



You Can Press Pause...

As I was rushing once again to get my article written for the newsletter, I marveled as I often do at the realization that life does not slow down to give you a chance to catch up. Time keeps marching forward whether you are ready for it or not. Deadlines remain in place. Obligations loom all around, and demands don't go away just because you have too many on your plate.

Yet, no matter how much you hope that one day soon everything is going to finally fall into place, rarely is there a good time to take vacation, pause and reflect on something important, or simply reflect on nothing at all. I don't know about you, but rarely do I take the time to just appreciate the scenery, enjoy the silence, or be grateful just to be. However, just because it is not easy or convenient to make time for yourself and for the people and things that are most important to you, does not lessen their importance. It simply lessens our time and ability to enjoy some of the most valuable things in life. In fact, stopping to make time to be present with others, or to be in solitude to think, reflect, rest and even play are some of the most important things you can do.

What I am saying is not new or ground-breaking knowledge. In fact, I may have preached or written something similar in the last couple of years. Yet, apparently, I slipped back into old habits. So I decided this needs to be said to remind us when we forget, that we are doing it again. We are living life on fast forward. I started to quote some great theologian or philosopher to make my point, but too many times we think we have to study important people in order to learn important things. But life lessons are all around us if we just pay attention, and they can be found in the least likely of places. There was a movie back in the 80's that recently came to my remembrance that some of you may know. This movie was about a high-school boy named Ferris Bueller who decided he wanted to take the day off hanging out with his girlfriend and his best friend. Basically, they all decided to play hooky. (Kids, don't try this at home!) □

Now while I am not a proponent for skipping school, or ignoring important obligations, there is something Ferris says near the beginning of the movie, that stuck out to me then and still does today. For as his mother left him alone at home while he pretended to be sick, Ferris looked to the invisible television audience and said:

"Yep. I said it before, and I'll say it again. Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

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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 line made me reflect on these past few weeks that I was home sick with COVID. First, let me say, that being that sick is not something I would ever want to have happen again. I think it was worse the second time around! However, I must admit that this was the first time in a long time that I could not do anything but rest. And because I was likely contagious, no one could come around me either. So, I had a lot of time on my hands. And in between sleeping (which I did a lot), I also had a lot of time to relax, reflect, and think about things I hadn't had time to think about in some time. But the most unusual thing I did, was.... "nothing." I wanted to do more, but I simply couldn't. I had no energy and very little strength.

When you are really sick, it can make you think of your own mortality and what is really important. When you are really sick, it can make you keenly aware of the things you wish you could do... but can't. This made me realize that this pause from everything was needed for various reasons. I needed to slow down. I needed to rest and reflect, or I was going to miss it. Not only that, but had I taken the time to pause on my own regularly, by choice while I was healthy, I could have enjoyed time away doing what my mind, body, and soul really needed. I could and should have paused a lot more often.

Instead, 2022 was mostly a blur. It went so fast that I can hardly remember much of it. Ferris was right, life does move really fast! But, he had the right idea. We can decide when we want to pause, so that we can stop and look around, and appreciate what's around us before we miss it. One day when you look back over your life, it is unlikely you will say you wished you worked more. What is more likely is there will be regrets about far more important things we could have done that we wish we could get back. So, as we move into another new year, what do you say about pausing a little more? To take time to:

*listen more and speak less
to count our blessings
to let people, all people, know we care about them
to let less time go by without reaching out, and think of ways to stay in touch
to spend more time on what's important, and less time on distractions
to make more time for fellowship and relationships and less time on unnecessary obligations
to simplify and not complicate
to make sure we don't miss some of those precious moments that go by so fast
to smile more and worry less
and to keep faith and God highest on the list...*

Put on your list whatever you feel you have been missing out on. Then be sure to make and take time to pause and enjoy what's important, because life happens so quickly. But it's worth pausing to appreciate.

