The Church Bell

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

NOVEMBER 2026

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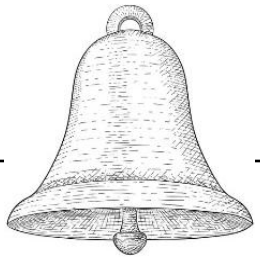

"BE PREPARED TO STOP"

It was a beautiful October day as I was driving east on Beeson. Just as I was about to pull into the parking lot, I noticed a large orange sign in our churchyard rocking back and forth in the breeze. Its bright hue matched the changing leaves, but it had a mission apart from mere color coordination. The sign warned of road work up ahead, plainly urging motorists to **"BE PREPARED TO STOP."**

Not a bad lesson for life, I thought. Many of us race ahead recklessly with our own personal plans and projects that we forget that everything can – and will – come to a sudden stop at the end someday. I'm reminded of the life insurance salesman who wryly observed that clients talk about "if they die" even though a better word choice is "when." Or maybe we think we are too busy or indispensable to ever really stop? The words of Emily Dickinson ring true: "Because I could not stop for Death, he kindly stopped for me."

On Sunday, November 1, Science Hill Church will once again observe All Saints' Day. This is an annual opportunity for us to remember the beloved members and friends of our congregation who have gone to be with Jesus ahead of us. Who is to say how far behind we may be? "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment," the King James Version solemnly warns us (Hebrews 9:27). Many of Jesus' parables drive the same point home – a day of reckoning is surely coming and we must ready ourselves for it. Like the Boy Scouts, we would be wise to be prepared for the inevitable.

What can you do to be better prepared to stop? Of course, it's always a good idea to "have your affairs in order," as they say: a will, a living will, important papers, etc. But it is also essential to attend to our relationships, both human and divine. Do the people in our lives know that we love them, care about them, and have forgiven them, even as we desire to be forgiven by them? Truths like these should not remain unspoken and only assumed. And do we have "unfinished business" with God? Is there anything spiritual we are guilty of putting off for a more apt time? We had best take care of it, sooner rather than later, because no one knows when the roll will be called up yonder. Be prepared to stop…

Pastor Jon

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

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

WEEK OF:	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE In person + Online	OFFERING
September 27	46 + 12	$2,568.10*
October 4	41 + 13	$1,561.00*
October 11	54 + 14	$1,845.00*
October 18	49 + 16	$3,891.00

As of 9/30/26

General Fund Income:	$124,382.97
General Fund Expenses:	$117,089.42
Year-to-date difference:	**$ 7,293.55**

Budget for 2026: $164,918
Needed weekly is $3,171.50*

MISSION OFFERINGS FROM THE CONGREGATION:
September Mission: Mt. Union CRU $313.00

(In 2026 our church budget gives an additional $100 monthly to the mission(s) of the month.)

NOVEMBER 2026 MISSION: SAM CENTER AND LEGACY OF HONOR

S.A.M. CENTER (Serving Area Military, Veterans and Widows) is located at 413 Lincoln Way East in Massillon, ph. 330-956-6162, www.servingareamilitary.com. They connect veterans with the services and resources they need, such as housing, food, hygiene items, and basic household goods.
LEGACY OF HONOR is located at 229 E. Main Street in Louisville. They serve area active military, veterans, first responders, and their families. Visit them at www.honorthelegacy.org.

$$ 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.
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.******

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Items for the December 2026 newsletter should be submitted to the church office by **Sunday, November 22, 2026.** 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.

Halloween Trick-or-Treating at Barcus Acres ***We hope you see this notice in time.***

We are returning to passing out candy this year in the Barcus Acres park area on Halloween from 4:45-7pm. If you would like to donate candy toward this effort, bring it to the box in the narthex by October 30th. We will also be giving out free hot dogs again. If you can help that evening, see Pastor Jon, Laura, or just show up!

