “INVEST IN OUR PLANET” EARTH DAY, APRIL 22

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### “REUSE” (continued)

**Old tires** – These can become planters for pretty flowers in the garden or swings for your kids.

**Newspaper** – Instead of throwing it away, keep old newspapers that you don’t need anymore for when you need to pack boxes, such as when moving into a new home, or when you need to store valuable glass items in the garage.

**Food leftovers** – These can be used in new, creative dishes, or in sandwiches and salads. For food scraps, like eggshells and ground coffee beans, put them in the compost heap where they can help to bring about new growth instead of throwing them away where they go to waste.

**Egg cartons** – These can be used as planters for seedlings or as storage for items like; jewelry, paperclips, and so on

**Mason jars** – These can be used as storage or turn your unused mason jars into pretty candles.

**Old clothing** – If it’s stained or has holes in it, you can cut up the clothing to be used as cleaning rags. If there’s enough good material that can be saved, use it to make cushion covers or to make stuffed toys for your kids.

There are some items around the house that you don’t want to upcycle into something else. These include old books and clothing that’s still in good condition but which you don’t want to wear anymore. Don’t throw them out – donate them! You can also donate your old cell phones to nonprofit organizations such as Cell Phones for Soldiers and Artemis. Donating such items to the less fortunate is a wonderful way of helping impoverished communities to survive. These good deeds should form part of our environmental initiatives.

“**RECYCLE**” If you haven’t started recycling yet, you can, and should, start now. Recycling lowers the amount of pollution that’s caused by waste because when items get thrown into landfills they release greenhouse gases and chemicals. Once you set up a recycling bin (or two) in your home, it’s really quick and easy to recycle on a daily or weekly basis. Much less energy is required to use recycled materials in the manufacturing process than that for producing new products from unprocessed materials. Some items to recycle are listed below:

1. **Cars and Clothing** can be donated to charitable organizations.
2. **Christmas Trees** - most local city governments set up Christmas Tree recycling drop offs. The trees are generally turned into mulch to use in city parks!
3. **Food** - start a compost heap in your back yard. You can use it to fertilize your garden.
4. **Ink Cartridges** - many office supply stores will take these. Some pay \$1 each.
5. **Book and Magazines** - all recycling centers and curbside recycling will take them. You can also donate them to libraries, schools and other charities.
6. **Plastic Bags** - every supermarket has a bin located at the front door for dropping off your plastic bags.
7. **Clothing Hangers** - most dry cleaners will accept used clothes hangers
8. **Leaves and Grass Clippings** - use for compost in your garden
9. **Paper of all kinds** can be recycled including notebook papers, newspapers, packaging paper

## TEEN COLUMN

The following is a short quiz to see what you know about the environment and climate change. The answers are at the bottom of the page. If you are interested on more quizzes about Earth Day go to <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-quizzes>.

1. Wasting less food is a way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. **True False**
2. The overwhelming majority of scientists agree that climate change is real and caused by humans. **True False**
3. Which of these countries emits the most carbon dioxide? **China, USA, UK, Russia**
4. Which country has not run completely on renewable energy for a period of time?  
**United States, Denmark, Portugal, Costa Rica**
5. Individual consumer carbon footprint is the total amount of greenhouse gasses generated by our actions. What are ways an individual can reduce their footprint?  
**Change to a plant-based diet, Walk, bike, or take public transportation, Use less air conditioning and heating in the home, All of these**

