



Talk to God about It!

*And this is the boldness we have in him,
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask,
we know that we have obtained the requests made of him.*
1 John 5:14-15

I was talking to a friend one day who had some serious decisions to make, and he wanted counsel from me. However, I hesitated to advise him before asking: “Had he prayed about it? ... AND ... “Did he believe that what he wanted, was what God wanted for him?”

My friend hesitated; and in that moment, I saw various emotions come across his face. At first, he appeared a little embarrassed that he had not sought God’s counsel first. But, then I almost literally saw that lightbulb above his head flash on, as he realized that if he was moving in the will of God, then there was no reason to be concerned. For we are assured that when we are moving in God’s will, which means we are heeding the leading of the Holy Spirit, then we can be bold. We can even be confident that not only does God hear us, but he will do whatever we ask. Why? Because we are meant to be instruments of God handywork. We are here to make God look good, and therefore God wants to bless our endeavors. Jesus said:

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. John 14:12-14

Yet, for some reason, despite the assurances of God’s word, it often seems that people of faith doubt what they want to do, or what they feel they are being called to do. Too many times we doubt, worry about failure, obsess over the obstacles we face, or fret over a lack of tangible assurances that would make us feel better. We often forget that faith is most often needed in the absence of proof, logical assurances, and when the odds are stacked against us. And so, too often, we stay stuck waiting for a burning bush experience, or a blessing to drop out of the sky.

If only we could just remind and encourage ourselves that the footsteps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord, then we could pray and move. We could accept new challenges, try new things, and take advantage of the divine opportunities that constantly surround us, without worrying about what might go wrong. Instead, might we consider: “What might go right!”

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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

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I admit I am writing this message to appeal to the members of College Hill Community Church to prayerfully consider the vision and plan that was presented at the last congregational meeting, and to move without fear toward the divine future God has in store for His people, whatever you believe that to be. I am not writing to sway you one way or another, but to empower you through prayer and faith to stand up for what God is leading each of you, as well as College Hill, to do. This meeting happens on May 15th, please participate and be a part of shaping the future of this community of faith. And regardless of what you choose, if you are following the Lord there is no need to worry. Remember the old saying, “If you’re going to pray, don’t worry; if you’re going to worry, then don’t pray.”

This is not only true for a church meeting or plan; this is true for life. You can bank on it! God wants what is best for us, and He is continually working for our good. Regardless of the decisions and choices we face in life, nothing is too hard for God. Faith allows us to move the mountains in our lives if we just believe.

Friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ, if you have been worrying or stressing about what to do about anything, talk to God about. Listen for the Lord, and for that still small voice of the Spirit which resides within you, because it will not steer you wrong. Even if things turn out differently than you expected, trust God, and “*know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose*” Romans 8:28. The Lord is on the side of those who trust in Him, and who are bold enough to do His will.

Blessings, *Pastor Worthen*

ATTENTION

The Sunday morning Service on Mother’s Day, May 8, will be held at **ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**, 1684 Earlam Drive, just down the street from College Hill. The service will start at 11:30 AM. **Please join us.**



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The deadline to apply for PC(USA) scholarships is quickly approaching! Information and applications are now available for students pursuing vocational, associates, undergraduate, or first master’s degree (in theology). Candidates have the opportunity to discuss their work to strengthen congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and/or eradicate systemic poverty.

Check out our different scholarship opportunities below and visit our website to apply.

For undergrad: pcusa.org/college

For seminary: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/.../presbyterian.../>

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THE DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CHURCH SERVICE ON SUNDAY, MAY 15TH.

Please refer to “Clerk’s Corner” on page 4 for details. This is a very important meeting.

PRAYER LISTS AND BIRTHDAYS

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 Angeles Martinez Torres
- Prayers of healing for Delphina and Maria Bernardo's mom and her family!

Prayers for Safe Traveling Mercies, Jobs, Life Situations

- The Dargan family
- Prayers for Pastor Worthen and her family
- Diann Harris
- Prayers for Jose and Dylan Vidal & family
- Prayers for the Benson family
- Prayers for Carlos Nieves and his family in Honduras
- Prayers for everyone watching and worshipping with us online! We pray that they return soon.

