



COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH – PC(USA) JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

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(Spanish interpretation available.)

JUNE CALENDAR

June 7 – Communion, First Fruits

June 14 – SJ&P Moment for Mission

June 21 – Youth & Recognition Sunday
(VBS June 22-26 at College Hill)

Father's Day

June 28 - Celebrate June birthdays!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/14 - Stan Hirtle

06/26 - Helen Schooler

06/27 - Ivy Young



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Recognition Sunday is on June 21, 2026. Please turn in any information you'd like acknowledged on that Sunday to Pat Townsel, Marcus Johnson or Diann Harris by Sunday, June 14. Include class promotions, awards, recognitions, and any good news in general concerning this past school year. Let's celebrate together as a College Hill family!

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela

CLERK'S CORNER – Elder Ivy Young, Clerk of Session

CHCC will meet and greet the Colombian Delegation in July 2026.

CHCC will be hosting the PMV Meeting scheduled for November 2026.

The disposition of Timeshare is being considered.

AI Seminar TWO rescheduled – Zoom availability after 28 May 2026.

Sealed cups for communion will continue.

Christian Education – seventeen (17) applications for camp have been received.

Brenda Peters will serve as Assistant to the Clerk of Session. She will fill in as needed.

Next Session Meeting 1 July 2026 via Zoom.

Clerk of Session

HELLO FROM YOUR COLLEGE HILL DEACONS – by Deacon Mack Lakes



Recently, I was elected moderator of the deacon board for 2026-2027. I look forward to this opportunity to spread the word as to what your deacons are doing. First, I want to thank Deacon Pat Townsel for serving as the moderator for the last few years. Pat has done more than I could ever list here to keep the deacons active and to help our College Hill family with various issues.

Your current deacons are Marjorie Baker, Diann Harris, Marcus Johnson, Mack Lakes, Bernetha Pulliam, and Pat Townsel. By now, you have probably received a phone call, a card, or contact at worship service from your deacon. If you have not been contacted by your deacon, contact me and I will connect you with your deacon. God bless you!

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.

June 2026 Worship Plans

(unless otherwise noted, Rev. Tinsley preaches each Sunday)

Sunday, June 7, 2026: Second Sunday after Pentecost, Communion Sunday; 10:30 am
Scriptural Texts: Hosea 5:15--6:6; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26. Sermon: "...to call not the righteous but sinners." Communion with sealed cups; First Fruits Offering; Choir music each Sunday in June.

Sunday, June 14, 2026: Third Sunday after Pentecost; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Exodus 19:2-8a; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35--10:8. Sermon: "Wise as serpents and innocent as doves." Moment for Mission from Social Justice & Peacemaking.

Sunday, June 21, 2026: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Recognition Sunday, Father's Day; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Genesis 21:8-21; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39. Sermon: "...death no longer has dominion over him." Youth Sunday, Time for Children in worship, Recognition Sunday honoring achievements of folks young and older, Prayers for Adriano Herrera as he serves as Young Adult Advisory Delegate to General Assembly in Milwaukee.

Sunday, June 28, 2026: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; 10:30 am Scriptural texts: Genesis 22:1-14; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42. Sermon: "...freed from sin and enslaved to God." Celebrate June birthdays.



Presbiterio de la Costa Norte

Colombia Partnership Celebration in June & July – by Elder Larry Hollar

The joyful celebration of 30 years of partnership between the Presbytery of the North Coast in the South American nation of Colombia, and our own Presbytery of the Miami Valley, occurs in June and July.

June visit to Colombia: A delegation from our presbytery, including Larry Hollar from College Hill, will visit Barranquilla, Colombia, from June 18-22. In addition to leadership discussions, touring, and celebratory events, Miami Valley Presbytery delegates will visit their sister churches for Sunday worship on June 21. Larry will also meet with the pastor, Rev. Flor Cárdenas, and the session of the **Presbyterian Church of Cartagena, Colombia,** on Saturday, June 20, to discuss ways to revitalize our sister church relationship that is

now more than a decade old. Please pray that these discussions go well and we will be blessed in reconnecting with our Colombian siblings in Christ in the months ahead.

