



COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH – PCUSA NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 3 – Communion Sunday, First Fruits Offering, All Saints Day

November 10 – DEACON SUNDAY
Come meet your Deacons!

November 17 -

November 24 – Hanging of the Greens

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brianna Camacho – 11/2
Mack Lakes, Jr. - 11/5
Lee Townsel – 11/10
Lee Benson – 11/12
Elizabeth Johnson – 11/12
Linda Jones – 11/20
Marvella Lambright – 11/24
Shannon Estelle – 11/18
Jameca Jones – 11/29
Karen Cassedy-Hollar – 11/30

The Session/AC has called a congregational meeting on November 10 following worship to elect a new nominating committee under the new bylaws. The slate offered by the nominating committee is Kathy Lakes, Carlyn Miller, and Dan Peters.

80 Years Young...We've Only Just Begun! - By Jose' Lamont Jones

College Hill Community Church, you are to be commended. After some re-organization and focusing on our common ministry and mission, as a Presbyterian community in west Dayton, we are emerging stronger. The October 20th Worship and 80th Anniversary Celebratory Luncheon is a testimony.

Rev. Francisco Pelaez-Diaz exhorted us to stay the course of diversity. Which, as he reminded us in Rev. Robert E. Jones' words, is practice for our living in heaven! We too, should gather as all nations, tribes, people, and languages, before the Lamb, to proclaim that salvation belongs to our God that is seated on the throne! (ref: Rev 7:9-10)

The luncheon was indeed a nice affair. Who would have thought that our Fellowship Hall could be transformed into such an elegant space?! Thanks to the planning committee for such a nice lunch and ambience, promotion, and organization: Neva Benson, Carol Estelle, Larry Hollar, Joyce Jones, Kathy Lakes, Marvela Lambright, Carlyn Miller, Brenda Peters, and Pat Townsel. Thanks to the members and friends who supported the fundraising campaign to provide much-needed funds for equipment, specifically conference room chairs, and repairs on our building. Thanks also to Oliver Pelaez-Diaz Kim Newell, Curtis Powell & others who put on aprons and rolled up their sleeves to help.

Now that September 10th, the date of our actual anniversary, and our October celebration dates are behind us, where do we go from here? Well, we have reflected on our past as a welcoming community of faith committed to diversity, inclusion, and racial harmony. How does that influence our call to ministry in times such as these?

Like a tree planted beside the waters of the river, I am recommending we lean into our Presbyterian heritage of discourse and shared discernment to discuss and set out on our future path. This should be done recognizing the challenges and opportunities that lay before us. The COVID worldwide pandemic had, among other things, put limits on discourse and shared vision in ways we did not expect. We are still a church of Jesus, dedicated to being Christ's hands, feet, eyes, and love in a broken world in need of salvation. We have done many great things in our past and, with God's help, we have even greater things to accomplish. We are only getting started...

Our budding Matthew 25 Ministry is developing an infrastructure for us to reach out and help others in this community. The products are important for maintaining hygiene in a post-COVID world where it seems a new threat to our health and wellness arises about every six months. Old school preventative measures like washing hands, wiping surfaces and vaccines are still important to prevent the reoccurrence of diseases like measles, chickenpox, and polio. We need to take a global vision on public health because, as we learned from COVID and m-pox, disease is no longer restricted to geographical areas and can spread quickly to reach epidemic and pandemic proportions. What are we doing to help the least of these among us...here and in the world?

Another challenge/opportunity is the mental health crisis that is affecting today's society with its accompanying rise in violent crime. We are at a crossroad but are still called to use our blessings to bless others. Can we, once again, be that safe space in this community where we accompany young families (and even caregiving grandparents) in developing resilient, well-educated citizens of the future? Can we be that group who again speaks truth to power structures and demonstrates sustainable ways to respect difference and live in harmony with others? Can we facilitate intergenerational discussions and relationship building or model critical thinking that recognizes the value of all?

Well, we have 80 years of experience giving our testimony to God's love in the world. The history of that experience is like a nourishing fountain which gives us continued energy and life. Let's find those best practices and lessons-learned in our past that they may guide our discernment of where God would have us be today and in our next 80 years. Indeed, we've only just begun.

