

	COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH – PC(USA) AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER
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Worship: 10:30 am or on Facebook at [College Hill Community Church - Dayton](#)
(Spanish interpretation available.)

AUGUST CALENDAR August 2 – Communion Sunday, First Fruits August 9 - Social Justice and Peacemaking Moment for Mission August 15 – Youth Sunday August 23 – Lloyd Jones’ 100th Celebration Cake served in Fellowship Hall August 30 - Collaborative Congregations event at Faith Presbyterian	AUGUST BIRTHDAYS Misael Zagal – 08-04 Erika Dixon – 08/07 Gloria Gates – 08/13 Toni Odemokpa – 08/20 Joyce Jones – 08/24 John Day – 08/27 Lloyd Jones – 08/29 - 100 Years Old! 
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Servant Keeper On-Line Giving for College Hill is now working correctly. The link to give electronically is <https://giving.servantkeeper.com/chcc-dayton-oh/login>. Once you have gone to this link, click “create account” for members and follow the steps. This link is posted on our CHCC website. Please contact Elder Ivy Young if you’d like assistance or have questions.

2 Corinthians 9:7 - *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver".*

Bible Study returns the week of September 7 on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm, via zoom.

BOOK BAG GIVEAWAY AND VOTER REGISTRATION

The Ullery-Elam Committee will be distributing book bags containing various school supplies and some hygiene products on Sunday, August 2, following worship. Please attend worship that Sunday with your child or grandchild! Then, on Saturday, August 8, the remaining bags will be given to the community. Along with this, there will be voter registration available. The Saturday event runs from 9am to 11am in the church parking lot. Encourage your friends and neighbors to stop through on August 8th to register to vote or to verify they are registered. Every vote counts!



Presbiterio de la Costa Norte

JOIN US – Planning Follow-up With Our Sister Church in Cartagena, Colombia

Larry Hollar had a wonderful visit with College Hill's sister church in Cartagena, Colombia in June. Now planning is underway to reconnect with the Cartagena church and deepen our work together in shared worship, mission activities, children's education activities, joint prayer life, and ultimately delegations traveling between the two churches.

We welcome your help in thinking through how best to develop this relationship with Cartagena. Join the College Hill team now beginning to plan for the months ahead with the Cartagena team—YOU DON'T NEED TO SPEAK SPANISH TO BE PART OF OUR PLANNING TEAM! Just let Larry Hollar know now about your interest, and he will get you connected.

CHCC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the date Saturday, October 10, 2027, 8:00am – 3:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall for a day of spiritual refreshing. Rev. Ruth-Aimee Belonni-Rosario, Synod Associate Exec. For Racial Justice will preach, Alexis M. Lambright, LISW, Online Therapist, will offer good mental health interactions, and testimonies shared because You, Me and Jesus Makes Three! The cost is \$25.00 with breakfast and lunch being served. (Some scholarships are available.) Contact Pat Townsel at 937-832-1293 for tickets.

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Bath, Fairborn, College Hill, Central,
Faith, Corinth

Collaborative Congregations Event—Sunday, Aug. 30, 2:00 pm at Faith Presbyterian Church, Huber Heights

The next Collaborative Congregations event involving smaller churches in our presbytery will include singing and eating ice cream together and gathering school supplies!

The singing of the inspirational song “Rain Down,” (words and music by Jaime Cortez, Hope Publishing), will feature a choir composed of singers from College Hill and other churches to come early to rehearse at Faith: Huber Heights at 1:15 pm on August 30—the day of the event. Printed scores and a recorded video will be available in advance—please contact Larry Hollar by August 9 if you want to be part of this joyful choir presentation, and he will get you the preparation material! Here is the song video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pmOswvLS6CQ>.

The event will also feature gathering school supplies for Crayons to Classrooms, so you’re encouraged to bring some of those with you.

The eating of ice cream requires no rehearsal or preparation—and all are welcome. So please let Larry Hollar know if you plan to come and join other area Presbyterians at 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 30, at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5555 Chambersburg Rd, Huber Heights 45424. See you there!