### ANSWERS

1. **TRUE:** More than a third of food produced globally never makes it to the table. Some of this wasted food spoils in transit, while consumers throw some of this food out. Food loss and waste account for around 8.2 percent of the total human-made greenhouse gas emissions
2. **TRUE:** Studies show that 97 percent (or more) of climate scientists who are actively publishing agree that climate change is likely due to human activity. Most of the prominent scientific organizations across the globe have issued statements that publicly endorse this view.
3. **CHINA:** According to the International Energy Agency, China is currently the top emitter of carbon dioxide, accounting for 28% of global carbon emissions. The United States ranks as the second top emitter at 15%.
4. **UNITED STATES:** While some places in the United States have run on 100% renewable energy, such as Burlington, Vermont, the entirety of the country has not. Some countries that have run completely on renewable energy for a period of time include Denmark, who ran entirely on wind for a day; Portugal, who ran on wind, solar and hydropower for four days; and Costa Rica, who was powered by renewable energy for more than 100 days.
5. **ALL OF THESE ANSWERS ARE CORRECT.** Individual actions can lessen the impact we have on the planet. Here are some other ways to minimize your carbon footprint. Reduce your food waste by planning your meals ahead of time, freezing and using the excess....Buy less stuff and buy used or recycled items whenever possible....switch lights off when leaving a room....if you must drive avoid unnecessary braking and acceleration....use cruise control on longer trips....try to combine errands to reduce your driving.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO DARLENE BROOKSHIRE'S SON ART DEMMAS "OUTSTANDING OFFICIAL AWARD"**

If coaches and players feel like their games are officiated with the stern, no-nonsense demeanor of a drill sergeant when Derek Brookshire is calling their game, it's because it is!

Brookshire is this year's honoree as the "Art Demmas Outstanding Official Award" and prior to retiring from the Army, he spent the final 12 years of his 29-year career as the instructor at the Army's Drill Instructor school.

Brookshire first became an official in 1995 for the Army's intramural games at Fort Knox. In 2000, he joined the TSSAA (Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association) calling football, basketball and baseball games and remains active today! Brookshire likens his role as an official to that of serving in the military following his retirement from the Army in 2013! "They are similar in the great camaraderie with both", said Brookshire. "You are there with friends and brothers and you can't put a price on that. I really enjoy doing it."



Brookshire's prowess as an official earned him assignments in the 2018 Blue Cross Bowl games and TSSAA basketball tournaments in both 2018 and 2020,

"I'm always recruiting officials, even during games that I'm working," Brookshire said. "If they don't make it as a player to the next level, they can stay involved in the game and that's why I'm recruiting for both the TSSAA and the many youth programs in several sports."

His recruiting efforts include working with "Battlefield2Ballfields", a national organization which recruits veterans to the officiating world. (Please visit [www.battlefieldstoballfields.org](http://www.battlefieldstoballfields.org).)

Brookshire has worked as an assigner for multiple youth leagues in three sports, always willing to give his all so that today's youth can continue to enjoy the sports they love.

Submitted by Darlene Brookshire

### **Announcement from the Public Relations Committee**

Do you have interest and some knowledge of websites or IT? Current website Administrator Kathy Lakes is looking for a volunteer to assist with maintaining and using our College Hill website to its maximum capabilities. Our College Hill website is a great way to volunteer on your own time, and from your home, and it is such an important part of our church outreach. Please contact Sister Kathy if you have an hour or so a week to help maintain our College Hill website at [lakeskathy@gmail.com](mailto:lakeskathy@gmail.com).

*"There are three elements that are almost always part of Lent: prayer, giving something up, and giving something back."  
— Elizabeth Hyndman*

*"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies.  
— Kate McGahan*



The Bach Society of Dayton salutes Dayton poet Paul Laurence Dunbar on the 150th anniversary of his birth with a special tribute concert on Sunday, May 22, at 4:00 p.m., at the Kettering Adventist Church. A concert preview at 3:00 p.m. precedes the performance.

The concert features music from Dunbar's era with soloist Minnita Daniel-Cox, soprano; readings from Dunbar's poetry by Herbert Martin; and three world premiere performances of vocal works--a commissioned work by noted contemporary African-American composer Adolphus Hailstork, and two pieces by winners of a recent young composers competition sponsored by the Bach Society in honor of Dunbar.

