



**COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH –  
PC(USA)  
MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER**

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Spanish translation available.

**MARCH CALENDAR – WOMEN'S  
HISTORY MONTH**

March 2 – Communion

March 5 – Ash Wednesday – Corinth  
Presbyterian Church, 7 pm

March 7 – World Day of Prayer

March 9 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Youth Sunday – children will sing

March 30 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Isaac Hulbert – 3/15

Jose' Vidal – 3/19

Nancy Garner – 3/26

Fay Day – 3/30

Nelson Stone, Sr. - 3/30



Galatians 3:28 - "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Equality and unity in Christ)



Ash Wednesday Worship at Corinth Presbyterian: March 5, is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of our Lenten observance. Corinth Presbyterian Church in East Dayton has invited College Hill members to share the Ash Wednesday service with them at 7:00 pm on March 5. Corinth Church is located at 4281

Corinth Blvd., Dayton 45410. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend so we can help to arrange carpools or possibly take the church van. Please note that there will NOT be an Ash Wednesday service at College Hill; our worship is with Corinth this year.

Stivers Chorale to sing at College Hill on March 9: The Chorale singing group from Stivers School for the Arts, under the direction of Paula Powell, will provide music during College Hill's worship on Sunday, March 9. They will be sharing a setting of "Ol' Time Religion" and a spiritual



medley. The Chorale is one of two auditioned honors choirs at Stivers and is exclusively for Soprano and Alto voices. Stivers School for the Arts Choirs have earned superior ratings at Ohio Music Education Association-adjudicated events at the district and state level since 2016. Stivers Choirs have performed at the Schuster Performing Arts Center with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra; on stage at the Victoria Theater; and with community and collegiate groups such as The Bach Society of Dayton, MUSICA!, The University of Dayton and Wright State University. In March 2023, the Stivers Chamber Choir and Chorale traveled to New York City for a residency with Dr. Derrick Fox and a concert at Carnegie Hall. Stivers School for the Arts is a school of the Dayton Public Schools and has won the US News and World Report Silver Medal for excellence in public schools.



Holy Week Services: The Worship & Music Committee has begun discussions with Rev. Tinsley and Anthony Davis about worship services during Holy Week, April 13-20. Besides Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services, we also expect College Hill to host a Good Friday service on April 18 for our members and nearby community residents. Since there are numerous Maundy Thursday services available at other churches in the Dayton area on April 17, we expect to encourage our members to attend one of those services. Watch for more details as these Holy Week plans take shape in the weeks ahead.

## Enjoy Using our New Pew Bibles!

The Worship & Music Committee, assisted by funding from the Elam Public Relations Committee, recently placed new Bibles in the pew racks in the sanctuary, replacing the variety of older and worn Bibles that had been there before. These new Bibles are the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition; the translation used in our Sunday worship services.

In an article about why churches should have pew Bibles, William E. Boyce and K. J. Drake wrote: “The pew Bible has a valuable place. It is a celebration of the gospel, the triumph of the early church, and the spirit of the Reformation. And for a generation of digital burnouts, the pew Bible helps us connect with a crucial truth: that salvation is physical, tangible, earthly, and available for all.... Pew Bibles make a valuable contribution to the experience of worship. Without pew Bibles, something is tangibly missing from our liturgical space. As we see constantly in the Old Testament, and reaffirmed through the Reformation, liturgical space has a catechetical effect. The physical things in our worship space teach us about God and about the anticipated experience of worship.” So please use and benefit from this new part of our worship area!



Handel's Messiah on Palm Sunday afternoon in Troy: A special performance of G.F. Handel's beloved work, Messiah, by the Bach Society of Dayton chorus, soloists, and orchestra will take place on Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday), at 3:00

pm at the Arbogast Performing Arts Center in Troy (not in Kettering). This concert is generously supported by a grant from the Miriam Rosenthal Foundation for the Arts. For information and tickets, see <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/79988071/handels-messiah-palm-sunday-troy-arbogast-performing-arts-center> or <https://bachsocietyofdayton.org/concerts>. The Arbogast Center is at 500 S. Dorset Road in Troy, (937) 418-8392.

