

# COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY mHURCH, PCUSA SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Worship: 10:30 am or on Facebook at <u>College Hill Community Church - Dayton</u> Spanish translation available.

#### SEPTEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

9/3 – Rev. Dr. Charles Tinsley Romans 12:9-21 "Be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord"

9/10 – Jose' Jones, Mission co-worker PCUSA Disability Awareness Sunday Beginning of PCUSA Programming Year

9/16 Saturday - Dr. Okokon Udo will begin the first step of a meditation process

9/17 - Rev. Dr. Charles Tinsley Matthew 18:21-35 "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

September 24 – Rev. Dr. Charles Tinsley Matthew 20:1-16 "Last will be first, the first, last."

#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Nyomi Drake – 9/3
Maria Bernardo – 9/3
Jessica Jenkins – 9/4
Kathy Lakes – 9/6
Kim Coleman – 9/7
Paula Drake – 9/9

Bernetha Pulliam – 9/10 Brianna Smith – 9/10

Marcos Camacho – 9/14

Gladys Finney – 9/16

Beverly Jenkins – 9/18

Matthew Gray – 9/20

Larry Jenkins – 9/21 Lucy Brandon – 9/24

Ma'Ckyla Lakes – 9/24

Tamara Daniels – 9/26

Perhaps you said a prayer, sent a card, flowers, dropped off food or attended the wake/funeral. The Gray family would like to thank you for your support during the loss of their brother and sister. Your presence of support was noticed, felt and appreciated. God Bless,

The Pegues-Gray Family

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## FINANCIAL REPORT FROM I & S COMMITTEE

January - July 2023 Income

4010 · Bldg. Use Income \$1,100.00
 4020 · Church Van Income 150.00
 4025 · Contributions 49,592.00

Total Income: \$50,842.00

Total Expense <u>119,043.00</u> Expense exceeds Income by \$

(68,201.00)

<u>July 2023:</u>

Income:

 4010 - Bldg. Use Income
 \$ 100.00

 4020 - Church Van Income
 150.00

 4025 - Contributions
 8,442.44

Total Income: \$8,692.44

Total Expense 21,597.85 Expenses exceeds Income by \$

(12,905.41)

Telephone me if there are questions. Thanks...

Respectfully,

Ivy Young, Treasurer

NEW SOURCE FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING - College Hill Community Church has changed our giving tool to **Servant Keeper**. This will provide all the same services as Faithlife. Servant Keeper is experienced and provides highly secure transactions. **SERVANT KEEPER**. <a href="https://giving-servantkeeper.com/chcc-dayton-oh.">https://giving-servantkeeper.com/chcc-dayton-oh.</a> You will sign in with your Faithlife email address and your password. Then you will be asked to change your password and will get an email with a new password. Questions m Paula Ewers, Financial Secretary, at ewersjt@yahoo.com.

#### UPDATE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Greetings and Blessings from your AC and Session

We are happy to report that the leadership training on August 19, 2023, was well attended and well received. Twenty members of College Hill were there, and four AC representatives were there, as well. Rev. Cynthia Holder-Rich lead the group through information concerning leadership, and the Book of Order. At midday, attendees split into small groups and reviewed various fictional case studies that allowed them to discuss whether the scenario was handled correctly by the leadership and/or what may have been handled differently. It was a positive experience for all attendees and the AC representatives, and it offered some clarity about the polity of the PCUSA.

On Saturday September 16, Dr. Okokon Udo will begin the first step of a meditation process. We pray that everyone is willing to participate in this process. This is a significant moment in the ministry of this congregation. More details will be available soon And, as always, we continue to keep you in prayer as we ask you to keep us in prayer, also.



Picture from 2019

#### **ACOLYTES ARE RETURNING**

Our Acolyte group is returning to assist with College Hill's worship service by carrying in and out the candle flame, symbolic of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Susie Grierson will be coordinating the Acolytes, and she will assist the youth each Sunday with the robe and the taper, and an adult will accompany the youth to light and to extinguish the flame.

Volunteers must be 5 years of age or older, and able to attend the Sunday morning for which they sign up.

There will be an initial training with each Acolyte.

Parents - Susie will need your permission for your youth to participate. Please speak with Susie at worship service, or contact her at 937-275-9957 with your name, your child's name, and your phone number.