Pastor Worthen

PRAYER LIST AND BIRTHDAYS

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

- Prayers of healing and comfort for Vicki Eason
- 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
- Bruce Johnson
- Brianna Smith

Prayers for Comfort, Love & Peace for those Grieving

- Prayers for the Mack Lake family on the death of Mack's brother Hilton
- Prayers for Krista Lewis, Brenda and Dan Peters over the death of Michael Peters
- Prayers for the Jauntee McGriff and the family of Vivian Fletcher
- Prayers for the families and communities of the recent tragedies, shootings, bombings, and accidents.

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

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!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS - MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Queen Peters-Thornton	Jan. 1	Andrea Hirtle	Jan. 15	Thomas Richardson	Jan. 27
Michael Hulbert	Jan. 1	Emila Herrera	Jan. 16	Diann Harris	Jan. 28
Susie Grierson	Jan. 5	Charlie Phillips	Jan. 18	Merritt Worthen	Jan. 28
Irene Campuzano	Jan. 14	Rosalyn Givens	Jan. 20	Filomena Nicacio	Jan. 29
Marcus Johnson	Jan. 14	Kevin Bleicher	Jan. 20	Ethel Smith	Jan. 30

CLERK'S CORNER

Happy New Year College Hill Members and Friends!

In an earlier letter the congregation was informed of a remedial complaint that was brought against the Pastor and Session by a minority group of members from our church. At that time, you were also made aware that the Committee on Ministry (a council of the Presbytery), had assembled a task force, and also requested an Administrative Commission be formed to investigate concerns and allegations from members of the church about the Pastor and Session. Since that time, in addition to our regular ministry duties and responsibilities, the Pastor and Session of College Hill have been working tirelessly into and throughout the Advent and holiday season responding to the requests of the Committee on Ministry (COM) and to the remedial complaint. We have been sending correspondences to COM to help them understand that while a minority of members have voiced their concerns, College Hill has many members and friends that attend church regularly, participate in various ministries of our church and are happy with their experiences, the direction of the leadership, and the positive changes that are bringing growth to our church. Yet, unfortunately, we anticipate these continued communications with COM and working through the complaint process will continue for quite some time.

The majority of the Session does not feel that an Administrative Commission over College Hill is warranted, nor do we believe it is in the best interest of our church at this time. We would rather open up more avenues of productive and Christian communication among and members and leadership, as well as following our own internal conflict resolutions processes in attempts to arrive at reasonable solutions that are best for our church. Of course, everyone needs to form their own opinions based on factual information rather than gossip and hearsay. We are, and will continue, to make information available to you as we are able.

We will share additional information as we have it with our members at the congregational meeting scheduled to take place on Sunday Jan 22, 2023, immediately following the church worship service. The Pastor and Session of College Hill Church are asking for your continued prayers for everyone and ask your attendance and voices at this meeting. There will be lots of important information to be shared, a time for questions and answers, and important votes that require your attention (more info to come). Attending this meeting and all congregational meetings are crucial, because YOU are the church!

In the meantime, College Hill has experienced great success in the community and continues to be a welcoming family of faith. We thank and praise God that we consistently welcome new visitors and members in the midst of all that is going on, but God!

I as Clerk would like to commend my fellow Session members, Pastor Worthen, and Rev. Charles Williams for all the prayers and time they have spent helping our church during this challenging time. Their commitment to God and our church is amazing and I am proud to serve with them all. I would also like to thank College Hill Members and friends for your support, prayers and kind words. They help to keep us going. I know that there are many of you that are bothered by all that has happened but have faith, and remember through prayer and the power of God, we shall overcome! To God be the glory!

Marva Gray
Clerk of session

Three Kings Day Celebration Friday, January 6th at 7 PM

You are invited to join us for the Three Kings Day Celebration on Friday, January 6th at 7:00 PM. Three Kings Day or Día de Los Reyes as it is called in Mexico, or the Feast of Epiphany as it is known elsewhere, is the final celebration with which the 12 days of Christmas end on January 6. It is believed that on this day, the three wise men — Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar — presented baby Jesus with symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Many Christians across Europe, mainly in Spain, and in Latin America celebrate this holiday.



College Hill Church's celebration will begin with a brief, simple bilingual worship service that will include our Three Kings children's play, which is a nativity play that focuses more specifically on the story of the three wise kings and their journey to find the Christ child in order to worship Him and present Him with their gifts. Following worship, we will continue the celebration in fellowship hall with refreshments and the distribution of gifts to all of the children and youth present.

