



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

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Worship: 10:30 am or on Facebook at [College Hill Community Church - Dayton](https://www.facebook.com/CollegeHillCommunityChurchDayton)
(Spanish interpretation available.)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 4 – Communion; First Fruit
Offering; World Communion Offering

October 11 - Guest preacher - Rev. Ruth-
Aimée Belonni-Rosario

October 18 – Youth Sunday; Guest
preacher - Rev. Dawn Martin, associate
pastor at Omega Baptist Church

October 25 - Celebrate October birthdays

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Townsel – 10/03

Brenda Peters – 10/04

Darlene Brookshire – 10/06

Carlyn Miller – 10/17

Dylan Vidal – 10/19

Evelyn Johnson – 10/23

Gwendolyn Johnson – 10/23

James Allen – 10/25

Larry Hollar – 10/29



IMPORTANT REMINDERS: The CHCC Flea Market is Saturday, October 3, 10am-4pm.

Come support our vendors! The Presbyterian Women's Retreat is Saturday, October 10 in Fellowship Hall, 8am-3:30pm in Fellowship Hall. \$25 with breakfast and lunch provided.

Hebrew 10: 24-25 "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

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

Session approved adding three more deacons and assigning them across the Classes of 2027, 2028, and 2029 to develop additional leadership.

Session favored streamlining ministries to reflect available leadership and participation while preserving distinct functions where appropriate.

College Hill Community Church (CHC) will be hosting the meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley on 14 November 2026.

Special Session Meeting week of 04 October to receive report(s) from the Nominating Committee.

Building & Grounds received approval for the installation of additional monitoring devices to enhance the security system of the Church.

Reminder: On Sundays, Pastor Luis Alvarado and his congregants of the “Iglesia Cristiana Bethel Church” will be worshipping in our sanctuary during the hours of 3-5pm.

In accordance with our by-laws our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for 25 October 2026.

Pastor Tinsley will be on vacation on the following Sundays where Rev. Ruth-Aimee Belonni-Rosario will be our Guest Preacher on 11 October 2026 and Rev. Dawn Martin will be our Guest Preacher on 18 October 2026.

Stewardship -Expenses exceeded Income during the month of August 2026. “Have You tithed lately?” **2 Corinthians 9:7, 1 Corinthians 16:2**

Timeshare - Anyone with information on the disposition of a timeshare, please contact Ivy Young, Clerk of Session. Thank You.

World Communion Offering October 4



WORLD COMMUNION

The World Communion Offering, one of three Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) annual special offerings, will be taken 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. Please give generously to support this important set of priorities for our life as Presbyterians doing mission in a needy world. More information on the World Communion Offering is at <https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/world-communion-offering>.

CROP Hunger Walk on October 11—Support our Walkers!

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2026
CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME

The Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk will again bring together 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, through its walkers, raises funds for Church World Service (75%) and the Dayton Foodbank (25%). Last year more than \$16,000 was raised during the Walk!

Gladys Turner Finney, Lee Benson Sr., Stephanie Benson, Dione Benson, Glenn Herring, Mack Lakes, Susie Grierson, and Larry Hollar are our church's walkers. There is still time to give any of these walkers gifts of cash or checks made out to CWS/CROP, or you can donate securely online at the Dayton Walk website: www.crophungerwalk.org/daytonoh. With US government budget cuts to international aid programs and with inflation making more people hungry domestically, your help is needed more than ever!



JOIN THE CHOIR

Join the Choir! Our College Hill worship choir is looking for new members. No audition required—just come to our Sunday morning, 9:50 am rehearsals if you can, and be part of making a joyful noise to the Lord. Everyone is welcome—younger and more seasoned singers will fit right in. See Larry Hollar to get on the choir list.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm via zoom. The zoom link will be sent to you weekly in your email or may be found on our College Hill website. Our Fall study is "Overcoming Violence" with different scripture and topics introduced weekly. We look forward to your participation!

Proverbs 18:15 - An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

October 2026 Worship Plans (unless otherwise noted, Rev. Tinsley preaches each Sunday)

Sunday, October 4, 2026: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, World Communion Sunday. 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46. Sermon: “they realized...he was speaking about them.” Communion with sealed cups; Denomination’s special World Communion Offering and our First Fruits Offering both taken up; Choir music planned for each Sunday in October.

Sunday, October 11, 2026: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Guest Preacher, CROP Hunger Walk. 10:30 am Guest preacher today is Rev. Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario, associate executive for racial justice of the Synod of the Covenant. Scriptural Texts and sermon title to be supplied. Bless walkers in the CROP Hunger Walk. Social Justice and Peacemaking Moment for Mission.

