



## COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH – PC(USA) APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

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

### APRIL CALENDAR

April 5 – Easter, Communion  
*"Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!"*

April 12 - Ordination/Installation Service

April 19 – Youth Sunday

April 26 - Celebrate April birthdays

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Marjorie Baker – 4/04  
Krista Lewis – 4/14  
Daniel Peters – 4/21  
Woody Moore – 4/22



## EASTER BRUNCH

The Ullery-Elam Ministry invites you to remain following service on Easter Sunday for a brunch and fellowship. The menu will include egg casserole (both vegan and meat), donuts, fruit, and juice/coffee.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FAMILY EASTER PARTY



Christian Education will be holding their Easter Family celebration on Saturday, April 4, 12:30-3:00 pm. All are welcome!

### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – by Clerk of Session, Ivy Young

1. Examination of Deacons Bernetha Pulliam and MackArthur Lakes. Both were **approved** for service as the **Class of 2028**. Examination of Elder Jones for the **Class of 2028**. Deacons Pulliam and Lakes will be ordained/installed respectively on 29 March, while Elder Jones will be installed on 12 April 2026.
2. Acceptance of the slate of members of the Nominating Committee (NC). Elder Hirtle submitted the names to be considered to complete the NC; they are: MackArthur Lakes, Pat Townsel and Stan Hirtle Elder representative who was requested by Session to address the vacancies on the Nominating Committee. This slate will be presented to the Congregation on 29 March for election/approval with nominations from the floor being accepted.
3. There will be an announcement on 15/22 March of a very brief meeting of the Congregation on 29 March.

## BASEBALL OUTING



The Ullery-Elam ministry is sponsoring a church outing to cheer on the Dayton Dragons on Saturday, April 11, for a 1:05 pm game. We have 10 seats remaining. Everyone will meet at the Day Air Stadium on Patterson Blvd and sit together as a church family. Speak with Kathy Lakes to reserve your free ticket(s). Let's share the spirit of College Hill Community Church!

## 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.

## OLD CELL PHONES for ARTEMIS

The Artemis Center collects used cell phones as a "vital resource for survivors as they navigate their journey to safety." Please give your old cell phone(s) to Gladys Turner Finney, and she will turn them into the Artemis Center.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

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

## Good Friday Walk for Justice and Peace



April 3 @ 12:00 pm - Courthouse Square, Third & Main Streets, Dayton, OH 45422

Join this annual Good Friday tradition. As we do the Stations of the Cross, we will listen to reflections from partners on different social justice issues and causes that affect Dayton and the world. From immigration to sustainability, and gun violence to healthcare, we will pray together for peace and justice for all.


## Let's Collaborate! Join the Unity Meeting!



Calling all ministry leaders and members! Let's work together to make our events and projects stronger. Join us for a Ministry Collaboration and Unity Meeting to discuss how we can combine our efforts for greater impact.

 When: Saturday, April 18, 2026

 Where: CHCC Fellowship Hall

 Time: 10:00 am

### To RSVP or ask questions:

Pat Townsel: 937-832-1293

José LaMont Jones: 937-369-0467

## **WEST DAYTON CARAVAN OF CHURCHES - HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2026**

**Palm Sunday** (March 29) - Greater Allen AME Church - 4pm (Rev. Dr. Therman Sampson)

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**Easter Sunrise Service** - Zion Baptist Church, Xenia 6:30 pm

## **Our Six-Month AI Discernment Journey Has Begun!**

We are excited to announce that Phase I of our AI Discernment project is now in full swing. During our regular worship service on March 22, 2026, we had the privilege of introducing and praying over the dedicated committee members who will guide us through this important work: Jose LaMont Jones, Kathy Lakes, Krista Lewis, Queen Thornton-Peters, Dione Benson, Jorge Adriano Herrera-Tellez, and Robert Forward. José offered a powerful meditation titled “The Name, the Knife, and the Knack,” which explored the intersection of faith and technology.

The committee’s role is to learn, teach, and advise both the session and the congregation as we explore artificial intelligence together. We invite the entire church family to participate in this process by praying for this effort, engaging in upcoming opportunities, and sharing feedback along the way. As a first step, the committee asked members to complete an “AI Congregational Survey” during fellowship hour on March 22. We are grateful to sister Neva Benson for organizing a wonderful meal that day, and we are pleased to report that the survey data has now been entered. Committee members will be following up with those who have not yet had a chance to participate.

Looking ahead, our next gathering will be the first in a series of five seminars and discussions, scheduled for **April 19, 2026**, during the fellowship hour. A chili potluck, organized by sisters Clarissa Moore and Patricia Powell, will accompany this event. The presentation, titled “What AI Is and Is Not,” will offer a foundational look at this rapidly evolving technology and summarize our

survey results. We hope you will join us for this time of learning, fellowship, and conversation as we continue this journey of discernment together.