We'll also enjoy "la rosca de reyes", also known in the United States as "kings cake", a traditional wreath-shaped sweet bread that has a tiny plastic baby Jesus hidden somewhere inside. It symbolizes how the kings hid the location of baby Jesus from Herod and his army. If you find the baby Jesus hidden in your piece of bread...you'll win a prize!

We are excited about bringing new life to our celebration of Three Kings Day at College Hill after not being able to congregate the way we've wanted due to the pandemic. We hope you will join us on the evening of January 6th for a wonderful multicultural and multigenerational celebration and time of warm and welcoming fellowship!

Although this celebration is being sponsored by Hispanic Ministry, we hope that many of you will want to collaborate with us to make it a grand success.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

We now have Dawn McIntosh as temporary help in the office! She will be present in the office Monday – Friday from 9:00-2:30. And Sister Dominique will also be working remotely throughout the week, and present in the office on Thursday 9-5 and Friday from 9-12. Calls and requests may go through either of them, so please be patient through this transitional period. And please make Sister Dawn feel welcome!

Picture a man stumbling along in a heavy fog, completely disoriented. Then, off in the distance, he sees the light of one small lamp. Its glow is sufficient neither to burn off the fog nor to illuminate the obstacles that might be on the ground between the man and that lamp. Still, it is a steadily burning lamp. Something within the man prompts him to believe that if he heads toward it, he will be going in the right direction. That "something" we can call "**faith**". While heading toward the lamp, he finds another lost man whose eyesight is so poor he can't see the lamp. The first man takes the second by the hand and helps him toward the lamp also. The act of reaching out to another we can call "**love**". And the lamp that draws him? It's called "**hope**".

From the publication Newsletternewsletter

Casting Bread Upon The Water By Pat Townsel

Ecclesiastes 11:1 NRSV reads, "Send out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back." I chose this verse because it reminds me of a ministry currently carried out primarily by Paula Ewers and Darlene Brookshire. Though severely restricted by COVID concerns, these two ladies have diligently continued to lovingly refuse to let this mission-field grow fallow. Not only do they pick up the bread and stay after church to distribute it; but they use their time and gasoline to deliver it to several sick and shut-in persons. Perhaps the most obvious question is what's the connection between the verse and Sisters Paula and Darlene's actions. After all they are just taking days old bread and pastries, not meals, to people. But even though the bread is important, looked forward to, and enjoyed by all the recipients, it's not the best part of this mission. So, what is?



The best parts are the intangible elements which are even more delightful. These ladies bring cheerful smiles, news of the church, people, experience in their lives, or travels around the community. Moreover, they extend love and caring, a sense of community and connection, especially since they give their time and own resources, and even go to hospitals or rehab centers if the person happens to be there instead of at home. That is the spiritual bread that lasts a lot longer and goes a lot deeper than the physical bread they bring. As for the second part of the scripture, Paula and Darlene receive personal satisfaction knowing both their physical and spiritual gifts are welcome and well-received. And God has it, what they give is more than matched by what they receive. They are thrice blessed - once immediately as they visit, again as they reflect upon details of the visit, and, thirdly, by the light they shine for God's goodness and glory. Oh, and let's not forget, the wonderful light they shine upon our church. For example, once when Darlene and I happened at the same time to visit Vivian at a rehab center, when workers or other patients came into the room, inevitably they would make a comment about us. Vivian would smilingly reply, "Oh this is my deacon and another deacon visiting me. And the entering worker or co-resident replied, "Lucky you, you must go to a wonderful church. Where do you go? They must really love you." Vivian proudly replied, "College Hill." Just think these are immediate returns from Darlene and Paula casting their "bread upon the water." Imagine what the accumulated returns must be over the years they have been carrying out his mission. God so magnifies the little we do more abundantly than we may ever realize.

I pray this article has given you greater appreciation for the scope of our "Casting Bread Upon the Waters" ministry, and you will lift prayers for both Paula and Darlene and maybe even some thought for how this ministry might grow.

