



COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH, PCUSA

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Church Office Open – 10am – 2pm T, W, TH

Worship: 10:30 am or on Facebook at [College Hill Community Church - Dayton](#)
Spanish translation available.

JANUARY CALENDAR

January 1 – 2pm Emancipation Proclamation
Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
(MLKjr events on final page of newsletter)

January 7 – Rev. Charles D. Tinsley, IV
"He will baptize with the Holy Spirit."
Communion Sunday

January 14 – Rev. Charles D. Tinsley, IV
"Come and see."
January -

January 21 – Rev. Charles D. Tinsley, IV
"Repent and believe in the good news."

January 28 – Rev. Charles D. Tinsley, IV
"Be silent and come out of him!"

JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- Michael Hulbert – 1/1
- Queen Thornton – 1/1
- Susie Grierson – 1/5
- Marcus Johnson – 1/14
- Andrea Hirtle – 1/15
- Emilia Herrera – 1/ 16
- Irene Campuzano – 1/17
- Kevin Bleicher – 1/20
- Rosalyn Givens – 1/20
- Diann Harris – 1/28
- Ethel Smith – 1/30



Bible Verses for the New Year

- **Psalm 96:1:** Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- **Ephesians 4:23-24:** Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
- **Jeremiah 29:11:** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
- **Proverbs 23:18:** Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

County Treasurer's Office to Speak at College Hill on Sunday, January 28

Montgomery County Treasurer John McManus and his staff member Missy Mae Walters will come to College Hill on Sunday, Jan. 28, to provide an update and offer assistance on how to deal with issues relating to county property tax payments. As people struggle to pay their important bills, property taxes can be a confusing and difficult obligation. Learn more about how to cope with the changing tax payment environment on Jan. 28. Following a Moment for Mission during worship that day, join us for an informative gathering after worship in Fellowship Hall for the Treasurer's office to go into more detail and answer your specific questions. See you there!

IT'S TAX TIME

Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 7, 2024

On the recommendation of the Congregational Nominating Committee, the Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 7, 2024, immediately following worship. There will be two items of business.

1) Election of Deacons - The Congregational Nominating Committee brings the following nominees for Deacon in the classes noted.

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Gladys T. Finney	Deacon Mack Lakes (end of 2nd term)	Ruth Bragg
Obie Harris		Diann Harris
Nelson Stone Sr.		Marcus Johnson
Stan Hirtle		
Melanie Monzon		

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

The Congregational Nominating Committee brings **Marlea Gaskins** as a nominee for the office of Financial Secretary.

2) Election of the Financial Secretary



Memorial Service

January 6, 2024
11 AM

College Hill
Community Church
1547 Philadelphia Dr.
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Geraldine "Gerry" Thompson Memorial Service

Gerry was born on February 25, 1931, to Theodore ("Ted") Thompson and Hazel (Sataan) Thompson and loved all things Norwegian. Gerry came from a very large extended family, and had one brother who has passed, Willard (Bud) Thompson. Gerry graduated from Stourdan High School and went on to graduate from her beloved St. Olaf College in Minnesota. Gerry was thrilled to be able to visit Norway on a student trip with St. Olaf. Her first job was as a music teacher at Luverne High School in Luverne, Minnesota. She later received her Master's Degree in Counseling. Gerry truly loved her whole Thompson family who lived in close vicinity for many years and spent much time together as a family. It was at camp in the late 1960s or early 1970s where Gerry met lifetime friend Jean Booker (passed in 2018).

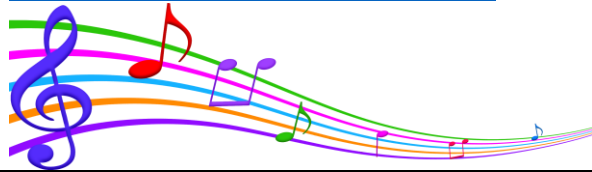
Gerry eventually moved to Ohio where she was a long-time educator and guidance counselor with the Jefferson Township Local School District. Geraldine was a faithful member of her beloved College Hill Community Church, joining in November of 1973, and served as the Director of Music for thirty years.

Geraldine was a positive influence on the many lives she touched. Gerry leaves behind beloved extended family members, cousins, and 2 Goddaughters. Gerry was surrounded in her final years by caring attendants, loving neighbors, and many close friends.

College Hill Community Church PCUSA seeking a Choir Director/Musician

This position is to coordinate all music programs of the church as deemed necessary by the Pastor and Church Leadership. The applicant must have proficient musical skills, including ability to read printed music, prepare and direct one or more choirs and provide keyboard solo music and accompaniment for regular worship services and other events. For a complete job description or additional information about the position, please contact the church at 937-278-4203 or email:

collegehillcommunitychurch@gmail.com .



Bible Study continues **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm** with Rev. Tinsley. The zoom link may be found on our Facebook page and our website. All are welcome to attend Bible Study.

