



# COLLEGE HILL NEWS

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### From the Desk of the Pastor...

*<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'*

Matthew 28:16-20

As I am writing this, I am trying to be mindful that this is a newsletter article, not a sermon. Thus, my objective is not to provide an exegesis (a critical explanation or interpretation of a text) but to simply use this scripture to remind us of what we as people of faith, and the church, are called to do; and to thank God for using us to accomplish His will. Let us consider...

The passage of time, and the advancement of vaccines, has caused us to move into a "new normal", and allowed many of us to resume much of our former activities and lifestyles. We now have church inside and outside, not out necessity, but by choice; while others can participate via live stream or recording. Some of us recently traveled to the movies together and enjoyed the fellowship, and artistic and inspiring drama of the *Woman King*. Others traveled on a charter bus to Longtown to witness and experience a worship service in celebration of their 200-year anniversary. Let us pause, again, and thank God for allowing us to accomplish all of this and more! Had it not been for God on our side.... Well, you know the rest.

However, what is one of the most exciting things that is happening to us on the corners of Philadelphia, Cornell, and Campus Drive, is that we have been able to accomplish one of the primary things we have been called to do, and what many other churches are unable to do, Baptize!! This is the call of Jesus!

In the final chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, the book concludes with the resurrection of Jesus, being witnessed by the women and the disciples who followed him. With this revelation, they are overcome with the joy of knowing that their savior, the Messiah, is indeed not dead, but has risen! Yet, in the midst of this incredible news, Jesus does not spend much time focusing on the miracle of his resurrection, but instead takes this opportunity to give what we now call, the "great commission." This commission is a directive, and an invitation to those who believe and are willing to follow Jesus, to do something of divine importance; to help advance the kingdom of God. For Jesus says to the eleven remaining faithful disciples, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*" These are the last words of Jesus in the Gospel according to Matthew. They are his words of remembrance. They are his legacy. They are one of the most important directives to the church. Bear fruit. Make new disciples. And teach them, and show them, how to follow Jesus. And in doing that, he assured us, "I will be with you."

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**JOIN US EACH SUNDAY**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM (Bilingual Worship) inside the church and on**  
**College Hill Community Church's Facebook Page**  
**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 9:15 AM ON ZOOM**

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This is one of the marks of a community of faith, new believers, and therefore new Baptisms. Yet, many churches today, especially in the pandemic, have not welcomed nor witnessed such new birth. Unfortunately, many churches have become so inwardly focused, that they spend the majority of their time tending only to the sheep within their walls. And while that's important, it is not the primary call of the church. For once we belong to Christ, he is our shepherd, and he watches over his flock. But the people who are most in need, are those who have yet to give their lives over to Christ. They are who we have been dispatched to find, to preach, to serve and to baptize. That's why in my mind's imagination, the angels paused to celebrate with us twelve people being baptized over two Sundays! These of course, are not the only people we've baptized. We have been blessed to bear fruit every year since the pandemic started. However, these were unexpected, virtually instantaneous requests. In just some of the testimonies of the people who came forward:

A mother of four said she had been wanting to have her children baptized and wanted to recommit herself as well; and as she was driving by, she looked over and there we were baptizing. So, she had to come over. Once she was warmly received, she agreed to come back the next Sunday with them all. She said she has no church home. We are hoping she has found one with us, but it is not a requirement of the Baptism.

Another said, he'd been struggling with many challenges. He was in the area, and saw us, and decided to stop and listen. And he knew God was speaking to him. He initially said he only wanted prayer. However, after seeing the Baptisms, he felt led to receive it himself, and it was done.

After having concluded the service, while many people were still present, two young girls sought me out and asked me if I would please baptize them, surprising not only me, but their grandmother. After answering questions about God, Jesus and baptism coherently and with passion, they were insistent to do it yet that day, and we agreed.

Were many of these things unexpected? Yes!

Was it unconventional? Yes!

Did it break protocol? Absolutely!

But would Jesus approve? I unreservedly say "YES!"

If rather than always do what is expected, but instead ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?", what more great things might we accomplish?! How many times would we be instrumental in advancing the kingdom of God?! I am proud to be a part of the incredible ministry that God is accomplishing through College Hill Community Church. And I am most grateful to know that we had a part in doing God's will on earth, as it is being done in heaven. Let's keep our doors wide open to the community. Let's keep our hearts wide open to all. And let us continue to create opportunities to welcome everyone into God's family!

With much love and gratitude,

*Pastor*

# **PRAYER LIST AND BIRTHDAYS**

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

- Sharon Bragg
- Prayers of healing and comfort for Vicki Eason
- Prayers for Vivian Fletcher and her treatments
- Prayers for Ruth Bragg (we also thank her for her steadfast service as a deacon!)
- Prayers of healing and treatments for Carole and Shannon Estelle

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

- Prayers for the Estelle & Mize family over the tragic loss of Malik Mize.
- Prayers of comfort and traveling for the Vidal family over the loss of Jose's father.
- Prayers of comfort and peace for the Moore family and friends, over the loss of Bob Moore.

