



COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH – PCUSA

OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 6 – Communion Sunday – Special
Peace & Global Witness Offering

Hispanic lunch in Fellowship Hall

October 13 – CROP WALK – blessing of the
walkers

October 20 – **80th Anniversary Worship
and luncheon**

October 27 - Reformation Sunday
(Also, see last page of newsletter
concerning voter assistance.)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Clark Campbell 10/1

Brenda Peters – 10/4

Darlene Brookshire – 10/6

Joyce Daniels – 10/14

Dylan Vidal – 10/19

Evelyn Johnson – 10/23

Gwendolyn Johnson – 10/23

James Allen – 10/26

Caryl Miller – 10/27

Paula Ewers – 10/28

Larry Hollar – 10/29

VOTE TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD –

by Stan Hirtle, Chair, Social Justice & Peacemaking

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

You must be registered by October 7. Note that the rolls have been purged for various reasons, so check to be sure you are registered.

<https://lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/montgomery/vtrlookup.aspx#> .

Voting begins weekdays starting October 8. In Montgomery County this is at the Board of Elections, 451 W 3rd St. in Dayton. Weekend early voting starts October 27 and ends Sunday November 3. 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. 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 change 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:

- 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 off 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 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 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.

Interpretation and Stewardship Committee

Good News, we are eight (8) months into 2024 and financially we have been good stewards. The resources received by the church is Sixty-Six (66%) percent of budgeted resources and at the same time Sixty-Five (65%) of budgeted expenditures have been spent. Kudos are being given to several congregants who decided to give their entire pledge for 2024 ahead of schedule. Your church family says Thank You!” *Treasurer CHCC*

The 80th Anniversary Celebration will soon be here!

Please make sure to send your check for the pledge campaign, place an ad/remembrance in the commemorative program and make your reservation for the dinner. **The October 10th deadline** is fast approaching. Call the church office at (937) 278-4203 or Jose LaMont Jones at (937) 369-0467 to make arrangements.

Our actual anniversary is on September 10th. During the holiday season of 1943, J. Wiley Prugh was asked to return to his native Dayton, upon completion of his divinity training at Pittsburg-Xenia Theological Seminar and gather interested neighbors to hold College Hill Community Church's (CHCC) first worship service on September 10, 1944, in Fairview High School. In October 1945, an architect drew up plans for the permanent home of CHCC. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on April 4, 1948, and the cornerstone was laid in June. With 192 members, the first service was held in the new building on Palm Sunday, April 10, 1949. This history and much more will be shared in various videos during the luncheon.

October Worship Plans

October worship plans are on hold until we discern with Rev. Tinsley what his prospects are for returning to our pulpit as supply preacher. We will have high-quality preaching each week during the month ahead. Come join us for worship as we celebrate God's active presence in our church's life!

SOUP LUNCH INVITATION

College Hill celebrates the Month by singing songs in English and Spanish during worship each week, and with a **simple soup lunch on Oct. 6**. Hispanic Ministries invites the church to a simple lunch of tasty soups after worship on Sunday, October 6. Come to Fellowship Hall for a time of conversation and tasty food to continue our celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

ANNIVERSARY GREETING

Beloved Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings! Grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. To our beloved siblings at College Hill Community Presbyterian Church - Well done in keeping the faith and persisting

through many challenges. Your faithful witness for eighty years in West Dayton is an inspiration to us all!! Congratulations on your 80th anniversary.

From your family in Christ at Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church (USA)
Donna Courtney, Ruling Elder

CHCC Older Kids at the International Peace Museum – by Jose’ Jones

The September outing of the College Hill Older Kids Ministry was to the Dayton International Peace Museum located at 10 N Ludlow Street. A group of nine members attended.

Museum volunteer, Greg Humphreys, gave an overview of the mission and activities of the museum before we were released to view the exhibits and displays. The museum is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10-5 pm and by appointment Tuesdays thru Thursdays.