# MISSIONARY JOSE' LAMONT JONES SPEAKS AT COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH (PCUSA)

On Sunday, September 10, 2023, Jose' LaMont Jones, Mission co-worker in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo will be the guest speaker at 10:30 AM at College Hill Community Church, PC(USA), at 1547 Philadelphia Dr., Dayton, Ohio. Jose' is a member of College Hill Community Church and served as the Coordinator of the Hispanic Ministry. All are invited to attend on September 10 with a light lunch being served following worship service. Call 937-278-4203 with any questions.

Jose' Jones has been serving at the Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa (CPK) Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. In a country in which the PC(USA) church partners have a long-standing commitment to transforming lives through education, Brother Jose' will assist in building their capacities in infrastructure, teacher skills and training, administration and community involvement. The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is a country roughly one-quarter the size of the United States. It is a land that has been ravaged by conflict. The majority of DR Congo's people struggle daily for survival. Despite these circumstances, the church in the DRC continues to witness to the good news of God's word through their multifold ministries. José heard the call to be a bridge-builder while he served in a multi-racial, multi-ethnic context. He has lived out his professional life in underserved communities as a teacher and as someone who has supported broad educational endeavors. Most recently, he has served as the Coordinator of the Hispanic Ministry of the College Hill Community Church in Dayton, Ohio. The call to serve in the Congo has a vital connection for José, who reflects, "Many of the enslaved Africans of the United States came from the Congo. As an African American, the opportunity to engage with the culture and peoples of the "motherland" is exciting. It is an opportunity to learn about a part of my heritage that has not been fully captured in the narrative presented here in the United States."

Additional information about Jose' Jones and his PC(USA) Mission may be found at: https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/jose-lamont-jones/



#### Colombia Delegation Visits our Presbytery

Four key leaders of the Presbytery of the North Coast in Colombia—the partner presbytery of our Miami Valley Presbytery—will be in the Dayton area for visits Sept. 8-14. Rev. Cristhian Gómez, Rev. Vilma Yánez, Elder Gina Zabala, and Elder Belkys Teherán are coming to our area to work with us to strengthen and deepen the now 27-year relationship between our presbyteries. The North Coast Presbytery is where College Hill's sister church, the Presbyterian Church of Cartagena, Colombia, is located.

The delegation's itinerary includes plans to: take part in the Sept. 12 Miami Valley Presbytery meeting at Xenia: United and a presbytery Leadership Council meeting by Zoom on Sept. 14, visit the Dayton International Peace Museum, learn about justice and poverty reduction activities in Dayton and Oxford, and events to share their perspectives on Colombia's current situation and ways the church is making a difference on justice, refugee, and peace issues in Colombia. To learn more about and to celebrate our church's and presbytery's relationship with Colombia, you are invited to join a gathering and discussion with others who have helped foster our long-time Colombia partnership on Friday, Sept. 8, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St. in Dayton. A limited number of group tickets to that evening's Dayton Dragons game are available as well. If you have questions about this important visit, or want to RSVP for the Friday events, contact Melanie Monzon at 937-510-8978 or Larry Hollar at 937-643-3168.



#### International Peacemaker Comes to Miami Valley

A very special visitor will be in our presbytery later this month under auspices of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Gaia Magdalena Łuczak, a Polish peacemaker who works with forced refugees at the Belarus border, will spend September 28- to October 1 in our presbytery, sharing stories of her ministry in school, university, and church settings in Springfield (Sept. 28), Belle Center (Sept. 29), West Chester and Oxford (Sept. 30), and Dayton (Oct. 1). Details and specific times for these local events are still taking shape at this newsletter goes to press, so contact Larry Hollar (937-643-3168) for information if you want to know more about Gaia Magdalena's work and connect with her events while she is among us. More information about her peacemaking work at the Poland-Belarus border is here: https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/july-29-2023/.

**HERITAGE MONTH** Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM) takes place September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community.

Beginning in 1968, Hispanic Heritage Month was originally instituted as "Hispanic Heritage Week" by President Lyndon B. Johnson, but it was later extended to a month in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan. Since then, HHM has been celebrated nationwide through festivals, art shows, conferences, community gatherings, and much more. The month also celebrates the independence days of several Latin American countries, including: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15th, Mexico on September 16th, and Chile on September 18th. Finally, Dia de la Raza — a decolonized alternative to Columbus Day celebrated by Mexico and Chile — occurs on October 12.

Each year, the federal government designates a theme for National Hispanic Heritage Month. This year's theme is Building Prosperous and Healthy Communities.

As usual, College Hill's Hispanic Ministry unit will be working with the Worship and Music unit to include special music and other activities during the five Sundays that encompass Hispanic Heritage Month.