QUOTES BY REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

"People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other."

There will be a Congregational Meeting Immediately after Sunday Morning Service on January 22nd. We hope you will join us.



When I worked at Stillwater, I moderated a meeting with nurses and direct care staff to address their concerns. The first few meetings were mostly staff voicing complaints. By the time they were done, no one came up with any suggestions how to make things better. I started one meeting by saying, "I don't want to hear complaints today. We can't change what's happened in the past - the past is over and gone - we need to let it go and talk about what changes we would like to see. So instead of saying someone did this or someone hurt my feelings I want you to think about what you would like the future to be and then we are going to come up with goals and plans to meet those goals." It was the most productive meeting I led to that date. Someone would suggest something and I would say "how can we make that happen?" Staff began suggesting things without the anger they had in previous meetings.

In regard to the Congregational Meeting, I think people who have concerns about session and the pastor have had feelings hurt and that the Elders on session have had feelings hurt the past few months. **I suggest letting it go and not confronting each other at the meeting but carefronting each other.** Tell each other what each group would like to see in the future. I have a feeling **both groups may agree on more than they realize. Carefronting is saying to the other person I care about you, I care about your feelings and opinions, lets talk openly without anger - talk like you would like to be talked to.**

¹² So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12

Submitted by Jan Brecht

THANK YOU

I would like to thank my College Hill family and friends for the calls, cards, and support during the loss of my brother, Hilton. Your support has helped me get through this difficult time.

God bless! Deacon Mack Lakes

NEWS FROM JIM ELAM PR MIINISTRY

Happy New Year from the James Elam Public Relations Ministry! We are happy to report that in 2022 we not only maintained publicity such as the College Hill newsletter, One Call Now, website, and Facebook page, but also held our annual community flea market which had been temporarily stopped by the pandemic. We've also supported updating the visitor packets to be more appealing and youthful by including a packet of popcorn and a free pass for a Redbox movie. During the month of December we mailed out 475 postcards to the 45406 area inviting visitors to our worship service. Along with this, new visitors were given a \$25 Kroger gift card. Our postcard campaign was not as successful as we hoped but the good news is we passed on our purchased Kroger gift cards to the deacon board and the deacons distributed these among College Hill members. To end 2022, this ministry financially supported the Three Kings Celebration! The Elam PR ministry looks forward to supporting the works of College Hill in 2023 and we encourage you to contact chair Brenda Peters with any projects your ministry may have in mind. Let us help spread the good news of what the ministries are doing at College Hill!

Submitted by Kathy Lakes

TEEN COLUMN

Meet the civil rights leader in our Martin Luther King facts and discover how he changed history for millions of African-American people during the Civil Rights Movement...

Martin Luther King Jr was born in the United States January 15, 1929, to African American parents. At birth he was named Michael King, but his father later changed his name to Martin Luther King Jr.



When Martin Luther King was growing up, life was hard for African Americans. The Southern United States operated under the 'Jim Crow laws' that kept black and white people separated in what was called 'segregation'. Black people had different schools, toilets and even sections of the bus to white people. They were also denied the right to vote in elections.

Martin Luther King had his first experience of segregation at just six years old, when he was told he wasn't allowed to play with his white friend anymore – his friend's father wouldn't allow it!

His first major role in the Civil Rights Movement came in 1955, after an African American lady, Rosa Parks, was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a bus. This sparked outrage in the African American community and Martin helped to organize a boycott of the city's buses. After 381 days of protest, a court finally ruled that such segregation laws should no longer be recognized.

Martin was a great believer in peaceful protest, inspired by the Indian activist Mahatma Gandhi. His protests used no-violent tactics, even when the protesters themselves were met with violence from the police.

In 1963, Martin gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, at a famous rally named 'March on Washington'. Over 250,000 people gathered in the country's capital to hear Martin and other activists speak about the importance of civil rights. It has become one of the most famous speeches in history and focuses on Martin's dream of a society where black people and white people live together in harmony.

In 1964 – 99 years after the abolition of slavery – the Civil Rights Act was passed, outlawing racial segregation and discrimination in the USA.