Watch for more ticket information in the May church newsletter, and check out [bachsocietyofdayton.org](http://bachsocietyofdayton.org) to order your tickets now. For more details contact Larry Hollar at 937-643-3168.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING**

You are invited to join in the Social Justice and Peacemaking Meeting the first Tuesday of every month. Next meeting 4/5/2022.

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://faithlife.com/products/giving> by creating a user name and password

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

**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.

**Plans for 2022**

**Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk**

Let's celebrate that College Hill Community Church was once again in 2021 the top faith community in raising funds for the Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk, supporting Church World Service and the Dayton Foodbank. Our total of \$1,845 contributed to the overall amount of \$11,685 the Walk raised last year.



Mark your calendar now for the 2022 CROP Hunger Walk that will take place on Sunday, October 9, 2022, at Shiloh UCC Church, 5300 Philadelphia Drive (Main St. and Philadelphia Dr.) in Dayton, near College Hill. We will gather for the Walk at 1:00 pm that day, with a grand send-off for all walkers at 1:30 pm.

Watch for more ways you can get involved, beginning with information in the July church newsletter. If you have questions, contact Larry Hollar, our church's walk coordinator, at 937-643-3168.

## A WALK FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE



Good Friday - April 15, 2022

12 noon - 2:00 pm

Beginning at Courthouse Square

(Third and Main Streets)

Rain or Shine! Come for all or part!

Free parking on city streets or First Baptist lot.

Soup luncheon to follow at First Baptist Church

### Fossil Fuel Divestment

What is that? It is eliminating investments in companies that are in the business of extraction, production and distribution of fuel from the earth, deposited many years ago by fossils. The main five companies are: Chevron, ExxonMobil, Marathon Petroleum, Phillips 66 and Valero Energy. Our investments in the Ulery/Elam Fund have some of these companies in the portfolio which is under the PCUSA guidelines. We can't change the make-up of these investments only the General Assembly can vote to do that.

There is a strong push to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, which meets in June, to vote to not have the church investment group have any of the five above companies' part of these portfolios. If it passes this June, our Ulery/Elam fund will be free of fossil fuel companies. And it will affect the investments of PCUSA and many Presbyterian churches – that will be millions of dollars taken out of the above 5 companies!

What will that do? It will cause those 5 companies to have reduced investments and cause them to have to question their business. Some of the ways these companies can change are to stop fracking and the building of pipelines, forego profits and pay for cleanup and remediation of the affected land and build/plan for alternative source such as sun/wind power. Remember the boycotts that occurred regarding South Africa and Apartheid? Those worked!!

Are there other groups that have done this? YES! I know that the United Church of Christ has pulled fossil fuel companies out of their portfolios. Other religious, municipal, and educational institutions have also done this.

If you have investments you may want to check to see if they include investments in the above companies. That is just one way we all can reduce some of the carbon footprint that is affecting our environment.

Submitted by Paula Ewers  
Social Justice and Peace Making

## REMINDER

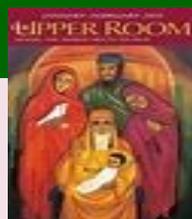
We continue to collect used eyeglasses, cell phones & stamps. We are starting to collect plastic tops/lids and pill bottles.

Darlene Brookshire



## DAILY DEVOTIONAL MAGAZINES

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



## Earth Day — For School Kids Only?

When you hear about Earth Day, do most of you readers give much or any thought to the day? It's not really a holiday, but just a special day, or week when we focus attention to the environmental concerns such as air and water pollution. Truthfully, only for the past few years have we in the children's Sunday School intentionally tied Earth Day into our lessons; which primarily was in relation to God's gift to humankind as stewards over all His creation. What a mind-opener God gave me this year as He led me to the Presbyterian Mission website in my search for resources and ideas for children's Sunday school materials and activities. I was so intrigued with titles such as "Sense of Place", "The Next Generation Rises", and "Environmental Justice With Indigenous People", that I was totally diverted from my original search purposes.