PRAISE REPORTS

- Lorenzo Smart made it home after being in the hospital for months and is now recovering and building his strength back.
- Tamara Daniels had a successful surgery and is recovering well.
- We thank God we had three successful information congregational meetings!

Prayers for Comfort, Love & Peace for those Grieving

- Prayers for the families and communities of the recent tragedies, shootings and accidents.
- Prayers for Brandy, Francisco, Oliver, Max and Brandy's father Ron and all of their family over the loss of Brandy's mom, Jane Alexander
- Lifting up the memory of Gaylen Brecht
- 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.

Prayers over Our Community, and the World

- Prayers for those struggling with mental and emotional health
- Prayers for the conflicts and wars happening overseas
- Prayers for everyone to spread love, and maintain an open heart to love in God's way

BIRTHDAYS - MEMBERS & FRIENDS

MAY 2022

Neva Benson	1-May	Heather Peters	21-May
Helen Winston	2-May	Cochita Monie	22-May
Charla Baker	11-May	Jacqueline McKenzie	24-May
Morris Brown, II	12-May	Ronnell McGriff	24-May
Carolyn Peters	13-May	Sylvia Robinson	24-May
Alexis Augustin	17-May	Ronnell McGriff	25-May
Indigo Worthen	17-May	Sandra Martinez	25-May
Marcus Lambright	18-May	Jauntree McGriff	28-May
Obie Harris	18-May	Sharon Royster	29-May

Clerk's Corner

We, your Session Elders, want to do all that we can to be sure we are keeping everyone up to date on Session business and plans for the church going forward. We apologize that the Clerk's corner was missing from some of the earlier newsletters, but we are striving to make sure we provide consistent communication and updates now and in the future. Below is pertinent information, such as updates, and deadlines.

For the ministry units, please remember that quarterly reports on the activities, accomplishments and challenges of your units are due on the following dates: 4/8/22, 7/8/22, 10/7/22, 1/6/2023. If you are the chair of a ministry, and have not turned in your April 8th report, please email them to: Elder Marva Gray, Secretary Dominique Worthen and Pastor Worthen.

We thank Brother George Brown, who has been providing translation from English to Spanish on Sundays. While you may not see him often as he is seated in the balcony, please take an opportunity to welcome him after worship.

We have recently had a new security system installed at the church! The new system is an upgrade from the older one and allows us to provide important reporting, sensors on windows & entrances/exits, as well as track members and visitors coming and going in the church. The old security pads will be covered, as one of the keypads had already stopped working. However, we did not remove the older one as it is still wired for the fire system. We also had security cameras installed at the entrances/exits and along the rear of the church. Updated key codes are being given out to leadership based on current responsibilities such as: chairs of ministries, Audio/Visual, Buildings & Grounds, I & S counters and signers, office staff, etc. If you have a question about codes, please contact the church office.

Informational congregational meetings were held via Zoom on 4/19, 4/20, along with a hybrid meeting following worship on 4/24, however there were no Zoom attendees. We thank you for your participation to ask important questions and voice support and/or concerns. There will be a document published shortly publishing answers to questions from these meetings.

Reminder that the next congregational meeting will be on May 15, immediately following worship. This will be the third hybrid meeting we have offered, and we are continuing to work on the technology. Please be patient with us as we work with this mixed technology. We encourage those who are able to come in person. However, Zoom access will be provided for those who need it. Please take advantage of Zoom training in advance. More info will be provided soon. The three questions that will be posed at the May 15th meeting are:

1. Are you in favor of buying the land? If yes, force a sale, or buy outright using endowment monies?
Session recommends buying outright. **This is an official vote! The subsequent questions are polls to take the temperature of the congregation and let the Session and Pastor Worthen know if the congregation supports the vision/plan as presented, AND if they are in favor of moving toward installing Pastor Worthen. The first vote and subsequent two questions are all to be considered separately.**
2. Are you in favor of the vision and plan detailed in the congregational booklet and as presented in the March 27th congregational meeting?
3. Do you feel Pastor Worthen is a good fit for College Hill, and should be installed? **(This poll will be conducted by written ballot to allow for confidentiality and anonymity)**

The Session did not want to move forward with these plans without taking time to hear from the members. Your prayerful consideration and participation is very valuable to our leadership and our church. Please join us on May 15th!

