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

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(Spanish interpretation available.)

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 1 – Communion, First Fruit, All Saints Day

November 8 - SJ&P Moment for Mission

November 15 - Youth Sunday

November 22 - Christ the King Sunday

November 29 - First Sunday of Advent - HOPE (Hanging of the Greens)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lee Townsel – 11/10
Lee Benson – 11/12
Elizabeth Johnson – 11/12
Linda Jones – 11/20
Marvella Lambright – 11/24
Akam Issac Nju – 11/25
Shannon Estelle – 11/28
Karen Cassedy-Hollar – 11/30



ALL SAINTS' DAY – Sunday November 1st (PCUSA.org)

All Saints' Day holds a special place in the hearts of Presbyterians and Protestants. In Reformed and Presbyterian churches, this day has evolved into a time for commemorating not only the canonized saints but also the people who have touched our lives, both recently and in the distant past. In this light, this year, who is your saint or a hero? Who are you celebrating, grieving, and commemorating this year? Or who left a profound impact on you? We ask you to share a name or names during worship on November 1st at College Hill.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT (PCUSA.org)



Advent is a season of anticipation and preparation. It is a time to reflect on the stories we tell about the arrival of hope and new life. In this time of uncertainty as a denomination and a country, we observe the Advent season to proclaim the constancy of God's love and presence among us. Advent means "coming" or "arrival." During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ's coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. In its historical origins, the season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, a six-week period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ's return.

Older Kids Ministry is Back and At It!

Thanks to Elder Carlyn Miller for organizing a luncheon outing for the older adults of this community of faith, affectionately known as the College Hill Older Kids. On Thursday, October 22, 2026, several members met for brunch at the Toasted Brunch Cafe in Vandalia. The Older Kids Ministry is open to individuals 56+ years of age who meet for support, wellness, socialization, and spiritual development. The ministry also hosts special seminars, implements charity projects, sponsors outings, and more. If you are older than 56, consider joining the Older Kids Ministry to stay social, mobile, and connected to other people of faith and live life more abundantly.

Grieving and Loneliness and the Holidays…A community seminar featuring Rev. Dr. Beverly Martin, grief and spiritual counselor.



Dr. Beverly Martin, co-pastor of Maranatha Worship Center and grief and spiritual counselor, will present on "Grieving and Loneliness and the Holidays" at the November Community Seminar to be held Tuesday, November 10, 2026, from 6 to 8 PM. Learn how to celebrate the gifts of your past, count your blessings, and support others as a loving community of faith. Register at https://forms.gle/JYMQKHqgc81Yz6LBA

DATE: November 10, 2026
TIME: 6 to 8 PM
PLACE: Fellowship Hall

Bible Study Promotion 2027 - Elder Jose' LaMont Jones

God speaks to us through the scriptures, in relationships we share with others, and in the interactions, we have with God's creation…are we listening? Have we trained our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our minds/hearts to recognize God's prompting and speaking? Bible study is important in a Christian church, and we are no exception.

Let us prepare our minds to receive God's messages so we may act upon them to be blessed and bless this community and the world with God's love. Spiritual practices are exercises and habits we cultivate to hone our ability to perceive and obey, discern, and decide in our everyday lives. These practices are also important to our reading and study of the scriptures.

Beginning January 2027, the College Hill Community Church Weekly Bible Study will focus on several spiritual practices, curated by Rev. Michelle Olsen, to jumpstart this year's study of the Bible. All members are invited and encouraged to participate, either on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm or as small group discussions… we strive to offer this study via various formats, which is vital for our circumstances.

Rev. Michelle Olson is a certified spiritual director and retreat leader passionate about connecting people more deeply with God. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Michelle brings her pastoral heart whether leading her designed retreats or companioning others in individual or group spiritual direction sessions. Michelle holds a MDiv from Fuller Theological Seminary. She lives in Western Michigan with her amazing family—her husband and two teenagers. In her free time, she enjoys spending time sitting in nature, reading, and playing board games with family and friends. For more information about her ministry, visit abidingjourney.org.