July visit to Dayton: a 14-person delegation from the Presbytery of the North Coast will come to the Dayton area from July 8-13. During days of meetings and touring, College Hill will host several events:

- Thursday, July 9, 5:00 pm—Vespers service in our sanctuary for entire Colombian delegation and the general public. All are welcome. Food included.
- Saturday, July 11, afternoon and dinner—Informal connection time for CHCC leaders with Germán Zárate, a long-time friend of our church, and possibly other delegation members, with dinner at a restaurant.
- Sunday, July 12, morning and afternoon—10:30 am worship service at which Germán Zárate preaches, and with Hispanic music; all are invited to lunch, presentation, and fellowship which follow in Fellowship Hall. We then transport delegation members to the final celebration, worship, and BBQ at Springboro: Covenant Presbyterian Church at 4:00 pm on July 12.

FATHER'S DAY – (Gemini AI)

Father's Day was officially established as a national holiday in the United States in **1972** when President Richard Nixon signed it into law, designated for the third Sunday in June. However, its origins began decades earlier, heavily inspired by the creation of Mother's Day. The earliest celebrated driving force was **Sonora Smart Dodd** of Spokane, Washington, who wanted to honor her father. Due to her efforts, the state of Washington celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on **June 19, 1910**. Though Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Calvin Coolidge both supported the idea of a national day for fathers, it took decades of social advocacy and shifting cultural attitudes toward fatherhood before it secured its permanent place on the American calendar.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT COLLEGE HILL

Vacation Bible School will be held at College Hill in partnership with Believer's Fellowship June 22-26, 6:00 – 8 pm. The theme is "On the Road." Each night will include a meal, Bible lesson, craft, and music. Speak with Marcus Johnson, Pat Townsel, Diann Harris or Brenda Brown for more information, or if you would like to volunteer. There is plenty of room for all to be part of the trip!

COMMUNION AT COLLEGE HILL

During the COVID pandemic and again in recent months when the danger of transmitting respiratory illnesses has been high, we have celebrated communion each first Sunday of the month using sealed communion cups containing a small wafer and juice. Before this past winter, we had also begun using intinction to serve communion, with the congregation walking forward and receiving the elements in the front of the sanctuary. These and other formats for receiving the communion elements are all authorized by the Book of Order.

The Worship & Music (W&M) Committee seeks to balance the important spiritual aspects of the sacrament of communion with the practical realities of safety and comfort for our congregation members. We have had good discussions about what is best including feedback we have received from the congregation as well. **At its May meeting, Worship & Music decided to continue using the sealed communion cups for the foreseeable future, since they are now familiar to us, they provide a degree of protection from transmitting disease that other methods may not offer as readily, and they are simple to prepare and administer.** On special occasions, we might again use intinction or another form of serving communion, with safeguards for health, safety, and process that are well communicated to the congregation. Please let W&M members know how you feel about this.

Larry Hollar, W&M chair

Worship & Music Committee Highlights from May 2026

At last month's meeting on May 12, 2026, your Worship & Music (W&M) Committee:

- Noted that Bernetha Pulliam was ordained and installed as Deacon, and Elder José LaMont Jones installed as Session member, during worship on April 19. Elder Ivy Young was installed as session member during worship on May 10.
- Provided an update on the search for a worship pianist.
- Noted that we held usher training after worship on April 12. We welcome more people volunteering to serve as ushers and to be trained in how to do it well.
- Decided that, for the foreseeable future, Communion will continue to be with sealed communion cups due to ongoing concerns about transmitting diseases and ease of preparation. Other types of communion will be considered for special occasions (see separate article).
- Kathy Lakes reported on the April 18 Unity Meeting.