As we lean into independence from the Administrative Commission, let our path be guided by decisions based on open discourse where differing ideas and individuals are valued and seriously considered. It is not about where we fit into the world, but where God leads us to be an example to the world. Let us continue to be a God-fearing FAMILY of faith that embraces all in God's creation, students of the Word and Way; living examples of God's love for the world!

To GOD be the glory!

Amen!!

Long-time member William "Jack" Givens passed away on October 20, 2024. His funeral is today, November 1, at College Hill Community Church 11am visitation and 12 pm service. We will share his obituary information in the December newsletter.

College Hill Community Church Older Kids Ministry

Submitted by Jose' Lamont Jones

The Older (Seniors) Kids Ministry is dedicated to the social, spiritual, and emotional well-being of members and friends of CHCC. We meet monthly for lunch on the third Thursday and other times as planned. The Older Kids Ministry celebrated the October birthdays of Darlene Brookshire, Carlyn Miller, and Elizabeth Jordan at Burkey's Family Restaurant on Thursday, October 19th, 2024.

Our next outing will be to the EbonNia Art Gallery on November 21, 2024, at noon. Willis "Bing" Davis is an African American Artist and teacher, born in Greer, South Carolina, whose artwork portrays his feelings for life and appreciation for African history and culture. Bing is a national treasure located here in the Dayton community. Contact Gladys Turner Finney at 937-837-0498 or at gturnerfinney@gmail.com to sign up or learn more about the Older Kids Ministry.



IS YOUR HEALTH COVERAGE UP TO DATE? - submitted by Stan Hirtle

Health Care matters. Many people lost Medicaid coverage at the end of COVID emergency, perhaps because the government could not reach them. Many do not find out they are not covered until they go to a doctor or pharmacy. Many may still be eligible. Also, the enrollment period for Marketplace Insurance under the Affordable Care Act starts November 1 and runs through December 15. For help with finding health care coverage, have you and people you know contact Navigators through (833) 628-4467 or online at <https://getcoveredohio.org/>

West Dayton Public Hospital Ballot ELECTION DAY Signature Petition Drive, November 5th, Tuesday.

Help us COLLECT PETITION Signatures on ELECTION DAY. We are very grateful for the support of the community as you helped us attempt to achieve our goal of 1250 valid signatures earlier this year. Unfortunately, we only obtained 900 valid signatures. This set back has not slowed our work. The Clergy Community Coalition is organizing another petition signature drive for the Hospital Ballot Initiative to be placed on the Spring 2025 primary ballot. It is important to note, if people signed the old petition they can sign the new petition. We are starting fresh! **Petition Packets & Polling Locations** will be made available in your church office or please contact Nancy Kiehl, CCC Secretary, (937) 422-4391

Carecore at Mary Scott Regrandopening

Carecore at Mary Scott is holding its regrandopening on **November 7, 2024 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm**. College Hill is invited! Join us for tours, elegant finger foods, drinks, entertainment, door prizes, keynote speakers and a ribbon cutting. Rsvp to rsvp@cmaryscott.com or at 937-287-6421.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Prayers for: Rosalyn Givens and her son, Rodney, for the loss of their husband/father William “Jack” Givens; prayers for Brenda Brown and her sister; continued prayers for Pamela Byrd, for Shannon & Carole Estelle, for Larry Hollar & his sister, for Lynn (Carol) Hulbert, Sandra March, Harriet Merritt, the Monzon family, 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.)

Newsletter Election – November – by Stan Hirtle

This is one of the most significant elections ever. Vote to be sure your voice is heard.

Early voting is still available weekdays through November 1 and the weekend of Saturday November 2 and Sunday November 3 at 5 pm. There is no voting on Monday November 4. In Montgomery County this is at the Board of Elections, 451 W 3rd St. in Dayton. Check the Montgomery County Board of Elections website

<https://www.montgomery.boe.ohio.gov/#1687544220507-8811bd21-a796> for times of early voting.

It is also possible to request an absentee ballot, although it is getting late to do this. Go to <https://www.montgomery.boe.ohio.gov/absentee-voting/> or call 937-225-5656. You can drop the ballot at the board of elections or mail it, so it is postmarked on the day before election day and received by 4 days after. There are different rules for military members.