## **Prayers over Our Community, and the World**

- Prayers for those struggling with mental health
- Prayers for anyone feeling overwhelmed
- Prayers for a new HOSPITAL!
- Prayers for everyone to love with God's love
- Prayers for our church members and leadership, and our sister church in Cartagena
- Justice, healing & reconciliation in our nation and communities
- God's peace, protection and revitalization
- Prayers for people in Florida who have been affected by the Hurricane

## **PRAISE REPORTS**

- We thank God for everyone that has been healed from cancer, sickness, mental health & so many more ailments!

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

- Brenda Brown
- Ruth Bragg and Family
- Vicki Eason
- Bruce Johnson
- Michael Love
- Nelson Stone Sr.
- Dorris Thompson
- Gerry Thompson
- Pastor Darryll & Rev. Karen Young
- Michael and Gloria Gates
- The Stevens Family
- Connie Lawson
- Carole & Shannon Estelle



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

- Prayers for all those **moving** or in a time of transition!
- Prayers for Ukraine & Russia
- Prayers for Pastor Worthen and her family!
- Prayers for Jose & Dylan Vidal, and their family
- Prayers for everyone watching online, and that they feel led to join with us again soon!

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS - MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

Campbell, Clark	Oct. 1	Brown, Darryle	Oct. 9	Johnson, Gwendolyn	Oct. 23
Townsel, Pat	Oct. 2	Lakes, Matthel	Oct. 12	Johnson, Evelyn	Oct. 23
Furlow, Kevin	Oct. 4	Daniels, Joyce	Oct. 14	Brecht, Jan	Oct. 23
Stone, Ty	Oct. 4	Gray, Marva,	Oct. 14	Drake, Alyssa	Oct. 24
Peters, Brenda	Oct. 4	Pelaez, Francisco	Oct. 15	Allen, James	Oct. 26
Stahler, J.P.	Oct. 6	Miller, Carlyn	Oct. 17	Ewers, Paula	Oct. 28
Brookshire, Darlene	Oct. 6	Riley, Kim	Oct. 19	Hollar, Larry	Oct. 29
Page, Chad	Oct. 7	Vidal, Dylan	Oct. 19	Comacho, Marco	Oct. 31

# Vote

Election Day is November 8. However absentee voting by mail and early voting at the Board of Elections begin October 12.

This is a “midterm election” halfway through the presidential term. In Ohio the Governor, a US Senator, the US House of Representative seat, State Representative and Senate seats, various state elected officials and some county commissioners, and some justices of the Ohio Supreme Court, as well as judges of the State Court of Appeals and County Common Pleas courts are on the ballot. There are also proposed state Constitutional amendments concerning bail and elections, and in some places local issues as well.



The results of these elections are extremely important concerning the future of the country and state, and the actions that government will take affecting you. Nevertheless half or fewer of registered voters actually vote in midterm elections. And in recent midterm elections African American voters have voted 8% less frequently than white non-Hispanic voters. I was once at the Job Center when an African American man came in and was asked if he wanted to register to vote. “I don’t do that” he said. People can and do choose not to participate in voting. They may feel that the system is rigged, that politicians serve the rich who fund their campaigns, that the system is gamed by gerrymandering that draws boundaries so that their vote doesn’t matter, or by efforts that suppress the votes of them or people like them. They may feel that politicians they vote for betray their promises, that emotional energy spent on voting is wasted, and that they are lied to, disrespected and taken advantage of.

We also hear that democracy which gives power to people is under attack, that people are more divided and mistrustful than ever, evidenced by the attacks on the US capitol based on claims of a stolen election that people believe despite the lack of facts supporting it, and this is motivating them to “take back” the country by dishonesty if needed.

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.

Despite the real imperfections in our democracy, it is imperative that people vote, particularly minorities. Not to vote is to vote for all the bad things that will happen afterwards. America’s historic racial segregation denied people the vote for a reason. People risked beating and murder to acquire the right to vote for a reason. America is closely divided on many things, so more votes can make a real difference for good. High and knowledgeable turnout keeps the elected officials in line.

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Things to do for this election.

1. Be sure that you are registered. The deadline is October 11. Call the board of elections or look online at the Board of Elections website. Some voters have been purged if they skipped elections or have moved or did not respond to mail.
2. 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. Watch debates and attend candidates' nights, such as the one at Omega Church October 18 from 6:30-8:30. Look beyond advertisements, slogans and negative attacks on opponents. Talk to your neighbors and friends. See what the other side says too. Don't just vote for the top of the ticket. People at the bottom of the ticket may someday be at the top.
3. See where your polling place is. Some have moved to locations further away. If you want to vote by mail, make your request and get it mailed in on time. Whether you are going to vote early at the Board of Elections, or at your precinct on election day, get the times and dates right.
4. If there are problems such as long lines or broken machines, or the unlikely event of threatening conduct in or outside the polls, do not give up but consider it a challenge. Contact Election protection volunteers to report problems.
5. 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. Be sure they know you are watching.