--Judy McCray and Mack Lakes reported on the task force created to advise session on what to do next in developing a safety team for the church, as a result of the Active Shooter training.

--Discussed what types of future worship-related activities CHCC could do with our sister church in Cartagena, Colombia, ideas that Larry Hollar will take to Colombia in June (see separate article).

--Briefly discussed possible use of air pods for language interpretation during worship.

--Expressed thanks to Presbyterian Men for sweet observance of Mother's Day in May.

--Made general worship plans from May to August 2026. Discussion included the May 31, 2:00 pm Collaborative Congregations event at Bath Presbyterian after worship; Recognition Sunday and Father's Day on June 21; Prayers for Adriano Herrera as he serves as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 227th General Assembly of the PC(USA) from June 22-July 2; July plans for two worship services at College Hill, on July 9 and 12, with presence of members of Colombia delegation visiting our church from our partner Presbytery of the North Coast (see separate article).

--W&M meets next on Tuesday, June 9, at 5:00 pm via Zoom. *W&M members are Larry Hollar (chair), Kathy Lakes, Mack Lakes, Judy McCray, Susie Grierson, Brenda Brown, Ivy Young, and Rev. Tinsley.*

ELECTRONIC GIVING TO COLLEGE HILL

Those worshipping online are welcome to send your offering by mail directly to College Hill Community Church Presbyterian USA, [1547 Philadelphia Drive, Dayton, OH 45406](https://www.chcc-dayton-oh.com/) 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. Be sure to designate your payment method, preferably a checking account. Questions, contact Mr. Ivy Young

BE AWARE OF SCAMS!



Please remember that Reverend Tinsley nor anyone else from College Hill's officers will ask you for financial assistance in any form via your email or by text. If you receive a text or email that is questionable, feel free to contact an Elder, a Deacon or Rev. Tinsley.

Bishop Richard Cox Remembered



Bishop Richard Cox was a true friend of College Hill Community Church and Northwest Dayton. As a member of the Dayton Community Clergy Coalition (CCC) and its past president, Bishop Cox led the effort to pass a public hospital levy to replace the old Good Samaritan Hospital. He is a hero to many in the fight for access to healthcare. Bishop Cox went on to his heavenly rest on May 2, 2026.

Our own local hero, Elder Ivy Young, was at Liberation Park (formerly Daytonview Park) located at Superior Ave. and Broadway St. to remember Bishop Cox and celebrate his legacy. Ivy was joined by other CCC activist members and friends at the Liberation Day Celebration, which celebrates unity among the African diaspora, self-determination, and self-love. The newly released Black Code inspires our community to thrive despite the economic, racial, and psychosocial challenges we face.



Black Code: We will honor, respect and stand with the Black Code. We will not kill children; we will protect the youth. We will honor and protect the elderly. We will build foundationally strong family structures; fathers are heavily present. We will educate our own beyond the system. We will dwell righteously. We will value emotional intelligence. We will love and respect one another. We will support and spend money with our own first. We will keep our community clean.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE COVENANT

We hope you make it a point to join us for our Synod of the Covenant Gathering, July 24-25, 2026, being held at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 7001 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, Ohio, 45459. Here's their web site: <https://sminster.com>. The registration fee of \$75 (full 2-day experience) or \$50 (1- day only) includes: all programming for both days, Friday's dinner, and lunch on Saturday! College Hill Presbyterian Women has help available for the registration fee. Speak with Judy McCray or Marvella Lambright for assistance and for the registration form which needs to be returned by June 10.

FLOWERS FOR PROFESSOR CORBIN

Dr. Gladys Turner Finney's work in sharing the legacy of Professor Joseph Carter Corbin, Ohio-born founder of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, includes nomination to the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame, an Ohio historic marker at Ohio University, an Arkansas historic marker at the original site of the Branch Normal School, and a designation of his gravesite on the US Department of the Interior National Register of Historic Places. Her work is being appreciated by others.



