



From the Desk of the Pastor...

*The beginning of wisdom is this:
Get wisdom, and whatever else you get, get insight.
Proverbs 4:7 (NIV)*

Learning to speak, hear, and listen is a skill that can bless you, and bless others for the rest of your life. Why is this so important? Because:

Everyone wants to be heard.... but it is hard to hear when the words or the tone of the words are harsh or seem insincere.

Everyone wants to be heard... but it is hard to listen when all our sole objective is get our point across, giving no effort to hear the other person.

How we speak, and how we listen, speaks volumes to others about who we are and our perceived intentions. At our congregational meeting this past Sunday, January 29th, there was a lot of talking. Unfortunately, productive and effective communication was often missing. Accusations were leveled, incorrect information was shared, and trust was eroded. An approximately four-hour meeting left many drained, and more confused or upset than when they came in. This is never the goal of Session, nor do we believe of our congregation members.

Therefore, in an effort to further open the lines of communication and Christian discussion, Session has decided to hold THREE informational congregational communication sessions in the coming weeks. The purpose of these meeting sessions is to provide a less structured environment than our regular annual meetings, and allow for discussion of various topics of importance to members without the limitation of a structured agenda. These are not official meetings requiring votes, but an open forum. The dates are:

Sunday, February 19, following worship

Sunday, March 5, following worship

Tuesday, March 7 from 4 to 6pm.

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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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Unfortunately, throughout the pandemic the opportunity to meet, fellowship and foster relationships with one another and the Pastor and Session have been limited. While many conversations occur privately, they often do not include the people that need to be involved in those conversations, which leads to false information and gossip. Thus, these meeting sessions are aimed at providing up-to-date and accurate information, hear concerns from members, as well as those of leadership, because we are all part of the same body of Christ.

As we prepare for these congregational communication sessions, we are reminded that it is very easy to have misunderstandings. So, let us be prayerful that we all work on our communication skills. Below is some helpful information to consider as we work toward improving our interactions.

Let us just not pause to hear, simply waiting for an opportunity to speak, but also to listen.

Merriam-Webster defines HEARING as the “process, function, or power of perceiving sound; specifically: the special sense by which noises and tones are received as stimuli.” LISTENING, on the other hand, means “to pay attention to sound; to hear something with thoughtful attention; and to give consideration.”

Perhaps this is why Jesus often said: *“If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”* This is a reference not only to hearing, but to carefully listening and considering what is being said by another.

Speak truth in love. The voices of EVERYONE are important and needed, but only if it builds up the body of Christ. From Ephesians 4:14-16, 25-27, 30-32 (NRSV):

¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil.

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

And remember, one of the most important goals of listening and communicating is to gain understanding which builds trust and relationship with God and with people.

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.
Proverbs 4:7 (KJV)

I am blessed to be your pastor for such a time as this. While the journey has taken us through many storms, and the path has often been rocky with many valleys along the way, God is with us. If we trust God and trust one another, the Lord will lead us to the promised land. For the footsteps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord!

Pastor Worthen

PRAYER LIST AND BIRTHDAYS

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

- Prayers for Maria and Delfina Bernado and their brother who was seriously injured in an car accident in Georgia
- Prayers of healing and comfort for Vicki Eason
- Prayers for Ruth Bragg and her granddaughter Jasmine who is recovering from a hit and run
- Prayers of healing and treatments for Carole and Shannon Estelle
- Bruce Johnson
- Brianna Smith

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 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 Jauntree 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 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!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS - MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Jorge Herrera (Tellez)	Feb. 1	Adriano Herrera	Feb. 7	Patricia Grigsby	Feb. 20
Linda Peters	Feb. 3	Elijah Schiessler Benson	Feb. 8	Danielle Pegues	Feb. 20
Tiffany Brown	Feb. 3	Perce Benson Jr.	Feb. 9	Gerry Thompson	Feb. 25
Aaliyah Drake	Feb. 4	Julia Burrell	Feb. 15	Jana Adams	Feb. 25
Katlin Harris	Feb. 6	Karen Young	Feb. 19		

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

February is Black History Month, a time dedicated to celebrating and amplifying the essential contributions of Black people in the story of America, which so often get overlooked and under-recognized. Below is a list of several events during the month in the Dayton area.