Sunday, October 18, 2026: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, Youth Sunday. 10:30 am Guest preacher today is Rev. Dawn Martin, associate pastor at Omega Baptist Church in Dayton. Scriptural Texts and sermon title to be supplied. Youth Liturgists; Time for Children; Moment for Mission by Interpretation & Stewardship Committee.

Sunday, October 25, 2026: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost. 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46. Sermon: “ ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’ ” Celebrate October birthdays.

Servant Keeper On-Line Giving for College Hill

Servant Keeper On-Line Giving for College Hill is available. The link to give electronically is <https://giving.servantkeeper.com/chcc-dayton-oh/login>. Contact Elder Ivy Young with any questions.



SAVE YOUR STAMPS & OLD CELL PHONES

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. Gladys also collects old cell phones that are given to Artemis Domestic Violence Center. Phones may be given to Gladys or brought to the church office Tuesday or Thursday.

Two Guest Preachers in October

While Rev. Tinsley is away in mid-October, we will be blessed with two guest preachers. On Sunday, October 11, Rev. Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario, associate executive for racial justice of the Synod of the Covenant, will preach in worship after helping lead the Presbyterian Women's retreat the day before. Rev. Belonni-Rosario is a lifelong Presbyterian with 18 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. She preached at College Hill and led a lively post-worship discussion in October 2025.

Rev. Dawn Martin, an associate minister at Omega Baptist Church in Dayton, will preach at College Hill on Sunday, October 18. Reverend Martin currently is the founder of Just Dazzlind Productions, Diva By Design Ministries, and Girl Empowered and Mentored to Success (G.E.M.S) which is a complete educational and success tool for women, girls and teenaged young ladies. Her plan is to develop long-lasting partnerships to help create a better world. Her goal is to uplift, enhance, motivate, and celebrate women and girls. Rev. Martin has received her BA in Human Services and currently has a Masters in Human Service and a second Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

CELEBRATING OUR HISPANIC BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th to October 15th each year in the United States. During this month, when many countries in Latin America celebrate independence from Spanish colonial rule, we celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic and Latin Americans to this country and the world.

"Preservation of one's own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for other cultures." - *Cesar Chavez*

Hispanic Heritage Month Cooking Workshop

Thu, Oct 22, 6:00 PM - Dayton Metro Library - Huber Heights Branch, 6243 Brand Pike, HH, OH 45424. **Details:** A free, family-friendly, hands-on workshop exploring culinary traditions and techniques celebrating Hispanic culture.

Worship & Music Committee Highlights from September 2026

At last month's meeting on September 1, 2026, your Worship & Music (W&M) Committee:

1 Noted that Sheryl Burney was introduced as a new church member on August 30. Collaborative Congregations musical event took place at Faith: Huber Heights on August 30 in the afternoon. Larry attended the Unity Meeting of all committees in August.

2 Discussed W&M budget for 2027, which will be slightly smaller than the 2026 budget.

Upcoming worship-related plans:

3 September 13 - Back to Church/Grandparents Day October

4 October 4--World Communion Sunday with special offering

5 October 11 – Rev. Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario of synod staff will preach; prayer for CROP walk team

6 November 14 – CHCC hosts Miami Valley Presbytery stated meeting

7 December 17 – Blue Christmas gathering. Ullery-Elam Ministry will organize this gathering.

8 Advent Sundays Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 20, with observance each Sunday.

The Christmas Joy offering will be taken on Dec. 20 and 24. Social Justice & Peacemaking will again collaborate on a Lessons and Carols service on Christmas Eve. W&M agreed unanimously to not serve communion on Christmas Eve. Kwanzaa observance – still needs discussion.

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

CHCC MINISTRY MEETING INFORMATION

MINISTRY	MEETING DAY	MEETING TIME	CONTACT
Building & Grounds	2nd Saturday	2pm	Dan Peters
Christian Education	3rd Sunday	Following Worship	Pat Townsel
Deacons	2nd Saturday	10am	MackArthur Lakes
Interp & Stewardship	2nd Monday	2 pm	Ivy Young
Older Kids	Thursdays	TBA	Gladys Turner-Finney
Session - Elders	3 rd Tuesday	9:30am	Ivy Young
Social Justice & Peacemaking	2nd Tuesday	7pm	Stan Hirtle
Ullery Elam Public Relations	TBA	TBA	Brenda Peters
Worship & Music	2nd Tuesday	5pm	Larry Hollar

If you would like to join any of these committees, contact the Chairperson. New voices and ideas are always welcome!