The Showmen's League of America, an organization that supports circus performers and their families, has been around for nearly 120 years. The Showmen's League has more than 60 performers buried in Woodland Cemetery in Forest Park, IL, and sought advice from Dr. Turner Finney about applying for a historic designation for that site. They are impressed by her work with Corbin and agreed to

place flowers at the Corbin gravesite.



Members of the Showmen's League of America, Past President and Cemetery Committee Chairman Donnie Massie and Gregg Bodnar, visited Professor Corbin's gravesite on Friday, May 22, 2026. They took the time to educate themselves about Dr. Corbin and placed flowers.

JUNE 1 - 6, 2026
YELLOW SPRINGS

IMMIGRANTS FEED AMERICA

A week of exchange, food, and art, with
renowned immigrant rights activists
Jose Antonio Vargas and William Lopez
speaking in Yellow Springs

JOIN US IN EXPLORING THE
CRITICAL ROLE OF IMMIGRANTS
IN SUSTAINING AMERICAN
IDENTITY, CULTURE, AND CUISINE



EVENTS

6/1: International **recipes exchange**
6/2: **West African dinner fundraiser** for
Afromeals Foundation
6/4-7: **Immigrant chef specials** at MAZU
6/4-7: Interactive painting of **new mural**
celebrating immigrants in Kieth's Alley
6/5, 7 PM: Jose Antonio Vargas and
William Lopez at the Foundry Theater
6/6, 4 PM: Screening of **Vargas' film**
"Documented" with Q+A at Little Art
6/6, 6 PM: Immigrants Feed America
STREET PARTY in Kieth's Alley with food
trucks, DJs, and unveiling the new mural!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
MAZUEATS.COM

COLLEGE HILL CC ELDERS AND DEACONS

Listed below are the names of our currently ordained/installed leaders at College Hill Community Church. Contact any of them with questions or comments concerning CHCC. Please check the Church directory for the contact information.

SESSION:

Class of 2026

Stan Hirtle
Jacqueline McKenzie

Class of 2027

Obie Harris
Larry Hollar

Class of 2028

Jose' Lamont Jones
Ivy Young (Clerk of Session)

DEACONS:

Class of 2026

Diann Harris
Marcus Johnson

Class of 2027

Marjorie Baker
Pat Townsel

Class of 2028

Mack Lakes, Moderator
Bernetha Pulliam

CHCC MINISTRY MEETING INFORMATION

MINISTRY CONTACT	MEETING DAY	MEETING TIME	
Building & Grounds	2nd Saturday	2pm	Dan Peters
Christian Education	3rd Sunday	Following Worship	Pat Townsel
Deacons	2nd Saturday	11am	MackArthur Lakes
Interp & Stewardship Young	2nd Monday	2 pm	Ivy
Older Kids	Thursdays	TBA	Gladys Turner-Finney
Social Justice & Peacemaking	2nd Tuesday	7pm	Stan Hirtle
Ullery Elam Public Relations	TBA	TBA	Brenda Peters
Worship & Music	2nd Tuesday	5pm	Larry Hollar

Contact a chairperson and join in!

PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY – JUNE PRAYER LIST

7 June Southminster Presbyterian Church, 7001 Far Hills Ave., Dayton. Pastor Nancy Birdsong. Associate Pastor Daria Schaffnit. Director of Children's Ministries, Melanie Woodruff.

14 June Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, 4417 Bigger Road, Dayton. Pastor Amy Duiker. Director of Christian Education Erin Dickerson.

21 June Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3211 Lakeview Ave., Dayton. Pulpit Supply Leaders. Moderator Marge Morgan.

28 June Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 North Wilkinson Street, Dayton. Pastor Richard Baker. Associate Pastors John Neely, Nancy Hodgkins, and Caitlin Deyerle. Director of Discipleship Kylie Hettinger.

5 July First Presbyterian Church, 123 W. Decatur Street, Eaton. Pastor Annie Melick. Director of Christian Education Beth Pool.