



## COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH – PC(USA) AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

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

### AUGUST CALENDAR

August 3 – Communion/First Fruits Offering

August 10 - SJ&P Moment for Mission

August 17 – Youth Sunday/Time for Children

August 24 - Birthday Sunday  
Collaborative Church Ice Cream Social  
2 pm – at Honey Creek Presby Church

August 31 –

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/4 - Misael Zagal

8/6 - Olivia Herrera

8/7 - Erika Dixon

8/7 - Madison Vidal

8/13 - Gloria Gates

8/16 - Ginger Phillips

8/20 - Toni Odemokpa

8/25 - Frankie Westbrook

8/27 - John Day

8/27 - Lynn Hulbert



***Bible Study with Rev. Tinsley is on hiatus until September 3, 2025. Enjoy the summer!***

Philippians 4:13 “I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”

## August 2025 Worship Plans

Sunday, August 3: 8th Sunday after Pentecost; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Hosea 11:1-11; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21; Sermon: "...but Christ is all and in all!" Communion, First Fruits Offering.

Sunday, August 10: 9th Sunday after Pentecost; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40. Sermon: Faith...the assurance of things hoped for. Social Justice & Peacemaking Moment for Mission.

Sunday, August 17: 10th Sunday after Pentecost; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Isaiah 5:1-7; Hebrews 11:29—12:2; Luke 12:49-56. Sermon: "...let us also lay aside every weight." Youth Sunday; Time for Children in worship.

Sunday, August 24: 11th Sunday after Pentecost; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17. Sermon: "...all his opponents were put to shame." Celebrate August Birthdays. Collaborative Congregations ice cream social event after worship, 2:00 pm, likely at Honey Creek Presbyterian Church, New Carlisle. (These events are normally on Fifth Sundays, but next weekend is Labor Day weekend)

Sunday, August 31: 12th Sunday after Pentecost; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14. Sermon: "...and be content with what you have."

## COMMUNITY DAY EVENT – AUGUST 9, 2025

Elam Public Relations Ministry and the Matthew 25 Grant Group are holding a Community Day on Saturday, August 9, 10am-2pm. The goal is to show our community that College Hill Community Church is alive and well, and to encourage visitors to our worship. If you'd like to volunteer on this day, please speak with Chair Brenda Peters. ***Come join in the day of games, prizes, music and free food. Bring a friend!***

## ANNUAL FLEA MARKET – SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

**The Annual Flea Market is on Saturday, September 6, 10am - 4 pm.** If you have any items to donate to the Outreach table, please speak with Darlene Brookshire or Kathy Lakes. Profit from the Outreach table is donated to Rosa Parks Early Learning Center. Speak **with Krista Lewis or Marlea Gaskins to reserve a vendor's spot.** Vendor spaces are \$30.

## ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SUCCESS



This year's annual golf tournament, sponsored by St. Margaret's Episcopal and College Hill Community Church PC(USA) was a success! The weather cooperated beautifully, and all involved had a good time. Funds were raised to split between St. Margaret's and College Hill Community Church, and these funds are used to help in our community in various ways. The Presbyterian Men thank all who volunteered at the event or behind the scenes, and they look forward to another positive event next year.



## DAYTON DRAGON BALLGAME WAS A HOMERUN!

35 people from College Hill Community Church attended the July 3 Dayton Dragons ballgame, and all reported having a wonderful time. (Even though the Dragon's lost by 1 run.) And they cheered loudly when College Hill Community Church was listed on the giant screen. Thank you to the Elam Public Relations Ministry for organizing this outing.



## **Worship and Music Committee Highlights from July 2025:**

At last month's meeting on July 8, your Worship & Music Committee:

☐ Noted that session in June had approved having communion (in addition to first Sundays each month) on Christ the King Sunday (Nov. 23) and on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24), if W&M later decides to have worship services on those dates for which communion is appropriate.

☐ Celebrated the baptism of Ariel Pulliam-Nju on June 29. Also took note of some changes in the AV team that have occurred recently.

☐ Continued worship planning for July through October. We expect Rev. Tinsley will continue with us through those months and beyond. We continued plans for monthly Moments for Mission by Social Justice & Peacemaking and quarterly presentations by Interpretation & Stewardship ministry units. With so many youth activities happening in the summer, we expect some reports in worship will highlight those amazing ministries. Sept. 14 is Disability Awareness Sunday, and we expect to consider observing that as well as the Peace & Global Witness Offering (with Moments for Mission beforehand) and World Communion Sunday on October 5, and the CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 12.

