

The Church Bell

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30am
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11:00am

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The More Things Change

“In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. But you remain the same, and your years will never end. The children of your servants will live in your presence; their descendants will be established before you.”
(*Psalm 102:25-28*)

Like most people, I hate change. Some changes are minor inconveniences, like when my technology updates and I must get used to a new way of doing things on my computer or phone. Some changes are major adjustments, such as when I have to say good-bye to people and places that I love. I often wonder if previous generations had to cope with as much change as we face in the twenty-first century?

Change in the church is often debated. Organs and hymns versus praise teams and choruses. Liturgy and robes vie with screens and videos. But some changes cut deeper than style. Are the truths of the Bible that we hold dear temporary or timeless? Do we follow the spirit of the age or the Holy Spirit? You know the choices that Science Hill and I have made on these issues.

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (*Hebrews 13:8*). I take much comfort in God’s unchanging nature. He was present when we took our first breath, and He will be with us when we draw our final one. He was before all time and space, and He will still be when everything in our existence has faded to just a dim memory. The more things change in this world, the more encouragement I find in God’s constancy. Our hope lies not in anything of this earth, but in the One who transcends and supersedes Creation. If you’re looking for an anchor, a rock, a fixed point upon which to build your life, you need look no further than the Ancient of Days! “In every change, He faithful will remain” (*Be Still My Soul*, verse 1).

Pastor Jon

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Thank you kindly for your continued support and generous tithes and offerings.

<u>WEEK OF:</u>	<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>
	In person + Online	
June 29	52 + 10	\$3,632.01
July 6	52 + 13	\$2,485.00*
July 13	58 + 11	\$3,630.00
July 20	48 + 16	\$2,746.00*

As of 6/30/25

General Fund Income: \$75,734.34

General Fund Expenses: \$81,620.99

Year-to-date difference: -\$ 5,886.65

Budget for 2025: \$158,019.00

Needed weekly is \$3,039.00*

MISSION OFFERINGS FROM THE CONGREGATION:

June Mission: Challenge Ministries \$449.00

(In 2025 our church budget gives an additional \$100 monthly to the mission(s) of the month.)

AUGUST 2025 MISSION: MISSION MARLINGTON

Mission Marlinton is an organization created as a partnership between local churches, community leaders and Marlinton Schools. They raise funds and help provide for such area needs as the Blessing Bag distribution in our three elementary schools, food baskets for lower-income families at holiday times, and a work week during the summer to improve homes and school facilities.

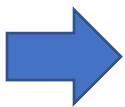
Science Hill Church has been working with Grace Community Church and the Blessing Bags that are filled here for Lexington Elementary children on Fridays during the school year.



GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS: If you are not able to be in worship on Sundays, you can mail in your offering donations at any time to: Science Hill Community Church, 12316 Beeson St. NE, Alliance OH 44601. Thank you for your contributions.

A PayPal option is also available for those wishing to give electronically. Just visit our church website: www.sciencehillcc.org. THANK YOU for your support of our church!

*****If you watch our service online, please let us know
so we can add you to our virtual attendance count.*****



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Items for the September 2025 newsletter should be submitted to the church office by Monday, August 25th at noon. You can bring them in or send them in at any time to office@sciencehillcc.org.

THERESA'S OFFICE HOURS: Mondays and Thursdays 8am-3pm.

PASTOR JON'S DAY OFF: Pastor Jon's weekly day off is Wednesday.

*“Our mission is to joyfully share the good news of
Jesus Christ and lovingly care for others.”*

“HIGHLIGHTS” OF THE CONSISTORY MEETING: Monday, July 14, 2025

Present: Elders: Craig Reay, Derek Swegheimer, Jim Hornyak, Jan Raber

Deacons: Rose Wade, Ray Courtwright, Ben Favazzo

Pastor Jon Truax; Secretary/Treasurer Theresa Marks Absent: Richard Berube

DEVOTIONAL/PRAYER: Rose Wade, Pastor Jon

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Consistory meeting Monday, June 9, 2025 were reviewed and placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ending June 2025 was reviewed and placed on file.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: For July of \$14,582.39 for the General Fund and \$45.48 for the Youth checkbook were approved with motions by Derek and Jan.