Remember to vote by November 8.

Submitted by Stan Hirtle

<p><b>MEET THE CANDIDATES</b></p> <p><b>YOUR VOTE</b></p> <p><b>YOUR VOICE</b></p> <p><i>All candidates have been invited!</i></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022</b></p> <p><b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>OMEGA BAPTIST CHURCH</b></p> <p><b>1821 Emerson Ave. Dayton, OH</b></p> <p><b>Learn Which Candidates Support a New Hospital</b></p>
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## Clerk's Corner

We have so much news to report since the last newsletter. We are excited, joyful and sad at the same time as some of our announcements are truly bittersweet. First, we have two employees that are moving on to new and exciting journeys. They are:

**Marcus Johnson (Youth Director)** – Brother Marcus practically grew up at College Hill. As he mentioned recently in one of our worship services, he was influenced and mentored in so many positive ways by many of the male leaders of College Hill and inspired and taught by many of the women leaders and teachers of College Hill as well. Upon becoming an adult, Marcus began to pour back into the youth himself. He has been a fun, enjoyable, spirit-filled, teacher and mentor to our youth, especially the teen group. He has led many youth events, programs, field trips, VBS and simply been a stable influence and advocate for our young people. Marcus has also been, and continues to be, a valuable member of the music department including leading the youth choir, singing in various choirs, the praise team and trio. His solos are soul-stirring! Yet in this new season, he is now moving to pursue his goals and dreams in Atlanta. His last day serving with us will be Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. We wish him much success in his new endeavors, and of course will celebrate him prior to his leaving. We invite you to be sure and tell him personally how much he will be missed, and the blessing he has been to our church and our lives.

**Dominique Worthen (Church Secretary & Choir Director)** – Sister Dominique joined College Hill as our church secretary a little over a year ago. In that little bit of time, she made herself indispensable in many ways. She has worked tirelessly for our members, Session, and has been a righthand to Pastor Worthen. She organized and digitized a lot of our documentation, the office, and made much needed changes to processes and procedures. Dominique's spiritual and joyful presence has kept the office bright and made church business easy. However, in this new season of her life, Dominique has recently moved to Columbus, Ohio, and the daily commute is no longer feasible. Her targeted date to leave is October 31<sup>st</sup>, however she may continue a little longer to assist if the position is not filled. To allow her the ability to interview in Columbus, as announced she will now be working remotely four days a week, 9am to 2:30, and will be in the office from 9 to 5pm on praise team rehearsal days (currently on Wednesdays through the end of October). She will certainly be missed in the office, however, she plans to continue in her current position as Choir Director. We invite you to communicate to her as well how much she will be missed, and the blessing she has been to our church and our lives.

Other exciting news:

**Answering Service** – On a trial basis, Session has approved the utilization of an answering service with Call Management Resources. This answering service has agents that will be available to personally receive calls day or night outside of the regular office hours of the secretary. They will take messages and forward them to our secretary or pastor after hours, and are instructed to contact them directly in the event of an emergency. This service commenced on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and allows members and visitors to be greeted by a live voice, distinguish between emergency vs non-urgent calls, and also allows for call tracking and reporting to help monitor call volume and hours

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**Outside Worship** – Since we started our outdoor worship services later than expected, Session has approved continuing our outdoor worship through Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. As the weather cools off, don't forget to bring an extra wrap just in case.

**Fall Congregational Meeting** – Our fall congregational meeting will be held, Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 30 following worship. Due to some of the technological issues we have experienced, and the extensive resources that are required, Session has decided not to have a hybrid service. **Therefore, the October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting will be in-person only, and will be held inside approximately 30 minutes following the outside worship service. Sign-in and snacks will be provided outside during this break.** Please come out to conduct this important work of the church and enjoy the fellowship.

**Pastor's Hours** – Pastor Worthen has worked tirelessly to conduct business for the church, while trying to also be available for members. However, that has ended up with her often working 12-14 hours a day, 7 days a week, and on call. In an effort to give her adequate time off and rest, yet to be available as needed, Pastor Worthen has agreed to the following schedule:

- Pastor Worthen is available to meet or receive calls Monday – Thursday from 9am to 7pm. If you have done the math, you are aware this is already a 40-hour week. Not including Sunday worship and hospital calls. Which means while this schedule states times she may be available to meet or talk, she will modify her hours weekly, based on her needs and/or church demands.
- Pastor Worthen's days off are Fridays and Saturdays (though Saturdays are often times of sermon prep). She is not likely to respond to emails or calls (unless urgent) after Thursday evening, until the following week.
- While Pastor Worthen is present at the church intermittently, and as needed, she is often out in the community, or busy working from home and over Zoom. She is, however, happy to meet with members at the church, or at their homes, by appointment. Please call the church to request a visit or a meeting.
- If you need to contact Pastor Worthen for an emergency, please let the answering service know it is an emergency, and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

**Emergency Contact & Getting to Know You** – Session has developed a new form for all members to fill out in order: to update our records, include emergency contact information, family updates and other information to get to know our members better. This form will be passed out on Sundays and sent via email in October.