Feb. 9 & 16 - Black History Trivia Nights - Each session will be different and have new trivia questions. Whether you're an expert or novice, join Sinclair's Chief Diversity Officer, Michael Carter, for a fun night of trivia, answering questions that will dive deeper than the typical black history questions. Located at the Omega CDC's Hope Center at 1816 Harvard Blvd, Dayton OH, 45406, in the Sinclair Suite. Event starts at 6 pm and is **FREE!!**

Feb. 9 - Redlining: Mapping Racism. Mapping Equity in Dayton, a traveling exhibit developed by a team at Sinclair, uses maps along with current and historical data to show how communities today are still affected by redlining, a 1930s U.S. government practice that ranked neighborhoods and then used color-coded maps to decide who could receive subsidized housing loans and other resources. Join Professor Myla Cardona-Jones of Sinclair College to find out how this government-sponsored policy was responsible for large scale disinvestment in black and brown communities and how redlining's legacy is still felt today. Time: 7-8 pm Place: Vandalia Branch Library at 330 S. Dixie Highway

Feb.15 - Decolonizing our Plate: the Black History and the Future of Food. Discussion of the history of food in Black culture. From gardening to visiting local markets and more. With the cost of foods rising and our health declining, how can we reclaim our traditions and make healthy/low cost food accessible to the people in our community? This event will have food, storytellers, and open conversation for everyone to participate! We are looking to the future and coming up with solutions for us to move into action! We're also giving away \$15 grocery gift cards to the first 20 people that show up and there will be an opportunity for 1 person to win a \$100 gift card towards Gem City Market groceries! Located at 324 Salem Ave.

Feb. 18 - The Harlem Renaissance to the Present. Presenter Karen D. Brame of DML's Special Collections invites guests on a visual journey of various periods, themes, and pieces of art created by Black artists in the United States, spanning from the early 20th century to contemporary times. Time: 3-5 pm Place: West Branch Library at 300 Abbey Ave.

Feb. 23 - The Lyve.Lyrics Main Event. This program will celebrate and uplift the five pillars of hip hop: MC'ing, DJ'ing, Breakdancing, Graffiti, and Knowledge. It will feature live DJs mixing the jams and keeping vibes high, local talents showcasing their skills with musical performances, and more! Time: 6 - 8 pm. Place: Main Library, Eichelberger Forum at (215 E. Third St.)

Feb. 25 - DCDC - The Skin I'm In... The Muse Machine presents expressive dance accompanied by music, singing, spoken word, and student engagement, The Skin I'm In... explores the Importance of self-awareness, respect for individualism, and the understanding that all voices matter. DCDC dancers will present an original program that considers how our individual identities affect change throughout culture and society. Time 1 - 4 pm Place: West Branch Library at 300 Abbey Ave

Feb. 28 - Uplifting our Roots Pop Up Shop Explore our community's African American entrepreneurs: see what services they offer and learn how they began their businesses. Time: 6 - 7 pm Location: Main Library, Eichelberger Forum at (215 E. Third St.)

There are also databases at the library that include items on Black History including 'Black Freedom Struggle' and 'Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive'. To gain access go to DaytonMetroLibrary.org/BlackCulture. Click Research Tools near top of page. Click Our Online Databases (on the picture of a woman standing over a man sitting). The databases are listed alphabetically.