THANKS TO OUR BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Under the leadership of chair Dan Peters, the Buildings & Grounds Committee has been very busy with repairs, changes, and upkeep of the church building and the outdoor grounds. Committee members are Dan Peters (Chair), Marlea Gaskins, Glenn Herring, Mack Lakes, and Helen Schooler.

Dan recently installed a new outdoor FREE Library box on the parking lot side of the church. You will definitely see it because of its inviting teal blue color. A church member donated books to get the free library started, and more books will be added soon.

If you are interested in volunteering at College Hill and your hours are limited or specific to when you're available, this may be the committee for you. Needs for the Buildings & Grounds Committee range from general cleaning to specific repairs, and for the most part you can volunteer at the time of day or evening that fits your schedule. New members are always welcome so speak with Chair Dan Peters about joining Buildings & Grounds.

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: 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

TIME TO VOTE by Elder Stan Hirtle, Social Justice & Peacemaking

It is time to vote. The deadline to register to vote is October 5, and early voting begins October 6. You can vote at the Board of Elections downtown in the Montgomery County Administration Building, 451 W Third St. (article continues)

This election is one of the most significant in American history. The President is not personally on the ballot, but his actions are. With a very narrow majority in Congress, he has engaged in a term unlike any other. Voters thus have a referendum on these significant changes in governance, particularly with the Senate and Congress.

On the ballot here are a US Senator, the local US congressperson, the Ohio Governor and statewide officers, and Ohio House and Senate candidates, and various local judges and officials, and local issues such as school levies.

The US Voting Foundation gives many reasons why voting is important. These reasons are frequently heard on Central State University's radio station WCSU 88.9. They include: Civil rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and anti-discrimination protections are made by elected officials. Immigration policy is debated and decided by people you can vote for or against. The federal minimum wage, overtime rules, and worker protections trace to Congress.

Healthcare policy — the Affordable Care Act subsidies, Medicare to Medicare — is a constant ongoing legislative debate. Social Security and Medicare's long-term solvency is a Congressional decision. The tax policy is written by your representatives. Federal student loan policy is made by elected officials.

Housing affordability at the federal level is a policy choice Congress makes. Veterans' benefits, the VA system, and military family support are legislated. The opioid crisis, mental health funding, and addiction treatment are federal budget issues.

Energy policy – oil, gas, renewables, nuclear – is shaped by who you send to Washington. Food issues like farm subsidies, food safety, and rural economic policy run through elected Congressional committees.

Climate and environmental regulations are approved or stripped by elected bodies. Infrastructure investment — roads, bridges, broadband, water — requires action by elected legislators.

The federal budget, including military spending, is set by Congress who you will be choosing by voting this year. US Supreme Court appointments are confirmed by senators you vote for. Federal judges at every level are appointed by presidents and confirmed by senators. State judges are elected.

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Reproductive rights are being decided in state legislatures and courts right now. Criminal justice reform — or its reversal — is happening in statehouses and Congress. Gun laws, or the absence of them, are legislative choices.

The national debt is a political choice that elected officials keep making. Trade policy affects American jobs and prices — and it's made by elected leaders. Foreign policy, including which wars we enter or exit, foreign aid and international alliances, has Congressional oversight.

Election security and voting infrastructure are funded by elected legislatures. The Census, which determines congressional representation, is overseen by elected officials. The Food and Drug Administration. Environmental Protection Agency and every other federal agency is led by appointees approved by elected officials.

Governors control state budgets, emergency responses, and public health decisions. State legislatures draw the district lines that shape elections for a decade. Voting rights themselves are on the ballot — in legislation and in the makeup of courts. Ballot initiatives and referenda let voters legislate directly, but only if they show up. The right to vote has been suppressed, restricted, and fought over throughout American history. Both the people who tried to suppress the vote and the people who fought for the vote understood exactly how much it mattered.

The history of America has largely been the long, incomplete, ongoing project of making the promise real for everyone. Every generation of Americans has been asked to maintain and expand what the previous generation built. This generation is being asked now. Democracies don't fail all at once. They erode, slowly, before they fall. Voter turnout is one of the clearest measures of democratic health. Other countries are also watching American turnout.

The act of voting is itself a declaration. When you vote, you are participating in one of the oldest continuing traditions of self-governance in the world. You say that all people matter, not just a few. The American experiment was never guaranteed to succeed. It still isn't. What it asks is remarkably small: register, and vote. Low turnout elections produce governments that do not represent the public as a whole, but those who game the system. High turnout elections are hard to dismiss, de-legitimize, or contest. Money has enormous influence in politics — but votes are the final check. When ordinary citizens vote in large numbers, it is the most powerful force in democratic politics.