**New Conflict Resolution Policy and Procedure** - Session recently approved and are implementing a conflict resolution procedure. While we acknowledge that diverse opinions and conflict are to be expected with human interaction, Session has approved a procedure to guide us, as people of faith, to a resolution process based on biblical principles with a focus on reconciliation and resolution. This new policy and procedure will be communicated to the congregation in the coming weeks.

**Baptisms and New Members** – The Lord has been blessing our congregation with a record number of people requesting Baptism! In September alone we baptized 12 people, with 3 pending. Five people are requesting membership. We will provide more details soon on names, pictures, and bios where possible.

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**Longtown** – We had two incredible worship experiences on September 25<sup>th</sup>, one at College Hill and one at Longtown for their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Part of our praise team was able to share in the music for this service. Worship was followed by a delicious lunch. Thank you to Sister Ethel Smith for leading, and all of the people who made the Longtown trip such a success! Pastor Worthen was able to travel to Longtown after worship, and was excited to meet so many people who share in this incredible history. Historians shared stories, and everyone was encouraged to share their information to research their family trees. This was followed by a bus tour around the area to see the historic building and cemeteries that still tell this important story.

**Movies** – Pastor, along with several College Hill members and friends traveled to see the movie, *The Woman King*! Everyone enjoyed this inspirational film and agreed they would like to do this again. Be on the lookout for details on the next outing, which is likely to be *I Wanna Dance with Somebody*, about the life of the late, great, Whitney Houston.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your Session Elders.

**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 (Moderator)

Yours in God's Service,

Elder Marva O. Gray, Session Clerk

### BE-ATTITUDES

Be understanding of your enemies.  
Be loyal to your friends.  
Be strong enough to face the world each day.  
Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.  
Be generous to those who need your help.  
Be frugal with what you need for yourself.  
Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.  
Be open enough to believe in miracles.  
Be willing to share your joys.  
Be eager to share the sorrows of others.  
Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.  
Be a follower when you are shrouded by uncertainty.  
Be the first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.  
Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.  
Be loving to those who love you.  
Be loving to those who don't love you; they may change.  
Be yourself, above all.

From Newsletternewsletter—Author unknown

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

There are many things I appreciate about Pastor Worthen. She started at College Hill during the Pandemic. A gathering to welcome her could not be held due to Covid. Sunday Services were held outside. Inside meetings were not permitted. She could have waited and done very little until Covid cases decreased, but she jumped in with both feet. She invited members to join her in small groups on Zoom to get a chance to know them. When the cold weather came, she held Sunday Services on Zoom because inside worship was not allowed. It had to be difficult to preach to an empty sanctuary but her sermons were on target.

I appreciate her compassion. I saw first hand how she worked with family members who lost a loved one. My mother died about 6 weeks after she started. She never met mom but sat with my family and got to know her through us. She has done that with other members of other families, some who she never met. She has a very comforting way about her and her eulogies are spot on. She captures the person's essence. My family will always be thankful for her kindness during our difficult time.

I appreciate her involvement in the community. I think a good pastor does more than just preach on Sundays. She is the President of the Clergy Community Coalition to get a new hospital. She has stood outside on the site of the old Good Samaritan Hospital and in front of Premier to fight for a hospital. She has attended City Commission Meetings and County Commission Meetings to urge our leaders to support a new hospital. She held a town hall and had the CEO of Premier present so the community could express their concerns directly. Tonight, she led a forum to obtain input from the community for ideas of how to proceed toward that goal.

I appreciate her putting crosses around the church with the names of people who died as a result of police brutality. It makes me think of those people every time I drive up to the church. I'm proud College Hill displays the crosses and appreciate her part in it. My sisters in Oregon and Columbus have both put the photos of the crosses on their facebook page and commented positively about them.

I appreciate her sermons. They always touch me and make me think. I often watch them on facebook later on Sunday or Monday to reinforce what she said. So many times, weeks after a sermon, something will come up and I'll think back to what she preached and think before I react.

I like the number of people who have been baptized the past few weeks. It's wonderful to see people driving by, stop, and ask to be baptized. People from the neighborhood are starting to come to the church. Several people have joined as a result of our outside services. Five additional people are asking to join.