God With and With-In Us

by Pat Townsel

A child awakes from a terrifying dream

Trustingly calling, "Mommy, Daddy" in frightened Sobbing, frantic screams

Yielding to embracing arms and soothing voice

Finding reassurance and calming the beneficial choice

And *only* like that child God says to Him can we come

Thus Finding joy, peace, eternal salvation as into His

Love we willingly, gratefully, joyfully succumb

I wrote the above poem to express part of my interpretation of the Matthew scripture quoted below. I realize that my view is only one of a vast number of various interpretations and may be correct only to me. However even if it is different from yours, you perhaps can see its point that as children unfailingly trust their parents, God wants us, likewise, to trust Him. Secondly God wants us to have a more childlike ability to forgive ourselves and one another. Many times, left to their own devices, children can be arguing, or even fighting one minute; and then quickly forgiving, and interacting as best friends. Unfortunately, we as adults hang on to hurts and grudges, refusing to forgive our friends, let alone someone we consider our enemies. And, again unfortunately, that often is true among those of us who are Christians. Moreover, we acknowledge what God expects; but excuse our lack of compliance because we are so hurt, and the others are so offensive, we just can't do it. Yet that belief is contrary to another truth about God, **which is God never leaves us alone to deal with our problems.** (scripture below) And with His presence is His strength and ability to empower us! How frequently do we hear, read, and say Philippians 4:13, **"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."** Those are not empty words. They are sustaining words for us to live by. And there's no better time for us to heed these reminders of trust and dependence on the everlasting presence, and strength and love of God. Let us pray, look inward, and consider the applications for us in such a time as this.



3 And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. -Matthew 18:3 NIV

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast.

- Psalm 139: 7-11

Bach Society to Perform J.S. Bach's *St. John Passion* March 19

The Bach Society of Dayton presents one of the great works of sacred choral music, Johann Sebastian Bach's *St. John Passion*, on Sunday, March 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Kettering Adventist Church, 3939 Stonebridge Rd., near Kettering Hospital. Our own Larry Hollar is one of the singers in the Bach Society chorus.

Featuring chorus, six talented soloists, and orchestra, the piece tells the story of Christ's suffering and death on Good Friday as recounted in the Gospel of John, chapters 18-19. It also includes poignant musical reflections on the nature of human sin and the capacity we all have to betray our Savior. Yet people of faith live in the hope for redemption - the hope that we later find fulfilled at Easter.



A concert preview at 3:00 p.m. on March 19 at the church will offer background information on Bach and the Passion, so plan on coming early.

This beloved, monumental work is not performed often, so order your tickets now at www.bachsocietyofdayton.org or by calling 937-294-2224. Adult tickets are \$25, with various discounts available.

Submitted by Larry Hollar

UPDATE FROM ELAM PR MINISTRY

Hello, from your Elam PR Ministry! We know you're aware that the annual Flea Market organized by Linda Peters and Marlea Gaskins was held this past August after a couple of years of not being held due to the pandemic. What you may not know is that it is a tradition of this ministry to donate some of the profit from the Flea Market to a community event or organization. This year, the Elam PR Ministry will be offering financial support to the Rosa Parks Early Learning Center, on Lori Sue Dr., for their Preschool Prom. This prom is held to promote unity among staff, parents, students and community members. The prom is on April 27th this year, and some members of our ministry plan to volunteer at the event itself. College Hill Community Church, PCUSA, will be included in all publicity concerning the prom, so our hope is to not only support this wonderful event, but to let young parents within our neighborhood know about College Hill Community Church. As always, contact Chair Brenda Peters with any events your ministry may be holding so the PR Ministry may assist with publicity.

Submitted by Kathy Lakes

Love Aces the Test

Author Adele Calhoun describes life as "our 'open-book' test on love." How can we ace it? In *Invitations From God*, she points out that daily decisions are the make-or-break factors: "Day in and day out as we plan, work, produce, commute and relate, we make life-altering choices to either love or neglect others."

For another study guide, reflect on St. Augustine's timeless words: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of [people]. That is what love looks like."

From the Publication NLNL

PROFFESOR JOSEPH CARTER CORBIN DAY SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

I spoke with Gladys Turner Finney several weeks and she shared that she is working on the Sesquicentennial Celebration for Professor Joseph Carter Corbin Day. She said a film crew from University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff were in Dayton on 12/14/2022 to film her for a documentary on Professor Corbin. She said she would be working on the celebration this year. I asked if she would keep me updated and she agreed.

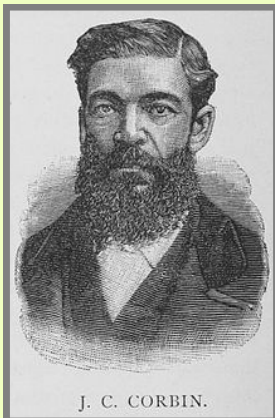
DATE: September 27, 2023

PLACE: Pine Bluff, Arkansas

PURPOSE: To commemorate Professor Joseph Carter Corbin, founder of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and father of Higher Education for African Americans in Arkansas.