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEET IN DAYTON

The PW of Synod of the Covenant had its 2026 Gathering at Southminster Presbyterian July 24-25. More than 80 women from Michigan and Ohio attended; twenty from Presbytery of Miami Valley, eight from CHCC. Presentations from the PW Bible Study Author, United Nations Delegates, Synod Staff and Dayton's Artemis Center. A Beautiful Worship Service and Communion closed the Gathering.



CHCC's own Marvella Lambright was installed as Acting Moderator of PW for Miami Valley Presbytery and the PW Gathering Coordinator for the Synod of the Covenant for 2026-2028. Congratulations, sister Marvella!

A SPECIAL CELEBRATION, INDEED!

Long-time member Lloyd Jones will be celebrating his 100th birthday on August 29. You are invited to celebrate this momentous birthday with Lloyd and some of his family at College Hill on Sunday, August 23, during the worship service, and for cake and light refreshments in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Here are some Centenarian Statistics. An estimated 101,000 to over 110,000 Americans are alive aged 100 or older in America. One hundred years ago (around 1926), American innovation was booming with practical household goods, electronic devices, and early entertainment technologies that still shape daily life today. The electric blender, Popsicles, television, the inflatable life preserver, the household radio, the automatic toaster, and the Bandaid were all invented or patented in the mid-1920s.

Lloyd is a retired veteran, a father of five daughters, and has been a member of College Hill since the late 70s. Join us on Sunday, August 23rd, to learn more about and to celebrate the life of Lloyd Jones.

OVERCOMING "BLESSING-BLOCKING" by Deacon Pat Townsel

Most of you have encountered situations in which you are trying to do a good deed, but it becomes so difficult you may be tempted to give up. That is the case with my idea to

donate food to help the Springfield Haitian/Hispanic population. Many complications contacting organizations have arisen since we missed the July 4th deadline for that effort. However, I am determined to continue faithfully trusting that by August 16th, we will be celebrating God's goodness with a fruitful alternative outcome.

Matthew 25:35-40 NRVUE 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Thanks for helping to make this a success. Without you, it couldn't happen!

CHCC HAITIAN/HISPANIC FOOD DRIVE

What to Bring: Boxed, bagged, or canned non-perishable foods

Small clothing items such as socks

Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, body wash, etc.)

Monetary Donations to St. Vincent de Paul Haitian/ Hispanic Focus

Dates: Now through August 16, 2026

Questions, Comments, Volunteers Contact Person: Pat Townsel, 937-832-1293,

pltowns@msn.com

Please mark donations for Haitian/Hispanic Love Offering and place in Fellowship Hall to be stored in Prugh Lounge.

REFLECTIONS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING - by Elder Stan Hirtle, Social Justice & Peacemaking Chairperson

The crucial election is coming very soon. It is very hard to believe, but the November election is only 3 months away. Election Day is November 3. However, the deadline to register to vote is October 5, and early voting begins on October 6.

This election is one of the most significant in American History. On the ballot are a US Senator, the Ohio Governor and statewide officers, the US congressperson, and Ohio House and Senate candidates, various local judges and officials, and local issues such as school levies.

The President is not personally on the ballot, but his actions are, with a very narrow majority in Congress and a mostly supportive Supreme Court, and many wealthy people and media owners supporting him, he has engaged in a term unlike any other. These actions include wars and threats of wars and invasions, sweeping rollbacks of environmental and public health rules, aggressive immigration and deportation measures, attempts to downsize or restructure federal agencies and grants and eliminate the people who carry them out. On social issues he has empowered white supremacists, Christian nationalists and those favoring restricted gender roles. He has combined this with challenges to previous democratic norms and rules against personal enrichment, and to the rule of law, enhancing his personal power. He makes abusive attacks on the opposition and the media. He seeks to make the world a much different place causing increasing prices, lost benefits, and lost employment to occur. Primarily, he did not campaign promising to do these things.

