



COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH – PCUSA AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

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

AUGUST CALENDAR

August 4 – Rev. Charles Tinsley preaching;
Holy Communion, First Fruits Offering

August 11 - Rev. Charles Tinsley

August 14 - Ministry Leaders Calendaring
Event/I&S Information Presentation

August 18 - Rev. Charles Tinsley,
preaching; Youth Sunday

August 25 - Rev. Charles Tinsley,
preaching; Celebrating August birthdays

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Misael Zagal – 08/04

Olivia Tellez – 08/06

Erika Dixon – 08/07

Vicki Eason – 08/13

Gloria Gates – 08/13

Toni Odemokpa – 08/20

John Day – 08/27

Lynn Hulbert – 08/27



Save the date! September 8, 2024 for a rescheduled Older Kids Ministry Loss-Resiliency Seminar, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, with presenter Helen Jones-Kelley

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR “FAMILY” CHURCHES FROM OUR PRESBYTERY – by Kathy Lakes

On Sunday, July 21, several College Hill members attended a workshop offered by the Miami Presbytery on how to help a Family church remain vital. This workshop was hosted by Faith Presbyterian in Huber Heights and was facilitated by Rev. Jody Noble and her husband and IT specialist, Mike Noble. By definition, a Family church is one where 40 to 50 people attend service on Sundays. This is College Hill, and this is why I attended this workshop. A lot of good information was shared, but for this article I will concentrate on just a few.

1. **Allow people to share new ideas.** This may be done with 2-3 people gathering to discuss and pray on the idea and then moving forward. Most importantly, “Do not spend more than 3 months, start to finish, to meet, discern (prayer and conversation times), and try the new thing,” encouraged Rev. Noble.
2. **New ideas to get you out of your building/try something new.** It was reaffirming to me that College Hill is already doing many of the simple ideas that were shared, but new ideas were shared, too. Most importantly, make sure the name of your church is somehow displayed whatever the event.
3. **Use of Social Media is essential.** College Hill has a Facebook page where we m livestream our worship services and where other information is posted, and we have a website. Mike Noble immediately offered his IT services to Family churches looking for assistance with live streaming and their website, and I look forward to meeting with him.
4. **Worship space should be inviting.** It should be uncluttered and fresh in appearance. An inviting worship environment also includes making people feel welcome, especially those with children. Don’t give the “stink eye” if someone comes late to service, or if a child is being noisy. If they’ve “made the effort” to be with us in worship, we should show love in return.

Overall, I came away understanding that not only is College Hill a Family church by definition, but that even though we’re small in number, College Hill is “vital” in that our ministries are actively reaching out to our church membership and our community. Our love of God is evident and this will be inviting to newcomers!

COLLEGE HILL FLEA MARKET – AUGUST 3rd

College Hill’s annual Flea Market is this coming Saturday, August 3rd, from 10am to 4pm. Our vendor spaces are sold out, and our volunteers are ready for a great day! Be sure to visit early to get the best items. Also, notice the volunteers are wearing COLLEGE HILL t-shirts, and our Public Relation’s give aways will be in a College Hill bag. We are making sure our church name is seen at this great community event! Thank you to all of the volunteers, especially our organizers: Krista Lewis, Marlea Gaskins, and Brenda Peters.

FAITH WALK – By Pat Townsel

At the Reconciliation Seminar, Gladys T. Finney shared a book, *God's Psychiatry*, by Charles L. Allen, and how reading it was so important to her healing after the death of her father. Like many advertisements we see for weight loss, anti-aging and miracle drug products, the book promises amazing improvements in your life in as little as a full week. However, unlike those promotions, this book comes with endorsements you can trust - not a stranger who is getting paid. For example, to quote Gladys,

“The book, *God's Psychiatry*, was so helpful to me when my father died. At first my mother and I were inconsolable, crying every time we even said his name. After reading the book, which was recommended to me by a friend, I followed the prescription therein and found much release and peace.”

I own the book and have found it very helpful in my ongoing healing process from our recent church conflicts and loss. Now, I *could* make it easy for you by telling you the process recommended in the book. Or even just tell you to read your Bible as the process is based upon scripture and discipline. However, God encourages us to encourage one another. And sometimes someone else's recommendation can provide that encouragement. I have not found the book in the library, but it is available on Amazon for an affordable cost. **On the other hand, I own a copy which I will gladly share. You all know my contact information, so I am eagerly awaiting a flood of calls or emails.** Who knows, I might even have to find a way to get even more copies! Will you be the first to take advantage of this wonderful offer?