Election Day is Tuesday November 5 at 6:30am – 7:30pm, at your assigned polling place. These locations can have changed so check for yours at the Montgomery County Board of Elections website <https://lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/montgomery/vtrlookup.aspx#>

Ohio law requires that every voter, upon appearing at the polling place to vote on Election Day, must announce his or her full name and current address and provide proof of identity.

The forms of identification that may be used by a voter who appears at a polling place to vote on Election Day include:

A photo identification that was issued by the United States government or the State of Ohio, that contains the voter's name and current address and that has an expiration date that has not passed

An Ohio driver's license or state identification card with present or former address so long as the voter's present residential address is printed in the official list of registered voters for that precinct;

A military identification card with photo and name, Ohio National Guard ID Card, or US Department of Veterans Affairs ID Card

A US Passport or Passport Card

This super significant election is heading by huge divisions between the candidates for President, which are likely to have enormous consequences for the future. Given all the

accusations of misstatements and fact checking it is important to check the records and statements of the candidates from various sources.

Also super significant are the election for the US Senate and Congress, which are also closely divided. Senator Sherrod Brown is being challenged by Bernie Moreno. This also demands your attention. However, these are not the only things on the ballot. Another significant issue is State Constitutional Amendment 1 on drawing of legislative districts. During the previous decade voters approved two matters designed to be sure that legislative districts are fairly drawn, without manipulation or “gerrymandering” designed to favor one political party. After the elected officials’ performance using these laws, advocates believed that the laws were ignored to continue gerrymandering. They proposed another amendment taking the power to draw districts away from the elected officials with a stake in the outcome and giving it to a non-elected official body representing 1/3 of each party members and 1/3 of independents. Even the description of this bill on the ballot is highly controversial as to whether the amendment will result in more or less gerrymandering than the present one. This is an issue voters need to examine closely.

Also important are the State Legislative and Senate races resulting from the existing maps.

There are also significant local levies concerning additional money for the public library system and Metroparks.

In short, there is much that is especially important on this ballot. Please study all the candidates and issues seriously, and please vote.



OLDER KIDS WINTER COAT COLLECTION

The Older Kids (Senior) Ministry of College Hill Community Church invites you to donate a winter coat to the Haitian Community of Springfield, Ohio. We are asking for clean, gently used, or new, winter coats for adults and children. Coats will be collected from November 1 through 17th in a labeled box in Fellowship Hall...and delivered to Springfield the following week. We are collaborating with Miguel Jerome, Executive Manager of New Diaspora Live (NDL) a bilingual internet station which serves the Haitian community.



“He hath made everything beautiful in his time: also, he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. 12 I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life.”

(Ecc. 3:11 KJV)

Gladys Turner Finney, Chair, Older Kids

CHRISTMAS WITH CareCore at MARY SCOTT NURSING HOME

When: December 17, 2024

Time: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Place: Mary Scott Nursing Home, Campus Dr

Elam Public Relation Ministry has built a community relationship with Mary Scott in the past two years. Last year's Christmas gathering was a great success! If you or your ministry would like to participate this year, you are welcome to attend the event on Dec. 17. You're also invited to purchase items to be included in their gift bags. All donated items should be brought to the church office before Thursday December 12 when we will "build" the gift bags. There are 76 residents total – 26 women and 50 men. (*Elam PR Ministry will purchase the actual bags.*)

Suggested items to donate include:

Blankets, soft slippers, small calendars, personal care items like lotion and shampoo, combs, hard candy/mints, large print magazines, small craft kits, and seasonal decorations.

Any questions or comments? Please contact Kathy Lakes, or Brenda Peters, the PR Ministry chairperson.



COME MEET YOUR DEACONS!

Deacon Sunday is November 10th. Come to Fellowship Hall following worship and a short congregational meeting to meet your College Hill Community Church deacons. Cake, fruit, and veggies will be served.

2024 Deacon Board: Gladys Turner Finney, Diann Harris, Obie Harris, Stan Hirtle, Marcus Johnson, Mack Lakes (co-moderator), Melanie Monzon (co-moderator), and Nelson Stone.

