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From the Desk of the Pastor...

*"But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you;
or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,
or let the fish in the sea inform you.
Which of all these does not know
that the hand of the LORD has done this?
In his hand is the life of every creature
and the breath of all mankind."
Job 12:7-10 (NIV)*

In these few passages of Job, he is responding to his friends who have attempted to explain what God is doing in his life and why. Yet, Job is not swayed by their words for he knows how fervently and faithfully he has served the Lord. Not many, if any, have lived so righteously and faithfully that they would dare defend themselves before God. Yet, isn't that the goal of a faith-filled life? To live in a way that by all accounts we can stand boldly, if not in perfection, in striving towards the high calling in Christ Jesus? This of course would mean trusting and praising God, even when we do not understand or even agree with how God is operating. That takes great faith.

But as important as it is to do our best to please God, we can often make living righteously far more difficult than it needs to be. In the above verses, Job, this strong man of faith points out how the most basic animals along with nature understand how to live within God's creation following God's plan and cycle. For Job says: "Ask the animals and they will teach you." He continues saying: "or the birds... speak to the earth... or let the fish inform you." Job recognizes that as smart and educated as humans can be, we can also be blind to God's sovereign care and planning of creation. That God has put into place cycles and times in the world that even the most basic of animals can understand and follow, and that God rewards and cares for them accordingly.

It has to make you wonder, how adept are we at following God's clear plans? Are we mindful that there are seasons in life which all have their own purpose? Right now, according to nature, we are in the spring of the year. A time to be nourished, a time to plant, a time to grow, to sow, and prepare for what we want to see happen in later seasons. Have you ever considered how important it is to invest and plant annually in preparation for what you wish to experience later? Sometimes we can get frustrated or doubtful in our faith because our prayers and efforts are not showing up the way we would like, but we have failed to invest and sow early into what we wanted to see later. For instance, a savings account takes months of investing while curbing spending. Losing weight takes much exercise and eating right before you ever see tangible results. Knowing and understanding God, takes diligent Bible Study, prayer, and time just learning who God is and how God works.

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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

From The Desk of the Pastor

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And how often do we consider the importance of God's timing? It's easy to get frustrated and give up when things don't happen the way we would like. But, sometimes we're trying to plant or invest in the wrong season doing something according to our will and not the Lord's? Yet, what seed is going to survive being planted in the middle of winter? "No" is often not "no" but wait. Failure is often not failure, but the patience to wait for the right season God has prepared for you.

Look at the animals. They seem to be able to follow God's leading in nature almost continually without fail. The trees, grass, and the flowers seem to just know when to show up, bloom or turn colors, perfectly choreographed with the seasons. The animals hibernate or migrate accordingly, not being surprised when food supplies will be limited, and hopefully having stored enough during the times of plenty to sustain them during the harsh winters. They adjust and adapt to all seasons, understanding that no season lasts forever, and they are prepared to change their behavior to accommodate what comes next, trusting God will deliver what is needed if they just do their part.

That makes me wonder, "Do animals know who God is?" I think maybe not by name, but by faith. A trust in something bigger, smarter and more powerful than them, who they know to depend on through all of the seasons and challenges they face. They trust the creator and what has been created. Perhaps we would do well to follow their lead, and learn to accept and thrive in all of the seasons in which we live, adjusting and adapting in faith, that God is always working for our good. While each season in faith brings its own challenges and blessings, they all work together as a whole if we pay attention to the signs. "To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his" (Job 12:13). The good part is God's not selfish about sharing what He has with us.

Pastor Merritt Worthen

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"We can not solve our problems with the same level of thinking that created them."

Albert Einstein

"The first step toward change is awareness. The second step is acceptance."

Nathaniel Branden

"It's so much easier to suggest solutions when you don't know too much about the problem."

Malcolm Forbe

"If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we aren't really living."

Gail Sheehy

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."

Maya Angelou

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." *John F. Kennedy*

"Forgive others as quickly as you expect God to forgive you." *Anonymous*

"Forgiving is not forgetting. It's letting go of the hurt." *Anonymous*

"Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right."

