



COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH – PC(USA) OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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

OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 5 – World Communion Sunday
Peace & Global Witness Special Offering
First Fruit Offering

October 12 – Dedication of CROP Walkers
Latino food served in Fellowship Hall

October 19 – I&S Minute for Mission –
Stewardship through Time & Talent

October 26 – Guest preacher - Rev. Ruth-
Aimee Belonni-Rosario, synod associate
executive for racial justice

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01 - Clark Campbell
10/03 - Patricia Townsel
10/04 - Brenda Peters
10/06 - Darlene Brookshire
10/17 - Carlyn Miller
10/19 - Dylan Vidal
10/23 - Evelyn Johnson
10/23 - Gwendolyn Johnson
10/26 - James Allen
10/28 - Paula Ewers
10/29 - Larry Hollar



Hispanic Heritage Month thru October 15.

“Preservation of one’s own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for other cultures.”— Cesar Chavez (1972)

AFTERTHOUGHTS: FOLLOW THROUGH

by Lee and Pat Townsel



What a great time in fellowship, inspiration, and motivation we had at the congregational gathering last week. So many ideas right on point. We can’t wait to get started. Wasn’t it great we also included next steps so we wouldn’t be tempted to let our enthusiasm falter in the passage of time. The above observations, while not exact, overwhelmingly represent the thoughts and feelings of the majority of those attending. My wife and I assisted with summarizing the ideas from each group, and I am sharing one of the shortest, but also most crucial of the thoughts presented. It was just two words “Follow through.” As we discussed them, we began to think of related scriptures. For example, Ephesians 2:10 reminds us God made us **for good works**, and verses in James 2 :4 and 17-18 vividly draw thought provoking images of **praying for a person who is hungry without giving something to eat as well**, or possible puzzlement about **the intertwining bond between faith and works**. With that in mind, we ask you to

read those actual verses, thinking and listening for God. Recall some of the ideas we heard on that turning- point day, and ask yourself, “How am I going to join in and step up?” And then on October 19th, complete the church’ “Time and Talent Pledge Form” and later the “Financial Pledge Card”. Oh, and above all, **remember God’s will for you as you answer the questions. And may the “fruit” of your prayers and discernment be some form of, “Here I am Lord, together let’s go!**

Ephesians 2:10 NRSVUE

¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

James 2: 4, 17-18 NRSVUE

⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works?

¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from works, and I by my works will show you faith.

Thumbs up if this article resonates with you.

FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

Elam Public Relations Ministry is sponsoring a free professional paper shredding event on Saturday, October 4, 10am – 1pm, in the church parking lot. Bring any papers (no color red), and credit cards to be shredded. It takes just minutes. Tell a neighbor!

October 2025 Worship Plans

Sunday, October 5, 2025: 17th Sunday after Pentecost, World Communion Sunday; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10. Sermon: "...steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. "Communion, First Fruits Offering, Peace and Global Witness Offering.

Sunday, October 12, 2025: 18th Sunday after Pentecost; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19. Sermon: "...the word of God is not chained." Final Sunday of Hispanic Heritage Month; special Latino food downstairs after worship. CROP Hunger Walk this afternoon; recognition of walkers in worship.

Sunday, October 19, 2025: 19th Sunday after Pentecost; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Gen. 32:22-31; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1-8. Sermon: "...pray always and not to lose heart." Youth Sunday; Time for Children in worship; Moment for Mission on Stewardship.

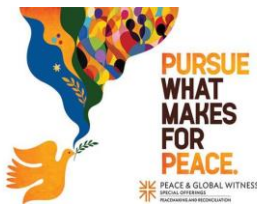
Sunday, October 26, 2025: 20th Sunday after Pentecost, Reformation Sunday; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: TBD. Sermon: Guest preacher Rev. Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario, synod associate executive for racial justice. She will also speak in Fellowship Hall after the service, with the presbytery invited and food served. October birthdays recognized in worship.

GUEST PREACHER ON SUNDAY, OCT. 26



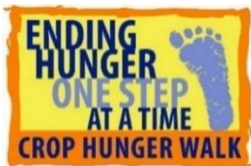
Rev. Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario, who serves the Synod of the Covenant as associate executive for racial justice, will preach at College Hill Community Church in worship on Sunday, October 26. She will also speak at an after-worship event in Fellowship Hall, with food provided. She is a lifelong Presbyterian with 17 years of experience as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, and has served the denomination in many capacities, ranging from congregational ministry to mid-council leadership to national level activities. Rev. Belonni-Rosario has served God in educational ministries in the context of seminaries, colleges, secondary schools, congregations, non-profit organizations, and hospitals, and has enjoyed being part of the vocational journeys of many people. We look forward to her preaching God's Word to us on October 26 and also learning more about her racial justice work within our Synod.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING



On October 5, College Hill provides you the chance to take part in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s special offering known as the Peace and Global Witness Offering. This Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the Offering stays here at College Hill to support our own peacemaking efforts, while the remainder supports both regional and global reconciliation efforts. Please give generously to this important offering on World Communion Sunday, an annual ecumenical celebration of our oneness in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which since 1940 has been bringing churches together in Christian unity.