This year our classes for our preschoolers and primary aged youngster will focus on the more traditional topics and types of activities associated with Earth Day. However, I encourage those of you who might be a little more curious to go to <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday/> enjoy beautiful pictures and a wonderful expansion of your concept of the depth and breadth of Earth Day. If you do, you may find your answer to the question raised by the title of this article may have changed. Happy explorations !!

Submitted by Pat Townsel

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN PRESENTS

SATURDAY, April 16  
at 2:00 PM

Suggested Minimum  
Donation \$15  
Cash/Check/Card



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Diana Chubak—Ternopil, W. Ukraine  
Andre Isakov - Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine  
Maksym Mahlay - Composer

## BE AN ORGAN DONOR



### ONE DONOR

Saves up to 8 lives

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Tissue heals more than 75 people

More than 100,000 people are waiting for life saving transplants.

More than 1,900 children under the age of 18 are on the national transplant waiting list.

3-5 years is the average waiting time for a kidney from a deceased donor. (85% of people waiting are in need of a kidney)

Register with your state's organ donor registry, which can be found by visiting [DonateLife.net](https://www.donatelife.net). Select "yes" to organ donation **when you apply for or renew your driver's license, or by visiting [DMV.gov](https://www.dmv.gov).**

### Outdoor Library

"As you have entered from the church parking lot, you probably have noticed a **wooden house shaped box in the church yard**. But did you know there are **children's books inside the box for you to take for free?** And sister **Darlene Brookshire restocks the library with the church newsletter, our daily bread magazines, and the upper room magazines free for your taking.** Also, **feel free to donate children's books to the outdoor library.** Simply open the door and put your books in!"



The Easter Sunrise Service is Carillon Historical Park's oldest event. "As dawn broke on Sunday morning, April 5, 1942 the first Easter Service was held at the Deeds Carillon. An estimated crowd of 10,000 made the pilgrimage by automobile, bus and on foot." At 6:30 a.m., with the sun rising from behind Ohio's largest carillon, NCR organist Robert Kline entered the carillon console of the 151-foot limestone tower to herald the dawn of Easter Sunday.

For years on end, the Easter Sunrise Service has continued. In fair weather and foul, during triumphant and trying times, people from all walks of life have gathered at Deeds Carillon, in Dayton's early morning Easter light, for this powerful display of faith.

***Bring your lawn chair and join in the Celebration of music for the annual ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 A.M. at the Bell Tower, Sunday, April 17, 2022 in Carollin Park.***



Now is the time to begin your planning to attend the **Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Covenant** Gathering to be held July 29-30 in Dearborn, MI.

You are invited to join your PW sisters from around the Synod with a theme of *Hope Renewed – New Visions Imagined*.

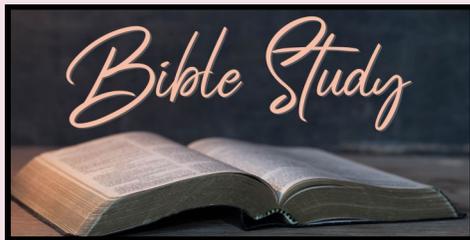
## MARCUS JOHNSON WILL BE APPEARING IN "ROMA: THE AFTERMATH"



Our own Marcus Johnson is taking the stage again in the production of a play entitled "Rona: The Aftermath." Can you guess what "Rona is? Hint, what have we been overcoming for the past two years and more? **Tickets are sold on Eventbrite however, those interested can get tickets from Marcus by contacting him at church or at 937-718-0967.** There will be 2 showings on April 23rd, the first is at 2pm it's the "COVID safe" experience (fewer tickets will be sold for this show as well as seats blocked off for social distancing & masks required). The second, at 8pm is the "regular theater" experience (more tickets sold, masks required and social distancing will be strongly suggested but not required). Both shows will be done at the Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth Street. This should be a fun event for you alone, or for a small group of family or friends. Marcus hopes to see you out in the audience enjoying yourselves.