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

"HIGHLIGHTS" OF THE CONSISTORY MEETING: Monday, October 12, 2026

Present: Elders: Derek Swegheimer, Mark Haidet
Deacons: Rose Wade, Ray Courtwright, Jeff Hahn, Ben Favazzo
Pastor: Jon Truax and Secretary/Treasurer: Theresa Marks Absent: Gary Casto, Jan Raber

DEVOTION and PRAYER by Pastor Jon
CORRESPONDENCE: 1.) Church received a dividend/reimbursement from BWC from 2022. 2.) Still waiting on information about comparing church insurance rates.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Consistory meeting Monday, September 14, 2026 were reviewed and placed on file.
TREASURER'S REPORT: Ending September 2026 was reviewed and placed on file.
BILLS FOR PAYMENT: For October 2026 of $13,733.37 for the General Fund and $0 for the Youth checkbook were approved with motions by Ray and Rose.

MISC. REPORTS: 1.) Rose and the Building & Grounds Committee: a.) Two septic tanks at the church and one septic tank at the parsonage were pumped. Additional maintenance on the parsonage septic tank lines will need to be done. b.) Workday on October 10th was spent mostly on removing the shrubs around the pavilion and spreading stones. The rest of the stones will be spread around the Sunday School wing. Donations from the Dorothy Oyster family were used. c.) Two fire-suppression blankets were purchased – one for the pavilion grill area and one inside the church. d.) The soup fundraiser supports the Roof Fund with 12 pints and 54 quarts ordered. e.) Election day bake sale also benefits the Roof Fund. 2.) Outreach Committee by Ray: a.) They are creating post cards to hand to visitors with the Welcome Bags. b.) Events coming up are the Barcus Acres (Halloween) candy hand-out; Heart of Christmas pasta dinner and ornament exchange; Christmas cookie sale; Assisted Living/Nursing Home card shower and visits.

OLD BUSNESS: 1.) Consistory members are reviewing a 5-point criteria paper to assist in choosing missions of the month. 2.) The Deacons made recommendations for missions for 2027. They were approved by Consistory for every-other month and are as follows: January – Men's Toolbox Ministry; March – Marlin & Minnie Snyder Foundation; May – Alliance Pregnancy Center; July – Alliance of Churches; September – Mission Marlington; November – Legacy of Honor. 3.) The remainder of the 2027 church budget was discussed in executive session and approved to present to the congregation.

NEW BUSINESS: n/a
PASTOR'S REMARKS: 1.) The Homecoming Service and activities went well on October 11th with 47 people attending the complementary luncheon at the Mt. Union cafeteria. 2.) There will be 29 people attending the Amish country trip on October 17th to see the Elijah production and share a meal. 3.) The Amazon Wish-List is being finalized and will be presented to the congregation on November 22 at the meeting after worship. 4.) Harvest of Blessings will take place November 1-8-15-22 bringing in non-perishable items for the Alliance Salvation Army. 5.) Heart of Christmas pasta dinner and ornament exchange is December 4th.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:35pm. There was no Spiritual Council meeting to follow. The next scheduled Consistory meeting is Monday, November 9, 2026 at 7:00pm.

Derek Swegheimer, 2026 Consistory President
Theresa Marks, Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: Consistory meetings are open to any member of Science Hill Community Church to observe. Any members wishing to address Consistory will be given the opportunity after opening devotions and have up to five minutes each.

Join us for Worship on Sunday, November 1st

Time Change: Turn your clocks BACK an hour on Saturday night before going to bed as Daylight Savings time ends.





All Saints Day: We will remember those in our congregation who have passed to eternal rest since this time last year during our Worship Service at 9:30am.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Interested in Joining Science Hill Church?



We will offer membership classes during the Sunday School hour on Sundays, November 1-8-15 in the Science Hill Room after refreshments. New members will be received on Sunday, November 22 in time for the Congregational Meeting. See Pastor Jon or call the church office if you are interested.



Harvest of Blessings

We are celebrating the month of November with a Thanksgiving offering of non-perishable food to bless the Salvation Army Food Pantry in Alliance. Please bring your gifts to worship on Sundays, November 1-8-15-22.

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Open Forum in Worship

Sunday, November 8th at 9:30am

Have you been pondering spiritual questions, Biblical thoughts, or have an inquiring mind for the truth and don't know where to turn?

Pastor Jon will once again have Open Forum for worship on Sunday, November 8th. To give him ample time to research an answer, you can send him a text or email a message to shccprayerchain@gmail.com. He will also entertain questions on the spur-of-the-moment that day. What are you pondering?