MISC. REPORTS: 1.) Building and Grounds by Rose: a.) Estimates received for the parsonage portico and future (in 5-6 years) replacement of church roof. b.) The north A/C in the church needed repaired. c.) We are continuing to work with Elite flooring regarding the basement floors. d.) CO2 detectors and more smoke detectors installed. e.) A newer basketball hoop and backboard have been purchased but need installed. 2.) The parsonage had several repairs and replacements recently: A/C unit fixed; new washing machine, kitchen light, dehumidifier. 3.) The parking lot will need to be resealed this fall. Estimates will be sought. 4.) Outreach continues to work on the parade float, storage place needed, the deck put on, and volunteers to help with some painting.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.) Estimates are being obtained for classroom cameras and a new office computer. 2.) We have access to some very large free rocks for landscaping – we just need someone with a trailer and equipment to place them in the flower beds.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) The stove in the kitchenette in the Science Hill Room needs to stay clear of random items left on top. 2.) Discussion took place with several individuals regarding expanding our prayer gatherings and ideas.

PASTOR'S REMARKS: 1.) Staff evaluations to take place soon. 2.) Consistory will consider nominees for 2026 Consistory members and Trust Fund member. 3.) Pastor Jon & Debbie, and Jimmy & Bethany Campbell Families appreciate everyone's continued support and prayers surrounding the upcoming birth of baby Campbell in August.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:53pm with motions by Rose and Jan. The next scheduled Consistory meeting is Monday, August 11, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Craig Reay, Consistory President

Theresa Marks, Secretary/Treasurer

SUNDAY MORNINGS THIS SUMMER

9:00am Prayer Time in the Prayer Room

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

“TWO MINUTE TESTIMONIES”

Keep in mind that we are including Two Minute Testimonies on Sunday mornings at Science Hill. Have a praise to lift up or a thanksgiving to offer to God? Multiply your blessings by sharing them with your church family! If you would like to share anonymously or without public speaking, you may write your testimony down and give it to Pastor Jon before the service begins.





Prayer Chain

THE PRAYER CHAIN

If you need a prayer chain started from August 1 – 21, please contact Rose Wade (330-904-1220), Peggy Hawkins (330-413-3078) or Theresa in the church office on Mondays and Thursdays (330-823-3439).

Prayer Warriors are always welcome! If you would like to be added to the list of prayer chain warriors on a regular basis through flocknote or by phone, call the church office and leave a message or talk with Pastor Jon.

Our Church Float in the Carnation Parade

We are eagerly awaiting to see the church's new float that will be participating in the Alliance Carnation Parade on Saturday, August 9th. The float was designed and worked on by Ryan Patterson and his wife. He is the head of the Mount Union Theater Department.

We will need people to pass out carnations along the parade route with our float. Please contact Outreach chairperson Laura Courtwright (330-207-2473) if you would like to participate. She can give you the details of the time and place to meet once she has that information.

IT'S CHURCH PICNIC TIME!

Sunday, August 24th at 11am following worship

We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, water, lemonade, and table service.

It's pot-luck so be thinking of your favorite dish to bring and share!

We'll have a sign-up sheet out two weeks before the event.

Thank you to the hospitality of the Church Life Committee.



Still de-cluttering your house?

Did you run out of time to donate to our Community Day Rummage Sale? There is an easy and useful solution if you have items you'd like to purge from your home!

The Red Bird Mission has served the poor Appalachian area in Kentucky for several years. It has been devastated this spring by 2 separate floods and landslides which destroyed many of the homes. Lucinda Feese and her local family have sponsored this mission for many years. She is willing to come to your home to pick up your donations of clothing, household items, furniture, toys, school and office supplies, Bible devotionals for all ages, hunting and fishing equipment, etc.

Linda Feese can be reached at 330-581-8537 or feesslb@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you, Lynn Penturf for getting this information to us. We appreciate all of your help with the rummage sale!