Support the Dayton Area CROP Walk



The Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday afternoon, Oct. 12, at Shiloh UCC. College Hill's walkers who are raising funds are **Gladys Turner Finney, Mack Lakes, Darlene Brookshire, James Allen, and Larry Hollar (Larry is accepting donations on James's behalf)**. They will accept cash or checks (made out to CWS/CROP) until the day of the Walk, or you can make secure online donations to our church's team at

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/daytonoh>.

In an era of reduced federal government assistance for key anti-poverty and hunger programs, the funds you give to the CROP Walk 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!

Questions? Contact Larry Hollar (937-643-3168).

A Special Taste of Latino Food

As we continue to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) with special songs and worship elements, take a moment right after worship on Sunday, October 12, to come to Fellowship Hall to taste some authentic flavors from Latin America, courtesy of Olivia Tellez and José LaMont Jones.



The mourning doves return to bill, cuddle, and coo outside sweetly in plain in view
September light and heat slowly wain as leaves begin in brilliant colors to flame
One month ending, a new one beginning; another time to send greetings to you
May God bless your days with happenings to fondly in memory reclaim.
And at the end of each day, in peace, love and kinship gratefully remain.

*Love Presbyterian Women, Darlene Brookshire, Paula Ewers, Kathy Lakes, Judy McCray,
Carlyn Miller, and Pat Townsel*

Bach Society Offers Baroque Masterpieces



The Bach Society of Dayton presents its season-opening concert, “**Sons of Art**,” on Sunday, Oct. 12, at 4:00 pm at the Kettering Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3939 Stonebridge Road. With full chorus, five soloists, and orchestra, the performance features beloved works by Purcell,

Charpentier, and Vivaldi. A 3:00 pm concert preview lecture precedes the performance. For information and tickets, see <https://bachsocietyofdayton.org/concerts>, or call 937-294-2224.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Weekly Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. The zoom link to join in may be found in your email or on our College Hill Community Church website. 2 Timothy 3:16 *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”*

ADULT ON-LINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult on-line Sunday School meets at 9:15 am and the zoom link may be found in your email or on our College Hill Community Church website. Speak with Elder Stan Hirtle for more information.

Elam Public Relations' Outreach Flea Market

If you missed this year's Flea Market on September 6th, you missed a great event. Our Chairpersons Marlea Gaskins and Krista Lewis out did themselves this year. They organized and sold 46 booth spaces. We were sold out. The vendors offered a wide variety of products that included clothes, herbal teas, household goods, sports team apparel, shoes, wigs, plants, handcraft jewelry, body oils and perfumes. We also had a booth that gave away free produce.

Krista Lewis and Jose' Jones set up the audio enabling a communication system. Krista made sure that we had music. Jose' Jones acted as our MC by opening and closing the Market with Prayer, offering announcements and banter throughout the event.

Once again Larry Hollar and Mack Lakes were our "Lot Managers" making sure that cars entered, unloaded and left the parking lot. They generally supervised the lot with the help of two security people.

Ronald Goins, Mack Lakes, Glenn Herring, Krista Lewis, Dan Peters, and Queen Peters, set up and tore down tents and tables for the event. They also helped move items from the church stage to the Outreach table outside. Jose' Jones passed out flyers advertising the upcoming Shredding Event.

Darlene Brookshire, Kathy Lakes, Brenda Brown and Susie Grierson could be found at our Outreach Tent sorting, pricing and selling goods while bringing smiles to visitors and shoppers. Proceeds from this table are donated to The Rosa Parks Early Learning Center.

Celeste Griffin once again volunteered to take charge of the food court. She along with Brenda Thompson, Brenda Peters sold walking Tacos (a big crowd pleaser), hot dogs, chips and sodas in the Church basement for a minimal cost. Adriano Herrera helped where needed. Brenda, Marlea and Pat Townsel remained assisting the last vendors to pack up and safely leave the grounds.

Our parking lot was full of vendors and shoppers, and we couldn't have asked for a more perfect weather day. Thank you to all members and friends that helped to make this day a success.

Remember to put on your calendar the Elam Public Relations free Shredding event on October 4th. There will be a truck in the parking lot from 10:00 am -1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Peters, Chairperson

Worship and Music Committee Highlights from September 2025



At last month's meeting on September 9, your Worship & Music Committee:

--Made worship plans through Advent and Christmas 2025.

Confirmed that Rev. Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario, the associate synod executive for racial justice, will preach on Sunday, October 26, with her speaking in Fellowship Hall afterwards. Agreed to celebrate communion by intinction during worship on Sunday, November 23, Christ the King Sunday.

