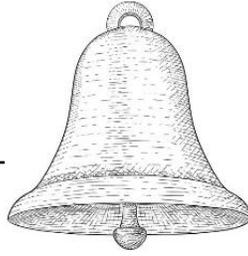


The Church Bell

12316 BEESON ST NE
ALLIANCE OH 44601
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30am
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11:00am

MARCH 2026

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The God Who Sees

She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her:

“You are the God who sees me,” for she said, “I have now seen the One who sees me.”
(Genesis 16:13)

Hagar was in a pickle. The Egyptian slave of Sarai, Hagar had been offered by her mistress to her husband Abram in an attempt to bear him the children that Sarai could not. The plan worked, and Hagar became pregnant. After this, however, Sarai perceived that Hagar’s attitude toward her had changed and she now treated her mistress with contempt. As a result, Sarai grew bitter toward Hagar and mistreated her. With few options, Hagar ran away. A pregnant woman on the lam is in trouble in any era, but especially four thousand years ago. The Bible tells us that the angel of the Lord found Hagar in the desert. He spoke with her and instructed her to return to Sarai. Hagar knew who was speaking to her, and she was amazed that God knew her, saw her, and beheld her.

Your name may not be written in the pages of scripture, but the same thing is true in your relationship with God. **The Lord is the God Who Sees.** When you are in distress, He knows. When you are fighting battles of injustice and abuse, He cares. When you find yourself in trouble with nowhere to turn, He sees. The God who is aware of the falling of every sparrow is sure to see your plight. You have his attention.

The idea that God is watching us might seem intimidating. “God sees you!” can sound like an ominous warning. But much more than a threat, the understanding that we have a God Who Sees is meant to be a hopeful encouragement. Even when we feel the most alone and overlooked and neglected in life, we have One who knows the number of all the hairs on our head. You are not forgotten; you are seen. And if you are seen, you are known and understood.

Take courage! “The God Who Sees” sees you.

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	
January 25	<i>Church was cancelled due to extreme snow and cold</i>	
February 1	48 + 15	\$5,185.00
February 8	42 + 14	\$1,636.00*
February 15	47 + 15	\$3,137.00

As of 1/31/26

General Fund Expenses: \$ 9,631.37

General Fund Income: \$13,474.96

Year-to-date difference: - 3,843.59

Budget for 2026: \$164,918

Needed weekly is \$3,171.50*

MISSION OFFERINGS FROM THE CONGREGATION:

January Mission: Alliance of Churches and Community Food Pantry both received \$280

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

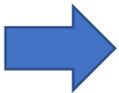
February 2026 MISSION: N.A.M.I (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Their mission is simply to build better lives, improve the quality of life, and ensure the dignity and respect for persons with mental illness. NAMI offers many support avenues for their families and close friends. We have resources available on the church Welcome Table in the narthex. Please take what you like. NAMI is located at 121 Cleveland Ave SW in Canton. For more information about their many programs and services call 330-455-6264 or go to their website at www.namistarkcounty.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 April 2026 newsletter should be submitted to the church office by Monday, March 23rd by noon. You can bring them in or send them in at any time to or sciencehillcc.org@gmail.com or 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, February 9, 2026

Present: Elders: Derek Swegheimer, Jan Raber, Mark Haidet, Gary Casto

Deacons: Ben Favazzo, Rose Wade, Ray Courtwright, Jeff Hahn

Pastor: Jonathan Truax and Secretary/Treasurer: Theresa Marks

DEVOTION: Derek Swegheimer and PRAYER: Pastor Jon

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Consistory meeting Monday, January 5, 2025 were reviewed and placed on file with a small correction.

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

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: For February 2026 of \$13,184.96 for the General Fund and \$0 for the Youth checkbook were approved with motions by Gary and Rose.