- The Nerf War in July brought 24 kids to Science Hill. Only about 18 of them participated in the Nerf games, but everyone there had a great time, whether they fired Nerf guns or played with other things.
- The Youth, going into 6th grade and up, are invited to Fun Times Fun park on Wednesday, August 6. Meet at the park at noon. Let Katie know if you need a ride. This event is free for Science Hill kids, and friends should bring \$38 for entry. Food is provided. Bring sunscreen, a bathing suit just in case, and get ready for a fun time!
- Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 21, on "Back to Church Sunday," a nationwide push to encourage people to get back to church.
- Tuesday evening Community Connection will resume on Tuesday, September 23 with dinner at 6:00 and classes for all ages at 6:45. It will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in Oct, Nov, and Dec. **We are looking for a volunteer to teach the Middle School & High School class.** All of the curriculum is laid out. All you have to do is facilitate discussion. Please talk to Katie if you would be willing to help. We will also need a second person with the younger class to help Holly. Sign-up sheets will go out in August.
- The Mom's Bible Studies will resume on Tuesday nights and Friday mornings in September. The moms who attend are SO THANKFUL for this opportunity to study the Bible with fellow moms and greatly appreciate your help in watching their children. They have thanked me so many times for this wonderful ministry. We will be asking for helpers on Fridays to watch the children.
- As the babies get older, we find we have a need for Nursery help on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to watch a cute little one or two during the message please see the sign-up sheets. The sermon is broadcast through speakers in the room, so you wouldn't miss any part of the service.



MOWING and FLOWER BEDS

Thank you to the following for volunteering to help keep our church grounds beautiful.



Mowing: August 1-10: Ray Courtwright
August 11-20: Jon Truax
August 21-30: Jon Truax

Flower Beds: Jenny D.; Janet Favazzo; Mary Jo Myers;
Bob & Connie Poto, Erma Hastings

"THANK YOU" FOR VOLUNTEERING ON SUNDAYS

DATE	REFRESHMENTS	LITURGIST	BELL RINGER	PRAYER ROOM
August 3	n/a	Rose Wade	Jenny Digiantonio	
August 10	n/a	Jan Raber		
August 17	n/a	Jenny Digiantonio		
August 24	n/a			
August	USHERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	
	Ray, Laura, Steve Courtwright	Jenny Digiantonio, June Truax	Sabrina Thomas	

THANK YOU NOTES IN THE MAIL AND MISC. INFO ...

Our deepest sympathy to the Family and Friends of Pat Summers, who passed away July 7, 2025.

Pastor Jon: Thank you again this year for allowing our concert-going guests to use the church parking lot. I didn't know what we would do without the support of our church family, it's hard to count the ways – even with overflow parking!
-With all our Christian love, Craig and Lori Reay

CAREGIVERS GATHERING: Their next gathering will be Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

THE TOOLBOX: A Men's Ministry: Area men are invited to gather and enjoy breakfast, fellowship and a program on the first Saturday of each month from 8:30-10:00am. Meet them at Robertson Heating & Supply, 2155 W. Main St., Alliance. The next dates are August 2nd and September 6th. For more information, please see Craig Reay or Pastor Jon.

DONATE YOUR POP TABS: This initiative is good for Ronald McDonald House families, local organizations and the environment. We can all do a little to make a big difference in our community! *Our container is in the area where the food is collected for the Salvation Army.*

How do pop tabs help the Ronald McDonald House?

They are taken to be recycled in exchange for dollars for our Family Fund, which provides items for families that use RMHC NEO programs. They offer assistance in emergencies, lodging, travel, clothing, hygiene and help to give families special moments – like providing small birthday gifts for children.

AUGUST CALENDAR

2nd: 8:30am Men's Toolbox gathering at Robertson's
 3rd: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship
 4th: 6:30pm Building and Grounds Committee
 5th: Stark County special election day (if needed)
 6th: Noon-8pm youth at FunTimes Park in Alliance
 10th: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship
 11th: 7pm Consistory
 17th: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship
 18th: 6:30pm Worship Committee; 7:30pm CE Meeting
 24th: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship; 11am Church Picnic
 25th: Noon- newsletter deadline; 6:30pm Outreach Comm.
 31st: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1st: Mia Owen, M/M Jim Hornyak
 3rd: M/M David Floyd
 4th: Charlene Boyce
 5th: Sandra Stauffenger, Kegan Steckel; M/M Steve Owen
 6th: Jim Hastings
 8th: Gene Hackney, Lorenzo Verlezza, M/M Jimmy Campbell
 11th: M/M John Flynn
 13th: Trudy Porter
 14th: Bonnie Linerode
 19th: Rose Wade
 24th: M/M Mark Haidet
 25th: Adam Todd
 27th: Sandy Harding
 28th: Jan Berube
 29th: Bailey Courtwright
 31st: Caleb Hornyak



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Looking forward into September...