In October 1964, Martin won the Nobel Peace Prize! He was told over the phone whilst he was in bed suffering from exhaustion – it had been a long, hard fight for civil rights!

Tragically, Martin Luther King Jr was assassinated in 1968 in Tennessee, where he had given a speech the day before. He was standing on the balcony his hotel when he was shot. James Earl Ray was convicted of his murder and spent the rest of his life in prison, despite claiming to be innocent. James died in 1998.

Martin Luther King Jr is remembered for his tireless work during the Civil Rights Movement and his dream that one day everyone would be treated as equals. A statue built in his memory now stands in Washington D.C. and each year, the third Monday in January is celebrated as Martin Luther King Jr. Day, an American federal holiday.

QUOTES BY REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

"Let no man pull you so low as to hate him."

"Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude."

Social Justice and Peacemaking Thoughts

We must continue to think of civil rights, voting, equal education / housing / and PAY as the big issues in the lives of people of color in America. Ten decades of these legal battles at least.

Our experiences in Dayton with Good Samaritan's demolition gave us a greater insight to the other injustices. HEALTHCARE. Living in Dayton we also get firsthand knowledge that mental healthcare for those living in West Dayton is also to be disregarded. One of the demands of CCC is for mental health facilities in our community. The Daymont West building is rumored to be demolished soon as well. One more emptied landmark representing accomplishments of our community to be destroyed. Mental health and drug addiction care were provided at Daymont. Care for our community by people of the community in that building. Sadly, the best drug treatment offered locally today is in prison or in court pre approved clinics in surrounding cities. What can we do? Can we really change anything?

Find one thing you believe is important and do SOMETHING. Make the world better. Act. I'll jump off my soapbox on volunteering here. Not sorry.

TO CONTINUE, I am going to discuss a little bit about Black women and the issues of health & mental health care. We know the stats that say Blacks 1) don't seek mental health counseling, 2) don't trust agencies that might help, and 3) live with so many negative stigmas applied to them; it seems easier to suffer silently to avoid one more label. It's horribly true. We know the high mortality rates for both mothers and babies during delivery and post partum. The blame was put on women of color for not seeking proper pre natal care. Then it was a problem of communication - they didn't tell doctors about potential problems. Too often that just weren't listened to.

NOW finally we know that a lot of medical/nursing schools predisposed students in medical professions to believe moronic things like 1) Black / Brown people have a higher pain tolerance or 2) Black / Brown people really just want to get high or sell drugs so give them less pain medication. 3) Black / Brown people lie / live by different rules so don't trust what they say about their bodies to be accurate. I worked as an advocate for sickle cell patients and helped with the communication between med pros and those patient. I found many attitudes of the medical professionals to be similiar to those of the police. Not everyone but far too many were judging instead of treating. We have grown wiser and understand the need to have an Advocate. Someone who will speak up to staff. Family, friends or volunteers. Hospital Social Workers and Chaplins are available and we can take advantage of these options. Ask more questions about your doctor's experience and background like you are hiring them to do a job, you are. You are providing them the opportunity to Practice Medicine. Same thing with Counselors/ Psychologist/ Psychiatrist. Remember they provide a service. They are service people with titles. We may have more limited choice, but we do have choice. Women are the backbone of the family and the country. We have to care for ourselves too.

STILL our advantage is Sistahood. This is about all women, but Black & Brown women in particular. Women who meet for the first time and know how to connect briefly or permanently but who communicate with and recognize each other. We seek God in many ways and that gives us the strength, no matter how unappreciated we may be. We fight for family, community, and to serve the God we believe in. The challenges of self, family, culture, society, and our individual ISM's limits us sometimes. May even cripple us for a while. Getting out of bed or putting one foot in front of another seem too much when you are weary. But the stats cannot explain the power that sustains us. We fall down BUT we get up. We help each other stand. Thank you for the women who changed that attitude about being a single Mother. About being less attractive, see all the styles shining through now. About size, phat, thick, XXL, and FINE. Thanks to the women who fought for our basics and are finally being recognized. Pauli Murray (friend of and activist with Eleanor Roosevelt), Daisy Bates (Arkansas) Septima Clark (South Carolina), Eunice Carter (attorney in the 30's- she was like a unicorn - no one belived she existed).