CORRESPONDENCE: n/a

MISC. REPORTS: 1.) Rose and the Building & Grounds Committee: a.) The sub fundraiser profited over \$200. The soup fundraiser will be in March. b.) The carpet tiles were installed in the basement at the end of January. c.) Church work days are set for May 9th and October 10th. d.) Replacement doors for the west door area closet will be purchased soon. e.) Goals for 2026 may include a walkway to the pavilion, river rock placed around the pavilion, and the parsonage portico updated. f.) Gary is working on the mowing and flowerbed sign-ups. 2.) Outreach Committee: a.) The first Lunch & Learn will be February 21st with a speaker from the Alliance Historical Society. b.) They plan to help serve dinners with the Alliance of Churches. c.) The Book Club will meet March 19th for discussions around the Titanic Lessons for Christians. 3.) Worship and Christian Education Committees did not meet in January due to the severe weather.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.) A Christian law association reviewed for free our current Child Protection Policy and determined our wording is fine as written, but suggests yearly training with volunteers to review the policy. 2.) The Youth Ministry Director's job description was updated and consistory will review that.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Discussion took place regarding the security cameras for classrooms and outside.

PASTOR'S REMARKS: 1.) Holly Swegheimer's 90 day review will be at the end of March. She is doing very well in that position and enjoys being with the children. 2.) Many positive replies about the basement flooring. 3.) Spiritual Council will meet following this meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:10pm with motions by Rose and Jan. The next scheduled Consistory meeting is Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00pm.

Derek Swegheimer, 2026 Consistory President

Theresa Marks, Secretary/Treasurer

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

LENT WORSHIP SERVICES

Focusing on The Lord's Prayer

We hope you will make plans to join us, along with area churches, to attend these Lenten Services at 6pm.



Date	Host Church	Preaching
March 1	Science Hill Community Church 12316 Beeson St NE, Alliance	Pastor Becky Weamer
March 8	Grace Community Church 13245 Edison St NE, Alliance	Pastor Jeff Coggins
March 15	Trinity Episcopal Church 1200 S. Union Ave.	Pastor Tim Muse
March 22	First Christian Church 1141 W. Beech St, Alliance	Pastor Josh Smith

Order Easter Flowers Now!

Easter flowers from DeHoff's Nursery are ready to order this year. Order forms and payment envelopes are available. There are a variety of flowers to choose from, however specific colors are not guaranteed. Help decorate our church and then you may take them home after Easter on Sunday, April 5th. The deadline to order these flowers will be March 11th. See Marsha if you have questions.



\$12 each

Hyacinths, Daffodils, Tulips, and Lilies

Include payment with order form, with checks made out to Science Hill Community Church.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Begins Sunday, March 8th

Set your clocks AHEAD one hour before going to bed that Saturday!



I am so excited to tell you about an incentive program that we started with the elementary and preschool children in the fall. We are doing this for Jr. Church, Sunday School, and Tuesday Night Community Connection. The children get points for memorizing Bible verses, coming to church, bringing their Bibles, doing extra worksheets, bringing a friend to church, good behavior, and participation. With their points, they can pick out items from our box of treats. This month's memory verses are:

Romans 5:8

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us."

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control: against such things there is no law.

This year's Christian summer camps that we know of, and have some fun programs are as follows, with locations and emails. There is some financial support through the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Holly or Pastor Jon.

- Camp Carl in Ravenna, Ohio www.campcarl.life
- Camp Gideon in Mechanicstown, Ohio www.campgideon.org
- Camp Wanake in Beach City, Ohio www.campwanake.org
- Round Lake Christian Camp in Lakeview, Ohio www.roundlake.org
- Camp Luz in Orville, Ohio www.campluz.com



IT'S A MIDWEEK SPIRITUAL LIFT

Community Connection meets first & third Tuesday evenings 6 to 8 pm
This month: March 3 and 17

We gather and share a meal at 6pm with our usual menu of hot dogs, and attendees bringing sides and desserts. Classes for children, youth and adults begin at 6:30pm. Pastor Jon teaches a Bible Study on the Gospel of John. If you can be a helper for the children and youth areas - please see Holly Swegheimer.