FREE PROFESSIONAL SHREDDING EVENT

College Hill's Elam Public Relations Ministry is holding a professional company shredding event on **Saturday, August 24, from 10am to 2pm**. Bring your documents to be shredded to the church parking lot where your documents will be securely destroyed using NAID AAA-certified cross-cut technology. You do not have to be a member of College Hill to take advantage of this community service, so tell your neighbors and friends!

IS YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT? - If your phone number, address, or email address has changed, please share that information with the church office at collegehillcommunitychurch@gmail.com. Help us stay in touch with you!

SPECIAL PRAYERS - Brenda Brown and her sister, Shannon & Carole Estelle, William “Jack” Givens, Stan Hirtle, Ismael Jimenez, Chante’ Johnson (brother, Marcus), the Monzon family, Brenda Moore (friend of Brenda Peters), Nelson Stone, the Zagal family, and all of our members who watch from home for various reasons. ***(Please contact the church office by Thursday 10am to add names to the printed prayer list.)***

Highlights of the Worship & Music Committee’s July/August Activities – by chairperson Larry Hollar

In each month’s church newsletter, the Worship & Music Committee plans to include brief highlights of our committee’s work for the preceding month, and a preview of the month ahead:

- + Approved having a regular “Invitation to Discipleship” period in worship, to ‘open the doors of the church’ and encourage people to come forward to indicate their desires to deepen connections with our congregation and with God’s mission in the world.
- + Trained a team of ushers in the many important duties that ushers undertake to welcome everyone and care for worshipers on Sundays. Additional ushers will be trained soon.
- + Began to explore ways to reintroduce the practice of everyone wearing name tags to enhance congregational cohesion.
- + Looked to start comprehensive worship planning for the remainder of 2024.
- + Continued the search for a permanent musician/keyboard player, now focused on piano skills.

If you would like to join the Worship & Music Ministry, please speak with Larry Hollar for more information. All are welcome!

Order your Presbyterian Planning Calendars Today!

For a brief period, we can order the wonderful resource of a 2024-2025 Presbyterian Planning Calendar for a very discounted price of \$9.75. Larry Hollar is taking the orders for all College Hill people and committees. Orders must be submitted to Larry by 12:00 noon on Saturday, August 3. He is placing the final order that afternoon. You can reach him at 937-643-3168, or larryhollar@gmail.com. Payment to Larry is not due until we receive the calendars later. We are grateful to the Bellbrook Presbyterian Church for offering to place these discounted orders for each church in our presbytery.

For a list of all the great content in the Planning Calendar, including the Lectionary for the Lord's Day and special liturgical days; the colors for the liturgical seasons; liturgical days, programmatic emphases, and secular holidays; and monthly planning suggestions and resources, click on <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/presbyterian-planning-calendar/>. Please do not place an online order at that link, since the price is much higher than if you order through Larry.

PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY

Preparing, equipping, nurturing, and connecting congregations in their ministries for God's mission.

Presbytery of the Miami Valley - August 2024 Prayer List

4 August Bellbrook Presbyterian Church, 72 West Franklin Street. Bellbrook. Pastor Diane Ziegler

11 August Belle Center United Presbyterian Church, 202 Walnut Street, Belle Center. Pastor Ted Dennis.

18 August First Presbyterian Church, 117 North Main Street, Bellefontaine. Pastor Greg Menssen.

25 August Blue Ball Presbyterian Church, 6901 Roosevelt Avenue, Franklin. Moderator Ed McNulty.

1 September First Presbyterian Church, 127 School Street, Bradford. Pastor Mike Buker

BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm

All are invited to join in the weekly Bible Study lead by Rev. Charles Tinsley. Join us on zoom at:

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/83351711401?pwd=b1NTVzRpL09pZVpGcmdNV3REdDIRUT09>

Meeting ID: 833 5171 1401

Passcode: 974153

One tap mobile+13126266799,,83351711401#,,,,*974153# US
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You do not have to be current with what the class has been discussing. Just sign on and join in!