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

We are excited to begin a themed Lenten Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. Pastor Worthen teaches the word and its lessons in relevant ways and leads fruitful discussions amongst the group. **Come and join us!**



Meeting ID: 848 8361 9102 Pass Code: 334762



**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



**2022  
Summer  
Camp  
Dates**

Register at [www.kirkmontcenter.org/](http://www.kirkmontcenter.org/)

Adults only  
Alumni Camp  
July 29-31

- Camp Rejoice  
July 10 - 16
- Camp Kirkmont 2  
July 17 - 22
- Quilt Camp 2  
July 17 - 22
- You and Me  
July 25 - 24
- Camp Kirkmont 3  
July 24 - 29
- Camp Kirkmont 4  
July 24 - 29



**Registration now open!**





### 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.

One tap mobile or dial by your location  
 Join via Zoom: +19292056099,,81381494899#,,,,\*984343# US (New York)  
 Meeting ID: 813 8149 4899 +13017158592,,81381494899#,,,,\*984343# US (Washington DC)  
 Passcode: 984343

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 April 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 April is the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

**April 3 - Southminster Presbyterian Church**, located at 17001 Far Hills Avenue, Dayton, Pastors Nancy Birdsong and Steve Schumm, and Director of Children's Ministries Josh Sweeney.

**April 10 - Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church**, located at 4417 Bigger Road, Dayton, Pastor Amy Duiker and Christian Educator Erin Dickerson.

**April 17 - Trinity Presbyterian Church**, located at 3211 Lakeview Avenue, Dayton, Pastor Joe Whitt.

**April 24 - Westminster Presbyterian Church**, located at 125 North Wilkinson Street, Dayton, Pastors Richard Baker, John Neely, Nancy Hodgkins, Anna Owens, and Caitlin Deyerle, and Director of Children's and Family Ministries Kylie Hettinger.

**May 1 - Eaton First Presbyterian Church**, located at 123 W. Decatur Street, Eaton, Moderator Angie Schenck and Director of Christian Education Beth Pool.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

*-1 Peter 1:3*

## **REGULAR MEETINGS APRIL 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 (*April 7, 14, 21, 28*). Meeting ID: 848 8361 9102 Pass, code: 334762. Lent Bible Study will focus on the Book of Revelation.

**Christian Education** – April 24<sup>th</sup> due to Easter. Normally 3rd Sundays following the worship service

**Deacons** – third Mondays at 6:00 PM, (*April 18*) on Zoom

**I & S Meeting** - 2nd Monday at 3PM (*April 11*) on Zoom

**Session** – Call meeting Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Now regularly 4th Tuesdays at 6:00 PM,

**Social Justice and Peacemaking** – April meeting has been changed to Tuesday, April 12 at 6pm. Going forward, 1st Tuesdays at 6:00 PM on Zoom.  
Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076 Passcode: 170476

**Spanish Bible Study** - On hold until further notice

**Worship & Music** – T.B.D.

## **SPECIAL DAYS/EVENTS APRIL 2022**

Sunday, April 10 - **Palm Sunday** (Foot Washing Service, details to follow)

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> - West Dayton Caravan of Churches Palm Sunday Service tentatively scheduled for 3pm at Greater Allen

Thursday, April 14 - **Maundy Thursday** - West Dayton Caravan of Churches Service tentatively scheduled for noon and 6pm. More information to follow.

Friday April 15 - **Good Friday - Greater Dayton Christian Connection's Walk for Justice and Peace** - see details on page 11

Sunday, April 17 - **Easter** - 10:30 **Church Service** at College Hill Community Church  
**Sunrise service** at 6:30 AM at Carillon Park (see page 13 for details)

Tuesday, April 22 - **Earth Day** (see article on page 6)

**List of Congregations to Pray for Weekly is on page 15**

**April is National Donate a Life Month**

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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.