Thank you for the women of this church too. Judy McCray, Brenda Peters and Pat Townsel. They have shared their strength and joy with me and are there for our church too. Always willing. Thank you for the men too, it's no easier for them but it is different. That's another observation for another time.

On page 15 are links if you want to read more on these concerns.

THANK YOU

Sister Diann Harris is proud to announce that her Small Change for Big Changes campaign has come to a close, at least for this year. In December of 2021, Diann distributed jars to many of her friends and family with the goal of collecting change for a complete year in honor of her husband, Harold Zuri Harris. All monies collected will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In December 2022, Diann had a gathering at her home to dedicate the money from the first year of this idea. Jars filled with coins were returned to her by family, friends, neighbors, and even a woman she met because of an article in the newspaper about Small Change for Big Changes. Diann also set out jars at the Dayton teachers credit union on N. Main St. and those were all returned to her filled to their brims. Sister Harris also thanks Wright Patt Credit Union who opened a nonprofit account for her, and they will in turn send a check to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in Harold's name. While it took a lot of effort for her to run this campaign successfully, it's going to take even more effort to get the extremely heavy jars of change safely to WPCU who has offered the use of their change counting machine! Sister Diann is continuing to accept donations for those who wish to get involved, and is already considering collecting change again in 2023. Diann will report the total of donations in a future newsletter and she thanks everyone for their loving support.



Submitted by Kathy Lakes with permission from Diann Harris

THE DEACON CORNER

The Deacons extend deep gratitude for a year of congregational and individual generosity and support. Both as a group and as individuals we have received supportive teamwork especially during times of members or their relatives death. Your prayers and words of support have uplifted and strengthened us. Your monetary gifts to the Deacon Benevolence Fund have been exemplary and are permitting us to go into the new year with increased ability to help in times of need. The love and appreciation shown by those on our shepherding lists is testament of the fruitfulness of our endeavors. You have been an embodiment of Jesus' words:

" By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35 NRSV

The Deacons thank you so very, very much!

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.

THANK YOU

Donna Wilborn plays the drums during Sunday Morning services. She frequently creates and donates items to the church. At Easter,



she prepared and donated wonderful Easter Baskets to the children. She prepared and donated the beautiful poinsettia arrangements that were part of the Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary. She also prepared Christmas gifts for the children and passed them out the Sunday before Christmas.

THANK YOU DONNA FOR ALL YOU DO FOR COLLEGE HILL CHURCH MEMBERS AND VISITORS!

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 site of the former Good Samaritan Hospital, 2222 Philadelphia Dr., to show your support.

Contact Bishop Richard Cox (937-287-9353) or Nancy Keihl (937-422-4391) for more information.

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**

MY CHURCH

My church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them. My church will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with those things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be!

From Newsletter Newsletter Publication



The Montgomery and Warren County Alzheimer's Association, in conjunction with Covenant Presbyterian Church is hosting a Memory Loss Care Giver Support Group on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 415 N Main Street, Springboro.

Bring your friends, family, neighbors - anyone caregiving for someone with memory loss.

Light refreshments will be available.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

'The measure of intelligence is the ability to change' -Albert Einstein

'The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude' - Oprah Winfrey

Every day the clock resets. Your wins don't matter. Your failures don't matter. Don't stress on what was, fight for what could be.' - Sean Higgins

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

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new" -Socrates

"If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward" - Martin Luther King Jr.

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.