Joshua 1:8 - Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH - MUSICIAN/KEYBOARD PLAYER POSITION DESCRIPTION

To work with the Pastor and the Worship & Music Committee to coordinate weekly Sunday music selections and/or music selections for other special programs as needed.

The Musician/ Keyboard Player must have proficient musical skills, including the ability to read printed music. The Musician/Keyboard Player is to provide keyboard solo music and accompaniment for diverse congregational hymns and songs for regular worship services, and for other events. \$13,000 yearly (expectation approximately 10 hours weekly to include Sunday service, meetings, and practice times)

Please send your resume /vita to: College Hill Community Church, 1547 Philadelphia Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45406 Attn: Brenda Peters/ Personnel Committee.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES: Four – Seven – Eight by Jose Jones

In these uncertain times, anxiety and stress are affecting everyone. Ruminating over what was, what should be and what could be has everyone in a tizzy! We need to slow down, take a breather and be well. This month's Spiritual Practice focuses on breathing.

Breathing is an essential task to being healthy and staying well. Through breathing we take in much needed oxygen and expel carbon dioxide, a product of our metabolic activity. The average individual can only last three to four minutes without breathing. Did you know that breathing, in a way, is a Godly activity?

We are told to call on the name of God when we are troubled...and to praise God when we realize how we have been blessed. Actually, we cannot help BUT call on God! The name of God given in the Bible "YHWH" is a four consonant word that is pronounced without the use of the tongue. The first syllabus sounds like an inward breath. The last syllabus sounds like an exhale. We are born calling on God, our first breath, and depart from this life doing the same in our last. We, incidentally, call on God all our living days!

It therefore, makes sense that calling on God be part of our healing, part of our happiness...a present help in our time of need. **It is as easy as four – seven – eight. The 4-7-8 breathing technique involves breathing in for 4 seconds, holding the breath for 7 seconds, and exhaling for 8 seconds. This breathing pattern aims to reduce anxiety or help people get to sleep. It is a form of pranayama, which is the practice of breath regulation.**

Try calling on the name of God to calm your fears and anxieties in troubled times. We know we belong to God who is our help in times of trouble...sometimes we need a reminder. **God was with us for our first breath...and God will be with us to our last.**

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." – Martin Luther King Jr.



Hey, it's time for the heat of August to do its thing

beaming sun rays so fierce, sweat- beads from our foreheads we must fling.

Our air conditioner or fans run and run nonstop.

Our mouths seem to always yearn for icy water, lemonade, or soda pop.

But one thing our hearts tell us is "for surely" certain,

We bet our friends don't mind our saying "Hello," even from behind the shower curtain! (Tee-
hee)* Oops, no shower curtain picture, guess the towel will have to do.

From the Presbyterian Women

West Dayton Public Hospital Ballot Petition PUBLIC HEARING, August 7th, 6 pm. **Help us PACK the CHAMBER.** The community stepped up and we collected 1593 signatures. The requirement is 1250, with 333 additional signatures. We want ALL of the Dayton City Commission to vote UNANIMOUSLY for this Initiative to get it on the ballot in November 2024. Join us **August 7th, 6pm, Dayton City Hall, 101 W. 3rd St.** If you would like to speak, please arrive 20 minutes early to fill out the paperwork. If you would like additional information and/or to volunteer on this initiative, please contact Nancy Kiehl, CCC Secretary, (937) 422-4391

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.**

COLLEGE HILL'S 80th ANNIVERSARY IS COMING UP - By Elders Carlyn Miller and Jose LaMont Jones

Nearly 80 years ago, a people of faith gathered at Fairmont High School to worship on September 10, 1944! It is no small matter that we are about to begin our 80th year worshipping and serving God in this neighborhood. We need to celebrate!! We will be having a modest celebration banquet this fall (date to be announced) and want you to participate. The session has also approved fundraising activities that will help raise funds for building repairs and to offset the cost of the banquet. Our anniversary pledge campaign begins this month. So, start making your pledges! A list of 80th Anniversary supporters will be included in the commemorative program at our banquet. We want to give everyone the opportunity to participate so please plan to attend. Checks should be made out to CHCC with the words 80th Anniversary pledge as the memo. Here are our suggestions for giving:

80th Anniversary Pledge Schedule

Nursery age - 1¢/year or 80¢ total
Preschool - 5¢/year or \$4 total
Elementary - 10¢/year or \$8 total
Middle/High School - 50¢/year or \$40 total
College/Adults - \$1/year or \$80 total



Finally, won't you share a 'shout out' or greeting in our commemorative program for the celebration? Ads can be purchased from committee members or in the church office.