Dayton CROP Hunger Walk Results Show Major Donation Increase

The 2024 Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk on October 13, benefiting Church World Service and Dayton's The Foodbank, Inc., raised 30% more funds this year than in the average of the last six years! Current 2024 results show that a total of \$14,137 has been raised so far this year, of which College Hill walkers, donors, and friends contributed a generous \$1,116. Nineteen faith communities took part in this year's Dayton CROP Walk, with College Hill ranking fifth in funds raised and Gladys Turner Finney again garnering the most donations among our church's walkers. Thank you so much to our seven walkers (see photo) and to all those who supported them! You certainly did your part to combat hunger and poverty at home and abroad.



2024 College Hill CROP walkers: (from left) Elveria Brown-Goolsby, Myra Baker (Darlene's daughter), Darlene Brookshire, Nick Gambino, Gladys Turner Finney, Larry Hollar, Susie Grierson (Mack Lakes, not present, but collected money.)

Bach Society Plans December 8 Holiday Concert

One of the holiday season's greatest treats is the Bach Society of Dayton's annual "Sweet Sounds of the Holidays" concert on Sunday, December 8, at 4:00 pm at the Kettering Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3939 Stonebridge Rd. in Kettering. With a combination of traditional chorus holiday anthems in beautiful settings and audience sing-along carols, the glorious sounds of the Kettering Children's Choir Chorale and the Kettering Advent Ringers handbell ensemble, there is something to please every taste in Christmas, Hanukkah, and seasonal music. For concert information and tickets, click on <https://bachsocietyofdayton.org/concerts/dec-2024>.



Highlights of the Worship & Music Committee's October activities

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

- + The Committee met in October and developed budget numbers for 2025 and approved funds for worship expenses for the 80th Anniversary celebration on Oct. 20. That worship was a spirited moment at which former Hispanic pastor Rev. Francisco Peláez-Díaz preached, and greetings were received from Miami Valley Presbytery and our sister church in Cartagena, Colombia.
- + The Committee approved canceling worship at College Hill on Oct. 27 to allow the congregation to attend worship at Trinity Presbyterian Church that day, followed by a luncheon.
- + The W&M Committee voted to recommend to Personnel the hiring of Anthony Davis as our Musician/Keyboard player.
- + November worship will include All Saints' Day on Nov. 3; Deacons' Sunday on Nov. 10; and Christ the King Sunday on Nov. 24.

November 2024 worship plans

November 3: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, All Saints' Day: Rev. Tinsley preaching on Mark 12:28-34, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

November 10: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Deacons' Sunday: Rev. Tinsley preaching on Mark 12:38-44, "She has put in everything she had..."

November 17: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Rev. Tinsley preaching on Mark 13:1-8, "Beware that no one leads you astray."

November 24: Christ the King (Reign of Christ), Matthew 25 Focus Day, Celebrating November Birthdays, Hanging of the Greens: Rev. Tinsley preaching on John 18:33-37, "My kingdom is not of this world."

December will include the four Sundays of Advent (Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22); a Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service on Dec. 24; and the First Sunday of Christmas on Dec. 29. An observance of Kwanzaa will also take place.

Presbytery of the Miami Valley

November 2024 Prayer List

3 November Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, 4417 Bigger Road, Dayton. Pastor Amy Duiker; Director of Christian Education Erin Dickerson.

10 November Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3211 Lakeview Ave, Dayton. Pastor Joe Whitt.

17 November Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 North Wilkinson Street, Dayton. Pastor Richard Baker; Associate Pastor for Music John W. Neely, Jr.; Associate Pastor for Youth and Mission Nancy Hodgkins; Designated Pastor for Congregational Care Caitlin Deyerle; Director of Discipleship Kylie Hettinger.

24 November First Presbyterian Church, 123 W. Decatur Street, Eaton. Pastor Annie Melick; Director of Youth Ministries Beth Pool.

1 December First Presbyterian Church, 1130 Highview Drive, Fairborn. Pastor Joe Hinds.

The Presbytery committee or group we ask you to pray for during the month of November is the **Presbytery Trustees**. We also ask you to pray for **Veterans** who still carry scars that can be seen and many that are not seen. May God comfort and bless them in unexpected ways.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

- The Book of Common Prayer

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.**

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**

Come Celebrate
CUF FOUNDATION
**2 Year
Anniversary
Celebration**

NOV 23RD
• 3PM-5:30PM •

Presentation For The Evening:

**Government Experiment On
Disenfranchised Communities
(Fact or Fiction)**

Presentation starts @ 3:10

Food Will Be Served

Downtown Library Conference Room 3A
Third Floor