The Peace Museum is the brainchild of Christine and Ralph Dull of Dayton to commemorate the 1995 Dayton Peace Accord which ended the war in Bosnia. College Hill Community Church has a rich history of activism and peacemaking which is the foundation of Dayton’s history of peace.

Our own Paula and John Ewers, who were PCUSA Accompaniers in Colombia South America and activists against the War in Iraq and the School of the Americas training camps in Georgia, were the subjects of a former exhibit in the Museum. Long-time friend and advocate of the Martin Luther King/Black History Month Essay Contest, Margaret Peters is also a featured exhibit in the museum.

Formerly located on Monument Street, the Peace Museum’s new location is on the NW corner of Courthouse Square and across the street from the newly remodeled Dayton Arcade. With a new downtown hotel soon to **be in** the area, the Dayton International Peace Museum is poised to be visited, enjoyed and a source of learning and reflection for years to come.

The outing ended with a nice lunch at One Eleven Flavor House to celebrate the birthdays of Gladys Turner Finney (16 Sept) and ImaGene Peavy (17 Aug). If you are over 55 years of age and are a kid at heart, contact Gladys Turner Finney for more information about the Older Kids ministry. The ministry addresses the social, emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being of the members of the CHCC community.



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**

CROP Walk is October 13—Support our Walkers NOW!



The Dayton-Area CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday afternoon, October 13, at Shiloh UCC at Philadelphia and North Main Streets in Dayton. Larry Hollar is our team captain and Gladys Turner Finney, Mack Lakes, Darlene Brookshire, and Susie

Grierson are our team's walkers. Please support your team as a donor, by giving to one of our walkers a check (payable to "CWS/CROP") or cash, or by giving online—safely and securely--to support the Walk by clicking on the link below and then clicking on the College Hill team link at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/daytonoh>.

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 donors, to help people in need here in Dayton and around the world! Thank you!

Bach Society Plans October 20 “Memorials” Concert

The 2024-2025 Bach Society of Dayton season begins on Sunday, October 20, at 4:00 pm at the Kettering Adventist Church with a concert entitled MEMORIALS: Remembering the lives of loved ones. The concert includes:

- Gabriel Fauré’s Requiem (honoring Fauré’s life in the centennial year of his passing);
- John Tavener’s Song for Athene (performed at the funeral of Princess Diana);
- Gwyneth Walker’s lovely affirmation, Let the Life I’ve Lived Speak for Me; and
- J.S. Bach’s early cantata Aus der Tiefen ruhe ich, Herr, zu dir (From the deep, Lord, I cried, Lord to thee).

This performance is on the same day as College Hill’s 80th Anniversary celebration worship and luncheon after church. So, you may find comfort and solace in this beautiful Bach Society concert of remembrance and hope. For concert details or ticket information (including how to receive free livestream tickets to view the concert later), see <https://bachsocietyofdayton.org/season>.

FAMILY FAITH WALKS – a column for shared faith walk stories

- Words in Action...Children on Their First Sunday School Fieldtrip - by Pat Townsel



Working with the Sunday School children from ages 5 through 11 is quite a delight and challenge. They are so wonderfully eager, energetic, and filled with surprising insight. On a recent trip to the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, chaperones Marcus Johnson, Diann Harris and I had a challenging but enjoyable time keeping up and learning along with them.

We have been studying how God made each one of us similarly but also with special things not exactly alike. They and we had a greater opportunity to find that out in this highly stimulating, big public arena. Some children wanted to flit from place to place, or to linger avidly watching the marmoset. Some wanted to stay playing with Legos oddly enough. **All** wanted to leave the Space movie asap, and all the children wanted to stay in the water play and stay even longer climbing up the net and rope ladder doing it over and over again. At last, it was time to go, and only to one's distress. The rest of us were eagerly ready to go for a much-deserved time of rest.