Finally, the Session will soon make available applications for scholarships for graduating seniors. Look for upcoming announcements for eligible applicants!

Your Session Elders are: Brenda Brown, Carole Estelle, Marlea Gaskins, Gaye Gerren, Marva Gray (Clerk), Stan Hirtle, Jessica Jenkins, Josephine Laury, Albert Watson, Pastor Worthen (Pastor & Moderator)

Yours in God's Service,

Elder Marva O. Gray, Session Clerk

Hello College Hill!

I am finally here in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. After two long years of remotely, I can officially begin this new chapter in my life.

My flights were uneventful and I arrived to be greeted by our partners in the Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa. These past three weeks have gone fast!

I've met the leadership of the church here and have attended service at two different churches. The parish in my neighborhood, CPK Limeté, has a lively, spirit-filled service. Pastor Paul has given two very good sermons and I look forward to this Sunday's message.

The preaching is bilingual, French and Lingala, but the music may be in French, Lingala, Tshiluba or Kikongo! It is fascinating to see how the members can switch between the different languages. It is comforting to hear melodies that I have sung in church over the years although most of the songs are original compositions of the music director.

Although miles away from where I began, the feeling and spirit of the family of God is the same. The expression may be different but we are indeed ONE in the Spirit and ONE in the Lord!

I'd like to thank all those who have lifted me and my mission up in prayer and those who have also supported with financial gifts. Let's keep each other lifted in prayer as the spiritual connections of College Hill cross land and seas to impact and be impacted by other siblings in the family of God. Amen.



Submitted by Jose Jones

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING

You are invited to join in the Social Justice and Peacemaking Meeting the first Tuesday of every month. Next meeting May 3rd at 6:00 pm
Join Zoom Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076
Passcode: 170476

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.



A New Word For You:

BLESSON

It's when you're able to view painful lessons as blessing.
In other words,

A **Blesson** is what happens when you see the blessing in the lesson and that your challenge taught you and grew you.

I'mThankful ForMyBlessons.

By Dominique Worthen



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.

Hello from your College Hill Deacons! Our goal is to have had contact with every member of College Hill whether it be by card, text, phone call or visit. Not only do we enjoy being in touch with all of you, but we also serve as a link to the Pastor with your concerns and celebrations. And when you share a concern with your deacon you may notice that your deacon asks if you'd like your concern shared with the Prayer Warriors. Your Deacons are dedicated to remaining confidential with any information shared, so we always ask for permission before we raise your concern for prayer. As always, we ask you to pray for us as we do for you!

Submitted by Kathy Lakes

IN REMEMBRANCE Rev. Henry Brooks, Jr.

College Hill remembers a good friend of our congregation, the Rev. Henry Brooks, Jr., on his recent death at the age of 94. For many years Henry brought donated Panera bread early on Sunday mornings to College Hill that our church members later took home to enjoy throughout the following week. Henry would delight in sharing a cup of coffee with Dr. Jim Elam and others who assembled in the Fellowship Hall before Sunday worship, offering his smile, his wit, and his wisdom to our church's life. Henry was a graduate of United Theological Seminary and served as a Vice President at that seminary for 35 years, and also marched with Dr. King for civil rights in our nation. We are grateful for the faithful life of a dear brother in Christ and rejoice that he is now with his Savior for eternity.



Submitted by Larry Hollar

THANK YOU DONNA WILBORN

We want to send a big "THANK YOU" to Donna. She made all of the beautiful Easter Baskets, including donating what was in them, for the children on Palm Sunday and Easter!

We want to wish Krista Lewis a Happy Belated Birthday. Krista's birthday was April 14th.