CHCC Community CPR/First-aid Certification Training: 24 October 2026





Thanks to all who participated!

Presbyterian Women Retreat - October 10, 2026 - Marvella Lambright



College Hill Presbyterian Church of Dayton, Ohio, PW Group held a One-Day Retreat on Saturday, October 10, 2026. The Speakers were Rev. Ruth- Aimee Belloni-Rosario from the Synod of the Covenant and Alexis Lambright, LISW, a long-time member of College Hill Community Church living in Bronx, NY. The group was composed of ladies from Zion Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio and College Hill. Both churches have an interest in Immigrant Justice and Community Mental Health. A Full Breakfast was served.



Lunch was an International Treat of Mexican Rice, Flan for dessert. Cameroon Ribs and Soup, African American Cake-like Cornbread and Rotisserie Chicken. “Swag Bags” were full of treats and gifts of all kinds with Scriptures for meditation later. A great time was had by all; friendships and BFF bonding were all around. Thank you to all who participated, cooked the food, decorated the Fellowship Hall in Fall Colors, and prayed for a wonderful event.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & PEACEMAKING

College Hill is joining other Presbyterian churches and others in collecting food for Haitians in Springfield who have lost their right to employment and are afraid to leave their homes to buy food. These are requested items. Note small sizes to allow boxes to weigh 25 pounds. Bring to College Hill Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Sundays before November 5.

Here is a list of the food items with recommended weights for each item to help meet that weight limit:

- Cereal: 11-13oz. (8-9 serving boxes, not family or giant size, hard to fit in boxes)
- Spaghetti: 1lb. Mac and cheese: 7.25 oz.
- Corn: 15.25 oz. .
- Potatoes: 15 oz. Peas: 15 oz.
- Tomatoes: 14.5 oz. Peaches: 14.5 oz.
- Spaghetti sauce: 15oz. or 24oz. (We usually use Hunt's 24 oz. cans; no glass!)
- Ravioli: 15-16oz. Peanut butter: 16 oz.
- Canned chicken: 12.5 oz. Canned tuna: 5 oz.
- Black or pinto beans: 1lb. Bag (*bagged, not canned please*)
- White or brown rice: 1lb. Bag Lentils: 1lb bag.
- Milk: 32 oz. Shelf stable cartons (Parmalat or Horizon) or 2 jars of 12oz. Evaporated Milk
- Applesauce: 6-pack of 4 oz. cups are preferable
- Ramen: 3oz.
- Green beans: 14.5 oz

HANGING OF THE GREENS - (PCUSA.org)

At College Hill, Hanging of the Greens is acknowledged the first Sunday in Advent which this year is November 29. In Advent, we prepare our hearts for Christ to come (again and anew) and dwell among us. We prepare our worship space for this season by changing the paraments to purple, putting out the Advent wreath and candles, displaying a nativity set, or hanging evergreens.

College Hill's Hanging of the Greens takes a more worshipful tone and includes Scripture and readings with choreographed placement of each decoration.

Items that are assembled:

- Purple – a symbol of waiting and preparing also used in Lent.
- Advent wreath and candles – a circular evergreen wreath to remind us of the unending love of God. The candles are lit each week of Advent as we prepare for Christ, the light of the world, to arrive on Christmas. Some advent wreaths include a white Christ candle at the center. Others might include a pink candle for the third Sunday in Advent to represent joy as a distinct difference between the purple candles that represent a more reflective or penitential season. The purple candles represent hope, love, and peace.
- Hanging of the Greens – hanging of evergreen bows and wreaths to symbolize God's eternal love and eternal life in Christ Jesus.

You're invited to help prepare the sanctuary for this holy season on Tuesday, November 24, 10am at College Hill. All are welcome!

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.