Max Lucado

PRAYER LIST AND BIRTHDAYS



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

- Prayers for Ruth Bragg's granddaughter Jasmine who is recovering from a hit and run & for Jeff Bragg
- Prayers for Carlos Nieves and family
- Prayers for Joyce Daniels
- Prayers for Melanie Monzon
- Prayers for Jose & Dylan Vidal
- Prayers for L. Grace & Donna Wilborn
- Prayers for Carolyn Williams
- Prayers for all members in the hospital or sick and shut in

Prayers for Comfort, Love & Peace for those Grieving

- Prayers for Donna Wilborn on the loss of her husband
- Prayers of comfort and peace for Glenn and his family over the loss of his younger sister
- Prayers of comfort for Tamara Daniels on the loss of her cousin
- Prayers for the congregation of St. Paul's AME in the passing of their Pastor Rev Lawrence Span
- 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 the families and communities affected with loss & devastation in the earthquakes
- 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 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
- Brianna Smith

Prayers for Safe Traveling Mercies, Jobs, Life Situations

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

Praise Reports

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS - MEMBERS & FRIENDS

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

SOME PEOPLE PREFER NOT TO BE PLACED ON THE PRAYER LIST

A MESSAGE FROM SESSION

Greetings in the name of Jesus the Christ! Session met Tuesday April 25h. The moderator and AC immediately called session into an executive session where we discussed the report presented to us from the Administrative Commission (AC) regarding the previous private and individual listening sessions that were held by the AC in March and April. We were told that the report is confidential and cannot be shared at this time. However, I must report that at the strong suggestion of the AC, and the Session Moderator assigned by the Committee on Ministry (COM), that the session reluctantly agreed to cancel the May 7th congregational meeting that was scheduled to vote in new officers. I say reluctantly because, Session made it clear to the AC and Moderator that the congregation did not want to freeze the session nor the deacon slate, and canceling this congregational meeting would do exactly that.

If you recall in the January congregational meeting, Session made the recommendation not to take on new elders because a remedial case against the session had been filed, along with some complaints filed to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry which caused an Administrative Commission to be formed for College Hill as well. Yet contrary to Session's recommendation, the congregation voted to take on new elders anyway. As a result, in respect to the congregation's request, Session had the Nominating Committee work on a slate of officers, which they did. This slate of officers was included in the meeting packet you received for the March congregational meeting. Had that meeting not been adjourned prematurely, (without consultation with Session), those elders and deacons could have been voted in place.

Session wants to remain very transparent and keep the congregation updated as events occur so, we have decided to lead a listening session on May 7th immediately following worship. This way everyone has an opportunity to address any concerns and share their opinions with church and presbytery leadership. Please, note that this is an informational listening session and not an official church meeting. There will be no voting or official church business handled during this session. Therefore, in addition to the Session, we have asked Pastor Worthen to participate as we feel our pastor should be included in these important conversations about the present and future of our church. We have also extended an invitation to the AC to answer questions about this process as well.

Please be sure to attend so that you hear things firsthand and not have to rely on hearsay, and make sure your voices are heard by the leadership. We remain concerned and saddened that these situations have not been resolved as of yet, but we are continually encouraged and strengthened by trusting that God is still in control. Keep praying and keep the faith, for God is not through with us yet!

Respectfully Submitted,

Sister Kathy Lakes keeps College Hill's website and Facebook page up to date. Check both sites out. Kathy does a wonderful job. Sunday services, scriptures announcements and more are posted on Facebook. Let's grow our online family.

The Omega CDC Food Outreach
program is looking to provide prepared meals to individuals and families who do not have sufficient access to affordable, nutritious food. If you are interested, please contact **Ebony Stroud** at (937) 723-8254.

A MESSAGE FROM JOSE LAMONT JONES

Hello and Blessings to you all!

Please find the attached, preliminary results of the CPK (Presbyterian Community in Kinshasa) Teacher Training Survey. The CPK administers/supports over 300 schools in Western Congo (including schools in Ville Kinshasa and surrounding Western Provinces). CPK, with support from PCUSA congregations and as part of its interest in long-term planning, created a Teacher Training Planning committee. This committee designed a survey to assess: 1) evaluation of past trainings, gather interest and knowledge of current educational theories and best practices and 3) gather demographic info (contact info, teaching area, educational background, etc) on the teachers of the CPK. These survey results outline the opinions and interests of teachers of the Ville Kinshasa schools.