Community Celebration: Free and open to the public, beginning with a proclamation and Tribute Ceremony with city and state officials at the original site of the college, 2nd Avenue and Oak Street.

Plans include exhibits, speakers, newly released documentary on Professor Corbin at the Pine Bluff Jefferson County Library. There will be a reception with panelists reflecting on Dr. Corbin's contributions to education in Arkansas. ALL ARE WELCOMED.



J. C. CORBIN.

Joseph Carter Corbin (1833 -1911) American Educator of African American heritage, Journalist, Mathematician, Scholar, Linguist, Musician. He was born free in Ohio to formally enslaved parents, William and Susan Corbin, from Virginia. He became one of the most educated men of his day, earning an A.B. degree and two master degrees from Ohio University at Athens.

During reconstruction following the Civil War, Professor Corbin migrated to Arkansas and in 1872 was elected Arkansas Superintendent of Public Instruction. Recognizing the need for teachers for the 115,000 "freedmen", he helped lay the foundation for a public teacher's college for "the poorer class" that would become Branch Normal College of the Arkansas Industrial University now the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Branch Normal College, chartered in 1873, is the predecessor of A.M.&N. College, and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Professor Corbin opened Branch Normal College on September 27, 1875 with seven elementary students. During his 27 years tenure as founder and President, he produced the first African Americans in Arkansas with Artium Baccalaureus (A.B.) degrees.

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is the second oldest public institution or higher education in the state. It is an 1890 Land Grant HBCU and serves a diverse student population which it prepares for careers that serve the nation. It contributes greatly to the economy of Pine Bluff.



Brian Williams, Graphic Artist,
Gladys Turner Finney, Stephanie
Sims UAPB Museum Director

Submitted by Gladys Turner Finley

LENTEN SIGNALS

Why should we observe Lent? This 40-day season of repentance and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday has three important purposes. Lent helps us **STOP, LOOK and LISTEN**.

We observe Lent because it tells us to **STOP** and rest awhile — and to stop sinning. Lent tells us to **LOOK** inward for an honest self-examination, to look upward to see the cross of Jesus with healing and love, and to look forward to the hope of the Resurrection. And we observe Lent because it tells us to **LISTEN** — to the voice of God, the words of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit.



STOP, LOOK and LISTEN! These commands that are so crucial for travel safety are also important for our journey through Lent.

From the Publication NewsletterNewsletter

PRESBYTERIAN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATES



Apply for a Presbyterian Undergraduate Scholarship today! Students may be eligible for \$4,000 or more from the Presbyterian Mission Agency through the Office of Financial Aid for Service. Learn more about

the guidelines and application process at

<https://hubs.ly/Q01yDCy00#PCUSA#FinancialAid>

or Presbyterian Scholarships for Undergraduates.

Supplemental awards for People of Color and Native American Educational Grants are also available. No separate application required.

Applications are open now through May 15, 2023.

For more information call 502-569-5097

TEEN NEWS

The City of Trotwood is hosting an expression contest for students for Black History Month.

Students, grades 3-12 from all schools within the City of Trotwood are encouraged to submit:

- an original essay,
- spoken word,
- a work of art,
- musical selection
- or any other form of communication and expression of their desire.

The work is to be inspired by the theme, "Black History is World History".

Submissions will be divided into three groups:

- ♦ 3rd - 5th grade,
- ♦ 6th - 8th grade
- ♦ 9th -12th grade.

There will be 3 winners selected from each group; winners will receive a cash prize, a public display of their expression piece, and City Council recognition for their expression piece.

1st place \$775;

2nd place \$50;

3rd place \$25.

Contest entries must be submitted to Parks & Recreation Marketing Coordinator,

Charles Wheeler III via

email, chwheeler@trotwood.org, by Friday, Feb. 17.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Deacons are hosting a Potluck lunch immediately after the service on Sunday, May 21st. Start thinking about your favorite food to bring to share. We look forward to seeing you there.

THREE KINGS DAY CELEBRATION

Melanie Monzon did a wonderful job organizing the "Three Kings Day Celebration". The sanctuary was approximately half-full on January 6th for the celebration. Pastor opened the service with prayer followed by Larry Hollar leading the congregation in singing the first two verses of "Silent Night" - first in Spanish and then in English.