Voters thus have a referendum on these significant changes in governance. In practice the country is highly divided including many non-voters. A few changes, or the lack of them, can make a huge difference. The last time this President was unsuccessful in an election, he denied the results, claimed he was defrauded, encouraged officials to find votes for him, encouraged what became an attack on the capital to prevent the result and since has pardoned all the perpetrators. There was no evidence supporting his claims. It seems probable that he would do similar and more things to keep him and his party in power this time, including voter purges, gerrymandering, taking over and manipulating the count, possible intimidation, violence, and whatever else they can think of.

So, what are we called to do as Christians? The primary commandments are to love God, to love one another and to do good to one another. God values everyone. The Bible calls for social justice and protection of the excluded (“the least of these”). The wealthy are called to be good stewards of their wealth and power for God’s purposes, not just their own. Rulers are called to rule with justice and wisdom and not to abuse their power for selfish ends. To the extent that our institutions are democratic, we all share these duties and must exercise them for the good of all. To the extent that they are not, we are called to speak truth to power. Early Christians modeled this in their willingness to share, commitment to serve rather than be served, courage to confront, and even to pay a cost if required.

Nevertheless, voter nonparticipation is a serious problem. Many can and do choose not to participate in voting. Some fear the consequences and want to keep their heads down. Some fear that the powerful will use long existing biases against them to make things

worse if they participate. Some feel someone other than them should fix this. Some feel they have more integrity if they do not vote. They may feel that the system is rigged, that their vote does not matter, or that their votes will be suppressed. They may feel that politicians they vote for are uninspiring or betraying their promises, that emotional energy spent on voting is wasted, and that they are lied to, disrespected and taken advantage of.

Despite the real imperfections in our democracy, it is imperative that people vote, particularly minorities. Not to vote is to vote for all the bad things that will happen afterwards. America's historic racial segregation denied people the vote for a reason. People risked beating and murder to acquire the right to vote for a reason. America is closely divided on many things, so more votes can make a real difference for good. Low voter turnout is habit forming and allows bad things to happen. High and knowledgeable turnout keeps elected officials in line. In Turkey, an autocratic leader was recently voted out by a large margin, which eliminated his ability to stay in power.

What made the civil rights movement effective and powerful, despite the long history of inequality, even enslavement? Clarity built hope, and hope built community and strength, overcoming historic barriers. We must build community across lines of diversity. We should understand that many suffer loss and injustice, making it easy for us to be pitted against each other. It is not a contest over who has suffered most, but a call to prevent suffering through empathy and understanding of others. People need to speak honestly and respectfully to each other, not seeking advantage through abuse. We need to work together to devise solutions to our many problems.

Now is the time for another such community. Talk to your neighbors and friends. Take part in organized action. View different news sources. See what the other side says, too. Encourage your friends, neighbors, and community members to get to the polls too. Do the work to know who and what you are voting for. Know their record, their views, and their plans. Look to who has given them money. Look beyond advertisements, slogans, and attacks on opponents. Register. Be sure that you are still registered. Vote. Encourage others. Think about what should happen. Follow your conscience. Vote your conscience.

10th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church and College Hill Community Church are sponsoring their 10th annual golf tournament. You may support this event by purchasing an ad in the tournament booklet, or by registering an individual or a team to golf. All proceeds benefit the community.

The tournament is on Saturday, August 29. For more information, contact Elder Lee Townsel at PLTowns@msn.com. The deadline is August 7, 2026.

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World Communion Offering October 4

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has reduced the number of annual special offerings to three—and one of those, now called the World Communion Offering, we will take up on Sunday, October 4, which is World Communion Sunday. This Offering now supports ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

Watch for more information in September about this Offering through bulletin inserts and a Moment for Mission, and please give generously to support this important set of priorities for our life as Presbyterians doing mission in a needy world. More information on this Offering is at <https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/world-communion-offering>.

CROP Hunger Walk on October 11—Be a Walker or a Sponsor!



The Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk will again bring together more than 100 walkers from area churches at Shiloh UCC in Dayton on Sunday, October 11, with registration beginning at 1:00 pm and the grand send-off at 1:30 pm. The Walk raises funds for Church World Service (75%) and the Dayton Foodbank (25%). Last year more than \$16,000 was raised for the Walk!