Herb Long, leader of the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church Congo Team, has recommended I be more purposeful in communicating the great things happening in the CPK schools to lift up students, teachers, its churches and its schools. His comments were specific to the groups of churches which support education. I find this to be an excellent idea and therefore am sending this missive.

To learn more about the different programmatic initiatives and stories about my service, please see my mission connections newsletters which can be found at: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/jose-lamont-jones/> I am currently finalizing a connections letter on a technology training we are currently implementing at an area school that promises to be a cost-effective way to explode access to technology and informatics for both teachers and students in CPK schools (and potentially beyond). Don't miss this upcoming installment. Sign-up to subscribe to my letters via the same link.

Lastly, as I prepare for my first interpretation assignment IN PERSON, I look forward to seeing "whole people" that go with the Zoom square images I have been interacting with for these past three years. I hope you find the attached results helpful in understanding both the needs here in CPK schools but also the strides the denomination is taking to become not only provide quality education to its students but also be leaders in Congolese education. Thanks for your support in making this possible!

Hoping to see you all soon!

LaMont Jones, PCUSA Mission Co-worker

Jesus tells us in this Gospel of Matthew how important it is to minister to those in need, and that by doing so we are blessing God. We all need help at some times, and we usually don't have to have to look very far to find someone to whom we can share the love of Jesus. One of our new members, Sister Mayra Washington, has provided such an opportunity. Her husband Anthony Washington, father of her son Anthony, has been incarcerated for approximately 3 years of a 10-year sentence. If you feel led to write to encourage him, his address is listed below. Prayers, encouragement, and support for all of the Washington family as they go through this separation and trials are much appreciated!

Send to: Anthony P. Washington, #1788803, 3500 Woods Way, State Farm, VA 23160

FROM THE ELAM PUBLIC RELATIONS MINISTRY

Greetings from the Elam Public Relations Ministry! Philippians 2:4 says, "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." This scripture lends itself to the mission of the Elam PR Ministry as many times people bring their "interests" to this ministry for support. Recently, Rev. Dr. Carolyn Peters reached out for such help. The National Federation of the Blind is holding its conference later this summer, and Dr. Peters, Vice President of the NFB of Ohio, requested help for five members of the NFB who needed assistance to attend the conference. Not only did Chair Brenda Peters receive a unanimous yes from ministry members to support these people, the ministry also chose to offer assistance to Dr. Peters herself. We look forward to hearing the good news from Rev. Dr. Peters concerning the positive effects of the national conference. Also, a few members of the Elam PR Ministry will be volunteering on May 4 at Rosa Parks Early Learning Center for their spring dance which this year is a Sock Hop. This project came from this ministry's interest in supporting the youth in our neighborhood. Pictures from the event will be shared soon!



Submitted by Kathy Lakes, Ministry Member

Two-way Communication through Sermons

Have something on your mind that you have been wondering about?

Are you curious about a scripture you have read and want to hear more about?

Is there a subject that has given you concern, and you want to know what the Bible says?

You are invited to turn into the ushers, or send an email to Pastor Worthen, a reference of a scripture or topic that you are curious about. Once a month, Pastor Worthen will preach on a subject or scripture that she has received from the congregation. Because not as many people attend Bible Study who have questions, this is another way to interact with the Bible and what God is saying to the people.

pastor@collegehillcommunitychurch.org

BACH SOCIETY OFFERS "FAVORITES" ON MAY 14



Mark your calendar now for Sunday, May 14, at 4:00 pm when the Bach Society of Dayton performs some of our favorite choral pieces by 20th and 21st century composers, as chosen by audience members and choristers from our repertoire in previous concerts. Our own Larry Hollar will sing as a chorister in this performance.

The May 14 concert also features the outstanding Stivers School for the Arts Chamber Choir, who will join the Bach Society for many of the favorites, as well as perform a segment of their own special music. Don't miss this delightful concert at the Kettering Adventist Church, 3939 Stonebridge Rd. in Kettering. A concert preview led by Stivers' director of choirs Paula Powell will begin at 3:00 pm on May 14 at the Adventist church.

More information and tickets are available at bachsocietyofdayton.org, or call 937-294-2224.