Next came The Nativity Pageant with the children. Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus sat in the front of the church. A person carrying a pole with a star at the top led the three kings to the front of the church by the piano. Larry Hollar led the congregation singing O Come All Ye Faithful - first in Spanish then in English as the three Kings walked to and knelt in front of baby Jesus.



Following the pageant, Pastor Worthen had three cards passed out to each person who attended. The purple card said 'God' on one side and 'Dios' on the other, the red card said Jesus on one side and Jesús on the other, the yellow card said 'You' on one side and 'Tu' on the other. When Pastor gave the sermonette, people were instructed to raise the appropriate card every time she said the word on it.



Pastor said there were three things God considered important. First - God shows us that children and youth are very important because god did not bring the world a full grown savior but started with a baby. No one is too young or too small to be used by God. Second - God shows us is no matter who you are, where you are born, or where you came from, you can become anything through the power of God. Third - God shows us is that we must decide for ourselves who to listen to. King Herod told the wise

men to come back and tell him where the baby is but after god warned them in a dream not to return to Herod they left for their own country by another road.

Pastor then asked the children questions about the story-children answered. Jose Vidal concluded the service with a song he wrote, Mi Paz, Mi Amor (My Peace, My Love).

Everyone then went downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for soup and "la rosca de reyes", also known in the US as "kings cake". This is a traditional wreath-shaped sweet bread that has a tiny plastic baby Jesus hidden somewhere inside symbolizing how the kings hid the location of baby Jesus from Herod and his army. A gift was given to each child - drawings for gifts were done for the adults.



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.



Kathy Lakes received a text from Pastor Worthen on January 31 asking her if she was available to help her that day. When Kathy responded "yes I am", the next text asked if she could buy eBay cards for cancer patients she is working with.

Two things let Kathy know this was a scam. The phone number from where the pastor usually text Kathy was different, and they didn't call her Sister Kathy so she was suspicious right away. Kathy sent a return text saying simply 'scam' and notified the pastor who responded, "Thank you for letting us know about this! And I am glad you had the intuition to know that I would not have made such a request out of the blue with no explanation or background from the church."

We included this on the church's facebook page and in the newsletter so that all congregational members know this is a scam if they are contacted.

Good catch Kathy and thank you for sharing the 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**

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.



Gem City Market and Gem City Selfie Museum have come together to create a one-of-a-kind shopping experience for the community. On **February 3rd** the Gem City Black History Month Popup Exhibit: Building Our Black Future Together will be LIVE! The pop-up will feature selfie walls which will run through the entirety of Black History Month!

During the pop-up exhibition, patrons will be able to shop goods and also take some really amazing pictures with family and friends! We can't wait for you to join us! The Gem City Market is located at 324 Salem Ave.

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 February 2023 Prayer List



- Feb. 5 - Covenant Presbyterian Church**, 415 North Main Street, Springboro; Pastor Sarah Sparks-Franklin.
- Feb. 12 - Covenant Presbyterian Church**, 201 North Limestone Street, Springfield. Pastor Jody Schultz Noble; Christian Educator, Tyra Jackson; Youth Ministry, Evyn Steinberger.
- Feb. 19 - Covington Presbyterian Church**, 30 North Pearl St., Covington. Stated Supply Pastor, Greg Kurtz (RE); Moderator, the Rev. Kazy Blocher Hinds.
- Feb. 26 - Fairmont Presbyterian Church**, 3705 Far Hills Ave., Dayton. Pastors Brian Maguire and Kelley Shin. Children's Ministry, Lorelei Harding.
- Mar. 6 - Immanuel Korean Presbyterian Church**, 10425 Lebanon Pike, Dayton. Pastor Youngnam Lee.