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*.

Contact Jan Brecht for more information.

COLLEGE HILL'S VAN MINISTRY IS BACK



Please notify the church office by 2:00 pm every Friday if you are in need of a ride.

A Mayoral Thank-You

Unbeknownst to us, Nelson Stone, Sr. is an honorary Mayor of sorts that is. For the past eight years on his birthday, Nelson has been providing lunch to the personnel on the oncology floor at Soin Hospital. He does this as his way of saying thanks for all they have given him during his cancer treatment. We all honor and give thanks to God for our healing because He ultimately is the giver of our healing of all kinds! Yet at the same time, there are so many earthly beings also playing huge roles. In Nelson's case, he partially celebrates his birthday by giving a party for those health care workers who mean so much to him. As in most cases love is like a boomerang — what you gives returns to you. The workers are so grateful to Nelson for his yearly thanks, they have dubbed him their "Mayor" and given him a baseball cap for all to see. For a guaranteed smile of your own, be sure to see Nelson proudly donning his mayoral thank you gift. We extend our congratulations and appreciation to him for sharing such a wonderful story with us. We love you Nelson.



Submitted by Pat Townsel

We Remember

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. **On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.**



From Newsletternewsletter

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT MOTHERS

"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers." - Rudyard Kipling

"A mother is your first friend, your best friend, your forever friend." – Unknown

"Mother is a verb. It's something you do. Not just who you are." – Dorothy Canfield Fisher

"A mother's love endures through all." - Washington Irving

"Motherhood is messy. And challenging. And crazy. And sleepless. And giving. And still unbelievably beautiful." -Rachel Martin

"Mothers hold their children's hands for a little while, but their hearts forever." -Unknown

It was difficult when I started looking for quotes about mothers. Mom died 2 years ago this August at the age of 94. The thoughts above brought me to tears. Then I found this, and I felt like it was written specifically for my mother (I changed a few words). *"My mother was a woman like no other. She gave me life, nurtured me, taught me, dressed me, fought for me, held me, corrected me, kissed me, but most importantly loved me unconditionally. There are not enough words I can say to describe just how important my mother was to me, and what a powerful influence she continues to be. I love you Mom."* - Jan Brecht

PALM SUNDAY

FOOT WASHING SERVICE



In the gospel of John, there is a story of Jesus washing each of His disciple's feet at the Last Supper. John 13:1–17 mentions Jesus performing this act. Specifically, in verses 13:14–17, He instructs them:

“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

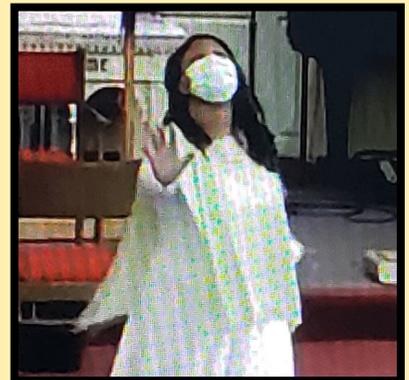
On Palm Sunday the Deacons began washing feet but almost immediately members of the congregation began washing feet as well.



PRAISE DANCE - ALABASTER BOX



Quanteria Dargan danced while Dominique Worthen sang Alabaster Box. Both were beautiful



WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO VOTE

by Stan Hirtle, Justice and Peacemaking Ministry

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

We see manipulation of voting requirements and conditions, and gerrymandering (drawing legislative districts to one side's political advantage). We see installation of local officials willing to make partisan rather than honest decisions concerning the counting of votes, and judges willing to uphold such decisions in court.

Ohioans voted in constitutional and legislative provisions to prevent gerrymandering, but these were ignored by the commission of elected partisan officials charged with doing the work of redistricting. The Ohio Supreme Court crossed a partisan divide and rejected these maps, but a federal three judge panel, by a 2-1 partisan split, decided that there had to be an election and that required a map created by this commission. They installed one of the gerrymandered maps even though the state's highest court found it to be illegally gerrymandered. Thus this battle is still ongoing.