As for learning, I vividly **relearned** just how far the distance can be for children (not to mention adults) between earnestly repeating words of what you will do and **actually doing** what you say you will do. There definitely will be more practice to lessen that gap before our next outing about this time next year. The beauty is that we have an entire year to do just that. We can hardly wait.

KROGER REWARD PROGRAM

Have you signed up for the church to receive awards from the shopping you do at Kroger? If not, please read this. Every quarter the church receives from Kroger an award-check for about \$60.00. The award is from the 15 or so people who have used their Kroger card and signed up for the church to receive awards depending on the combined amount they have spent at Kroger in a quarter of a year. It does not cost the customer anything and has no impact on gasoline credits or ability to use coupons. You too can easily do the same thing if you have and use a Kroger Rewards Card. Plus Kroger calculates it automatically as you shop. There is no added work for the customer!

It's easy to sign up. Just go to [Kroger.com/community-rewards](https://www.kroger.com/community-rewards) and follow the instructions. If you need help, contact Paula Ewers at 937-902-6508 and she will walk you through it.

Highlights of the Worship & Music Committee's September 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 September and noted that we are getting AV help from Mike Noble; 5 new members joined and were introduced to the church in September; November 10 will be designated as a Deacons Sunday; we expect to have a lessons and carols service on Christmas Eve this year.

+ During worship on our 80th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 20, Rev. Francisco Pelaez-Diaz will preach; we expect greetings from Miami Valley Presbytery and from our sister church in Cartagena, Colombia, and the Chorale from Stivers School for the Arts will offer several musical selections. What a joyous worship!

+ At our October W&M meeting, we expect to consider our committee's 2025 budget request and other matters.

National Hispanic Heritage Month Continues until October 15: We are now celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to recognize the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the

American Latino community. Since 1988, Hispanic Heritage Month 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 as well as El Dia de la Raza — a decolonized alternative to Columbus Day celebrated by Mexico and Chile. The theme for this year's National Hispanic Heritage Month is "Pioneers of Change: Building the Future Together."

Hispanic
Heritage Month
September 15-October 15



PRAYER LIST: Brenda Brown, Carole & Shannon Estelle, Rosalyn & William "Jack" Givens, Larry Hollar & his sister; Melanie Monzon, Nelson Stone, Rev. Charles Tinsley, Rev. Walter Stuber. (*Prayer requests should be made to the office at 937-278-4203*)

COLLEGE HILL BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY ON ZOOM

Everyone is invited to join in on Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30 pm via zoom. The current Bible readings are shared in a congregational group email prior to every Wednesday allowing you to be prepared to join in the discussion! This is an informal, friendly Bible Study with the intention of helping us grow in our walk of FAITH. See you on Wednesdays!

Topic: Bible Study with Rev. Tinsley

Wednesdays 6:30 pm

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

Meeting ID: 833 5171 1401

Passcode: 974153

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EARLY VOTING ASSISTANCE ON OCTOBER 27, 2024

Social Justice & Peacemaking is partnering with Buildings and Grounds to help with early voting on Sunday, October 27th. The church van will take people wanting to cast their vote early to the Montgomery County Board of Elections following worship (approximately 1pm after regular van drop-offs). Sign up at the church office and get on the list for a van drive down to the Montgomery County Board of Elections 451 W 3rd St. The van holds 8 passengers, so sign up soon by calling 937-278-4203 or by speaking with Deacon Mack Lakes. The van will return everyone to the church parking lot following voting completion.





The CHCC Presbyterian Men, Gladys Turner Finney and Isaac Hulbert thank you all for participating in the A Balm in Gilead Reader's Theatre this past September 22, 2024. More than 50 people participated in the event, came to know College Hill Community Church and assisted Isaac in the development of his doctoral project in History.



Thank you College Hill Community Church!

We have been blessed to be a blessing. May we always be that healing agent to sin sick souls, a measure of love to the downtrodden, and an advocate for justice when things aren't right!