I appreciate that Pastor Worthen has a vision for College Hill and will be working with the church to make it a reality. I don't see it as way to build a mega church, but a way to help the people in Dayton View. I feel with her business background and deep faith, she will lead us to make a difference in the lives of the people in Dayton View. I love John Lennon's song "Imagine". Going forward with the vision, I imagine a place where seniors can come during the day while their families are working to allow them to stay in their homes instead of going to a nursing home. I imagine a center where reasonable child care can be provided to mothers who have no one to leave their preschoolers with while they work. I imagine a **safe** place where troubled teens can come and discuss their problems. I imagine a place where wedding receptions and family reunions can be held. I image a place where people can come together to meet or just have a conversation. I think so many good things can be done.

I'm so thankful that God sent Pastor Worthen to College Hill. I like that she is looking toward the future instead of staying in the past. October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please take time during the month to let Pastor know how much you appreciate her. October the 9th is Pastor Appreciation Sunday and I invite anyone who would like to share their appreciation of Pastor with the congregation to do so during the Sunday Morning Service.

Submitted by Jan Brecht

## Clergy Community Coalition Need for New Hospital

Help show Premier Health that we will not accept anything less than an adequate hospital facility in Good Samaritan's place. Join us **every Friday** from 11:30 am to 12:30 am at the side of the former Good Samaritan Hospital, 2222 Philadelphia Dr., to show your support.

Contact Bishop Richard Cox (937-287-9353)

## 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.

## SAVE YOUR STAMPS

Please save your Forever Stamps and stamps with postage amount from letters received. The stamps should be cut 1/4" on each side. Stamps may be given to

**Gladys Turner Finney**



## Support our College Hill Walkers

### Now for the 2022 Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk



Now is the time to sponsor our intrepid crew of College Hill Church walkers for the October 9 Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk. Our walkers are Gladys Turner Finney, Mack Lakes, Brenda Brown, Darlene Brookshire, and Larry Hollar. It's not too late to become a walker and help raise funds for Church World Service and the Dayton Foodbank.

How can you support or become a walker?

One option is to sign up online now to make a secure donation to support a particular walker or the entire College Hill team, or sign up as a walker. Start by searching for "Dayton CROP Walk," and on the web site home page click on "Browse a full list of teams." Click on the link for the College Hill Community Church team page, and from there you can join our team as a walker and/or make an online donation with a credit card or through PayPal.

Another great way to help is by giving cash or a check made out to CWS/CROP to any one of the walkers listed above. They will gladly accept your donation. Please do NOT make checks out to College Hill Church since that slows down the process.

The 2022 CROP Hunger Walk is on Sunday, October 9, 2022, at Shiloh UCC Church, 5300 Philadelphia Drive (Main St. and Philadelphia) in Dayton, near College Hill. Walkers will begin to gather at 1:00 pm and the Grand Send-off happens at 1:30 pm. College Hill has a proud history of very generous donations to the Dayton CROP Walk each year.

If you have questions or need help navigating the Dayton CROP Walk web page, contact Larry Hollar, our church's walk coordinator, at 937-643-3168.

(Submitted by Larry Hollar)

## THE COLLEGE HILL TRIP TO THE COUNTRY

God is so good. He blessed us with a cool, sunny, windy day, but no rain on Sunday September 25, 2022.

Rev. Charles Williams prayed for us to have a safe journey to Longtown as we departed from College Hill parking lot at 9:30 AM. The bus was almost full and many people drove.

During the bus ride, Angela Watson gave the history of Longtown which is one of the earliest tri-racial settlements in Ohio. Notable residents from Longtown include Rev. De Soto Bass (my great uncle) and Hiram Revels, the first black United States Senator. Rev. Bass was a beloved minister and community activist of Dayton. The De Soto Bass Courts was named for him.

Thanks to the Hispanic Family for traveling with us accompanied by Sister Melanie Monzon and Brother George Brown.

Thanks for the uplifting music. Brother Marcus Johnson sang, "How Great is Our God", Brother Obie Harris played the guitar and sang "Just a Little Talk with Jesus", and Brother Mack Lakes sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth". Everyone praised College Hill's music.

Pastor Pamela Geise gave a message on "Living as Agents of Reconciliation". Once reconciled to God, we become ambassadors of God, agents of reconciliation. "We appeal to others that they may be reconciled to God."



After the service a Memorial Service was held. We lit candles for those who have passed. We had a great lunch (including country corn). After more history was presented in the tent, a tour of the community was given by Sarah and Sunny Mitchell (my great nieces).

This was the 166 anniversary of the church and the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the community.

The bus tour included the James Clemens Family Home, (one of the original settlers), and "the Union Literary Institute" (ULI), the beginning of Wilberforce University. Many slaves were educated there.

We were thankful for the presence of Rev. Merritt Worthen who came after service at College Hill Community Church and the others who came after church. Some people came from southeast Ohio and

four members came from Believers Christian Fellowship Church.

Thanks to all!!!

### UPDATED OFFICE HOURS THROUGH OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

Monday - Secretary works Remotely

Tuesday - Secretary works Remotely

Wednesday - In Office 9:00am - 5:00pm

Thursday & Friday - Secretary works Remotely.