Stay tuned for updates via our Facebook page and OneCall announcements...

-- submitted by Melanie Monzon

#### BOOKBAGS/SUPPLIES GIVEN TO COLLEGE HILL YOUTH AND FRIENDS

On Sunday, August 13, College Hill successfully filled bookbags with school supplies! Letters were sent inviting all the youth whose families are members, and we had extras for visitors who received one, too. Each bag contained paper, pens, pencils, erasers, glue sticks, highlighters, folders, scissors, pencil holder, facial tissues, hand sanitizer and a variety of fun items donated by CH members. What a beautiful moment when Rev. Tinsley called forward all youth and Elders of CH to bless the kids, the schools, the teachers, and to tell them that God and their College Hill family are with them. Thank you to the Elam Public Relations Ministry for funding this outreach project.

#### ANNUAL FLEA MARKET A SUCCESS!

College Hill Church held its Annual Flea Market, Saturday, August 5, 2023. It was a wonderful turnout and the items for sale by our Vendors included clothing, household goods, cookware and other collectables. Every space was sold, and the weather was just perfect.

Our co-chairs- Marlea Gaskins and Krista Lewis did an excellent job of signing up vendors, organizing the event, numbering the lot and coordinating the event. Our members were comfortable under tents due to the work of Mack Lakes, Dan Peters and Glenn Herring who set up and took down tents, chairs and tables. Larry Hollar once again took the perfect lead in being our Lot supervisor.

College Hill Flea Market had a Prayer Table ministered by our own Rev. Carolyn Peters and Linda Peters. The Outreach Table had donated items and was organized, stocked and staffed by Darlene Brookshire, Kathy Lakes, Susie Grierson, and Carole Estelle. All proceeds from this table will be donated to the Rosa Parks Early Learning Center.

Our kitchen was managed by Celeste Pickett Griffin, Queen Peters-Thornton and Pat Townsel. We offered hot dogs, chips (a large variety) pop and popsicles for sale and bottled water was given free! The Social Justice Table was new this year and was staffed by Carole Estelle, Paula Ewers, Gladys Turner Finney and Stan Hirtle. The League of Women Voters also had a table and were registering people to vote on site; thanks to the Social Justice Committee.

This was a great Community Event. We thank all of our Vendors for participating. As you can see it took a" Village" to make this successful. Thanks to all who supported this event.

Respectfully Submitted, Brenda Peters, Chair, Elam Public Relations Committee





#### **CROP Hunger Walkers Are Ready for Your Support!**

The Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 8. The intrepid walkers this year from College Hill include Gladys Turner Finney, Mack Lakes, Darlene Brookshire, and Larry Hollar—and more walkers may step forward later. Let Larry Hollar know if you plan to walk! The weeks ahead will be great times to contact these walkers and offer them your cash or checks (made out to "CWS/CROP," not to the church) to support the Walk. You can also donate safely online by searching for CROPWalkDaytonOH. On that web site you'll find the listing for our College Hill team so your donation will be recorded as supporting our church's effort.

Remember that 75% of our donations support Church World Service, and 25% help the Dayton Foodbank. College Hill has been the top faith community in total giving to the CROP Walk in past years, so please give generously to help combat hunger and poverty globally and here at home. Question? Contact Larry Hollar, 937-643-3168.

#### JOSEPH CARTER CORBIN DAY TO BE CELEBRATED

On September 27, 2023, the University of Arkansas at Pinebluff will be holding an official Joseph Carter Corbin Day to commemorate Professor Joseph Carter Corbin, celebrated as a founder of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and Father of Higher Education for African Americans in Arkansas. Gladys Turner-Finney has been pivotal in this public acknowledgement of Joseph Carter Corbin. This is a Community Celebration: Free and open to the public.

#### THANK YOU FROM ROSA PARKS EARLY LEARNING CENTER

(Note received in May 2023)

Dear Kathy and Friends,

I just wanted to thank you for College Hill's contributions to our school Sock Hop. Both the monetary donation and the contribution of the volunteers in serving food were immensely helpful. I hope you all felt it was a worthwhile event. We all thought it was a huge success. The families had a very nice time. It was a pleasure to meet you and the other volunteers, and I look forward to a continued relationship between our two organizations.