We are thankful for the blessings we have received and the lessons we have learned. We ask God to continue to be our help and our guide for many, many years to come. Let us spend this year reflecting on the river of experience and faith that is our constant source of energy that we be like a tree, planted beside a river, which continues to bear fruit in our community and our world!

CROP Walk is October 13—Be a Walker or a Supporter!

Now is the time to make plans to be a walker or a supporter for the College Hill team for the 2024 Dayton-Area CROP Hunger Walk! The Walk is Sunday, October 13, at Shiloh UCC at Philadelphia and North Main Streets in Dayton. Larry Hollar is our team captain, so see or call him (937-643-3168) if you plan to be a walker so he can give you an envelope and sign-up sheet to recruit supporters to make financial contributions to the Walk. As a donor, you can give by check or cash to a walker, and also give online—safely and securely--to support the Walk by searching for “Dayton CROP Walk” and on the home page clicking on the College Hill team link.

College Hill has been the top donor church in the Dayton area for this Walk for many years, helping support Church World Service and the Dayton Foodbank. We need you, as walkers and donors, to help people in need here in Dayton and around the world! Thank you!

August Worship Plans

Sunday, August 4, 2024 Rev. Charles Tinsley preaching; Holy Communion, First Fruits Offering
Scriptural Text: John 6:24-35 - Sermon Title: “The food that endures for eternal life” - Pianist: Wendela Pelfrey

Sunday, August 11, 2024 Rev. Charles Tinsley preaching - Scriptural Text: John 6:35, 41-51
Sermon Title: “They shall all be taught by God” - Pianist: Toni Smith

Sunday, August 18, 2024 Rev. Charles Tinsley, preaching; Youth Sunday - Scriptural Text: John 6:51-58 - Sermon Title: “Life of the world is my flesh” - Pianist: José LaMont Jones

Sunday, August 25, 2024 Rev. Charles Tinsley, preaching; Celebrating August birthdays -
Scriptural Text: John 6:56-69 - Sermon Title: “Do you also wish to go away?” - Pianist: Wendela Pelfrey

Come join us for worship as we celebrate God’s active presence in our church’s life!



Bach Society Plans Season of Diverse Music

The 2024-2025 Bach Society of Dayton season promises a delightful blend of music from diverse traditions. The season includes these concerts, all but the April 2025 concert performed at the Kettering Adventist Church:

MEMORIALS: Remembering the lives of loved ones with the Fauré Requiem and John Tavener's Song for Athene. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024 | 4:00 PM

SWEET SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAYS: Our festive holiday tradition spanning composers, cultures, and centuries, performed with the Kettering Children's Choir Chorale and the Kettering Advent Ringers. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024 | 4:00 PM

AMERICAN MOSAIC: Celebrating American choral masters, including Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, and the winning compositions from the Bach Society's 3rd annual Young Composers Competition. The concert features the Sinclair College Chorale and the Bach Society's Guest Chamber Ensemble. SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025 | 4:00 PM

HANDEL'S MESSIAH (A SPECIAL PRESENTATION IN TROY): The beloved and timeless cornerstone of the choral repertoire with guest soloists and orchestra, performed at the Arbogast Performing Arts Center in Troy, OH. SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 (PALM SUNDAY) | 3:00 PM

IN PRAISE OF PEACE: A special concert with chorus and orchestra featuring J.S. Bach's Magnificat (Mary's hymn of praise from the Gospel of Luke); and G.F. Handel's Utrecht Te Deum and Jubilate (composed for the treaty to end the War of Spanish Succession in 1713). A formal tea, served in an elegant and seated setting with tea sandwiches and pastries, precedes the concert. SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 | 4:00 PM

For concert details or ticket information, see <https://bachsocietyofdayton.org/season>

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SEPTEMBER 29

2024

11:00 AM

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IS WELCOME

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