Submitted by Larry Hollar

We provide a full Spanish translation during our worship service. If you would like a headset, please see an usher and they will get



*Thank you to all of the men and women
who served in armed forces!*

WHEN I SEE A FLAG DRAPED COFFIN

by Gene Howard


When I see a flag draped coffin of a Vet who's life is done
I think about our freedom that they have fought and won.
I wonder if we love and support our Vets enough today,
for the terrible price that each one has had to pay.

Do we really remember them on Memorial day
or is it just a time for picnics, and a time to play.
When the pledge of allegiance to our flag is spoken
Do we really think of all the families that were broken

Broken that Old Glory may fly freely over this land,
yet some came back with no welcome of a band
no parade or crowd to welcome them back home,
feeling like no one cared and they were all alone.

This Veteran cannot hear you as you speak today,
but the next time you meet a Vet along the way,
tell them you appreciate them and all that they do,
and that you are proud to fly the red white and blue.

Today as this beloved Veteran is placed into the grave,
let us not forget the great sacrifices that were made.
Let us salute and sing of the flag that they did so love
in this great land, given to us by our God's great love.

Frederick Marshall Finney Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Monday, April 17, 2023 the Wright State University Raj Soin College of Business, awarded Frederick Marshall Finney Economics Scholarship to Josephine Freccero.

This scholarship was established by Dr. Gladys Turner Finney on the 40th anniversary of her husband's graduation with a Master of Science in Economics from Wright State University.

The scholarship assists Economics students who have an interest in applying Economic theories and thought to underserved populations.

Dr. Finney, Mrs. Elveria Brown Goolsby and Miss Freccero parents attended the Awards Ceremony.



Submitted by Dr. Gladys Turner Finney

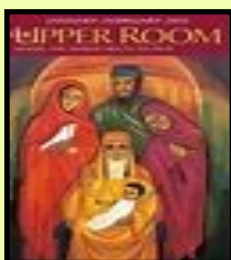


Left to right: Josephine Freccero, Dr. Finney, Dr. Drew Beauchamp, Dean of Economics Department.

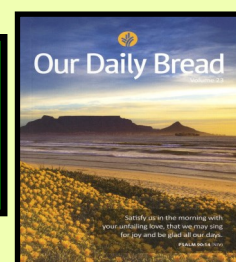
DEACON CORNER

Pastor Worthen's days off from email and meetings are Fridays through Sundays. This allows her time for Sabbath and sermon preparation. If you need to reach Pastor Worthen urgently, please call the office and they will contact her directly. We have an answering service that is staffed 24/7 (outside of the secretary's office hours) to be sure someone is available to take your call. Thank you for your consideration and have a blessed weekend!

The deacons are anxious for the Congregational meeting to be held so the nominees may be voted on. Currently Jan Brecht, Mack Lakes and Melanie Monzon are the only deacons. We will be very happy once the nominees are voted in. We will be able to be in touch with members more frequently once we have enough deacons.



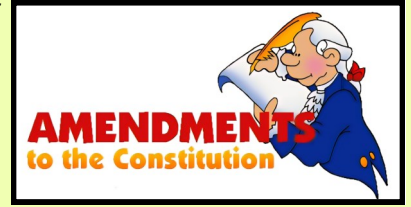
DAILY DEVOTIONAL MAGAZINES
The Upper Room and Daily Bread devotional magazines are now available. Ask the usher for a copy.



Information on an Amendment to the Ohio Constitution

The Ohio Legislature is proposing to have an August primary election to put forth an amendment to the Ohio Constitution. House Joint Resolution 1, Senate Joint Resolution 2, and Senate Bill 92 will change how future initiative constitutional amendments would have to be approved.

Initiative petitions were part of the “direct democracy” or “progressive era” beginning in the 1890s when rich corporations and trusts controlled state legislatures with their money and passed laws favoring them over everyone else. They allowed people to pass laws and constitutional amendments by putting them on the ballot and voting directly in elections.



In Ohio, now, and since 1912, initiative petitions for constitutional amendments had to have signatures from at least 5% of voters who voted in the previous gubernatorial election in 44 of the 88 counties. Also, there was the ability to have a 10 day cure period to cure insufficient petitions by gathering more signatures. This allows the petitioners, if lacking in the number of signatures needed to have their petition go on the ballot, they had an additional 10 days to collect additional signatures. And when put before the people to vote, it had to have a 50%+1 approval to pass.