With Sincere Appreciation,
Celeste Horner, Principal, Rosa Parks Early Learning Center



## ₩elcoming All to Worship - Submitted by Marijo

#### **Hockley** (Presbyterians for Disability Concerns)

Do you have a ramp into your church? Do you have accessible bathrooms? Do you have places for people with wheelchairs or walkers to sit in your sanctuary? You do? Great! Being accessible is how we as a church can say "Welcome!" A ramp into your church is a step in the right direction, but it shouldn't end with just a ramp. For many people with a disability, the greatest barrier isn't the stairs they face, but the attitudes of those within the walls of the church. No two people with disabilities are the same and what works for one person may not work for another. The best thing that a faith community can do to help people with disability feel more included in that community is to talk to them. That is the best and easiest accommodation.

Reflect for a moment about attitudes your congregation may have toward people with disabilities. Do we recognize the gifts and talents of people with disabilities and are they fully involved in the life of the congregation? Welcoming another makes room for a relationship that transforms both the one who welcomes and the one who is welcomed. Please remember, you and your faith community need not become experts in disabilities. You just need to practice loving one another.



## Bach Society Plans Varied Concert Oct. 22

The Bach Society of Dayton presents "Songs of Ecstatic Praise," a concert featuring music from the Renaissance, Baroque and 20 th century, on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 4:00 pm at the Kettering Adventist Church, 3939 Stonebridge Rd., Kettering. Works include "Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden" by J.S. Bach, "Te Deum" by Amy Beach, "Rejoice in the Lamb" by Benjamin Britten, "Gloria" by John Rutter, and others will make up this program that will delight everyone. In addition to the singing of the Bach Society Chorus, instrumental soloists include Yun Kim, organist and director of music at Christ Episcopal Church in Dayton, and the Oakwood Brass, Dayton's acclaimed brass ensemble. A 3:00 pm concert preview at the Adventist Church will offer helpful context for the concert an hour later.

More information is available, and tickets may be purchased at https://bachsocietyofdayton.org/concerts/oct-2023.

#### FAITH LIFE ENCOUAGEMENT – a column for shared faith walk stories

Writing the article "Faith life Encouragement" reminded me of my belief our newsletter could share encouraging examples of our own faith lives, much like those we read in The Upper Room, Guideposts, or Daily Word. So, following in the footsteps of the person I wrote about in the article, I am opening my eyes to see a new opportunity for myself and others in the congregation. Each month I will be contacting a member of our church family searching for one of your faith stories. If you don't want to wait for a call, feel free to make a call to me. I pray this will become one of your favorite parts of the newsletter, and you will be eagerly awaiting your turn to share. God 's promises are certain, and I am assured there is not one-no not one- of us who can say, "No, I don't have a faith story to tell." More than likely the challenge will be selecting the one you most want to publish. I am looking forward to all the blessings I will be receiving and sharing. By the way, if you think of a better title than I have chosen, I am open to suggestions. Pat Townsel

The main intent of this article is to offer encouragement for those of us who may feel somewhat dismayed at the enormity of the need for loving kindness in the world. And of course, adding to the dismay is the daunting question of how we can personally do anything about it. Hopefully the story below will help to dispel apprehension and stagnation thus spurring action in the right direction—serving God through love and kindness whenever and wherever we can.

I was speaking with a man James Robert who, with his brother, recently closed their business after more than fifty years of operation. Though he has been semi-retired for a while, he now finds himself with far too much time on his hands. All that time has proven to be fertile ground for self-reflection and questioning. "What am I going to do now?" How am I going to make myself useful? How can I make a difference? I've had purposes for others since I was about 12 or so. I'm old now and have so many physical challenges, how will I even "see" what you want me to do now God?" Will I want to do what you show me?"

James still has some things to do with the business and continues going to the building which is in a "hood" section of town. There are vagrants, suspicious characters, and even people who have mental health issues hanging around. They may leave trash, use parts of the building to relieve themselves, etc. There are plenty of opportunities for James to have negative responses, but, thankfully, that was only part of his response. Instead, experiencing all of this, a light bulb came on giving James a revelation. Maybe this was the mission field God was showing him as an answer to all those questions he had been asking.

He has a friend who has a program for recovering addicts, and he encouraged him to reach out with a message of hope and he would be glad to help. James possesses people-experience- savvy, entrepreneurial spirit, a gift of gab and a winning personality. All of this led him to lessen his criticism and interact positively with those hanging around. He began engaging some of them in conversation, gradually adding words about God and how He could help them change. It's not easy, not everyone accepts his overtures, and sometimes he questions if it is working.

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When I last spoke to him, he stated he has not yet had a victory in the sense that no one has changed. My response to him was that perhaps he has had a victory he hasn't recognized. Perhaps his victory was turning to God, listening for and discerning His response and trusting enough to act on it. And just as he and his brother had a partnership, so do he and God. If he keeps on with his part, God surely will do the rest in His time. That occurrence may not be soon, or even in time for James to see it. He thanked me for the encouragement and affirmed he could see truth in what I said.