"THANK YOU" FOR VOLUNTEERING ON SUNDAYS

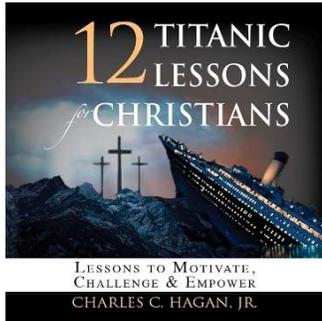
DATE	REFRESHMENTS	LITURGIST	BELL RINGER	PRAYER ROOM
March 1	Theresa Marks			Jenny Digiantonio
March 8				
March 15	Ray & Laura Courtwright			
March 22				
March 29	BRUNCH for everyone			
February	USHERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	
	Herb Oyster, Theresa Marks	Jenn Wilks, Jenny Digiantonio	Bailey Courtwright	

SOUP FUNDRAISER

CHILI, STUFFED PEPPER, BROCCOLI-CHEESE,
ITALIAN WEDDING SOUP IF YOU PLEASE.
BY THE PINT OR QUART IT WILL BE AVAILABLE,
FROM OUR STOCKPOT, TO YOUR TABLE.

Poem by Rose Wade, Building & Grounds Chairperson

\$6 Pint and \$10 Quart
Order by Sunday, March 1st.
Pay/Pick-up Sunday, March 8th.
All proceeds benefit the Roof Fund.



SCIENCE HILL BOOK CLUB

Thursday, March 19th from 6-9pm

Invite family and friends to join us in a light dinner, lively discussion, and memorabilia viewing of how the Titanic tragedy relates to our Christian journey. Just like the Titanic, it's bound to be memorable.

12 Titanic Lessons for Christians: Lessons to Motivate, Challenge and Empower

by Charles C. Hagan Jr.

If you need a copy of the book, please see Laura Courtwright. This is open to family, friends, and the public. (P.S.... you are more than welcome to come on March 19th, even if you do not get a chance to read the book!)

Please Join us for a
Science Hill Community Church

LIGHT LUNCH AND EDUCATIONAL FUN

Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 11:30am-1:30pm

Are robots taking over? A Basic Introduction to AI

Led by Laura Courtwright
Digital Navigator, CWI Works

All are welcome!

Register on our website or by calling [\(330\) 823-3439](tel:3308233439).

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

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 date is **March 7**. For more information, please see 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.

New Church Directory This Spring: We're looking forward to updating our names, addresses and phone numbers in the church directory. If you have any changes over the last year, please contact the church office by phone or email. Let Theresa know by the March 15th. The goal is to have it available by Easter.

MARCH CALENDAR

1st: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship; 10:45am Refreshments; 11am Sunday School classes for all ages; 6pm Lent Worship here; Soup orders due
 2nd: 6:30pm Trust Fund Committee; 7pm Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
 3rd: Community Connection 6pm meal then classes for all
 6th: 9am Blessing Bags; World Day of Prayer
 7th: 8:30am Men's Toolbox Ministry at Robertson's Supply
 8th: Daylight Savings Time begins; Soup Fundraiser pick-up; 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship; 10:45am Refreshments; 11am Sunday School for all ages; 6pm Lent Worship at Grace Community Church
 9th: 2pm Tech meeting; 7pm Consistory
 11th: Easter flower orders due
 13th: 9am Blessing Bags
 15th: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship; 10:45am Refreshments; 11am Sunday School classes for all ages; 6pm Lent Worship at Trinity Episcopal Church
 16th: 6:30pm Worship Committee; 7:30pm Christian Ed Committee
 17th: St. Patrick's Day; 6pm Community Connection
 19th: 6pm Science Hill Book Club gathering for discussion
 20th: 9am Blessing Bags
 21st: Lunch & Learn: Basic Intro to AI
 22nd: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship; 10:45am Refreshments; 11am Sunday School classes for all ages; 6pm Lent Worship at First Christian Church
 23rd: NOON -April Newsletter info is due; 6:30pm Outreach Committee; 6:30pm Girl Scouts
 27th: 9am Blessing Bags
 29th: PALM SUNDAY; 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship; 10:45am Brunch for everyone

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

2nd: Doug Haidet, Matt Theisler
 3rd: Theresa Marks
 11th: Mandy Digiantonio, Ilene Hackney, Tabitha Baxter
 18th: M/M Jeff Hahn
 19th: Katy Todd
 23rd: Patti Eves
 24th: Autumn Digiantonio, Ricardo Verlezza
 26th: M/M Tom Williamson
 29th: Ray Boyce
 31st: Bob Poto, Bob Crum