While most Americans believe in some kind of democracy, there is no agreement over what the details should be, and the proverbial devil is in the details. Some question whether the social conditions needed for true democracy still exist. If politicians need to get money from wealthy people, they will serve them rather than us. Do we have extensive social networks with high levels of trust, strong institutions with social norms committed to integrity and democracy willing to give up power, and shared stories based on peoples' common experiences? The internet has the power to enrage, fragment, demonize others, and make it hard to discern what is true. The anxiety and feelings of powerlessness created by shrinking opportunities, the overpowering of justice-based institutions like labor unions and universal education, crises from the environment, wars and pandemics, and social changes in class, gender, religion and racial roles that challenge people's status and life's meaning, all challenge democracy. And the fact that people of solely European origin ("white people") will soon stop being a majority might make majority rule less important to them.

Christians have been as divided and confused as anyone else. Democracy did not exist in Biblical communities. Tribalism and male domination were the norm. Jesus society was ruled by a violent empire which claimed divine authority. Today's society has more interdependence, more diversity, more scientific knowledge, more capacity to do good and harm, and as many if not more conflicts about religion and religious authority.

So what are we called to do as Christians? The primary commandments are to love God, to love one another and to do good to one another. God values everyone. The Bible calls for social justice and protection of the excluded ("the least of these"). The wealthy are called to be good stewards of their wealth and power for God's purposes, not just their own. 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 and must exercise them for the good of all. To the extent that they are not, we are called to speak truth to power. Early Christians modeled this in their willingness to share, commitment to serve rather than be served, courage to confront, and even to **pay a cost if required.**

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WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO VOTE

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How are we to do this in the context of American democracy in Dayton? The first thing is to vote in all elections. The first primary election is May 3. There will be another primary as well, and an important election in November. But all elections are important. The small elections determine what gets to the big elections. Low voter turnout allows bad things to happen. High and knowledgeable turnout keeps the elected officials in line.

Do the work to know who and what you are voting for. Know their record, their views and their plans. Look to who has given them money. Look beyond advertisements, slogans and attacks on opponents. Talk to your neighbors and friends. See what the other side says too. Then make sure your friends and neighbors can get to the polls too.

Once the election is over, stay in touch with your elected officials. Contact them about issues and bills that are being considered, and particularly about issues of voting rights, voter suppression, fair districts and honest vote counting.

The corruption, abuse and ugliness in our public life can generate anger and a desire to withdraw, but we are called to help make things better. Not to participate is to participate in making things worse. Vote.

PRAISE DANCE ON EASTER



Dominique Worthen, Quenteria Dargan and Anastazia White performed an inspirational praise dance to the song, "Why Do You Cry" on Easter Sunday.

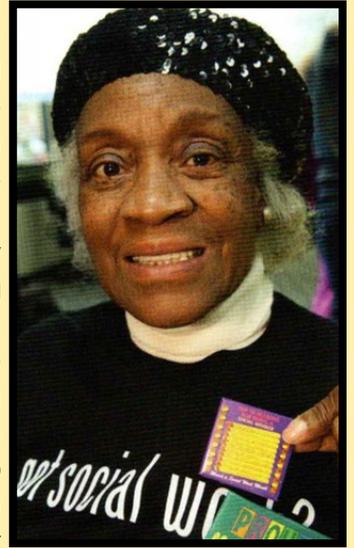


Announcement from the Public Relations Committee

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.

"Honoring Some of Ohio's Longest Term Members"

I was in practice for 39 years. I have had a full career in medical, mental health practice, and administration. I specialized in medical social work at Atlanta University School of Social Work. When I was a student, Whitney M. Young was my dean. [Whitney Young was an American civil rights leader, who made tremendous contributions in social work and civil rights.] I graduated from there in 1959. I started working with the veteran population and my first job was at the Dayton VA Medical Center in psychiatry. I worked in rehab and I was one of the early ones to do nursing home placements. If you go back historically when I entered practice there were no, what I call, corporate nursing homes - this was before Title 18 and 19 of the Social Security Act, so you did not have Medicare or Medicaid to pay for long-term care in nursing home facilities. I ended up leaving the VA and going to Columbus to work for Franklin County Welfare. I thought it was going to be a very informative, innovative practice because at that time there were social workers who were intent on bringing professional social work to the public sector. Before the end of the first year, my job was terminated due to turbulence in the welfare delivery system. I came back to Dayton and started working with children at Children's Medical Center. Then legislation came that created community mental health, so I ended up working at Day-Mont West Community Mental Health Center for almost 10 years. Then I went back to the VA to work in hospice and I retired from there.