Join us on Sunday, November 22nd

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 22, 2026



9am Prayer Time … 9:30am Worship … Meeting Approximately 10:45am

- ✓ Members will be voting on the proposed 2027 church budget, printed in this newsletter and available in the narthex.
- ✓ We will also be affirming the candidates running for office for 2027:
  For Elder – Derek Swegheimer, Mike Wilks
  For Deacon – Ray Boyce, Ben Favazzo
  Trust Fund member – Marsha Graham

  Nominations will also be accepted from the floor that day. You must have that person's approval before nominating them.



Our Saints Tree

To help decorate Christmas this year, the Worship Committee has decided to have a Saints Tree instead of a Memorial Tree. YOU are our saints.

After the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 22, we will be making ornaments. We would like everyone to make one. Provided will be materials to decorate, paint, and design your own personal ornament. The only requirement is that YOUR NAME is on the ornament.

If you prefer, you may pick a wooden ornament and take it home to decorate (as long as you bring it back and place it on our tree). See you then!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 22 at 6pm

SOZO Church 114 E. Main Street (Formerly Feed My Sheep building)



Hanging of the Greens

Ready or not… the calendar says it's time to decorate for the Christmas season!! So we will gather on Monday, **November 23rd** at 4:00 pm, decorate until 6:00, then enjoy pizza and fellowship before we all head home. We have an experienced group of decorators who have been getting the job done in good time. But there's always room for more to share in the laughs and the joy of the upcoming season. It's a great way to get in the holiday mood and we have lots of fun, too. Hope to see you there!!! *-Charlene Boyce*

Order Poinsettias NOW for Advent



As we decorate for the Advent Season, we are offering to you the opportunity to purchase poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary. They will be delivered by DeHoff's and are $13 each. You may choose from red, white, or pink and can be "in memory of…" or "in honor of…" a loved one. There is a sign-up sheet in the Science Hill Room and the deadline to order and pay for those will be Thursday, November 12th.



Children's Ministry News

By Holly Swegheimer, Director of Children's Ministry

* We have had a fun time learning and memorizing the Armor of God. Our next endeavor is learning and memorizing the 10 Commandments.

#1 You shall have no other "gods" before me. **#3** You shall not take the name of God in vain.
#2 You shall not make for yourself any idols. **#4** Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

*It is so exciting to see, hear, and know that the kids are learning about God, His Son Jesus, and how we are to live for him. During Sunday School, the kids are working through the Believe series, and in Jr. Church we are learning about how the early church was established and how God used his people. Gospel Gang on Tuesday night is learning all about the book of Genesis.

*This is a reminder that we will not have Sunday School on November 22nd and there will not be Gospel Gang on Tuesday night, November 3rd. *- Blessings, Holly*

Community Connection

We'd love for you to join us on Tuesday nights from 6-8pm.

We begin with a free fellowship supper where the main course, beverages, and dinnerware are provided, and participants are encouraged to bring a side dish, dessert, or freewill offering to supplement the meal. After dinner, the children head upstairs with Mrs. Swegheimer, and the adults stay in the Fellowship Hall to study Revelation. Join us at any time it is convenient for you. You do not need to start at the beginning. Hope to see you there!

"THANK YOU" FOR VOLUNTEERING ON SUNDAYS

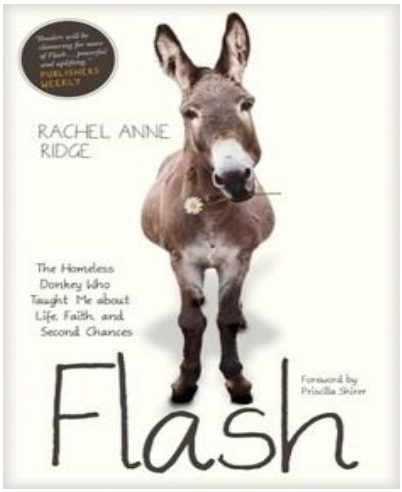
DATE	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	REFRESHMENTS
Nov. 1	Marsha Graham		Jenny Digiantonio
Nov. 8		Marsha Graham	Laura Courtwright
Nov. 15			Cindy & Gary Casto
Nov. 22			Congregational Meeting Time
Nov. 29			
November	**USHERS** Ben & Janet Favazzo	**GREETERS** Marsha Graham, Lynn Penturf	**ACOLYTE**