You can be a Walker—just sign up for the College Hill Team on our Dayton Walk website: www.crophungerwalk.org/daytonoh. Then you can start raising funds (in the form of cash or checks made out to CWS/CROP, or secure online donations at the same link, to support our College Hill team from College Hill members as well as family and friends. Support from our sponsors is key to the Walk's success—and College Hill has regularly ranked among the top fundraising churches for the Dayton Walk.

Please let **Larry Hollar** know if you plan to be a Walker for the October 11 Dayton Walk, and he will give you the envelope and donor tracking information you need. Let's make our 2026 Dayton CROP Hunger Walk the best ever, because the needs of people who are poor and hungry locally and internationally continue to rise. Thank you!

August 2026 Worship Plans

Sunday, August 2, 2026: *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Communion Sunday.* 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Genesis 32:22-31; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21. Sermon: "Jesus said... 'give them something to eat.' " Communion with sealed cups; First Fruits Offering; Choir music planned for each Sunday in August.

Sunday, August 9, 2026: *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.* 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33. Sermon: "It is I; do not be afraid." Social Justice and Peacemaking Moment for Mission on Haitian needs in our area.

Sunday, August 16, 2026: *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Youth Sunday.* 10:30 am Scriptural Text: Genesis 45:1-15; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28. Sermon: " 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting...' " Time for Children.

Sunday, August 23, 2026: *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost.* 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Exodus 1:8--2:10; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20. Sermon: "Come, let us deal shrewdly with them..." Celebrate August birthdays; recognition of Lloyd Jones's birthday.

Sunday, August 30, 2026: *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost.* 10:30 am Scriptural texts: [Exodus 3:1-15](#); [Romans 12:9-21](#); Matthew 16:21-28. Sermon: "Do not repay anyone evil for

evil.” Kristen Hoffman is supply pianist. Collaborative Congregations event at Faith Presbyterian, 5555 Chambersburg Rd, Huber Heights, after worship at 2:00 pm (see separate article, including an opportunity to join in singing a choir anthem).

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)

Session 2026 Meeting dates: August 25, September 22, October 27, and December 8

DEACONS:

Class of 2026

Diann Harris

Marcus Johnson

Class of 2027

Marjorie Baker

Pat Townsel

Class of 2028

Mack Lakes, Moderator

Bernetha Pulliam

The Deacon Board will not meet the month of August. Please contact any deacon with concerns or celebrations.

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.

CHCC MINISTRY MEETING INFORMATION

<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>MEETING DAY</u>	<u>MEETING TIME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Building & Grounds	2nd Saturday	2pm	Dan Peters
Christian Education	3rd Sunday	Following Worship	Pat Townsel
Deacons	2nd Saturday	11am	MackArthur Lakes
Interp & Stewardship	2nd Monday	2 pm	Ivy Young
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

MIAMI VALLEY ACTIVIST GROUPS PRESENT

The Peace & Social Justice Fair

Saturday, August 15 • 12-4 PM • Dayton Courthouse Square



One community. Many voices. Shared ground.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Sat, Aug 15	12-4 PM	Courthouse Square

*It isn't enough to talk about peace.
One must believe in it.
And it isn't enough to believe in it.
One must work at it".
- Eleanor Roosevelt*

*"I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change.
I am changing the things I cannot accept."
- ANGELA DAVIS*

Worship & Music Committee Highlights from July 2026

At last month's meeting on July 7, 2026, your Worship & Music (W&M) Committee:

- Noted that session in June approved a **special celebration of the Lord's Supper** on Sunday, July 12, when Elder Germán Zárate from Colombia's North Coast Presbytery will preach (this is in addition to the regular communion on the first Sunday of the, July 5).
- Session in June also **approved Rev. Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario, associate executive for racial justice at the Synod of the Covenant, as guest preacher** at College Hill on Sunday, October 11, at the request of Presbyterian Women.
- Planned usher training after the Safety Committee issues its report. Also thanked AV volunteers for their service in Ivy's absence.
- Provided an update on the search for a worship pianist.