I am a charter member of NASW. I've been a member of NASW before NASW even existed when I was in my graduate program in 1957. [Before the Ohio Chapter existed on a state level NASW had regional chapters.] I was involved in the Miami Valley Chapter and my first position was serving as the secretary. Then I became President of the Chapter. While I was active with NASW I was asked to serve on the Eastern Regional Institute to develop conferences and workshops for social workers. This was wonderful because this was my opportunity to see all of those people who wrote the social work books that I studied. We had three conferences including one in Cleveland. That got me really interested in the profession.

When I look back over my career, the main guiding principle was the professionalization of social workers. We have to have credentials and we have to be professionalized in the profession. All these experiences helped me to be professionalized in the profession. The history of social work has been fascinating and of course, the Miami Valley NASW Chapter worked very hard to support licensure in Ohio. Many chapters in Ohio worked hard, but I always give this chapter a lot of credit for passing the licensure bill. We worked on it for 10 years and eventually the legislature had to take action. We spent a lot of time meeting with legislators to get it done.

I enjoyed my journey as a social worker because there were so many wonderful things that I saw. I also care deeply about students. I was a field placement supervisor for Ohio State, Wright State, and the University of Cincinnati.

Since I retired in 1997, I have reinvented myself into a writer. I was always interested in history. Back in the day, I had an undergraduate degree in sociology because they didn't have social work bachelor degrees at that time. I also have a minor in education with a concentration in history. Since retirement I have focused on that. I have been promoting the legacy and image of a man by the name of Joseph Carter Corbin, who was the founder of my HBCU, the University of Arkansas. He was a man born of enslaved parents in Chillicothe, Ohio, and was the second African American to graduate from Ohio University. I graduated from the high school that bore his name in the last graduating class and I graduated from the college which he founded. I have spent three years researching him and I authored a book about him. I set up a scholarship in his name at Ohio University. I am working on my yearly Black History Month fundraising for his scholarship. I have two social work scholarships at Wright State University, one for undergraduate students and one for graduate students. I have a scholarship fund for students at the University of Arkansas. I also have a lifeline scholarship there for students who cannot afford additional expenses. I also have a book scholarship at the Atlanta University School of Social Work, now the Whitney M. Young School of Social Work.

JAMES ALLEN

Every day is Valentine's Day! At the Resident Home Association, we are witness to the beauty and power of love every day. There is no need for boxes of chocolates, no vases of red roses, none of the usual trappings of Valentine's Day ... not when you are in the presence of James Allen and his girlfriend.

Every day is Valentine's Day since the two of them first became "an item" in 2015. It was on a trip to Branson, Missouri that staff planned and chaperoned that love began for James who lives at our Greenhill home. It began as a welcome and happy vacation time for them. It became something so much more than that!

With her quiet charm and warmth, his girlfriend attracted the attention of several of the men during that trip, so much so that the staff called them her "Fan Club". Staff recall that it was James who was the most smitten of all the men, asking her each morning if he could walk over to the women's cabin and have coffee on the porch with her. Known usually as the strong, silent type who never said much, he just could not stop talking with her in those first few days as a couple. She could not stop smiling and listening.

Born in 1957, James proves that love is not just for the very young. He has been a part of our Resident Home Association extended family since 2013. According to Greenhill Home Manager and all who know him, he is a kind man who enjoys the finer things in life ... like a good steak dinner.