Katie Stiver's Bible Study for Moms on Friday mornings will pick back up on Friday, September 5th and take place on the first and third Fridays of the month. With the large number of kids who attend, child care sign-ups for the fall will be needed. Coming soon to a clipboard near you!

Our Sunday School Rally Day will be held on National Back to Church Sunday on September 21. Following worship on that day, we will enjoy refreshments followed by classes for children, youth and adults. The children will be taught by Lynn Penturf and Cindy Casto. Pastor Jon and Debbie Truax and Alan Stiver will be leading Confirmation studies for the youth. There are two options for adults. Derek Swegheimer will be teaching an Adult Bible Fellowship in the Upper Room. Jim Hornyak will continue leading a study on "The Chosen" seasons three and four in the downstairs double classroom, aka "the Red Quarter." Classes begin on Rally Day, September 21, and will continue each Sunday morning from 11 to Noon. We will soon be taking sign-ups to help provide "simple snacks" offered between Worship and Sunday School.

Community Connection will return on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 pm. New this year will be a schedule that starts on September 23 and then continue on the first and third Tuesdays of the month for October, November and December. We will try this as an experiment in the fall to see how it works. We will start with a pizza supper on September 23 and then run our usual menu of hot dogs, sides and desserts the remaining months. Classes for children, youth and adults are being planned. Pastor Jon will resume teaching the Bible Study on the Gospel of John. Help is being recruited for the children and youth areas - please see Katie Stiver for information. We hope you will join us for a midweek spiritual lift this fall at Community Connection!

A TRIP TO AMISH COUNTRY

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Dutch Valley Restaurant buffet, and matinee of "The Road to Damascus"

Cost: \$70 per person includes both buffet and show***

Deadline to purchase tickets: September 30th

There is a limit of 50 tickets available.

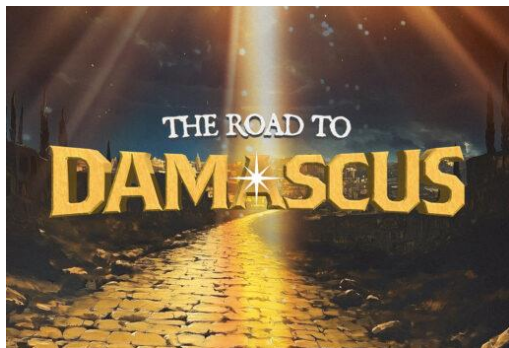
We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m.

You can car-pool or drive separately.

We will travel to Sugarcreek to have a lunch buffet at the Dutch Valley Restaurant at 11:30am and the show starts at 1:00pm at the Ohio Star Theater.

***** YOUR PAYMENT IS DUE
WHEN YOU SIGN UP *****

**There are yellow sign-up forms
available. See Theresa Marks or
put your form and check in the
offering box on Sunday.**



The Road to Damascus ***A Musical Journey Through the Book of Acts***

This spectacular matinee show offers a vibrant look at the transformative story of Saul to Paul. It is a powerful narrative of redemption, faith, and inner boldness.

CHURCH MEMORIES

-Tami Theisler, Church Historian

August 23rd, 2020 – The baptism of Jameson Datz was celebrated during morning worship. Jameson is the son of McKenna Datz, great-grandson of Carol and Craig Datz. Following worship, the congregation celebrated the wedding of Bethany Truax and Jimmy Campbell with a post wedding luncheon and “for the seasons” gift giving. Unwrapped gifts were displayed on 4 seasonal tables. Lunch was catered and precautions were in place to keep everyone safe because of Covid 19. It was a nice gathering to honor the couple. Lori Reay, from Family Life Committee, and a great crew planned a wonderful event.

**** 10 Years Ago – August 2nd, 2015** – Special music was provided by Stephen Hastings, grandson of Jim and Erma Hastings with a beautiful piece on the grand piano titled “The Prayer”. Peggy Hawkins was liturgist, and Alexis Todd shared her camp experience at Discovery Camp at Wanakee Camp. Pastor Jon continues his series on World View/Bible View with “In Money We Trust?”