CHURCH MEMORIES *-Tami Theisler, Church Historian*

March 21, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Lent with in-person worship and livestream. Nicole Scafidi was guest pianist and Gary Casto was liturgist. Nancy Harsh and puppet Johnny gave the Children's Message about using your unique God given gifts. Marty from the Alliance of Churches spoke on the programs in place there and thanked the congregation for their support. Derek Swegheimer, as consistory president, spoke on Science Hill's response to COVID and "the balance" of keeping safe but continuing to worship and serve others. Pastor Jon's message was "The Cross" from his series in Mark. Easter flowers sign up continues.



**** 10 Years Ago – March 6, 2016** – A group of W.O.W. woman shared special music and Charlene Boyce was liturgist for morning worship. Pastor Jon's message was "Holding On". An Open House was held in the Youth Room to share the recent renovations and updates. The Youth Easter Candy Sale also began today. Science Hill hosted the Community Lenten Service this evening with a nice crowd. Pastor Steve Rhodes of First Baptist Church shared the message.

March 20, 2011 – Katie Farnham presented special music for worship and Harry Lowers was liturgist. A service of Baptism Celebration was held for Bailey Reay, daughter of Justin & Vivian Reay, granddaughter of Craig and Lori Reay, who was baptized earlier in Florida. Tonight's Lenten Service is at Bolton UMC with Bob Miller giving the message.

March 1, 2006 – Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00p.m. Pastor Barry led the service assisted by Debbie Haidet. The imposition of ashes was administered by Gary and Cindy Casto.

**** 25 Years Ago - March 2001** – The "Worship Insight Team", eight people exploring worship as a strength.

March 9, 1996 – Science Hill Youth hosted a Rigatoni Dinner and talent show at 5pm in the basement of our church, a fundraiser for remodeling their Sunday School room.

March 17, 1991 – The confirmands of 1991 included Katy Boyce, Amy Kendle, Doug Baughman, Trey McBride, Jennifer Foster, Diane Summers and Jon Ameser. Those baptized were Katy Boyce and Jonathan Ameser. Pastor Barry Stirbens offered the message for the Lenten Service at Bolton United Methodist Church.

March 15, 1986 – "Pairs and Spares", a new young adult fellowship, held its organizational meeting.

March 15, 1981 – Lenten Services were held at Vine Street United Methodist Church with Rev. Jeffries as the speaker.

**** 50 Years Ago – March 14, 1976** – The Sunshine Choir entertained at this Lenten Service held at Science Hill Church.

March 8, 1971 – Congregation passed the vote to form a building committee for an expansion program. Committee: Bill Hoover, President Jay Karlen, Frank Raber, Carl Keller, Jim Hastings and Mrs. Leoma Kuntz.

March 27, 1966 – Leslie Sue, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hahn was baptized.

March 26, 1961 – Palm Sunday - the following were received into membership of our church: Mrs. Ray Baker, Mrs. Don Honaker and Mrs. David Sines.

March 25, 1956 – Palm Sunday Services were held with the special service for the catechetical class of six as follows: Kenneth Newburn, David Arther Sines, James Lee Sines, Deanna Newhouse, Patricia Penrod and Virginia Glass. The choir rendered a lovely Easter anthem. The church was filled to capacity.

**** 75 Years Ago - March 9, 1951** – A family night program was held preceded by a casserole supper. Rev Diller showed films and then a vote was taken deciding to keep the organ which had been temporarily installed.

March 17, 1946 – Phyllis Pauli and Charles Price were united in marriage at a pretty church wedding 10:30am.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanine Battershell
Calvin Beck
Ben Favazzo
Donna Grubb, Valerie Grubb
Jeff and Patty Hahn
Laura Keyes
Sharon LaMotta
Danielle Sadler
Paul Sullivan
Bud Timberlake



For the Family and Friends of:
Mark Zaleski, Jerry Oyster, Gary Culler, Dave Kuhns, Barb Foutz

HOMEBOUND/CARE FACILITIES

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

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

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 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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March 2026

