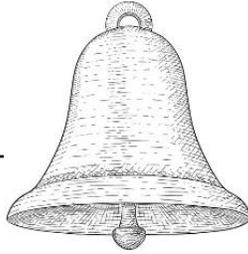


The Church Bell

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

APRIL 2026

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THE GIFT

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”

(II Corinthians 9:15)

I knew I was getting old the day I used the Hallmark slogan in a conversation with my children and was met with blank stares. They had never even heard the expression, “*When you care enough to send the very best.*” I was left wondering if I had somehow failed as a father!

Hopefully you remember those advertising words. Or, at least, you can appreciate the biblical application of them. Christians know that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son (*John 3:16*). Have you ever contemplated what a precious gift that was? God had sent prophets, priests, holy men, and kings in ages past to Israel. In Jesus, God gave us all of these wrapped up in ONE person! He gave us Himself. And Jesus’ ministry and mission took him to the cross in order to free us from our sins. That was the cost the Son of God paid on our behalf, and the Bible is clear that he paid it willingly. As Paul exults, “Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” Certainly, Jesus is the most amazing of gifts. God truly did send us his very best.

If my kids don’t know Hallmark’s slogan, I’m sure they don’t remember the Gaithers, either! Bill and Gloria Gaither have written many wonderful songs of faith, but my favorite is one that encapsulates the story of Jesus Christ, the death he died, and the Resurrection he underwent that has changed everything in this world! I always find myself humming, “Because He Lives” around this time of year:

*God sent his Son, they called him Jesus, He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died, to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow, Because he lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know he holds the future, And life is worth the living, just because he lives.*

God’s love is revealed in the gift of his Son. May you receive life in his name today!

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> In person + Online	<u>OFFERING</u>
February 22	47 + 15	\$1,566.00*
March 1	43 + 14	\$4,199.00
March 8	53 + 11	\$3,142.00
March 15	50 + 11	\$3,110.00
March 22	52 + 10	\$1,489.00*

As of 2/28/26

General Fund Expenses: \$ 21,485.45

General Fund Income: \$ 28,040.65

Year-to-date difference: - \$ 6,555.20

Budget for 2026: \$164,918

Needed weekly is \$3,171.50*

MISSION OFFERINGS FROM THE CONGREGATION:

February Mission: Men's Toolbox Ministry \$304.00

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

APRIL 2026 MISSION: Hammer & Nails Home Ministry

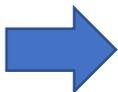
Hammer & Nails Ministry assist disadvantaged individuals including elderly, single-parent, mentally/physically challenged, or financially burdened. They serve homeowners through providing assistance with an array of home repairs and maintenance services inside and outside of their home. They serve those who reside in Stark County. Hammer & Nails is located at 1404 7th St NW, Canton OH 44703. You can contact them at 330-453-6277 or visit their website at hammerandnails.com for more information.



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!

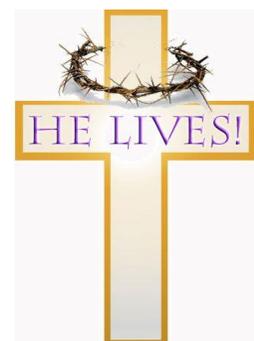
*****If you watch our service online, please let us know so we can add you to our virtual attendance.*****



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Items for the May 2026 newsletter should be submitted to the church office by **Thursday, April 23 at 8am**. You can bring them in or send them in at any time to 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, March 9, 2026

Present: Elders: Derek Swegheimer, Mark Haidet, Jan Raber; Deacons: Rose Wade, Ray Courtwright, Jeff Hahn
Pastor: Jonathan Truax and Secretary/Treasurer: Theresa Marks

Absent: Gary Casto, Ben Favazzo

DEVOTION & PRAYER: Derek Swegheimer

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Consistory meeting Monday, February 9, 2026 were reviewed and placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ending February 2026 was reviewed and placed on file.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: For March 2026 of \$14,572.98 for the General Fund and \$0 for the Youth checkbook were approved with motions by Rose and Jan.

CORRESPONDENCE: The church's corporation non-profit status was renewed for another 5 years.