## **Collaborative Congregations Plan Choir/Singing Event March 30:**

Some of the active smaller-sized congregations in our Miami Valley Presbytery are meeting periodically to find ways to share energies, resources, and ideas about ways to be the church more effectively. Among the churches with representatives attending initial Collaborative Congregations (CC) meetings are Fairborn First, Honey Creek, Corinth, Faith Huber Heights, College Hill, Central, Bath, and Yellow Springs.

Mark your calendar for an event at 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 30, at Faith Presbyterian in Huber Heights that invites churches like ours to send choir members to sing a shared anthem (“I’m Goin’ to Sing,” arr. B. Harlan) and others who enjoy music to join in other vocal activities. There will also be a jam session of “This Little Light of Mine” led by Faith’s music director John Derrickson, with attendees invited to bring an instrument and join in! More details will be publicized after the next CC meeting on March 2—so watch for them.

## **Spring Winds**

*Though March may enter with a dreaded winter's- still here-lion's- roar,  
Reflect on the old adage that soon lamb-like winds will be at your door.  
In about a week or so, daffodils and crocus heads will be pushing through,  
Appearing in a friendly way to nod and say, “Hello and how do you do?”*

Greetings, love and prayers from CHCC Presbyterian Women  
Darlene Brookshire, Kathy Lakes, Judy McCray, Carlyn Miller and Pat Townsel

## **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The church office needs 1 or 2 more volunteers. Volunteers are asked to give 2-3 hours once a week to answer phones and to greet any visitors or church people who are in and out of the church during the day. Speak with Elder Brenda Peters if you are interested.

## Support Today for Women's History Month

I recently noticed on a plastic tube I was discarding the words "Women Made." I then saw it on another plastic jar. Never having noticed the logo before, those two exposures, so close to Women's History Month, led me on an eager search to find out more.

I discovered that "Women Made" is not a company that makes plastics-as I first believed-but is a certification logo of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). WBENC is a non-profit group partnering with other groups to support, encourage, offer training and networking opportunities helping women-owned and small businesses thrive. To qualify for certification the business must be owned, managed, and operated by at least 51% by women or a woman. When you buy a product with the Women Owned Logo on its packaging, you can be certain you are directly supporting a certified Women Owned business.

I had great fun going to the directory website looking at the variety of products offered. You might find something for yourself or a special someone contributing to the WBENC mission to **"build a movement of support for Women Owned businesses"**. **The site is <https://buywomenowned.com/women-owned-directoryand>**

PS: In my search, I found several plastics companies, one even here in Dayton, Kohlfab Custom Plastic Fabrication

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**Identifies as women-owned**

One day we might even find reasons and ways for increased collaboration with them.

**Pat Townsel**

## 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 also accept old blankets, notecards, and 2025 calendars. **NO NEED TO WASTE. Give items to Darlene Brookshire.**



## Bach Society American Mosaic concert Sunday, March 9 - 4:00 pm

The Bach Society of Dayton, together with the Sinclair College Chorale, present "American Mosaic," a lovely and diverse concert of choral music by 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century composers from the

United States, next Sunday, March 9, at 4:00 pm, with a concert preview at 3:00 pm by Evan Fein. Works by African American composers R. Nathaniel Dett and Margaret Bonds, as well as three world premieres and Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, will be offered. The concert is at the Kettering Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3939 Stonebridge Rd., Kettering. For tickets and more information, see

<https://bachsocietyofdayton.org/concerts>.

## NEW BUT FAMILIAR CHANCEL APPEARANCE

As you enter College Hill Community Church's sanctuary, you will perhaps notice a new but familiar appearance to the Chancel area. Thanks to the collaboration of Worship & Music, Buildings & Grounds, and Audio-Visual ministries, the piano has been moved back to its original location, and the pulpit, the small podium, and the communion table have too. We thank you for your suggestions concerning these changes, and we thank ALL involved in coordinating this endeavor!



