



COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH – PCUSA SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September 1 – Communion & First Fruits
Rev. Charles Tinsley “Things that come out are what defile”

September 7 – CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT –
9:30am Fellowship Hall

September 8 – Rev. Charles Tinsley “The LORD
is the maker of them all

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Older Kids Ministry
*Loss-Resiliency Seminar, 1:30 –3:30 pm, with
presenter Helen Jones-Kelley*

September 15 – Rev. Charles Tinsley “...take
up their cross and follow me”

Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

September 22 - Rev. Charles Tinsley “Submit
yourselves to God. Resist the devil.”

September 29 – Rev. Charles Tinsley “The
prayer of the righteous is powerful”

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Maria Bernardo – 9/3

Kathy Lakes – 9/6

Kim Coleman – 9/7

Bernetha Pulliam – 9/10

Brianna Smith – 9/10

Marcos Camacho – 9/14

Gladys Finney – 9/16

Beverly Jenkins – 9/18

Larry Jenkins – 9/21

Lucy Brandon – 9/24

Ma’Ckyla Lakes – 9/24

Tamara Daniels – 9/26



AC HOSTS CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT – Sept. 7

Grace and peace to you, College Hill Community Church!

We are excited to share another gathering to help equip your congregational for your continued witness to the redeeming love of Jesus Christ.

The Administrative commission is hosting a congregational retreat followed by a called congregational meeting on September 7 starting at 9:30 a.m. and ending before noon. The purpose of this gathering is to equip the congregation to take the next steps in electing a session so that jurisdiction may be returned to the newly elected session. **The proposed revised bylaws (see below) need to be approved by the congregation as a first step. The next step will be to form a nominating committee consistent with the revised bylaws, and finally that nominating committee will present a slate of elders to the congregation for election.**

The agenda for the September 7 gathering is this:

- Worship focused on providing care and healing led by members of the AC.
- Reflections and conversation about church membership with special guest Executive Presbytery. Terry Kukuk.
- Congregational meeting for the purpose of approving the revised bylaws.

If you would like to review the proposed and current by laws, you may do so at the links below.

Proposed bylaws:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DsIU8cXbRqMuQjucWyL3r_Lt6ujGHcsm/edit?usp=sharing&oid=113354284890538075268&rtpof=true&sd=true

Current bylaws:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GoIM2KwIIVmbu8PoftQ8tm3H_zYVZXQ/view?usp=sharing

Gratefully,
The Administrative Commission

Ephesians 4:16 NIV From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

80th Anniversary: SPHERE OF INFLUENCE PROMOTION – Testimony 101

Have you ever been to a good restaurant or seen a good movie and felt compelled to let others know about it? Have you ever been passionate about an issue and encouraged others to learn about the issue or contribute to that cause? Spreading things by word of mouth to your friends is the best kind of advertising, the best way to convince others that a cause is worth supporting.

The network of people we talk to and regularly maintain relation is our sphere of influence. They are the people who, because of our relationships, trust us and take our advice and suggestions as serious and worthy of consideration. We may not be experts on everything but we do know how our own experiences affect us. We are credible witnesses to what God has done in our life and how we perceive what we experience. This kind of advertising is called Sphere of Influence Promotion.

The main goal of our 80th Anniversary Celebration is to thank God for God's faithfulness in keeping this place on Philadelphia Dr. a place of worship and service for these first 80 years. In addition to coming together for adoration and worship, we will fellowship and enjoy that fellowship as one of the blessings we have received. Our celebration is an opportunity to show our connectedness among we members but also the members of the other churches in our Presbytery and Synod. We also are taking this time to find the best practices we can glean from our past ministries as we chart our path for the future. Lastly, we are raising funds for much needed building maintenance and to purchase equipment that needs replacing.

We need your help! Please take an inventory of the blessings you have received from this community of faith and the godly relationships you value among those currently and former members. Give them a call and share that we are celebrating 80 years and look forward to many more years of prosperity. Share about our pledge campaign and offer them the opportunity to share and celebrate with us by pledging also. There is no pressure to give, God is our ultimate provider but how will they know if we don't share? May this year of celebration remind us of all that God has done for us and will continue to do if we stay faithful to our task of being and developing disciples to the way of Christ. Thank you, in advance, for what you can do to keep this a community of humility and seekers of peace and justice.

Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women August 8-11, 2024 - St. Louis, Missouri – by Judy McCray

The 2024 PW Churchwide Gathering was a flurry of activities. I arrived 2 days early for the Business portion as the Voting Representative for the Miami Valley. Over 200 women, moderators, vice moderator, financial staff, secretary, board members, voting representatives gathered to hear questions and discussions prior to voting.

Kathy Reeves, 2021-2024 PW Moderator and Kathleen Keefer, PW Vice Moderator alternated in leading the meetings. They focused on outlining the ways the PW can continue to serve and connect while recognizing the ways the church world had dramatically changed over the last decade.



The Voting reps. considered a few recommendations regarding the structure of the PW's, Inc. Board. A few proposals offered ways to streamline the size of the PW's Inc. Board, which is the largest of the PC(USA) agencies. They focused on the recommendation to decrease the number of synod representative positions on the Board. The current structure includes 16 synod reps. It was recommended to reduce that number to 5 regional representatives.

Voting representatives did not pass the original recommendation; the revised recommendation arranges a rotational system for in person attendance at board meetings where one class of synod reps attends in person, while the other two classes participate online, as long as the board meets yearly in person. After careful discussion, the vote would eliminate the position of Finance Chair on the Board beginning with the 2027-2029 triennium. The role is to be filled by a member of the Board. Voting reps also approved to allow Board committee to make decisions via unanimous written/email consent. Prior to this, approval committees had to meet with a quorum before action could be taken.


Dr. Diane Moffett, President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, greeted the voting reps, and provided a devotion. Her message invited participants to consider how to live according to 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, which is the Gathering Theme from scripture. "How we treat one another matters to God and marks our witness. Doing all things in Love means that wherever you go and whatever you do, people sense the

love of God in you. Love can move mountains. Love creates community. Love unites us all in the fabric of our humanity.

At the business meeting, the Board Members were introduced by Moderator Kathy Reeves. Elected and installed during PW's Business Meeting were Pam Snyder, new moderator, and Kelsey Law, new vice moderator. Pam and Kelsey spoke at the Saturday evening banquet, sharing their histories with Presbyterian Women, their enthusiasm for what PW's helps make possible, and their vision for 2024–2027 Triennium.

Thursday, a multitude of more Gathering Presbyterian Women from across the country started arriving from every synod, traveling by plane, train, bus, and car. I understand there were 800 registrants' including zoom participation. It was a joyful sight to witness so many Presbyterian Women swarming the streets around downtown St. Louis, wearing their registration badges, exploring St. Louis' atmosphere, searching for a restaurant, or heading toward the Marriott Hotel, with suitcases/bags in hand, forming lines to check in for an exciting gathering to take place for the next three days.

Days following the business meeting included three additional days of Worship, Bible Study, and Workshops. To name a few: "Red Dress" addressing violence against women, "Missing and Indigenous Women"; "Menstrual Health" – menstrual supply needs; "Wear Orange – End of Domestic Violence", "Justice and Peace Presentations"- Honor those who died crossing our southern border". "Local Mission Display highlights local mission initiatives; "Newborns in Need", "Children's Home & Services", "Pre-school Camp". The Exhibit Hall was showcased. Also, 20 Booths displayed items such as crafts from the Holy Land, Living Water for the World, and the Gathering Theme "Doing Everything in Love". The registration packet included a booklet outlining all day events, times, and location. Maps provided directions to assist in finding every event location within the hotel.

Following the business meeting, I prepared to head home without participating in the three days of events. The few days there was a wonderful experience gathering in love, sharing and getting to meet other Presbyterian women from around the world with different experiences, dreams of loving our neighbors, loving ourselves, loving our community and loving out loud. This event is held every three years, so if you have a desire to participate in a worthwhile gathering to meet other Presbyterian Women from around the world, now is the time to start planning. 

A Little Under Par A Big Win? You Bet! By Lee Townsel, PM Chairperson

Those of you familiar with golf know low numbers are the winning scores. However, Presbyterian Men are happy to proclaim the 2024 joint St. Margaret Episcopal Church and College Hill Community Church PCUSA's Presbyterian Men Ministry scored well by having ***high numbers of planner/workers, additional volunteers, and of course donors and golfers to participate***. Both churches were very active in every phase of planning and execution, which led to a day filled with happy volunteers and even happier participants. What a blessing from God to be able to recapture the enthusiasm and support for an event placed on hiatus for more than two years. We know God is capable of doing things alone, but He also entrusts us to work hard for our accomplishments. The planning committee for the golf outing fundraiser was Max Singletary, Chairperson, Brian Martin, Co-Chairperson, Lee Townsel, Co-chairperson, Nelson Stone, Sr. Co-Chairperson; Barbara Hudson Banner, Bob Bass, Agnes George, Frank Jackson, Ronald Ogletree, Weston Philpot, III, and Donna J. Wright. But even this large, dedicated, hardworking committee couldn't do it all. They express fervent thanks to all the many volunteers who also worked happily and faithfully for the success of the event.