Is James a superhero, or is he just an ordinary Christian following the path God has outlined? You be the judge and decide if James' story can be an example for any of us who are questioning God' purposes for our lives. Perhaps it can have special significance for our church family both as individuals and jointly as we face our ongoing changes. What is God asking you, us, to do?

By Pat Townsel

#### 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

#### **SAVE AND REUSE**

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, 2024 calendars and egg cartons. NO NEED TO WASTE. **Give items to Darlene Brookshire.** 

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Christian Education is seeking volunteers to teach or assist with teaching youth Sunday School once a month. Sunday School for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday so if you are interested speak with Kathy Lakes, Pat Townsel or Diann Harris for more information. Our veteran teachers will share materials, craft ideas, and will offer guidance as you become familiar with our youth. We welcome your help and ideas! Also, remember that Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday at 9:15 via zoom. Join in!

**Zoom Meeting** 

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82769720335?pwd=WEJxb1hPcENpb1JmL3VyT0IxOEVxdz09

Meeting ID: 827 6972 0335

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## HISTORY OF THE OLDER KID'S MINISTRY, COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH, PCUSA

College Hill Community Church, PCUSA Older Kids Ministry grew out of Good Samaritan Hospital's Exercise Program for Seniors in the Community. It was a fee-based program. When Good Samaritan Hospital no longer had space to operate the program, CHCC provided space in Fellowship Hall. Good Samaritan Hospital provided the staff person. Members of the congregation fee for the exercise program was discounted to \$5.00 per month. When the Good Samaritan Hospital staff, Mrs. Mariann Baldwin, passed away, the arrangement with Good Samaritan Hospital ceased to exist.

Elder Ralph Hopper took over the bi-weekly exercises and began to expand the activities. The name "Older Kids" was chosen and the age 55+. The goal of the Older Kids was to produce wellness and socialization and to keep the members physically active and engaged. Mr. Hopper invited Elder Gladys Turner Finney to co-assist with the planning and coordination of the activities. The first activity was a Valentine' Day Party in Fellowship Hall. For many years, Elder Hopper was the faithful driver through southwestern Ohio as the Older Kids expanded their knowledge of history during monthly field trips: the Underground Railroad, Levi Coffin House, John Parker House, Harriet Beecher Stowe House; President U.S. Grant Boyhood Home, Governor Taft's Home, Annie Oakley Museum, Paul Laurence Dunbar House, Neil Armstrong Museum, Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument, etc. There were monthly movies, monthly celebrations of member birthdays, and an annual picnic. Twice a year the Older Kids attended the Summer & Day at Kirkmont," hosted by the Older Adult Ministry Network of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. On January 20, 2009, the Older Kid witnessed the swearing in ceremony of President Barack Obama, the 44th President of the United States in Fellowship Hall. 16 people were present. Around 2014, the Older Kids established a Home Safe Program "call tree" whereby senior members of the church were called and checked on by telephone. Twice a year a Game Night for the Community was held up until COVID-19. Community members became members of the Older Kids Ministry. Many of the women were skilled in crafts, and crotched and made quilts for nursing home residents. The Older Kids also support other ministries of the church. The Older Kids are a self-sustaining Ministry of College Hill Church who provide \$5.00 per month dues or \$60.00 a year for its budget.

Elder Gladys Turner Finney, Chair August 24, 2023



SEP 28

**Springfield Covenant** Presbyterian Church

> PRESBYTERY OFTHE MIAMIVALLEY

**SEP 29** 

**Belle Center United** Presbyterian Church

**SEP 30** 

Oxford Presbyterian Church

INTERNATIONAL **PEACEMAKER VISIT** 

Join us this fall as we collaborate to equip ourselves to transform cultures of violence into communities of peace.

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**Dayton Corinth** Presbyterian Church

CENTRAL

## **Workforce Training** and Business **Development Center**

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- Environmental Health & Safety and
- Security (EHSS)
  6. Principles of wastewater treatment and
- resource recovery
- 7. Heat Treating
- CNC Programming
   Additive Manufacturing, reliability quality assurance and metrology

- 10. Energy Efficiency and Auditing of water wastewater
- system 11. iOS App Development
- 12. Android App Development 13. Principles of drinking water treatment and water quality
- 14. Small Business / Entrepreneurship Workshops

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