--Agreed to celebrate communion at a Lessons and Carols service on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24. The denomination's Christmas Joy Offering will be taken up on Sunday, December 21.

--Noted that a Collaborative Congregations Thanksgiving service is planned for First Presbyterian Fairborn on Sunday, November 23, at 2:00 pm.

--Anthony shared music plans through December, with choir singing around the holidays.

Affordable Housing Summit—a Matthew 25 focus in our presbytery--

on Saturday, October 25: Providing everyone with adequate housing remains a key element of the Matthew 25 effort to eradicate systemic poverty and align with Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. On Saturday, October 25, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church and Bellbrook Presbyterian Church are partnering on an Affordable Housing Summit at the Sugar Creek Church, 4417 Bigger Road in Kettering. The event will feature elected leaders, policy influencers, and nonprofit leaders providing education and practical action steps, with the aim of engaging interested people throughout our presbytery and others to come together and move forward on these important issues. *All sessions are free and open to the public, with a suggested \$10 donation at the door to help cover costs. Coffee, snacks, and lunch provided.*

For more information, see <https://www.sugarcreekchurch.org/affordable-housing-summit.html>, or contact Neal Duiker at nealwduiker@me.com.

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Please register early on the website to ensure the crowd is large enough for this event to actually take place.

Seeking Spooktacular Volunteers!



Elam Public Relations has an on-going relationship with Rosa Parks Early Learning Center, a preschool in our 45406 community. Rosa Parks ELC is seeking volunteers for their Trunk-or-Treat event Thursday, October 23, from 5:00-6:00 PM (Set-up 4:15-4:45PM). This event offers Great Trick-or-Treating fun all in one safe, family-friendly location.

Come deck out your car, motorcycle, tailgate, or hitch and have fun handing out treats to the Preschoolers and their families at the school at 3705 Lori Sue Ave.

Interested in helping but unable to attend? Donations of candy/treats will be accepted by Brenda Peters, PR chairperson, and other ministry members until Wednesday, October 22, or leave your candy with the volunteer in the church office Tuesday – Thursday.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Church Roster presented by the AC is being reviewed by Session.
- “Our Gathering” Townsel/Peters will collate the information.
- Extra copies of the Newsletter will be made available at church, each Sunday, to increase communication.
- Newsletter bullet points will be placed in the Bulletins the week after the Newsletter is distributed.
- Christian Ed: Child Protection Plan to be reviewed
- Nominating Committee: Developing a slate for 2026. Slate is to be submitted to Session by 21st October.
- By-laws: Every member should have a copy. Copies are in the Office of the Secretary.
- Confirmation Class will resume 12th October during Sunday School.
- Matthew 25: Jose’ Jones – no application for 2026.
- Worship & Music: Communion is approved for 24th December
- There will be only one collection for Xmas Joy offering on 21st December.
- Policy Manual to be reviewed – Hinds/Young

Respectfully submitted, Ivy Young, Clerk of Session

MARCUS LAMBRIGHT INSTALLED

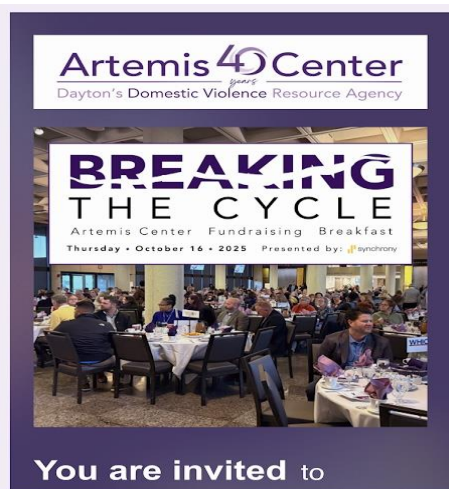
Marvella Lambright, proud mother of Marcus Lambright, joyfully shares with her College Hill family that Marcus was installed as permanent pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Mountainside, New Jersey on Sunday, September 28, 2025. He was a member of



College Hill Community Presbyterian Church from the age of three. Congratulations to Pastor Lambright and continued blessings to him and his family!



ARTEMIS CENTER BREAKFAST INVITATION



An Artemis Center fundraiser entitled “Breaking the Cycle” will be held on Thursday, October 16, at 8am. Marvella Lambright has been sponsoring a table in honor of Valerie Adams-Daniel’s life and Valerie’s contributions to College Hill Community Church. Marvella is out town at this time but will be in church soon to take names of those who would like to attend.



CENTRAL
STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE PREVIEW DAY

Oct. 25, 2025 | Starts at 8 a.m.



What to expect?

Academic showcases ✓

Meet & Greet –
faculty, staff and students ✓

Showcase of student organizations
and activities ✓

Information sessions ✓

Marauder Football ticket
will be provided ✓



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to register

Central State University
Beacom/Lewis Gymnasium

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Wilberforce, Ohio 45384
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Central State
Marauders
vs.
Miles College
Golden Bears
1 p.m.