FAMILY FAITH WALKS – a column for shared faith walk stories

Meet “Family Faith Walks”

Writing the article “Family Faith Walk” 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 steps 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 don’t want to wait for a call, feel free to make the 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

RESOLUTION TO BE RESOLVED

Most of us are very familiar with the word “resolutions” as it is used when we resolve to make a change in our thinking or behavior at the beginning of a new year or at any point in time that coincides with a chance for a new beginning. We are just as familiar, however, with the fact that *keeping* those resolutions is very difficult. And often they are abandoned shortly after starting to achieve them. This brief article is about a concept related to “resolutions,” similar to the relationship of happiness and joy. That word is “resolute.” To be resolute, is to be intentionally determined, and is a characteristic that can exist without “resolutions”, but at the same time, is a huge factor in helping us to keep resolutions. It is a factor in our faith life as we develop patterns of daily prayer, talks with God, reading the Bible, showing love, etc. It is a crucial factor that helps keep us on track in good times and times of struggle.

As we begin 2024, most of us have fairly good insight into the changes we need to make, and the struggles we face working on them. This year why not just focus on being **resolute about the most important thing, our faith life with God**. Why not begin today, by making sure you spend time reading your Bible. One suggestion is to read Matthew chapter 6. Here’s a teaser for you:

Matthew 6:33 NRSV *But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

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**

COLLEGE HILL DELIVERS JOY TO MARY SCOTT NURSING HOME

On December 19, a group of College Hill members visited CareCore at Mary Scott on Campus and delivered 68 gift bags filled with socks, hygiene products, snacks, and other fun donated items. The Public Relations Ministry coordinated the project and invited everyone at College Hill to join in. And they did! We thank the Presbyterian Women and several other members for making donations that added more love to the gift bags. Chair Brenda Peters, Brenda Brown, Glenn Herring, Stan Hirtle, Joyce Jones and Chance Thomas, Kathy Lakes and Mack Lakes, and Krista Lewis sang Christmas hymns and carols with the residents who came to the main room. Scripture and a Christmas message by Deacon Mack were also shared. To our surprise, a resident had his own portable microphone and began the gathering with a moving song he had written himself. While we were there, our own Frankie drew an impromptu sketch which is pictured below. Such talent! Overall, the experience was a gift and a wonderful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas for the residents and us. The staff at Mary Scott were very appreciative, and offered a couple of staff members to walk from room to room with Brenda Brown to hand-deliver bags to the many who didn't join the gathering.

The Public Relations Ministry plans to return to Mary Scott in a couple of months for another group gathering, and a few College Hill individuals are working on how they may serve Mary Scott once a month with Tuesday Bible study and worship. Watch for more announcements in the future concerning College Hill's outreach to the residents within our own neighborhood.



UPDATE ON SMALL CHANGE FOR BIG CHANGE CAMPAIGN

Diann Harris is proud to announce that her Small Change for Big Changes campaign has donated roughly \$1,750 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in honor of her late husband, Harold Zuri Harris. In December of 2021, Diann distributed jars to many of her friends and family with the goal of collecting change for a complete year. All monies collected by Diann as of this month have been given to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society via a nonprofit account opened at Wright Patt Credit Union. Diann and her youngest son, Zakiya, took the extremely heavy jars of change safely to WPCU and made good use of the change counting machine! Any further donations to Small Change for Big Changes may be made directly to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at their website.

[givenow.lls.org](https://www.givenow.lls.org)



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.**

GIVE OF YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

We ask you in 2024 to reflect and commit to ways you may volunteer your time and talent to College Hill. All the ministry units accept new committee members year-round and would love your new ideas and energy! Go to the College Hill website to see the various ministries and their descriptions.

[Collegehillcommunitychurch.org](https://www.collegehillcommunitychurch.org)

CALENDAR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR EVENTS IN DAYTON

Sunday, January 8, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

MLK Workshop Service

Location: Bethlehem Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Alvin Cotton

70 Hollencamp Ave. Dayton, Ohio 45417

Sunday, January 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

MLK Musical Concert

Location: Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Marcettes L. Cunningham

3801 Fairbank Ave. Dayton, Ohio 45402

Monday, January 15, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

MLK Memorial March

Admission: Free

Location: Assemble at 1323 W. Third Street, Dayton, OH 45402

(Near Drew Health Center)

March will end at Sinclair Community College

RTA will provide shuttle from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Shuttle will stop at Perry Street, just in front of Building 12.

Monday, January 15, 2024

6:00 p.m.

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MLK Celebration Banquet

Speaker: Sarah Elizabeth Gates Harris, Ph.D

Tickets: Individual Ticket - \$75 per person

Table of 10 - \$750

Location: The Dayton Masonic Center

525 W. Riverview Ave.

Dayton, OH 45405

[\(Click here to buy tickets\)](#)