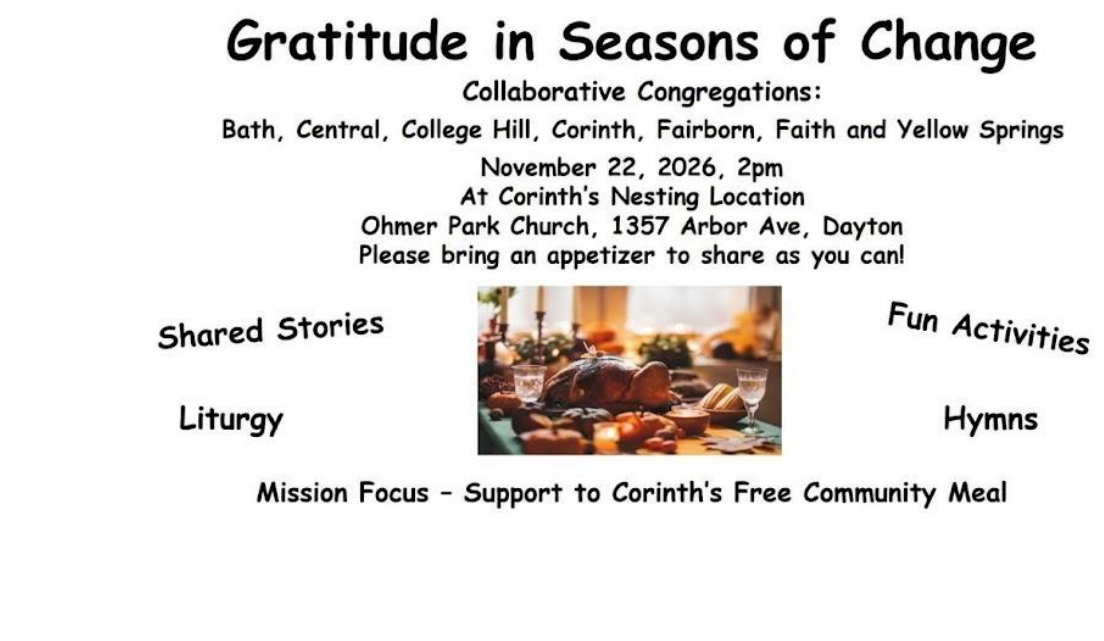


SAVE YOUR STAMPS & OLD CELL PHONES

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.

Collaborative Congregations Gathering

Collaborative Congregations Gathering on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2:00 pm: The group of smaller congregations in our presbytery (which includes College Hill) who are sharing ministry support will meet on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 2:00 pm at the nesting place for Corinth Presbyterian Church, at Ohmer Park UMC at 1357 Arbor Ave., Dayton. The theme is "Gratitude in a Season of Change," and several churches will share stories of viable ministry following periods of crisis. Elder Jose' LaMont Jones will speak about College Hill's experience. We are asked to bring a generous - sized appetizer to share. Please plan to join this encouraging event! The Mission Focus for the day is to support Corinth's monthly Free Community Meal. College Hill's session has voted to allocate a portion of our First Fruits offering one Sunday every quarter to provide financial help to this meal. If you would like to volunteer to help serve a meal at Corinth's Community Meal, see Larry Hollar for information.





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.

2026 Dayton CROP Hunger Walk a Success!

On October 11, walkers from faith communities around the Dayton area came together to make a difference on local and global hunger. College Hill again was a leading contributor to this annual ecumenical effort. We extend many thanks to everyone who took part, walkers, and donors!

Overall, the 2026 Dayton Walk has so far raised more than $13,700 to support Church World Service (75%) and the Dayton Foodbank (25%). College Hill's walkers raised at least $1,525 in checks/cash and online donations. Gladys Turner Finney again led the way with about $600 in donations gathered this year. We also thank Mack Lakes, Glenn Herring, Susie Grierson, many members of the Benson family, and Larry Hollar for their great efforts for this Walk.

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

Sunday, November 1, 2026: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints' Day, Communion Sunday. 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Joshua 3:7-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12. Sermon: " '…they do not practice what they teach. ' " Communion with sealed cups; All Saints' Day ritual with names of those who have passed lifted up; First Fruits Offering taken up; Choir music planned for each Sunday in November.