The competition winner was the Joe Shaw Team- Hearty Congratulations! The runner ups were our own Nelson Stone Family Team- Sr. Jr. and the III! Way to go!

Perhaps the best benefit is that our ministry and St Margaret each raised three thousand dollars, \$3000.00, for our charitable uses.

This amount is just a little less than the par that was established in the years pre-COVID 19. Thanks be to God for everything.

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!

KROGER REWARD PROGRAM

Have you signed up for the church to receive rewards from the shopping you do at Kroger? If not, please read this. Every quarter the church receives a check from Kroger for about \$60.00 from the 15 or so people who have used their Kroger card and signed up for the church to receive awards depending on how much you have spent at Kroger in a quarter of a year. It doesn't cost you anything -you still get your gasoline credits and any coupons you have signed up to use.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & PEACEMAKING NEWS by Deacon Stan Hirtle

In 2021, College Hill Church erected a series of white crosses commemorating African Americans who were killed by police under questionable circumstances. This action, initiated by the pastor and supported by the Social Justice and Peacemaking ministry unit and the session, supported the Black Lives Matter movement that arose from high profile cases nationally such as Michael Brown in Ferguson Missouri, George Floyd in Minneapolis, Eric Garner in New York City, and more

The logo consists of the words "BLACK LIVES MATTER" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The words are stacked vertically: "BLACK" on the top line, "LIVES" on the second line, and "MATTER" on the third line. The text is centered within a bright yellow rectangular background.

nearby cases such as Tamir Rice in Cleveland and John Crawford in Beavercreek. The Black Lives Matter movement led to demonstrations and police response, as well as examination of police procedures, training and culture. Efforts were made to have oversight, reform, culture change and alternatives to militarization of police. Ultimately there was pushback in our political culture wars, often focused on Critical Race Theory, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and supposed racial discrimination against whites. At the same time, we have recognized that police have a difficult and dangerous job, are on the front lines to deal with the consequences of systemic social problems and may be asked to stop mass shootings one moment and to deescalate conflicts with angry or mentally ill people the next. People who work in the justice system feel unfairly singled out. African Americans have traditionally been underrepresented in this form of service to the community. During one church service during this period, we invited officers to come and be honored for their work. College Hill's Black Lives Matter crosses have over time deteriorated, been vandalized, have interfered with lawn care, and otherwise become unattractive. The movement does not command the attention that it once did, while unfortunately the type of incidents that lead to the display have continued. Building and Grounds and Social Justice and Peacemaking have discussed this problem and considered alternatives.

After surveying the congregation, Social Justice and Peacemaking voted to recommend to session that the Black Lives Matter crosses be removed and that they be replaced with an artwork or other object displaying our commitment to black lives. Session agreed. We are also looking at various activities happening in the community reflecting this commitment to reduce violence, both by police and by community members themselves, and supporting them.

There is still much to be decided as exactly to how to replace the crosses. Ideas have included statues display, perhaps one large cross, perhaps a fountain, perhaps a bench, placed in a visible location. Social Justice and Peacemaking seeks to support these Christian values and to encourage and support others in the congregation to engage in activities that they believe in.

We welcome ideas and comments on how to proceed further. 



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surrounding us all.

September Prayer

PW 's September greeting is flying your way

On a flutter of early autumn leaves as they
drift and sway

May the bright blue skies, cooling days and
colorful fall

Bring you joy as you gaze upon God's beauty

Love Presbyterian Women,

Darlene Brookshire, Kathy Lakes, Judy McCray, Carlyn Miller, Pat Townsel

Bethel Long Wesleyan

Church in Greenville is holding its 168th Home Coming Worship Celebration on September 29, 2024. Worship begins at 11:00 am with a meal and fellowship following the service. If you would like to carpool with others, speak with Ivy Young (ivyyoung@gmail.com) or Krista Lewis (kristakaylewis@yahoo.com) by **September 23, 2024**, for more information.