MISC. REPORTS: 1.) Rose and the Building & Grounds Committee: a.) The closet at the west door entrance will have a new door installed. b.) The soup sale fundraiser brought in \$353 to benefit the Roof Fund. c.) Rose is working on a list for the spring work day on May 9th and also getting estimates for the parsonage portico, and walkway to the pavilion. Ray and Outreach Committee: a.) The first Lunch and Learn in February had 10 attendees hearing about Alliance history; the March session will look at the basics of A.I.; and April's session we will have an AARP representative here. b.) They are helping to serve dinners for the Alliance of Churches. c.) They are gathering ideas for the church's Homecoming this year. 3.) Clipboards will not be passed during worship, but will be on a table in the Science Hill Room – please check them out each Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.) The Child Protection Policy has been updated and revised to incorporate the security cameras in classrooms and elsewhere. 2.) The Youth Ministry Director's Job Description updates have been approved.

NEW BUSINESS: n/a

PASTOR'S REMARKS: 1.) The Tech Committee is working on refreshing the church's web page. 2.) Jon is working on gathering information and ideas for a church Homecoming later this year. 3.) A new member's class will begin in the spring.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:33pm with motions by Rose and Mark. The next scheduled Consistory meeting is Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00pm.

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

We would love to have you join our church family!

Are you interested in learning more about Science Hill Community Church? Have you been attending and would like to take the next step in your Christian journey? Pastor Jon will have three classes to share who we are and what we believe, and answer all of your questions: **Thursdays, April 16, 23 and 30 at 7pm.** Please see Pastor Jon in worship, or call the church office and leave your information.





IT'S A MIDWEEK SPIRITUAL LIFT

Community Connection meets the first & third Tuesdays 6-8pm
This month: ~~April 7~~ . . . just on April 21

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.

Children's Ministry News

Holly Swegheimer, Director of Children's Ministry

This month, we have seen some new faces, and we are continuing to learn about Jesus's life and ministry. We hope to see you at church. This month's memory verses are: *Psalm 56:3 "When I am afraid, I will trust in you." And 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



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A LETTER FROM MARIA

OUR COMPASSION CHILD

Dear Friends, Hello dear sponsors. God bless you. I am happy to write to you again and to thank you for all your sponsorship throughout this time, as it has been a great blessing for me. I would like to share that my family is doing well. Lately, I have been visiting my grandparents. They live in a town near the city. It is a beautiful and welcoming place, and I feel very happy spending time with them. I have been making good use of my time. Although I have not yet resumed my studies, I am already in the process of doing so, since one of my goals is to continue preparing myself. I ask that you keep me in your prayers, that God may help me achieve all the goals I have set for this year. I would love to know how this new year has been for you. How is your family? I also want to share that I have already turned 19 years old. I thank God because He has kept me alive, in good health, and able to enjoy time with my loved ones. I hope to hear from you soon so we can continue sharing more about our lives and getting to know each other better. I say goodbye wishing you many blessings, and I would also like to share this Bible verse with you: Psalm 23:1. *-With Affection, Maria*

(Note: This letter was dated in February of 2026 and we received it mid-March. It is on the narthex bulletin board. If anyone would like to write to her, please see Theresa for more information.)

Community Outreach Missions Opportunities

These are no pressure/no obligation opportunities we are presented with for our congregation to volunteer if available and wanting to help in the community.

- The Commons: Mondays 11:45 – 1:30 Soup & Bingo
- The Commons Fridays 10:25 – 11:30 Mugs & Muffins

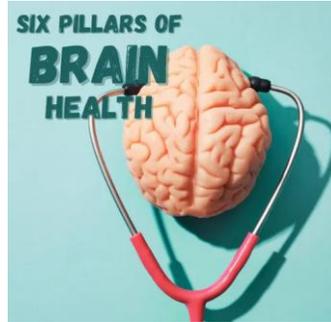
For more info...contact Jill Gruver gruverji@mountunion.edu

UMC Alliance of Churches Community Meal – May 12 (see sign-up sheet in April)





Please Join us for
Science Hill Community Church
Light Lunch & Educational Fun
Saturday, April 18, 2026 11:30-1:30



by Millie Stretenovic

AARP Speaker's Bureau and Retired Business Owner
All are welcome! Register on our church website or by calling [\(330\) 823-3439](tel:3308233439).

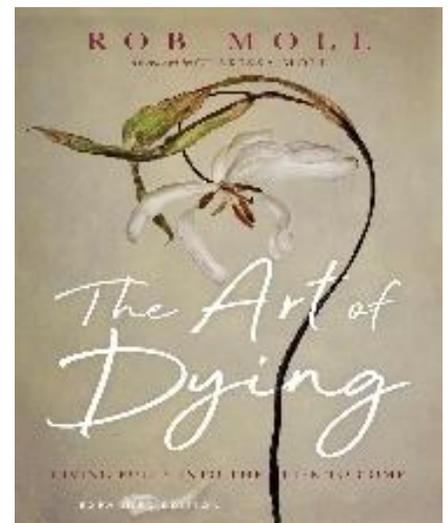
SCIENCE HILL BOOK CLUB

Thursday June 25, 6pm – 8pm
Light Dinner and Discussion

The Art of Dying, by Rob Moll

Join us in reading "a gentle companion for all who face death."
We will have a "pastorally sensitive" view of living in the light of death, the Christian funeral, caring for the dying, grief and mourning, a culture of resurrection, hard conversations, end of life care and much more.