Sunday, November 8, 2026: Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost., 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13. Sermon: "We are witnesses." Social Justice and Peacemaking Moment for Mission. Toni Smith on piano.

Saturday, November 14, 2026: College Hill hosts the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. We assist in leading worship liturgy, including Marcus Johnson and the choir singing, and Obie and Benjamin Harris vocal solo and guitar; Rev. Tinsley presides at communion. Elder Terry Grimes of Trinity on piano. Catered box lunch served to commissioners and volunteers in Fellowship Hall after adjournment. Volunteers still needed; see Kathy Lakes or Brenda Peters.

Sunday, November 15, 2026: Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Youth Sunday. 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Judges 4:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30 Sermon: "…let us keep awake and be sober." Youth Liturgists; Time for Children. Kristen Hoffman on piano.

Sunday, November 22, 2026: Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46. Sermon: "I myself will search for my sheep." Celebrate November birthdays. Ruth Gordon on piano.

Sunday, November 29, 2026: Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost, First Sunday of Advent. 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37. Sermon: "Now consider, we are all your people." Hanging of the Greens service; begin Advent candle lighting.

Worship & Music Committee Highlights from October 2026

At last month's meeting on October 13, 2026, your Worship & Music (W&M) Committee:

- Planned Usher training, likely for Sunday, Nov. 8 after worship
- Noted that some ushers and W&M members will take part in CPR/First aid training Oct. 24
- Approved final W&M 2027 budget request and sent to I&S
- Discussed details of College Hill hosting Nov. 14 presbytery meeting. Terry Grimes from Trinity will be invited to play piano
- Approved sending Synod the equivalent of a supply preacher honorarium in gratitude for Rev. Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario preaching for us on Oct. 11
- Discussed worship plans through January 2027. November plans are described week by week elsewhere in this newsletter. Other months' activities include: December-- Thursday, December 17, Blue Christmas service organized by Ullery-Elam with our support – a draft of worship is completed; Advent Sundays - Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20; Larry will ask Christian Ed about youth participation for Las Posadas celebration; Christmas Joy offering taken Dec. 20 and 24; Christmas Eve service led by Social Justice & Peacemaking – starting time to be confirmed. Kwanzaa observance downstairs is expected following worship on December 27, 2026

  January-- Possible 3 Kings celebration by Hispanic Ministry during January 3-6 period (Epiphany time); Martin Luther King, Jr., activities in Dayton will be publicized; Elam PR has purchased one table for the event for interested College Hill members
- Worship & Music is very grateful to the Building &Grounds Committee for its work to have new flooring in place in the front of the sanctuary, and additional clean up completed, prior to our hosting the Nov.14 Presbytery meeting.
- Next W&M Meeting—Tuesday, November 10, 5:00 pm via Zoom. W&M members are Larry Hollar (chair), Kathy and Mack Lakes, Judy McCray, Susie Grierson, Brenda Brown, Ivy Young, and Rev. Tinsley (ex officio).

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Prayers for Rev.Tinsley, Darlene Brookshire and her family, Brenda Brown, Pamela Byrd, Carole Estelle and her family, Gloria Gates & her son, Michael Love, Rosalyn Givens, Lloyd Jones, Sandra March, Clarissa Moore, Patricia Powell, Nelson Stone, and all others who desire prayer.

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

- Pastor Tinsley will be providing training for Elders/Deacons.
- New Elders/Deacons will be ordained/installed the 2nd week of January 2027.
- Deacons will provide a Moment for Mission every three months to address the Deason's Benevolence Fund. Offering Envelopes will be available for offerings.
- Session is continuing to work on the 2027 Budget
- The quarterly Presbytery Meeting is being held at College Hill on 14th November. The charity being supported is being directed toward Haitians support.
- Pastoral contract will be extended for 2027 with Rev. Dr. Charles D. Tinsley, IV
- Matthew 25 Application was Approved
- Newly Reviewed/Revised Fellowship policies were approved
- There was the 1st Reading of the Fellowship/Outreach policies

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	3rd Tuesday	9:30am	Ivy Young
Social Justice & Peacemakiing	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!