Presbytery of the Miami Valley January 2023 Prayer List



- Jan. 1 - **Blue Ball Presbyterian Church**, located at 6901 Roosevelt Ave, Franklin, Moderator Gidget Collins.
- Jan. 8 - **Bradford First Presbyterian Church**, 127 School Street, Bradford; Pastor Mike Buker.
- Jan. 15 - **Central Presbyterian Church**, 4699 Lamme Road, Dayton; Pastor Cliff Haddox.
- Jan. 22 - **College Hill Community Church**, 1547 Philadelphia Drive, Dayton; Pastor Merritt Worthen.
- Jan. 29 - **Corinth Presbyterian Church**, 4281 Corinth Blvd, Dayton; Pastor Cynthia Holder-Rich.
- Feb. 5 - **Covenant Presbyterian Church**, 415 North Main Street, Springboro; Pastor Sarah Sparks-Franklin

Each week we ask you to pray for a congregation or group in our presbytery. In addition, the group in the presbytery we ask you to pray for during the month of January is the Presbytery Staff: The Rev. Terry Kukuk, Executive Presbyter; The Rev. Lynn Bova, Stated Clerk; Kat Millhouse, Bookkeeper; John Ey, Treasurer; Don Nowak, Website and Communications.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

—Isaiah 60:1-3



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

Questions? Contact Executive Presbyter Terry Kukuk at ep@miamipresbytery.org

MOBILE FOOD BANK

1/2	New Lebanon Courthouse 195 S. Clayton Rd. New Lebanon 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
1/4	Clark State Community College 3775 Pentagon Blvd, Dayton 10:00 am - 11:30 pm
1/4	Greater St. John's Church 4200 Germantown Pike, Dayton 10:00 am - 11:30 am
1/11	Living Word Church 926 E National Rd, Vandalia 10:00 am - 11:00 am
1/23	Phillips Temple Church 3620 Shiloh Springs Rd. Trotwood 10:00:am - 11:30 am
1/25	Englewood Christian Assembly 415 N. Main St. Englewood, OH 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Every Weds.	Dayton Food Bank 56 Armor Pl. Dayton, OH 9:00am - 11:00am

Selma Film Discussion on Zoom

Join the discussion of the film Selma Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. This event is hosted by the Committee on Representation and Diversity of Presbytery of the Miami Valley.

Selma is a 2014 historical drama film directed by Ava DuVernay and written by Paul Webb. It is based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches initiated and directed by James Bevel and led by Martin Luther King Jr., Hosea Williams, and John Lewis.



The film is available in the DVD collection of your local library and online at Prime Video at amazon.com. Our local film critic Edward McNulty will lead the discussion and has prepared a discussion guide.

Registration for the Zoom discussion event is required by January 9. Once you have registered, a Zoom invite to the event will be sent to you, as well as the discussion guide.

Let's continue to share and learn together

Register for the Zoom discussion by contacting Lynn Bova at: statedclerk@miamipresbytery.org

REGULAR MEETINGS JANUARY 2023

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 (*January 5, 12, 19, 26*) Meeting ID: 848 8361 9102 Passcode: 334672.

Buildings & Grounds – 2nd Wednesdays at 2PM, (*January 11*) on Zoom

Christian Education – T.B.D.

Deacons – Third Mondays at 6:00 PM, on Zoom (*January 23 due to MLK*)

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

Indoor/Outdoor Worship Committee T.B.D.

Personnel – January 17, 5:30 PM via Zoom

Session – Fourth Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. (*January 24*).

Social Justice and Peacemaking – (*January 10* at 6:00 PM on Zoom. Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076 Passcode: 170476

Spanish/English Bible Study – Every Sunday Following the Worship Service

Worship & Music – 2nd Tuesdays at 5PM (*January 10*)

SPECIAL DAYS/EVENTS JANUARY 2023

Sunday, January 1 – New Years Day

Friday, January 6 – Epiphany – Three Kings Celebration at 7:00 PM at College Hill

Monday, January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Office Closed)

January 18 – 25 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,

Sunday, January 22 – **Congregational Meeting** – Following Worship Service

Social Justice and Peacemaking Thoughts (continued from page 9)

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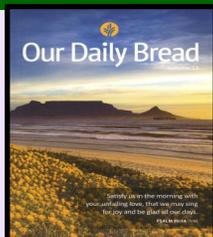
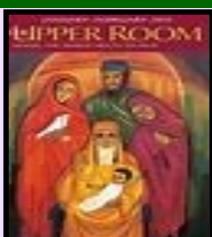
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DAILY DEVOTIONAL MAGAZINES

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



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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.