--Noted we anticipate introducing recent new members Gregory Heflin and Rebecca Thompson in worship soon when session completes action on their requests to join the church.

--Discussed some ideas for improving liturgy and music during worship services.

--Noted that some of the proposals approved for enhancing our sister church relationship with the Presbyterian Church of Cartagena, Colombia, involve sharing worship resources. Made general worship plans from July to October and beyond, in 2026. Discussion included:

--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.**

--September 13: Back to Church and Sunday Grandparents Day

--Discussed hosting a 3-day revival at College Hill with outside preachers and a meal after the third service. Tentative dates are Tuesday through Thursday, September 29 to October 1.

--October 4: World Communion Sunday with PCUSA World Communion Special Offering. Promotion of Special Offering will happen in prior Sundays.

--October 11: Rev. Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario from Synod staff preaches. Also Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk happens today at Shiloh UCC; blessing of Walkers in our worship.

--W&M will consider at a future meeting a request from Ullery-Elam Committee for a Blue Christmas service in December for those experiencing grief or loss at the holiday time, to enhance our church's outreach to the community.

--Planning is continuing for **College Hill hosting the in-person meeting of Miami Valley Presbytery on Saturday, November 14, starting at 9:00 am and including lunch.** Session members will lead the planning team and Kathy Lakes and Brenda Peters will recruit quite a few volunteers. Nearly 100 visitors are likely to come that day. A presbytery-sponsored communion service will take place in the worship service during the meeting.

--**W&M meets next on Tuesday, August 11, at 5:00 pm via Zoom.** Future meeting dates are September 1, October 13, November 10, and December 1. *W&M members are Larry Hollar (chair), Kathy and Mack Lakes, Judy McCray, Susie Grierson, Brenda Brown, Ivy Young, and Rev. Tinsley (ex officio).*

Is God Calling You For Elder or Deacon Service?

The CHCC Nominating Committee has been praying and thinking about possible candidates two for becoming Elders to serve on Session and two to serve as Deacons. As a member of the committee, I am writing this article to remind you of the members, invite you to pray for them, and lastly to invite you to consider if God is calling you to offer your

gift of service for either of these ministries. A committee member may approach you with the question, but also God may lay it on your heart to make the initial contact yourself.

If you need more information about Elder or Deacon responsibilities and service opportunities, just let Pastor Tinsley or one of the Nominating Committee members know, and they will be happy to talk with you and provide you written information to you as well.

Consider the following information below:

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), ordination to the office of Ruling Elder or Deacon is not a promotion or a reward for good behavior. It is a specific, sacred calling by the Holy Spirit, recognized and confirmed by the congregation.

In your Christian faith-life and as a member of the church you already are in similar leadership, encouragement, caring and service roles. Through accepting this call, you will increase that service, deepen your relationship with God, develop stronger collaborative relationships, and experience a deeper sense of making a positive service to your church.

In popular vernacular of the day, "Take a listen" as you pray in the coming weeks and pause to discern God's call.

From Members of the Nominating Committee:

Elder Earl Thompson, Moderator. Elder Stan Hirtle, Deacon MackArthur Lakes, Deacon Judy McCray, and Deacon Pat Townsel

1 Peter 4:10-11 NRSVUE

PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY – August Prayer List

2 August Faith Presbyterian Church, 5555 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights.
Pastor Julia Williamson.

9 August Huntsville Presbyterian Church, 6490 Fruit Street, Huntsville. Moderator
Kathleen Burslem.

16 August Jamestown Presbyterian Church, 61 West Washington Street,
Jamestown. Pastor Michael Helling.

23 August First Presbyterian Church, 2910 Central Avenue, Middletown. Pastor
Justin Miller.

30 August St. Luke United Presbyterian Church, 280 North Breiel Blvd.,
Middletown. Moderator Marc van Bulck.

6 September One Community Church, 57 West Elm Street, Monroe. Pastors
Steven Copeland and Vaughn Lewis. Family Ministry Director Dontisha James.