If you would like to learn more about Longtown, this link is from WYSO "All Things Considered."
<https://www.wyso.org/news/2017-05-30/longtown-descendants-breathe-new-life-into-historic-mixed-race-settlement>



**Bethel Long
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**168th
Home Coming
Worship Celebration**

Come early to get a seat
Food - Music
History Presentation

Psalm 46:1 – God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

SEPTEMBER 29
2024
11:00 AM

EVERYONE
IS WELCOME

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND FOR LARGE GROUPS CONTACT:
Pastor Pamela Geise @ 419-204-5469

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**

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT A SUCCESS!



On Saturday, August 24, the Elam Public Relations Ministry held a free, professional paper shredding event for our members and our community. 32 cars came through shredding 2100 lbs. of paper. More importantly, they registered 4 new voters and verified voter registration for 2 people. The ministry informally gathered data on how the attendees heard about this event: 8 saw our computer sign on the corner, 5 were told by friends, 1 saw our Facebook post, and 2 saw the truck in the parking lot and came back with their paper to be shredded. We thank Elder Ivy Young for suggesting this event to the PR Ministry.

Highlights of the Worship & Music Committee's August/September Activities - by Elder Larry Hollar

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 twice during August, once to begin worship planning for the remaining months of 2024, and a second time to discuss plans for the 80th Anniversary worship service on Sunday, October 20. Future worship planning remains a September priority.
- + Members of W&M joined with the Personnel Committee to interview a potential candidate for the church's musician/keyboards position, a process we hope to resolve in September.
- + Additional ushers will be trained soon. W&M will continue discussions about reintroducing the practice of everyone wearing name tags to enhance congregational cohesion, and engaging other committees in reviewing long-term church security needs.


SPIRITUAL PRACTICES: Seeking God's Wisdom – by Jose' Jones

If only everything came with an instruction manual. Raising children, manipulating changes in the economy and hard times would be easier to handle. Life itself, would be much easier. The Bible is our roadmap for living. Regular consultation (study) makes for easier living. As Christians, we are exhorted to put on the full armor of God...specifically the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the Gospel shoes being ready to make peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the word of God.

In God's word, we find the Book of Proverbs. A proverb is a short saying which states a general truth or piece of advice. As you work towards making regular Bible study a habit, try this. Depending on the date, read that chapter of proverbs, which has 31 chapters. Proverbs contains tips for being godly men and women and lots of wisdom for the things we encounter in life. For example, on September 1st, read the first chapter of Proverbs. As you read, ask yourself what God is saying to you in those verses.

In Rev. Tinsley's weekly Bible Study, he recommended a video that I found to be an excellent overview of the contents and organization of the Book of Proverbs. The link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzmYV8GNMIM>

Make regular bible study a habit, and group bible study a practice also, to gain from the discernment of others to learn to apply God's wisdom and live more fulfilled lives. Read more, share your testimony and discernment of God's wisdom and KEEP PRAYING for all of God's people. Amen. 

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 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, and Susie Grierson are already on board as walkers—plus we expect more walkers to join, so watch the Sunday announcement sheet for updates. See or call Larry (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 (payable to “CWS/CROP”) or cash to one or more of our walkers, 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!

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 banquet after church. Many of us remember our departed church colleagues in faith as part of our 80th year observance, honoring their contributions to the life of College Hill over the years. 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 at a later time), see <https://bachsocietyofdayton.org/season>. 

September Worship Plans

Sunday, September 1, 2024 Rev. Charles Tinsley preaching; Holy Communion, First Fruits Offering, Scriptural Text: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Sermon Title: “Things that come out are what defile”

Sunday, September 8, 2024 Rev. Charles Tinsley preaching; New member welcome Scriptural Text: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; James 2:14-17 Sermon Title: “The LORD is the maker of them all”

Sunday, September 15, 2024 Rev. Charles Tinsley, preaching; Youth Sunday; Hispanic Heritage Month begins Scriptural Text: Mark 8:27-38 Sermon Title: “...take up their cross and follow me”

Sunday, September 22, 2024 Rev. Charles Tinsley, preaching; Hispanic Heritage Month; Celebrating September birthdays Scriptural Text: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a Sermon Title: “Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil”

Sunday, September 29, 2024 Rev. Charles Tinsley preaching; Hispanic Heritage Month;
Longtown Trip Scriptural Text: James 5:13-20 Sermon Title: "The prayer of the righteous is
powerful"

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