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 February is the Presbytery Elected Officers: The Rev. Sarah Sparks-Franklin, Moderator; Elder Michael Seewer, Vice Moderator; The Rev. Amy Duiker, Council Chair; The Rev. Lynn Bova, Stated Clerk; Ruling Elder Kathleen Seewer, Recording Clerk.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.
-Romans 12:1



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

2/6	New Lebanon Courthouse
	195 S. Clayton Rd. New Lebanon
	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
2/1	Clark State Community College
	3775 Pentagon Blvd, Dayton
	10:00 am - 11:30 pm
2/13	Greater St. John's Church
	4200 Germantown Pike, Dayton
	10:00 am – 11:30 am
2/8	Living Word Church
	926 E National Rd, Vandalia
	10:00 am – 11:00 am
2/27	Phillips Temple Church
	3620 Shiloh Springs Rd. Trotwood
	10:00:am - 11:30 am
2/22	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

CLERK'S CORNER

Dear College Hill Family,

After receiving questions and concerns about Session at the past congregational meeting, on behalf of Session I wanted to be clear that Session has not closed itself off from the congregation. Given that there was a new pastor, along with a lot of sensitive information being covered, the pastor and session members needed time to get to know each other and speak freely. Therefore, Session chose to limit attendance of non-session members to those church members who had specific requests or concerns they wanted to be addressed. This has been the policy of Session since 2021. Given all that has occurred his past year including the remedial complaint, the Committee on Ministry's request for an Administrative Commission, etc., we continue to have a full docket and a lot of sensitive information that needs to be covered regularly. However, we always try to make room any members who have questions and concerns as timely as we can.

So, in case you have questions or concerns you would like to address with Session Elders, the regular monthly Session meetings are the 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6PM at the church (in person meetings only). From time to time those dates change due to holidays or conflicts. If you would like to come and speak with the Session together, please contact myself and/or Pastor Worthen. Let us know the date and the topic so that we can add your information to the agenda and if we have to do any research on your topic we will be prepared. Please know that we typically have a very full agenda, so we often have to limit the time we can devote to any one topic. If more time is needed, we may need to set up another meeting.

FYI a list of actual dates of our meetings is located within this newsletter and monthly along with the other meeting dates.

God Bless Us All, Marva Gray, Clerk of Session

REGULAR MEETINGS FEBRUARY 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 (*February 2, 9, 16, 23*) Meeting ID: 848 8361 9102 Passcode: 334672.

Buildings & Grounds – 2nd Wednesdays at 2PM, (*February 8*) on Zoom

Christian Education – Tuesday at 2pm, (*February 21*) on Zoom

Deacons – Third Mondays at 6:00 PM, on Zoom (*February 20*)

Elam Public Relations Ministry – (*February 14*) at 10 AM

I & S Meeting - 2nd Mondays at 3PM (*February 13*) on Zoom

Indoor/Outdoor Worship Committee T.B.D.

Personnel – No February meeting has been announced.

Session – Fourth Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. (*February 28*).

Social Justice and Peacemaking – (*February 14*) at 6:00 PM on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076 Passcode: 170476

Spanish/English Bible Study – Every Sunday Following the Worship Service. February 19 and February 26 cancelled for: Congregational Meeting Informational Session and Soul Food Show Down (respectively)

Worship & Music – 2nd Tuesdays at 5PM. Moved to February 21st due to Valentine's Day

SPECIAL DAYS/EVENTS FEBRUARY 2023

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH (see page ? for a list of events

Tuesday, February 14 - **Valentine's Day**

Sunday, February 19 – **Congregational informational meeting session** following worship

Monday, February 20 – **President's Day**

February 22 – **Ash Wednesday** – Joint Worship program. More info to follow.

Sunday, February 26 – **Joint Worship service with Emmanuel Ministries, at College Hill.**
Soul Food Showdown following worship!

NATIONAL AFRO-AMERICAN MUSEUM AND CULTURE CENTER

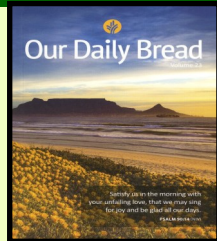
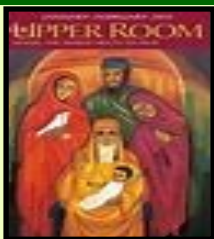
The National Afro-American Museum & Culture Center is located at 1350 Brush Row Road, Wilberforce, OH and opened Wednesday – Saturday 9am – 4pm. Current Exhibits include: African Americans Fighting for a Double Victory, Queens of the Heartland , Rhythm of Revolution- The Transformative Power of Black Art 1619 to the Present, What's in Your Attic? Selections From Our Permanent Collection.

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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.