The amendment to be put on an August primary election would change that. Future constitutional amendments would require a 60% approval by voters. The proposal would also eliminate the 10-day cure period to gather additional signatures. And it would require signatures on the petitions to have 5% of voters from EACH of the 88 counties.

The effect of this is to make alternatives to the money driven legislative process more difficult, more expensive and to increase the power of smaller, more rural counties and their more conservative voters. When this is combined with the gerrymandering which has occurred in Ohio, despite the law that attempted to outlaw gerrymandering, small voter majorities become veto proof legislative majorities favoring some voters over others, such an effort has serious consequences.

If this is voted on at the August primary and passes, it goes into effect immediately. Most people believe that is the reason for this bill and the rush to get it passed by the state legislature is to prevent an abortion rights bill from getting on the ballot in November. However, it will have an ongoing effect on democracy in Ohio, affecting many issues.

To have a primary in August about this would cost the state of Ohio taxpayers about \$20 million dollars.

Please contact your State Senator, Representative and the Governor and tell them how you feel about this proposal. And if it gets on the August ballot, make sure you vote and let your voice be heard.

Submitted by Stan Hirtle & Paula Ewers, Social Justice and Peacemaking Ministry



Hello College Hill -
I'm calling about your
need for a secretary!

All Inclusive Mother's Day

Last year just before Mother's Day, I read an article by an author proclaiming her dislike for Mother's Day. Oh, not because she had any disregard for motherhood, but she, in the mistaken idea that recognizing and honoring birth mothers, somehow diminished women who had not birthed a child. I of course am aware that there have been times in history and perhaps even some cultures today in which childbearing was a huge element in determining a woman's worth. And, in fact, childless women were often made to feel shamed, and objects of pity or rejection. However, to read an article written by a woman who has been a famed journalist, consultant, and a liberated woman, in which she demonstrated such narrow vision of Mother's Day was very surprising.



She based her objection to honoring birth mothers as it is insulting to the countless women who have not birthed a child. Not having a child is a choice or due to an inability, and neither instance diminishes a woman. Furthermore, many such women but have contributed to the "mothering" of countless children and youth. This reminded me of the objection to the celebration of African American History Month as I often have heard the question "Why don't we have White History Month?" This is of course just a similar, not an exact comparison. Yet there is even a stronger reason I was so taken aback by her resentment of Mother's Day.

You see, in my opinion, to recognize the value of one state of being does not equate to the diminishing of the value of those who are not in the specific category. One of the greatest characteristics of love is its ability to spread around expansively and yet not become depleted. Thankfully our church has recognized this principle for many, many years. Our celebration recognizes aunts, cousins, neighbors, church members, etc. who have freely and lovingly been stand-in, and/or stand-with mothers for so many children. With that said, I pray that each of you will have a wonderful day experiencing a marvelous celebration of remembrance, or yet-living mothers and or mothering person in your life. May you all have a

Happy Expansive, Inclusive Mother's Day

Pat Townsel

Make a Joyful Noise!

We have Praise Team/Choir rehearsal every Thursday at 7:00pm! We would also like to add a choir in addition to the praise team and are taking names to get one started.

We sing anything from hymns, to gospel, to contemporary music! If you are interested in singing, please see Dominique Worthen, Choir Director, to determine where your gifts could best be shared.



SECRETARY NEEDED

Our church is in need of a secretary in our church office. The position is 5 hours/day Mon. – Fri. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the office or Sister Jessica Jenkins as soon as possible.



PRESBYTERIAN MEN MINISTRY UNIT UPDATE

Greetings, Friends and hopes that the beautiful spring weather, if somewhat patchy, is lifting your spirits. Each season has its benefits, but spring with its association to new life and Easter seems especially renewing. The Presbyterian Men want you to know that despite the lingering challenges of COVID, we are not standing still. We even had a meeting close to the Christmas holidays to celebrate our fellowship and to plan the coming year. That gathering was quite enjoyable to come together for discussion, food and fellowship once again. Brother Larry Jenkins suggested that we begin a study program "Wings of Wisdom", which all in attendance agreed upon. Larry also agreed to support Brother Lee in his health recovery by assuming the duties of leading our ministry unit until Lee can return to the position.