*Books are available through Amazon, Internet Thrift Stores,
or see/text Laura for copies 330-207-2473.*



A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY...

will be made in the next month or so. Please make sure you check out the current booklet in the Science Hill Room and mark any changes you may have. Thank you!



MOWING SCHEDULE

It's that time of year again when the warmer sun shines, it rains, and . . . then the grass begins to grow. We appreciate any help you could give with mowing the church grounds. A riding mower is available and some other yard equipment back in the locked shed. There is a sign-up sheet in the Science Hill Room. You can also call the church office and add your name to the schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Casto. This is what we have planned this year. Thank you for helping to keep our grounds looking beautiful!

April 1 – 15
April 16 – 30
May 1 – 10
May 11 – 20
May 21 – 31
June 1 – 10
June 11 – 20
June 21 – 30

July 1 – 10
July 11 – 20
July 21 – 31
August 1 – 10
August 11 – 20
August 21 – 31

September 1 - 10
September 11 - 20
September 21 - 30
October 1 - 10
October 11 - 20



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

Dear Pastor Jon and Church: We want to thank you all for your love, kindness, support and thoughts and prayers for our mother, Dorothy Oyster over the years. It meant so very much to her to receive your cards and visits in her last days. We recognize she had a long and blessed life, the Science Hill Community being such a large part of the blessing. May your continued service to others and our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed. *-Sincerely, Denise, Dean and Duane*

Dear Holly and Ladies of Science Hill Community Church: On behalf of the entire family and circle of friends of Dorothy Oyster, we want to thank you for the lovely and yummy meal you all provided following the funeral. Though a horrific stormy day, your kindness in honoring mom and your service to our Lord were much appreciated! *-God Bless, Duane and Dean Oyser, and Denise O'Neal*

Thank you for all of the encouragement, cards, food, and most of all prayers during this time of my shoulder surgery and recovery. This means so much coming from my Church family, I feel so blessed. *-Thank you so much, Gary Casto*

Thank you for all those who attended the AI presentation and the Titanic discussion. We really appreciate the support of our congregation. *-The Outreach Committee*

Science Hill Community Church: Thank you for your generous donation to the Alliance Community Pantry! (This was ½ of January's mission collection: \$280 was sent to them.)

Dear Mr. Truax (and Science Hill Church): We want to extend our deepest appreciation for your generous contribution and continued support of our mission that strengthens every program we provide for active-duty service members, veterans, and their dependents. Your gift is a true blessing. *-Lucia Cirese Keller, Director of the SAM Center*
(This was ½ of December's mission collection: \$221 was sent to them.)

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 **May 2nd**. 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.

APRIL CALENDAR

2nd: Maundy Thursday
 3rd: Good Friday: You are invited to a Good Friday Service at Grace Community Church at 7pm; NO Blessing Bags today
 4th: NO Men's Toolbox this month
 5th: **HAPPY EASTER!** 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship
 6th: 6:30pm Building & Grounds Committee
 7th: NO Community Connection
 10th: 9am Blessing Bags
 12th: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship; 10:45am Refreshments; 11am Sunday School classes for all ages
 13th: 7pm Consistory and Spiritual Council meeting
 16th: 7pm Membership Class
 17th: 9am Blessing Bags
 18th: 11:30am-1:30pm Lunch & Learn
 19th: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship; 10:45am Refreshments; 11am Sunday School classes for all ages
 20th: 6:30pm Worship Committee; 7:30pm Christian Educ.
 21st: Community Connection 6pm meal then classes for all
 23rd: 8am all info for the May newsletter is due; 7pm Membership Class
 24th: 9am Blessing Bags
 26th: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship; 10:45am Refreshments; 11am Sunday School classes for all ages
 27th: 6:30pm Outreach Committee; 6:30pm Girl Scouts
 30th: 7pm Membership Class

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1st: Daniel Truax
 2nd: Alaina Courtwright
 3rd: Kim Crum; Sandra Sadler
 4th: John Ameser; Sharon Zurbrugg
 5th: Martha Honaker
 7th: Sharon Carlson; Alexis Todd; Chris Schroeder
 8th: Liz McDonald
 9th: Levi Swegheimer
 11th: Bob Farnham
 14th: M/M John Eves
 15th: Tim Church
 19th: M/M Jeff Church
 21st: Richard Berube
 29th: M/M Travis Davis

Many hands make light work!