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As Christians we are called to care for all, and to have a just society. We are called to hope and to take action. We all need to work together to devise solutions to our many problems. Do your part. 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 as well. Do the work to know who and what you are voting for. Know their records, their views, and their plans. Look to who has given them money. Look beyond advertisements, slogans, and negative attacks. Think about what should happen. Vote your conscience.

The time that matters is now. Register. Be sure that you are still registered. And vote.



You may register or check your registration to vote online at

<https://www.montgomery.boe.ohio.gov/registration/>

NOTICE:

The CHCC session authorized the creation of a Safety Committee at its meeting on April 7, 2026. The Committee members are Brenda Peters (Chairperson), Gladys Turner Finney, Judy McCray, Marlea Gaskins, MackArthur Lakes, and Pat Townsel.

The Safety Committee's mandate is to update/develop the safety plan for CHCC.

The Committee welcomes the opportunity to share ideas through your input and suggestions. Please complete a CHCC Safety Survey to offer suggestions of areas that should be addressed. Ask a committee member or usher for a survey and give completed surveys to Gladys Finney. The committee is already at work and appreciates your comments.



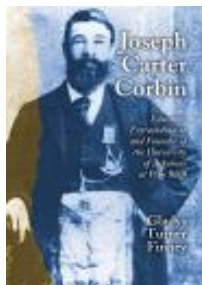
PROFESSOR JOSEPH CARTER CORBIN DAY 2026 - Provision to Accomplish the Vision

The Pine Bluff City Council officially declared September 27th, by resolution, as Professor Joseph Carter Corbin Day. Celebrated annually since 2023, this event honors the founder of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB). This year's celebration took place at New St. Hurricane Missionary Baptist Church, with Dr. Anthony Graham, Chancellor of UAPB, delivering the keynote address.

Dr. Graham's motivational remarks centered on how provision arrives to an individual or organization with a clear mission and willingness to make the necessary investments of time, talent, and treasure to realize that vision. He focused on the challenges Professor Corbin faced as the African American Superintendent of Public Education in post-war Arkansas, and specifically educating those historically denied access to formal education and the upward mobility that education provides. He discussed the sacrifices Professor Corbin made as head administrator, the main instructor, and school custodian for the original seven underprepared students from Jefferson and Drew Counties in that first class in 1875. However, despite many setbacks and social and political obstacles, Branch Normal's first baccalaureate degree was awarded in 1882, with a total of ten students receiving their Bachelor of Arts degree by 1895! Well, those ten turned into hundreds and now thousands who have been served.



Chancellor Graham pivoted to explain how the vision that Professor Corbin began is not yet complete. Effective education of the youth of Pine Bluff and the State of Arkansas will require resources, for sure, but also the time of dedicated individuals to this mission who bring their talents to bear for the cause: mentors to guide, teachers to accompany, and community support that communicates value and builds resiliency...works that are understood through action and words (if necessary).



One such individual who has lived out her belief in supporting youth is Dr. Gladys Turner Finney, an A&M graduate (class of 1957), philanthropist, and J.C. Corbin biographer. Dr. Finney and Mr. Velerick Watts, MSW (class of 1989), are the source and guiding inspiration behind Corbin Day since 2023. Dr. Finney has initiated, not one, but FOUR State Heritage and/or National Registry places of importance to the life and legacy of Professor Corbin. She and her (deceased) husband have set up 5 scholarship endowments to help underprivileged students obtain a college education. Two of these scholarships, for students at Ohio University (Corbin's alma mater) and UAPB, are named in Professor Corbin's honor and memory.

At 91 years of age, Dr. Finney is STILL educating others on the legacy of this great intellectual, educator, and community organizer. She invites you all to make a testimony of ACTION by contributing to the Friends of Professor Joseph Carter Corbin Legacy Endowment with the Arkansas Community Foundation (arcy.org/Corbin). Provide support to keep telling the Corbin story so others see that they too can make a difference! And, equally important, support your local classrooms, teachers, school districts, and institutions of higher learning. Give today and Happy Professor Joseph Carter Corbin Day!!





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Hosting Presbytery on November 14: College Hill Community Church is honored to host the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley on Saturday, November 14, beginning at 9:00 am and including lunch. The presbytery meets four times a year, sometimes in-person and sometimes via Zoom. The November in-person meeting will include a business portion when the

work of the presbytery is transacted through reports and motions, as well as worship organized by the presbytery moderator, Rev. Diane Ziegler. College Hill will provide space, take part in worship, serve a boxed lunch, and make presbyters feel welcomed. Volunteers will be needed throughout the morning, so see Brenda Peters or Kathy Lakes to volunteer.