In March, we gathered to honor Brother Lloyd Jones, recognizing his outstanding and varied leadership over his many years of membership at College Hill. We presented him with a picture and a Wings of Wisdom Calendar. Brother Jones has returned to Las Vegas for a while, but we look forward to seeing again later this year.

We are not yet settled on all of our activities in addition to our "Wings of Wisdom" study, but have established a Solidarity Men's Agenda to establish three priorities for 2023 that we see as men and seek to support each other in prayer and provide connection support to bring about positive results with our priorities in the CHCC community. We ask for your prayers as we move ahead and assure you that all of you are in our individual and collective prayers as well.

On behalf of all in our ministry unit we pray for your happiness, joy and peace.

Submitted by Larry Jenkins and Lee Townsel



I'm I near enough for my close up?



I love a good back rub!



When mom told us to go hang out I didn't think she met on a clothesline?



I love my new exercise regimen!

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 info.

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.

MOBILE FOOD BANK

5/1	New Lebanon Courthouse 195 S. Clayton Rd. New Lebanon 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
5/3	Clark State Community College 3775 Pentagon Blvd, Dayton 10:00 am - 11:30 pm
5/8	Greater St. John's Church 4200 Germantown Pike, Dayton 10:00 am – 11:30 am
5/10	Living Word Church 926 E National Rd, Vandalia 10:00 am – 11:00 am
5/22	Phillips Temple Church 3620 Shiloh Springs Rd. Trotwood 10:00:am - 11:30 am
5/24	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



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

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. To be able to grow and continue this ministry, we are currently in need of more drivers that are available to pick up and drop off on a given Sunday. If you, or someone you know, is willing to be a driver (safe, reliable, timely) please contact Sis. Paula Ewers, or the office. Thank you!



Presbytery of the Miami Valley MAY 2023 Prayer List

- May 7 - Middletown First Presbyterian Church**, 2910 Central Avenue, Middletown, Moderator Shelley Wiley; Christian Educator Lisa Kaufer.
- May 14 - Northminster Presbyterian Church**, 400 Villa Road, Springfield. Pastor Dwight McCormick.
- May 21 - One Community Church**, 57 West Elm Street, Monroe. Pastors Steve Copeland and Vaughn Lewis.
- May 28 - Oxford Presbyterian Church**, 101 North Main Street, Oxford. Pastor Lawrence Bartel, Associate Pastor Marc van Bulck, Christian Educator Gordon Adams.
- June 4 - Presbyterian Church of Wilmington**, 840 Timber Glen Drive, Wilmington.

Each week we ask you to pray for a congregation or group in our presbytery. In addition, the group or committee in the presbytery we ask you to pray for during the month of May is the Leadership Council, the Rev. Amy Duiker, Chair, and the Rev. Sarah Sparks-Franklin, Moderator.

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

-Psalm 96:1,2,4

REGULAR MEETINGS MAY 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 Facebook on collegehillcommunitychurch Facebook page. Previous recordings of services 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. On hold first weeks in May. To resume (May 18, 25) Meeting ID: 848 8361 9102 Passcode: 334672.

Buildings & Grounds – 2nd Wednesdays at 2PM, (May 10) on Zoom

Christian Education – 3rd Sundays following worship, (May 21) in person

Deacons – TBD

Elam Public Relations Ministry – TBD

I & S Meeting - 2nd Mondays at 3PM (May 8) on Zoom

Indoor/Outdoor Worship Committee T.B.D.

Personnel – Tuesday, May 2nd at 6pm

Session – Fourth Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. (May 23).

Social Justice and Peacemaking – (May 9) at 6:00 PM on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 838 3655 9076 Passcode: 170476

Spanish/English Bible Study – TBD

Worship & Music – 2nd Tuesdays at 5PM. Moved to Thursday, May 11th at 5:30 due to Presbytery Meeting.

SPECIAL DAYS/EVENTS MAY 2023

Thurs. May 4 – **National Day of Prayer**

Sun. May 7 – **Congregational Listening Session following worship.**

Tues. May 9 – **Presbytery Meeting 3pm, Fairborn Presbyterian**

Sun. May 14 – **Mother's Day**

Thurs. May 18 - **Ascension Day**

Sun. May 28 – **Pentecost**

Mon. May 29 – **Memorial Day**

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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.