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

- by Laura Courtwright, Chairperson

*We are still in need of a few more cookie bakers for our **CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE** set for Saturday, December 12 from 9am-12pm. Sign up on the clipboard for one of our suggested specialty cookies, or you may add your own special Christmas cookie that is not listed. We thank all who have signed up already. We can't wait to taste your goodies!*





Our next Book Club book for the winter will be "Flash" by Rachel Anne Ridge.

A business was in collapse, bills piling up and a sense of worth was deeply shaken. Then the answer showed up in a very unexpected guest … a battered stray donkey.

See how a wounded creature dismissed as "worthless" taught a family some valuable lessons about identity, value, perseverance, and seeing purpose in life's detour moments.

Discussion will be Thursday, January 7, 2027 at 6pm.

Books are available on Amazon, Thrift Books, and a copy is in our church library from Laura Courtwright after the November 1 service.

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Thank You Notes in the Mail and Misc. Info …

Change of Address: Tyler and Lindsay Reay: 5615 Laubert Rd., Atwater OH 44201

To Our Wonderful Church Family: Thank you for all of the love, prayers, cards and concerns during Bob's heart issues. God has worked and shown his presence in so many ways we are truly blessed. May God bless each of you and know that I am always grateful. *-Thank You, Shirley and Bob Farnham*

Thank you for your support during this difficult time for our family. The wonderful meal, kind words, and prayers were greatly appreciated. *-Lori & Jerry Dickerhoof (Tom Linerode Funeral and dinner)*

Thank you to those who graciously paid for all who gathered for the homecoming complementary lunch at the Mt. Union cafeteria. There were 47 of us! That was so generous of you and special for all to enjoy!

Thank you to everyone who purchased soup from our soup sale fundraiser. We made a profit of over $700 for our Roof Fund. Special thanks to Cindy Casto, Mary Jo Myers, Nancy Peters, Lynn Penturf and Holly Swegheimer for making the soups, and to Cherise Kennell for promoting. *-Rose Wade*

Thank you to the Worship Committee and the whole church family for the Pastor Appreciation shared on October 18th. We were very touched by all the cards, gifts, and the love shared. Thank you for your steadfast support and encouragement! *-Pastor Jon and Debbie*

Thanks are sent to Ray and Charlene Boyce, Gary Casto, and Mark Haidet for showing up and helping to continue spreading rock in the flower beds project. Special thanks to Janet Favazzo and Lynn Penturf for all the advance prepping they did on those flower beds. *-Rose Wade*

Church Family: I wanted to thank everyone for the great turnout for the adventure going to Amish country for a great buffet lunch and to see the musical Elijah: Prophet of Fire. It was such a beautiful day and a fun time to hang out with our church family and friends. The musical was also very good. We are considering next year to see Ben-Hur. We will let you know when we have a date. *-Holly Swegheimer*

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CHURCH MEMORIES

-Tami Theisler, Church Historian

November 26th, 2021 – A small group of guys aided by a power lift for safety took down the huge blue spruce in the corner of the back lawn.

**** 10 Years Ago | November 20th, 2016 –** Joe Knoll, MHS Superintendent, thanked the church for all they do to support Marlington Schools and their students. New altar clothes were dedicated in memory of Dick Blake - they are red for Pentecost. Pastor Jon gave a prayer. Cason and Westen Gowan, sons of Janna & Kevin Gowen, were baptized. They are the grandchildren of Sharon and Chris Stroup. Pastor Josh gave the children's sermon which included throwing snow balls in church! Dennis Kohler shared special music. Pastor Jon's message was "Mission Impossible". After the sermon Jon was pleased to share the new church video by Tyler Church. Very well done! Collections for Harvest of Blessings will be delivered to the Salvation Army by Herb & Joan Oyster.

