

Session approves changes in worship COVID protocols

In an effort to adapt our church's worship precautions to reflect a changing COVID landscape, the session recently approved some changes in our protocols aimed at ensuring continued reasonable protections for worshipers on Sunday mornings.

Beginning May 1, you'll see some changes as you come to worship. Specifically:

- Ushers will no longer take your temperature as you enter the church. However, you should be aware of COVID symptoms and avoid coming to worship if you're not feeling well
- Seating in the sanctuary will include all the pews, but with worshipers carefully spaced to maintain appropriate distances
- You can use restrooms on the sanctuary level and on the Fellowship Hall level
- You may be asked to pass the offering plate, since ushers will no longer have easy paths to take the offering
- Brief masked conversations after worship in the sanctuary will be allowed, as will brief fellowship activities in Fellowship Hall
- Additional changes are expected in June, assuming there is no major upsurge in COVID cases

What current protocols will remain in place during May?

- We will all still wear masks at all times and maintain six foot distances while moving in the sanctuary
- We will still enter the church via the door facing Philadelphia Drive
- Fellowship Hall remains the alternative seating space if the sanctuary fills up or if someone feels uncomfortable sitting in the sanctuary during worship
- There is no worshiper seating in the balcony

Thank you for your cooperation in making sure we all remain safe during these challenging times!

Larry Hollar, for the Indoor Worship Protocols Committee



Bach Society in Paul Laurence Dunbar Tribute May 22

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, 3939 Stonebridge Rd. in Kettering, across the street from the hospital. A concert preview by Dr. Herbert Woodward Martin, renowned area poet, playwright, and Dunbar interpreter, at 3:00 p.m. precedes the performance.

The concert features varied contemporary music, all based on Dunbar's poetry, sung by the Bach Society chorus and soloist Minnita Daniel-Cox, soprano; readings from Dunbar's poetry by Dr. Martin; and three world premiere performances of new vocal works--a commissioned work by noted 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.

You can order in-person concert tickets now at bachsocietyofdayton.org, or watch that web site for later information about a livestream broadcast of the concert. For more details **contact Larry Hollar at 937-643-3168 or see <https://bachsocietyofdayton.org/concerts/may>.**

2022 Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk is October 9

Mark your calendar now for the 2022 CROP Hunger Walk that will take place on the early afternoon of Sunday, October 9, 2022, at Shiloh UCC Church, 5300 Philadelphia Drive (Main St. and Philadelphia) in Dayton, near College Hill.



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.**