### **College Hill Community Church Online contribution link:**

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/chcc-dayton-oh/member/login>. Sign In/Up and follow the prompts. Be sure to designate your payment method, preferably a checking account. Contact Ivy Young with any questions.

## March Worship Plans

**Sunday, March 2:** Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43. Sermon: “my Son, my Chosen...listen to him! “; Presentation on Celebrating the Gifts of Women; Communion, First Fruits Offering.

**Wednesday, March 5:** Ash Wednesday; Worship at 7:00 pm at Corinth Presbyterian Church, 4281 Corinth Blvd, Dayton, OH 45410.

**Sunday, March 9:** First Sunday in Lent; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13. Sermon: “the same Lord is Lord of all.” Stivers Chorale sings; Presentation on Celebrating the Gifts of Women.

**Sunday, March 16:** Second Sunday in Lent; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35. Sermon: “I desired... and you were not willing.” Presentation on Celebrating the Gifts of Women. Youth Sunday.

**Sunday, March 23:** Third Sunday in Lent; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9. Sermon: “Incline your ear, and come to me; listen...” Presentation on Celebrating the Gifts of Women. Recognize March birthdays.

**Sunday, March 30:** Fourth Sunday in Lent; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. Sermon: “...he was lost and has been found.”

After worship, **Collaborative Congregations choir event at 2:00 pm at Faith Presbyterian**, 5555 Chambersburg Rd, Huber Heights, OH 45424.

### **Bible Study with Rev. Tinsley - Wednesdays - 6:30 pm, zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83351711401?pwd=b1NTVzRpL09pZVpGcmdNV3REdDlRUT09>

Meeting ID: 833 5171 1401

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## **Worship and Music Highlights from February:**

Last month, your Worship & Music Committee:

- Improved security in the balcony AV area.
- Began planning Lenten and Holy Week services and noted Collaborative Congregations plans for March.
- Worked with Christian Ed on identifying Lenten devotional resources, with help from Rev. Tinsley.
- Began planning Celebrating the Gifts of Women observances during March.
- Started a collaboration with Interpretation & Stewardship on a tri-monthly stewardship focus in worship.
- Anticipated the moving of the sanctuary piano and other chancel rearrangements which were completed on Feb. 27.
- Renewed the subscription for weekly Children's Worship Bulletins, which have proven popular.
- Placed new pew Bibles in pew racks.
- Worked with Building & Grounds to ensure the building is secured after Sunday worship.
- Discussed introducing new hymns in worship.
- Noted implications of churches no longer being Protected Areas for ICE activities.
- Moved our next meeting to Tuesday, March 18, at 5:00 pm via Zoom due to schedule conflicts.

## **DEACON MONTHLY MEETING**

March's Deacon Meeting is Saturday, March 8, at 11 am in Rm 104. Please be prompt.

### **HUMOR KEEPS US HEALTHY**

**1. What did Jonah's family say when he told them about his trip?**

“Hmm... sounds a little fishy!”

**2. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?**

Because Noah was standing on the deck



## Clerk's Corner

The nominating committee has some unfinished business.

New Clerk of Session and Assistant is Ivy Young and Brenda Peters, respectively.

The proposed changes/amendments to the Book of Order will be circulated for review and comments. On 11 March there will be a Zoom meeting. Commissioners of related churches, as well as CHC will attend.

The Leadership Council for the Presbytery of Miami Valley (PMV) are working on ICE options.

CHC will be submitting a proposal for Cultivating the Gift of Preaching Initiative (CGPI).

Congregational Minutes for 9 February were approved.

Session has endorsed the boycott.

2024 Financial Review is in progress. Reviewer is Matthew Scarr.

Respectfully Submitted

Clerk of Session,

Ivy Young

You are invited to the Adult Sunday School Sunday - 9:15 - 10:00. Based on survey requests and the officer's training, we will study the Book of Order and Book of Confessions. See the link below. Copy and paste the link to your search engine and join in!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82868405334?pwd=6dk0CSrALrm8JYSvqM3hUD3CecWNfA.1>