November 27th, 2011 – The L.A.B. Youth Group participated in the morning worship with a Hanging of the Greens service. A play written by Pastor Jon featured the Henderson family as they learned of the symbols of Advent and Christmas. Youth and others participating were Kegan Harsh, Daniel Truax, Austin Carper, Bethany Truax, Josh Smith, Chrissy Shattuck, Anthony Church, Quentin Rock, Mandy Digiantonio, Tyler Church and Pastor Jon.

November 26th, 2006 – Recognition of our new church name was given during morning worship. Jim Hastings and Marsha Graham shared memories of Science Hill's history and heritage titled "An Old Church… a New Name". Rev. Tom McFarren gave the sermon "Teamwork Works". A brief meeting was held and those elected were elders: Craig Reay and Richard Berube, Deacons: Ray Boyce and Tom Linerode, Junior Deacon: Nathan Marks and Trust Fund: Jean Hoffman

**** 25 Years Ago | November 18th, 2001 –** Katy Boyce gave a special presentation on her work at Birch Family Camp in N.Y. during Sunday School. Several members of Science Hill U.C.C. and youth group members attended the community Thanksgiving service at the First Assembly of God Church.

November 3rd, 1996 – Ben Hoover succeeded Herb Oyster as bell ringer and taking attendance every Sunday morning.

November 3rd, 1991 – James Hastings Jr. offered the message during Pastor Barry's vacation.

November 30th, 1986 – Election of church officers resulted as follows: Elders – Jerry Hoover, Herb Oyster, Ken Snode. Deacons – Sue Folk, Paul Newhouse, Bob Poto. Trust Fund – Gary Casto, John Rosler, Bob Thomas.

November 15th, 1981 – Infant baptism was held for the following: Corey Lee Casto, son of Cynthia and Gary Casto, born June 5, 1981; Glenn Michael Higgins, Jr., son of Valerie and Glenn Higgins, born July 5, 1981; Keely Maureen McBride, daughter of Kathy and William McBride, born Apr 27,1981; Julie Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Wendy and David Williams, born Nov. 46,1980.

**** 50 Years Ago | November 28th, 1976 –** The deer hunters have taken to the woods again.

November 1971 – No Historian Entries
November 13th, 1966 – Our annual Family Thank Offering service was held. Rev. Harold Auler was the speaker, he was a former missionary to Honduras, C.A.

November 19th, 1961 – Woman's Guild Thank Offering service was held. Miss Esther Riemold, a missionary from Ghana, West Africa gave us a very interesting message of her work.

November 22nd & 23rd, 1956 – The members of the choir held a very successful rummage sale.

**** 75 Years Ago | November 1951** – No Historian Entries
November 1946 – No Historian Entries



IN OUR PRAYERS

Larry Beck
Randy & Ryllis Chandler
Sue Ciotti
Cason Gowen
Donna & Valerie Grubb
Todd Hackney
Debbie Haidet
Laura Keyes
Penny Nezbeth
The Sullivan Family
Derek, Holly, Priscilla Swegheimer
Sue Thomas
Rose & Greg Wade

The Family of Will Russell



HOMEBOUND/CARE FACILITIES

Peggy Hawkins, Virginia Beach
June Truax, St. Luke's - N. Canton
Craig & Carol Datz, Bel-Air
Audrey Wood-Clayton, Green Meadows

MILITARY

Nick Marks, Air Force
Jared Azemopoulos, Space Force
Matthew Cicero, Marines

COLLEGE

Becky Hornyak, University of Rio Grande
Cayden Monk, University of Mount Union

CONSISTORY

ELDERS: Gary Casto
Mark Haidet
Jan Raber
Derek Swegheimer
DEACONS: Ray Courtwright
Ben Favazzo
Jeff Hahn
Rose Wade

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Jonathan Truax
Secretary/Treasurer: Theresa Marks
Pianist: Nancy Springer
Children's Ministry Director: Holly Swegheimer
Custodians: J & D Cleaning / Elizabeth Courtwright

Junior Church and the Nursery

Junior Church class takes 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.*

PLEASE NOTE: Worship services and events held at Science Hill often involve photography, as well as audio and video recordings. By attending, you are consenting to the photography, recording, and potential distribution of your likeness/voice on our website, social media, or other digital platforms. Thank you.

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