☐ Several W&M attendees reported concerned feedback from church members and from their own observations about our current worship and music, so changes were discussed about the process for choosing hymns and in the preacher's role in the worship service. It was agreed to begin implementing some changes immediately to address some of these congregational concerns, and to work as a team toward a more concise and energizing liturgy and music. Consideration will be given to taking a wider-ranging poll of the congregation about worship and music at the church, based on template polls from other churches that Rev. Tinsley has provided.

☐ Session has thanked the Lakes family for their generosity in providing additional banners for the sanctuary.

☐ Next W&M meeting is Tuesday, August 12, at 5:00 pm, by Zoom.

## **ELECTRONIC GIVING TO COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Those worshipping online are welcome to send your offering by mail directly to College Hill Church, [1547 Philadelphia Drive, Dayton, OH 45406](#) or On-Line contributions are available as follows: Website: <https://giving.servantkeeper.com/chcc-dayton-oh/member/login>. Sign In/Up and follow the prompts.

# ODE TO COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR 80 YEARS

by Sandra Lewis & Carlyn Miller

Oh, venerable church, standing proud and tall,  
Eight decades of faith, you've embraced them all.  
Through trials and triumphs, your spirit soars,  
A beacon of light, on distant shores.

You've been a refuge, a sanctuary of peace,  
Where souls find solace, and their burdens release.  
Your walls have echoed with hymns and prayer,  
Guiding the lost, with loving care.

Generations have gathered within your embrace,  
Seeking guidance, wisdom, and God's grace.  
From baptisms to weddings, and loved ones mourned,  
Your presence to us has been adorned.

With each passing year, your light shines bright,  
Spreading love and kindness, both day and night.  
So here's to you, Oh College Hill so dear,  
Eighty years of blessings, we hold you near.

May you continue to stand, for ages to come,  
A bastion of faith, where hearts find home.  
With gratitude and love, we celebrate your story,  
Oh cherished College Hill, in all your glory.



## 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, 2025 calendars and egg cartons.

Give items to Darlene Brookshire.

## PLANNING MATTERS



failing to plan can sometimes be disastrous! Such is the case for many who have not planned to minimize the frustration and emotional roller-coaster that accompanies final arrangements for a spouse or loved one. According to Jonathan Cain, State Farm Agent, who came to present on Estate Planning Thursday, 24 July 2025 at the CHCC Older Kids meeting, cremations are up 65% in our area because

families are not prepared for the seven to ten-thousand average cost of a funeral these days. final arrangements for a spouse or loved one. According to Jonathan Cain, State Farm Agent, who came to present on Estate Planning Thursday, 24 July 2025 at the CHCC Older Kids meeting, cremations are up 65% in our area because families are not prepared for the seven to ten-thousand average cost of a funeral these days.

Elder Gladys Turner Finney started things off by quickly reminding the participants of the Final Arrangements booklet in the church office that outlines final instructions, etc. for one's own funeral/memorial service. She then introduced the speakers for the day.

Jonathan Cain and Cheryl Scroggins did a very nice presentation! They explained how to clarify your wishes for distributing your earthly possessions by having a will and/or trust.

They also discussed ways to pass on wealth via insurance products and more. This was important information for both old and young alike and it should not be our last presentation on the topic.

## **COLLABORATIVE CONGREGATIONS -**

Honey Creek, Fairborn, Yellow Springs, Faith, Corinth, Bath, College Hill and Central Presbyterian Churches

**Invite you to an Ice Cream Social - 2 pm August 24, 2025**

At Honey Creek Presbyterian Church Social Hall, 212 Jefferson St, New Carlisle (parking in rear of church)

We are collecting school supplies for Crayons to Classrooms. Your donations are welcome!

AND save the date, November 24, at 2 pm for a Thanksgiving Celebration.

## FAITH WALK - Self-Examination- A Precautionary Tale

*by Pat Townsel*

A couple of weeks ago, Rev. Tinsley, referring to the very familiar parable Jesus told about Mary and Martha, preached about the disconnect that can happen between what God calls us to do, and we actually are doing. We become so busy that we aren't examining our actions, or often even listening for God's voice. That was one of those uncomfortable times I had the impression that the minister was speaking directly to me. He even seemed to be looking directly at me. I began to review my new position as an installed deacon and realized I had been so busy working with the other deacons on organizational tasks and details, that I wasn't doing much service-to-others deacon work.

With that realization I have not given up the other work, but I have become more balanced. To do so, I am continually aware of Rev. Tinsley's reminder, as well as a statement a good friend had given me about the distinction between "church work" and "work of the church." Both are essential, but the first is focused on tasks more so than the latter. I ask you to pray for me as I continue trying to remember to be a serving others deacon, and **not** just a busy deacon.

As a closing word of advice, this may be an opportunity, especially because there is so much church work to be done, to take a look at yourself. How is the balance in your walk?