Secretary - Dominique Worthen 937-278-4203

We are looking for an adult sized bicycle for Marta, our new sister from Columbia. If you have a bike in good repair that you are willing to donate, please contact the church office or Sister Melanie Monzon.



Thank You.

## HISPANIC MINISTRY AT COLLEGE HILL CHURCH

By Melanie Monzon

Last year, we focused on the history and significance of Hispanic Heritage Month in the U.S., and that is important. But this year, I wanted to take some time to reflect more personally on College Hill Church and the biblical roots of the call to multicultural ministry - especially ministry with Immigrants, or "foreigners" or "strangers" as they are sometimes referred to in the Bible. God blessed me early in life with the opportunity to engage in ministry with immigrants when I was living in NYC, and it forever changed my life. To find a church once I moved to Ohio that was open to reaching out to those who may not speak English was a double blessing!

As I reflect on College Hill as a Matthew 25 Church, the first scripture that comes to mind is from the parable of the sheeps and goats:

***“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”*** Matthew 25: 37-40 (NIV)

And just today, one of my devotional readings focused on "Love in Action" as cited in Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 12:

***“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with people in need. Practice hospitality.”*** Romans 12: 9-13 (NIV)

Interestingly, the word "hospitality" in Greek, philoxenia, means "love for the stranger".

When we began Hispanic ministry at College Hill in the early 2000's there were 4 other churches in the Presbytery who also had Hispanic ministries. All of those churches used a traditional "nesting model" which effectively opens the doors of the church building to Hispanic neighbors, but in a way that creates a second congregation, divided by language and culture. Following our tradition of opening our doors wider to welcome our neighbors to inclusive and equitable co-ministry, we intentionally chose a different model. While perhaps we have not been as successful (yet) as we had hoped, it is a model that has proven the test of time. Sadly, today College Hill Community Church is the only church in the Presbytery that still has an active Hispanic ministry. I believe that is because we have focused on inclusion.

Paul reminded the early church at Corinth of the importance of diversity, inclusion, and unity in Christ - and I see this verse as the cornerstone of what we try to do as a church at College Hill:

***‘Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.’*** I Corinthians 12:12 (NIV)

The road to fully inclusive multicultural ministry has certainly had its bumps and twists and turns, but it is a good road paved with love and mapped out by the Spirit of God. I am grateful to my Hispanic brothers and sisters at College Hill for their love and commitment to the church even through the difficult times, and for their support of me personally in dealing with family matters that they were uniquely equipped to understand. And I'm grateful to this community of faith called College Hill Community Church for having the commitment to do ministry in a truly multicultural way and providing me with such a loving church home for two decades now. When Pastor Worthen first met me, she asked why I had stayed at College Hill despite moving various places outside of Dayton over the last 10 years. It's simple. There is no other church that begins to compare to College Hill!

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## HISPANIC MINISTRY AT COLLEGE HILL CHURCH

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Finally, I'm grateful to God for bringing us Pastor Worthen and her vision for the church, for the leadership of our Session and their decision to better serve our non-English speaking brothers and sisters with professional simultaneous interpretation, for bringing both George Brown to the church in a way that can only be described as "a God thing" after failed attempts to contract other professionals, for all of the new Latin American brothers and sisters who have come to the church this year, and for the new and exciting things that are on the horizon!

Submitted with Love by Melanie Monzon

### Chris and Case Show The Way

Last month I wrote about my blessings and joy working with the children and youth Sunday School. This month I am writing about the latest uplifting, motivating experience we had on Grandparents Day. Part of our discussion was about the number of grandparents they had. Two brothers Case and Chris gave different numbers. This difference led to exploring if each could be right, since both were sure they were correct. The younger one said three because he was counting the one who was in heaven. The older one counted only the two living ones. Believe it or not, this led to further discussion about people still being with you once they have gone to heaven. Listening to, nudging, and watching them was so wonderful, I was inspired to see this as an avenue to reaching out to other children. I exclaimed, "This was so great you ought to have a show. Chris, the oldest boy excitedly cried, "Yeah, we could just...". He slung his arm around his brother's shoulders, and they began demonstrating and talking about what they could do. Spontaneously, they were creating actions and dialog with no hesitations. It was like watching an ad lib show.

There is a children's song, "I Am a Promise I Am A Possibility." That is not just a title, but an absolute truth. Our children can become like countless adults whose successes in various careers began, and were fostered by, experiences in their church life. The children and all the adults involved in our Sunday School program can't wait to see what and where this class will lead us. We already have some thoughts and dreams in mind. We only must do the work to change those imaginations into realizations. More about this part is coming soon.

Submitted by Pat Townsel

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to Linda Peters and Marlea Gaskins for all they did to make College Hill's August flea market a success. Much planning went into the event. We appreciate the time and effort Linda and Marlea gave.

Kathy Lakes maintains the church's Facebook page as well as the church website. She posts information regarding upcoming events as well as photos of past events.