August 15th, 2010 – Casual Sunday for worship followed by a 50’s theme church-wide picnic which was attended by almost 70 people. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all. New Member class began at 9:00 am this morning.

August 7th, 2005 – Herb Oyster offered special music and Brittany Zaleski accompanied the congregation in music.

**** 25 Years Ago - August 6th, 2000** – “Young Life” Service was held, an inspiration to see the young people active in the worship service. Three new members were welcomed to Science Hill Church. They are Kathe Connelly, Sandra Stauffenger and Gisela Fagan.

August 6th, 1995 | Alliance Food Band Sunday - Members enjoyed worshipping the Lord outdoors in the church pavilion. The congregation was happy to witness the baptism of Timothy Eugene Church and his daughter, Taylor Bryanna Church. They are husband and daughter to member, Lisa Church. A Narthex Card Shop opened this month. When open on Sundays, church members can purchase cards and stamps to send greetings to special people in their lives.

August 4th, 1990 – A “Festival of Fellowship” drew 71 people of all ages to the church. The fellowship featured games, tractor rides, food and bingo. Herb Oyster retained the title as pie eating champ at Science Hill.

August 4th, 1985 – Sacrament of Baptism given to: Janna Christine Stroup & Benjamin Allen Stroup, children of Chris & Sharon; and to Katie Elizabeth Witham, daughter to Diane & Edward.

August 14th, 1980 – A wedding reception was held at Science Hill for Rev. Ed and Helen Jeffries.

**** 50 Years Ago - August 17th, 1975** – In a beautiful garden setting at the home of the bride’s parents, Miss Debbie Lynn Chapman and Mr. James William Bennett were married. Reception followed.

August 10th-21st, 1970 – Vacation Bible School

August 16th, 1965 – Leslie Sue, daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hahn was born.

August 2nd, 1960 – Rebecca Sue was the name given to the new daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Oyster.

August 21st, 1955 – Rev. Diller conducted the worship service as Rev. Meckstroth is on vacation.

**** 75 Years Ago - 1950** – No Historian Entries

August 1945 – No Historian Entries



IN OUR PRAYERS

Calvin Beck
Jill Black
Jimmy, Bethany, Baby Campbell
Larry Doyle
Ben Favazzo
David Floyd
Jessie Frank
Donna Grubb
Mike & Nancy Harsh
Jason Haws
Laila Hummel
Judy Immel Blackburn
Laura Keyes
TJ, Katie, Baby Lindquist
Ashley McBride

Amy Miller
Dean Oyster
Julie Raber
Danielle Sadler
Bruce Simmons
Kassi Karlen Smosarski
Dennis Sponsellor
Jordan Steckel
Rob Sterling
Mary Swartz & Family
Sue Thomas
Kyler Todd
For the Family & Friends of Candice Washington



HOMEBOUND/CARE FACILITIES

Dorothy Oyster, home
Peggy Hawkins, home
June Truax, St. Luke's - N.Canton
Mike Harsh, home
Audrey Wood-Clayton, Green Meadows
Craig & Carol Datz, Bel-Air

MILITARY

Nick Marks, Air Force
Daniel O'Neil, Air Force
Brandon Rock and Carova Rock, Navy
Ryan Brown, Marines
Jared Azemopoulos, Space Force
Matthew Cicero, Marines

COLLEGE

Cayden Monk, University of Mount Union
Becky Hornyak, soon to begin at the University of Rio Grande

CONSISTORY

ELDERS: Craig Reay
Jim Hornyak
Jan Raber
Derek Swegheimer
DEACONS: Richard Berube
Ben Favazzo
Ray Courtwright
Rose Wade

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Jonathan Truax
Secretary/Treasurer: Theresa Marks
Pianist: Nancy Springer
Family Ministry Director: Katie Stiver
Custodians: J & D Cleaning / Elizabeth Courtwright

Junior Church and the Nursery

Junior Church class will take place on Sunday mornings after the Children's Message in worship.
Those Pre-K to 5th graders are invited upstairs in the educational wing for a lesson and craft.

FLOCKNOTE: *We love having you as part of our Flock! Keep in touch with us via email and text. Text SHCC to 84576 or connect at: sciencehillcommunitychur.flocknote.com. No passwords or app download necessary. Choose the ministries (including prayer chains) and committees you would like to connect with.*

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God is always with you. Let your light shine bright!