## Bach Society Plans Diverse 2025-2026 Season

Save these dates for the exciting Bach Society of Dayton upcoming season and watch for more information as the concert dates approach. See Larry Hollar for more details or see <https://bachsocietyofdayton.org/season>.

SONS OF ART - OCTOBER 12, 2025

SWEET SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAYS - DECEMBER 7, 2025

WAR & PEACE - MARCH 22, 2025

CANTA Y BAILA - MAY 17, 2026





## **2025 CROP Hunger Walk on October 12:**

This year's CROP Hunger Walk will again be at Shiloh United Church of Christ, 5300 Philadelphia Dr. (at North Main St.), Dayton, on Sunday, October 12, beginning with registration at 1:00 pm and the grand send-off at 1:30 pm. You are

welcome to consider being a walker or a supporter of our walkers.

Larry Hollar is the coordinator of the College Hill Community Church Team, and he has already set up the online team page on the Dayton Walk website. Please click on <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/college-hill-community-presbyterian-church-dayton-oh> and either set up your web presence as a walker or securely donate funds online to the entire College Hill team or to a particular walker. You are also welcome to give a check or cash to any of our church's walkers to support the Walk.

The funds you give support Church World Service (75%) and the Dayton Foodbank (25%). Last year's Dayton-Area Walk raised more funds than any other time in the last decade, and College Hill Community Church is always among the leading Dayton-area churches in raising funds for our Walk. So let's keep up the great tradition of generosity for the CROP Hunger Walk!

Please plan to take part again this year! Let Larry know how you want to participate.

## **Presbytery of the Miami Valley August 2025 Prayer List**

**3 August** Corinth Presbyterian Church, 4269 Corinth Blvd., Dayton. Pastor Cynthia Holder Rich.

**10 August** Fairmont Presbyterian Church, 3705 Far Hills Ave., Dayton. Pastor Brian Maguire. Associate Pastor Kelley Shin. Parish Associate Lisa Hess.

**17 August** Immanuel Korean Presbyterian Church, 10425 Lebanon Pike, Dayton. Pastor Joungnam Lee.

**24 August** Southminster Presbyterian Church, 7001 Far Hills Ave., Dayton. Pastor Nancy Birdsong. Associate Pastor Stan Gockel. Director of Children's Ministries Melanie Woodruff.

**31 August** Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church 4417 Bigger Rd., Dayton. Pastor Amy Duiker. Director of Christian Education Erin Dickerson.

**7 September** Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3211 Lakeview Ave., Dayton. Moderator Marge Morgan.



## Is August more than just August? You Be the Judge

Greetings dear friends from Presbyterian Women. I tried to write my usual little greeting card poem, but as I started, the poem grew out of my control, and I don't know exactly what kind of writing it grew into.

Whatever it is, I had a blast, and hope you have at least a little fun reading it. In case you don't get to the end, let me say now, "Happy August", and please know Presbyterian Women look forward each month sending you assurance you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

On a special note, in case anyone reads enough to get a smile or even a laugh or two, and at the very least a little bit of a new perception of August, I would love to receive a call or an email. I am in the church directory in case you need my contact information.

August and its spelling twin august

Share relationship similar to twins who look much alike

But in truth, are as different as dirt and dust

At this point, this poem is going to "Drop the mike"

Unlike the months of February, April, May, June, July and especially December,

Some might think besides heat, fairs, and the ending of summer, August has little else to make it a month to remember.

But hold up just a minute or two, taking time to read through the following list, having smiles appear upon your face will be impossible to resist.

From the first day until the last, each August day has a special recognition,

Ones to eat ice cream sandwiches or watermelon, to sip wine or a whisky, but not enough to change your cognition,

To hike a mountain, play ball, toss water balloons, or take a leisurely bike ride,

Exercise with your children, clean your floors, do them all and burst with pride,

But of all the special days in August to celebrate

To PW members, **August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Friendship Day is 1<sup>st</sup> rate.**

Hoping you enjoy August, Darlene, Kathy, Judy, Carlyn, and Pat

## Hello church family!

Michael and I have moved to Tombstone Arizona. It has been a dream of Michael's for a while, and we were blessed with the opportunity at the beginning of the year. We have been here since June 1st. Isaac and Noah chose to remain in Ohio, Noah in Yellow Springs and Isaac in Columbus. They are doing well with their independent lives. But please keep them in your prayers for continued success.

We have been attending a church here and it is going well, but I am always comparing it to the College Hill Church from years past. I know in my mind that it's not possible, but my heart is always looking the church family we grew up with. College Hill past and present will always hold a special place in our hearts.

The photo is from our back yard. The mountains are closer than the picture shows.



Peace and Love

Michael and Lynn Hulbert