## **CHCC Older Kid's Ministry ACTIVE SHOOTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP**

By Jose' Lamont Jones

The Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop training, co-sponsored by the CHCC Older Kids Ministry and Presbytery of Miami Valley Third-Thirty Network, was a success. Held in the College Hill Community Church Fellowship Hall, with representation from Bath/Westminster/Trinity and College Hill Community Presbyterian Churches, we learned ways to minimize risks and tips for creating a safer environment for our parishioners. Officer Dan Mamula of the Dayton Police Department, Community Engagement Unit, was our presenter.

- We learned that we all have a shared responsibility in making our church a safe place.
- There was a general feeling that CHCC needs to develop and implement a safety plan with the leadership of the session.
- We recommend a follow-up discussion with the rest of the membership. We do know that repetition and further discussion will lower anxiety and increase levels of preparation.

Thanks to all who attended and helped make this workshop a success!



**Weekly Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and Fridays at 1pm.** The study comes from “40 Days of hope.” The zoom link and reading material are in your weekly email or may be found on the church website. All are welcome to attend either session! Our next Bible Study will use the book, “Easter to Pentecost,” by Alan Cunningham for \$5 on Amazon. We will begin using “Easter to Pentecost” on April 8.

## April 2026 Worship Plans

**Sunday, April 5, 2026:** Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord, Communion Sunday; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18. Sermon: "...ascending to...my God and your God." Communion with sealed cups; First Fruits Offering; One Great Hour of Sharing special offering taken up; Marcus Johnson special music; Choir sings two hymns. Brunch after worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, April 12, 2026:** 2nd Sunday of Easter; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31. Sermon: "...of that all of us are witnesses." Ordination/Installation Service for José LaMont Jones (session) and Bernetha Pulliam (deacons); Moment for Mission from Social Justice & Peacemaking.

**Sunday, April 19, 2026:** 3rd Sunday of Easter; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35. Sermon: "known...in the breaking of the bread." Youth Sunday, Time for Children in worship.

**Sunday, April 26, 2026:** 4th Sunday of Easter; 10:30 am Scriptural texts: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10. Sermon: "...I came that they may have life." Celebrate April birthdays.

## Worship & Music Committee Highlights from March 2026 – Larry Hollar

At last month's meeting on March 10, your Worship & Music (W&M) Committee:

--Noted baptisms and/or professions of faith for five confirmands who joined the church in February: Precious Etuatia; Tavutiya Balembere; Elijah Schiessler-Benson; Serenity Schiessler-Benson; and Alivia Ford.

--Provided an update on the search for a worship pianist.

--Pointed out that there will soon be ordination/installation services in worship for three elected officers.

--Decided that Communion on April 5 will continue to be with sealed communion cups due to flu concerns. W&M will evaluate where we are on that issue at our upcoming meetings.

--Voted to order 5 Easter lilies for decoration which will later be shared with shut-ins, and renewed the annual subscription to children's worship bulletins.

--Made general worship plans from March 2026 to May 2026. Rev. Tinsley is preaching at Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati on March 22, with José LaMont Jones preaching at College Hill on AI issues; we will use Eco-palms and palm fronds for processional on

Palm Sunday; College Hill will not hold either a Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service in our church this year, but Palm Sunday and Easter will be fully celebrated. We will promote the West Dayton Caravan of Churches services during Holy Week, as usual. Easter Sunday will be festive and include taking One Great House of Sharing Offering, Marcus Johnson and our choir are singing special music, and hymns are in Spanish and Swahili. Suggestions were made to Presbyterian Men for Mother's Day recognition.

--W&M meets next on Tuesday, April 7, at 5:00 pm.



Alleluia! April, a month for joyous worshipful celebration,  
From the changing of seasons bringing renewing beauty revelations,  
Spurring human spirits to heightened levels of pure of elation,  
Expressed deeply in gratitude for God's unequalled love manifestation  
Christ His Son's crucifixion, resurrection for our undeserved eternal salvation.

Alleluia, oh what perfect, holy restoration!

**Happy Easter from Presbyterian Women**

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

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## **Bach Society Celebrates Culture of the Americas in ¡Canta y Baila!**

The Bach Society of Dayton concludes its 2025-2026 season with “¡Canta y Baila!” (“Sing and Dance!”), a glorious tribute to the music and dance of Central and South America, on Sunday, May 17, at 4:00 pm at the Kettering Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

The concert features the remarkably rhythmic and energetic folk mass, Misa Criolla, by Argentine composer Ariel Ramírez, and a variety of short songs in Spanish and Portuguese. The show also features the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company and area guitarist Jim McCutcheon. A concert preview at 3:00 pm by Miami University Prof. Thomas Garcia adds context to the performance. For information and tickets, see <https://bachsocietyofdayton.org/concerts>.