**THANK YOU KATHY** for the time and effort you give. It is very much appreciated.

### TAQUERIA LOS 3 CAMACHOS

Maria Bernardo has a food truck at 2836 Salem Avenue, 2 blocks north of Walgreen's, just before you get to Arby's. (It's behind a black slab fence.) The hours are Monday through Friday, 11am - 9pm. Marva Gray and Jan Brecht have both bought food and say it's delicious. We are so proud of Maria, so please go and support her.



### REMINDER

We continue to collect used eyeglasses, cell phones, stamps, can tabs, plastic tops/lids and pill bottles (labels removed).

We are beginning to collect old blankets and mattress covers (for sleeping bags), notepads/cards, 2023 calendars and egg cartons. **NO NEED TO WASTE**

Darlene Brookshire



### COLLEGE HILL'S VAN MINISTRY

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



### SONG REQUESTS

Please let Dominique know of any song requests you have for Sunday Morning Worship. Send requests, whether hymns, gospel, contemporary, etc to Dominique Worthen through the church email or by calling the church office.



### Jose' Vidal helps Kettering School Class Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

On September 30, Jose' Vidal brought a delightful and informative presentation to Dylan Vidal's third grade class at JFK Elementary School in Kettering as they observed Hispanic Heritage Month. Jose' demonstrated how to make "chalupas" that each student later made and ate; he prepared the refreshing rice and milk-based drink called "horchata" for all to enjoy; and he explained the colors of the Mexican flag using the teacher's poncho. He also demonstrated how to weave an artisan Mexican bracelet, and shared a small Mexican flag with each student. Larry Hollar joined Jose' and wore a typical "guayabera" shirt from the Yucatan region of Mexico, as well as a Colombian national soccer jersey. The class enjoyed the experience and learned some important ways to appreciate, respect, and delight in Hispanic culture.



Submitted by Melanie Monzon

### Da Da TA DA, Announcing:

The CHCC Newsletter Editors are planning to start the new year with a new feature which will focus on persons in our church family who would like to witness about a motivational experience in their Christian journey. Each month we share copies of **The Upper Room** devotional, but we are certain that among us we have just as meaningful episodes to share. Your story may be related to difficult struggles you have had to overcome, joyful experiences, or even just your everyday ordinary times, because God is with you in all parts of your life. Don't be shy. Remember God has asked us to let our light shine so that we may spread His glory. If you take away the "y" from "your" the word becomes "our". So, your story may not be just for you alone, but something that brings comfort, hope, or support for someone else just when they need it. Please consider making a contribution to the newsletter, so that there may be so many of them, we have to ask you to slow down, or limit you to just one publication. May that or a similar blessing be what God has in store for us. **You may either write your own or contact Pat Townsel**, who will help you if you like.

Submitted by Pat Townsel

Stan Hirtle went south this Summer to help the victims of the severe flooding in Eastern Kentucky. He joined the following faith based groups: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Inspiritus (Lutherans), Christian Appalachian Project, the United Methodist Disaster Relief, Samaritans Purse and Billy Graham Ministries. Thank you Stan for walking the walk.



**Bach Society of Dayton to Perform  
Handel's *Israel in Egypt*  
Sunday, October 30**

One of the most profound stories in Scripture is the liberation of the Hebrew people from bondage in Egypt. Come hear G. F. Handel's stirring oratorio setting of this epic journey with the Bach Society of Dayton chorus, soloists, and orchestra on Sunday, October 30, at 7:30 pm. (**note new time**), at the Kettering Adventist Church, 3939 Stonebridge Rd., near Kettering Hospital. Appropriate COVID protocols will be observed.



The Bach Society will be under the direction of its new music director, Dr. David Crean, following the retirement of John Neely after last season. Our own Larry Hollar continues as a bass singer with the Bach Society.

To order tickets to the October concert, go to the Bach Society website at

<https://bachsocietyofdayton.org/buy-tickets/oct>.

(Submitted by Larry Hollar)

**Presbytery of the Miami Valley  
October 2022 Prayer List**

- Oct. 2 - Troy First Presbyterian Church**, located at 20 South Walnut Avenue, Troy, Pastor Frank Rupnik and Christian Educator, Sarah Steenrod.
- Oct. 9 - Urbana First Presbyterian Church**, located at 116 West Court Street, Urbana, Pastor Kazy Blocker Hinds.
- Oct. 16 - West Liberty First Presbyterian Church**, located at 215 West Columbus Street, West Liberty, Moderator Gidget Collins.
- Oct. 23 - Wilmington Presbyterian Church of Wilmington**, located at 840 Timber Glen Drive, Wilmington, Pastor Stan Gockel, and Christian Educator Sara Maus
- Oct. 30 - Xenia United Presbyterian Church**, located at 343 Ankeney Mill Road, Pastor Mike Wakeland and Christian Educator Cindy Wakeland
- Nov. 6 - Yellow Springs First Presbyterian Church**, located at 314 Xenia Avenue, Pastor Daria Schaffnit.