His appearance is important to him. He dresses up every day, even if he's going to just be around the house. He enjoys spending time with the other residents in his home and playing Wii bowling. He loves music and is very artistic. One of his favorite things to do around the holidays is to sing along with the all the songs of the season.

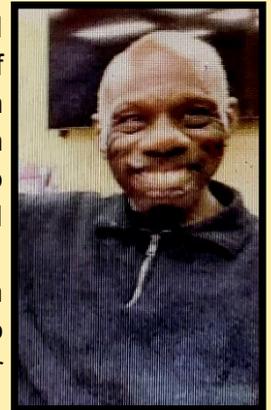
He is a man of strong faith, happy now to be able to go back to his long-time church with his friends and family, something he missed during Covid-19 restrictions. He missed going to church very much.

James and his girlfriend's lives center on each other. They see each other every Wednesday where they sit side by side doing activities during Senior Group at Adult Day Services in the RHA office and she sees to it that no one, but no one takes her place beside James. The Service group Coordinator says "we don't dare separate them or we're sure to hear about it."

Staff support their relationship setting up lunch and special coffee dates for them at the RHA office, and have arranged for them to go to the movies and out to restaurants to eat.

During this past February, they were closer than ever, sitting ever so near to each other during Senior Group as they made picture frames to present to each other as Valentine's gifts, frames that included a loving photo of them together that each have in a valued spot in their respective homes. Like so many, their love has weathered difficult times that not even a pandemic could stop.

They are on the phone frequently, with no need for long conversations between them. They share those few words that truly matter when it comes to affairs of the heart ... "I love you" repeated over and over. "I miss you" repeated over and over. He thinks she has nice eyes. She thinks he has a nice smile. He is, in every sense of the word, her knight in shining armor. She is, in every sense of the word, his everything. He smiles at her and his eyes twinkle, and she smiles back and her eyes twinkle ... eyes so genuinely filled with love that not even the masks of a pandemic can hide their meaning. Love is so much stronger than that.



Taken from "Resident Spotlight" in the Resident Home Association Newsletter

There will be a Zoom meeting with Pastor Worthen with all Ministry Unit/Committee Chairs at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 31. The Zoom info will be e-mailed prior to the meeting.



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 to order your tickets now. For more details contact Larry Hollar at 937-643-3168.

WE'RE BACK!

The CHCC Annual Flea Market is being held on Saturday, August 6, 2022, 10am to 4 pm, with rain date on August 13. Spaces are \$25 each, and there will be only 35 spaces sold this year for COVID spacing and safety. Leaders Linda Peters and Marlea Gaskins will begin taking reservations late May, so watch for flyers and announcements



soon. We also need VOLUNTEERS, so please consider volunteering for 1-2 hours that day. As our pastor stated, this will be our first large Outreach Ministry community event since the pandemic, so let's make this year's Flea Market a success!

Clergy Community Coalition contact info:

Bishop Richard Cox- 937-287-9353

Nancy Keihl 937-422-4391

Or contact church office!

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.

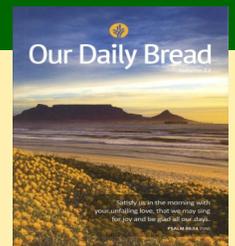
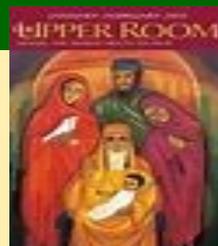


Mark your calendar now for the 2022 CROP Hunger Walk that will take place on Sunday, October 9, 2022, at Shiloh UCC Church, 5300 Philadelphia Drive (Main St. and Philadelphia Dr.) in Dayton, near College Hill. We will gather for the Walk at 1:00 pm that day, with a grand send-off for all walkers at 1:30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

DAILY DEVOTIONAL MAGAZINES

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



REMINDER

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

Darlene Brookshire



GROW WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS!