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 October is the Staff Support Committee.

*“Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints”* -Ephesians 6:18-19

## 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.



If there is anyone that is interested in joining a Knitting or Crochet group please let Marlea Gaskins know.



## 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

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Join via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 813 8149 4899

Passcode: 984343

Questions? Contact Executive Presbyter Terry Kukuk at [ep@miamipresbytery.org](mailto:ep@miamipresbytery.org)

## MOBILE FOODBANK

10/3	<b>New Lebanon Courthouse</b>
	195 S. Clayton Rd. New Lebanon
	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
10/10	<b>Greater St. John's Church</b>
	4200 Germantown Pike, Dayton
	10:00 am – 11:30 am
10/12	<b>Living Word Church</b>
	926 E National Rd, Vandalia
	10:00 am – 11:00 am
10/12	<b>Englewood Christian Assembly</b>
	415 N Main St, Englewood
	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
10/19	<b>Phillips Temple Church</b>
	3620 Shiloh Springs Rd, Trotwood
	10:00 am – 11:30 am
10/26	<b>Life Enrichment Center</b>
	425 N Findlay St, Dayton
	10:00 am – 11:30 am
Every Weds.	<b>Dayton Food Bank</b>
	56 Armor Pl. Dayton, OH
	9:00-11:00am

## Bracelets of Victory Are Here!



Several months ago, following the Lenten sermon series about claiming victory in our lives, the idea was brought up to give out something that we could keep and wear to remind us not to give up on our hopes and dreams because God is working in us, through us, and around us for good!

So after much discussion and planning, and the support of Worship & Music and Public Relations, we have now ordered and received 6 different styles of bracelets with various inspirational verses on them. Inside of the bracelets is the name College Hill Community Church as an identifier. Worship & Music has purchased enough bracelets to give every member one bracelet for free! Personnel has also invested to give one bracelet for all first-time visitors for free!

If you would like more than one bracelet, additional ones are available with a suggested donation of \$2, or whatever the Spirit leads you. Some members have already gotten every style! We just want to be sure that everyone who wants one gets at least one bracelet without concern for cost. The colors and styles are as specified:

- Red: The Blood Still Works – It Never Loses Its Power
- Brown and White: I Can Do All Things – All Things Through Christ
- Lavender: His Spirit Lives in Me – I Will Walk in His Peace
- Pink & White: Created to Worship – I am Wonderfully Made
- Blue and Light Blue: Do Not Fear – For God is With You
- Black: I'm Gonna See a Victory – The Battle Belongs to God

We hope and pray you will be inspired and encouraged by these stylish bracelets every time you look at your wrist. And pass on the news for others who may be interested. You can pick up a bracelet after worship in the coming Sundays of October, or from the office on Wednesdays in October. If you are unable to travel, please contact the office or your Deacon to make arrangements to have it brought to you.

## **REGULAR MEETINGS OCTOBER 2022**

***Session has approved meetings inside. Ministries and Committees may begin to convene inside after communication from Buildings & Grounds regarding protocols.***

**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 from 6:00 PM – 7:00PM on Zoom with Pastor Worthen (*October 6, 13, 20, 27*)

**Buildings & Grounds** – 2nd Wednesdays at 2PM, (*October 12*) on Zoom

**Christian Education** – T.B.D.

**Deacons** – Third Mondays at 6:00 PM, (*October 17*) on Zoom

**I & S Meeting** - 2nd Mondays at 3PM (*October 10*) on Zoom

**Indoor/Outdoor Worship Committee** T.B.D.

**Personnel** – T.B.D.

**Public Relations** – October 11 at 10am on Zoom

**Session** – Fourth Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. (*October 25*)

**Social Justice and Peacemaking** – (*October 11* at 6:00 PM on Zoom.  
Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076 Passcode: 170476

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

**Worship & Music** – 2nd Tuesdays at 5PM (*October 11*)

## **SPECIAL DAYS/EVENTS OCTOBER 2022**

Monday, October 3 – **Forum to Discuss New Hospital (6:30 PM)**

Sunday, October 9 – **Pastor Appreciation Sunday**

Monday, October 10 – **Indigenous People Day**

Tuesday, October 18 - **Meet the Candidates, Omega Baptist Church - 6:30 PM**

Sunday, October 30 – **Congregational Meeting following Church Service – and last day of outdoor worship**

September 15 – October 15 – **Hispanic Heritage Month**

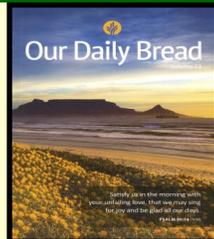
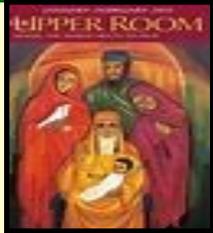
October – **Pastor Appreciation Month**

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### DAILY DEVOTIONAL MAGAZINES

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



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