The College Hill community garden on Parkhill has available plots for \$7.00. This fee pays for water use for your garden plot. Brother Mack will be tilling plots for those interested



in the next couple of weeks, and you can begin your planting following that. You may garden at any time as the garden is

always open. Note: the land is surrounded by fencing but this does not prevent people or God's critters from "borrowing" some of your crop. Sister Kathy Lakes also has a donated box of various seeds if you'd like any of those. We thank Sister Darlene Brookshire for her faithful support of this community garden! Contact Diane Welborn at 937-277-3335 to reserve your spot. Sister Diane will return your call to give further details. Directions: traveling from Salem Ave, the garden is on the left. Lanewood is the street that dissects Parkhill directly across from the garden. There is a sign "no outlet" to the garden entrance. It looks like you are driving in between two driveways.

DEACONS REQUEST FOR GREETING CARDS

Your Deacons have a request. If you have a stash of greeting cards that you've received "free" in the mail, the deacons can use them! We have a card ministry that is very active, and you may support that ministry by donating your cards. You may bring your cards to church and hand them to any deacon, or drop them off in the deacon mailbox in the church office. We also want to thank those members who have donated greeting cards to the deacons over the years.



Submitted by Kathy Lakes

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.

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

MOBILE FOODBANK

9-May **Greater St. John's Church**
4200 Germantown Pike, Dayton
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

11-May **Living Word Church**
926 E National Rd, Vandalia
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

11-May **Englewood Christian Assembly**
415 N Main St, Englewood
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

18-May **Phillips Temple Church**
3620 Shiloh Springs Rd, Trotwood
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

25-May **Life Enrichment Center**
425 N Findlay St, Dayton
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Every **Dayton Food Bank**
Weds. 56 Armor Pl. Dayton, OH
9:00-11:00am



**2022
Summer
Camp
Dates**

Registration now open!

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



Adults only
Alumni Camp
July 29-31!



Register at www.kirkmontcenter.org/



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 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 May 2022 Prayer List

Each week we ask you to pray for a congregation or group in our presbytery. In addition, the presbytery committee we ask you to pray for during the month of May is the Leadership Council

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

May 8 - Fairborn First Presbyterian Church, located at 1130 Highview Drive, Fairborn, Pastor Joe Hinds.

May 13 - Farmersville Slifers Presbyterian Church, located at 2999 South Clayton Road, Farmersville, Moderator Sue Seiler. Pastor Shelley Wiley begins June 1.

May 22 - Hamilton The Presbyterian Church, located at 23 South Front Street, Hamilton, Pastor John Lewis.

May 29 - Huber Heights Faith Presbyterian Church, located at 5555 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights, Pastor Julia Williamson.

June 5 - Huntsville Presbyterian Church, located at 6490 Fruit Street, Huntsville, Pastor Ben Beres.

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing, and give praise to God's name; tell the glad news of salvation from day to day. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

REGULAR MEETINGS MAY 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 (*May 5, 12, 19, 26*) Book of Revelation.

Buildings & Grounds - on vacation for May

Christian Education – 3rd Sundays following the worship service. May 15th meeting moved due to congregational meeting.

Deacons – third Mondays at 6:00 PM, (*May 16*) on Zoom

I & S Meeting - 2nd Monday at 3PM (*May 9*) on Zoom

Indoor/Outdoor Worship Committee – (*May 11*) at 6:30 PM (To be confirmed)

Ministry Unit/Committee Chairs with Pastor Worthen – May 31st at 6 PM

Personnel – Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 PM

Public Relations – Tuesday, May 17th at 10 AM

Session – Now 4th Tuesdays at 6:00 PM, (*May 24*) on Zoom

Social Justice and Peacemaking – Now 1st Tuesdays (May 3) at 6:00 PM on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076 Passcode: 170476

Spanish Bible Study - On hold until further notice

Worship & Music – Tuesday, May 10th at 5pm.

SPECIAL DAYS/EVENTS MAY 2022

Thursday, May 5 – **National Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 5 – **Cinco de Mayo**

Sunday, May 8 – **Mother's Day – Worship is at Zion Baptist Church at 11:30**

Sunday, May 15 – Congregational Meeting Immediately Following Church Service

Thursday, May 26 – **Ascension Day**

Monday, May 30 – **Memorial 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.