Looking ahead to the merry month of May, mark your calendars for our **church work day**. Coffee, juice and donuts will be your reward, we've got plenty of jobs so you won't be bored. Come be a part of our church work crew, on Saturday, May 9th from 8am – noon.



Our clipboard sign-up sheets are now located in the Science Hill Room. You can also call the church office to add your name to any volunteer list.

“THANK YOU” FOR VOLUNTEERING ON SUNDAYS

DATE	REFRESHMENTS	LITURGIST	BELL RINGER
April 5	Happy Easter!	Jan Raber	Natalie
April 12	Abby Schroeder	Charlene Boyce	
April 19			Bailey Courtwright
April 26	Jenny Digianonio		
APRIL	USHERS Craig & Lori Reay	GREETERS Bruce & Lisa Tennis	ACOLYTE Jenny Digiantonio

CHURCH MEMORIES *-Tami Theisler, Church Historian*

April 2nd, 2021 – There was a parking lot Good Friday Service at First Baptist Church led by Pastor Joshua Smith.

**** 10 Years Ago – April 17th, 2016** – Pastor Josh opened worship service with announcements and gave the children's sermon. Alex Shields and his Turkey Team (3 friends who joined him on the mission trip) shared about their trip to Turkey which was our monthly mission. Alex also gave special music on the grand piano. Mother/Daughter banquet was held with the theme jazz music. The Marlinton Jazz Band entertained, including Brandon and Quentin Rock.

April 8th, 2011 – The L.A.B. Youth Group held an Overnight Retreat at the Alliance Comfort Inn. The evening included swimming and viewing the movie "Soul Surfer".

April 1st, 2006 – A group of painters gathered to do some painting in the educational wing, organized by Erma Hastings.

**** 25 Years Ago - April 1st, 2001** – Lisa Tarbet was baptized and was received as a member of Science Hill.

April 7th, 1996 – Easter Sunrise Service 7am – Sue Thomas sang a solo. Light breakfast followed.

April 7th, 1991 – The Rev. James Drew filled the pulpit and visited Sunday School Classes to talk about he and his wife's mission work in a leper colony in Kalaupapa, Hawaii. The couple lived in the leper colony from 1974-1984.

April 26th, 1986 – When Ohio Ruritan District held its banquet, Jay Karlen was honored for his dedicated service.

April 1981 - Twelve confirmands were received into fellowship: Bryan Keith Baker, Scott Allan Ritschard, Richard Owen Beamer, Carla Renee Sanislo, Chris Charles Brueske, Kelly Joe Sponseller, Scott Ernest Hanna, Jill Marie Tinker, Theresa Marie Honaker, Wade Eugene Unkefer, Gregory Alan Lashey, Dack Charles Warner. Baker, Beamer and Sponseller were also baptized along with the following children: Scott Christopher Anstine, Benjamin Ray, Adam John, Brenda Marie and Joseph Gary Culler, Alex Ashley Johnson, Denise Mae, Eric David and Grace Marie Mann, Jessica Lynn Miller, Sabrina Marie Thomas. Also, baptized was Gary Culler.

**** 50 Years Ago – April 18th, 1976** – Easter Sunday – The confirmation class received their first communion. Four babies were baptized: Annalisa May, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lanny Snode - John Benjamin, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Porter - Tami Noel, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Poto - Jami Lynn, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Dearth.

April 25th, 1971 – Mr. & Mrs. Maynard Williamson celebrated their 25th Anniversary and 19 youth were confirmed.

April 3rd, 1966 – The catechism class confirmed 15 youth.

April 2nd, 1961 – Easter Sunday was well attended. The following children were baptized: Perry Lynn Honaker, Cheri Ann Wraugh, Catherine Ann Miller, David Arther Vaugh and Rebecca Sue Oyster.

April 1st, 1956 – Combined sunrise services were held at the Science Hill Church with an attendance of 95. At the church service seven new members were admitted: Mr. John Zumbrunnen, Mr. & Mrs. Courtney Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hahn, Mrs. Donald Hoover and Mrs. Lewis Domino. And six babies were baptized: Kevin Eugene, son of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Mather, Brian Scott, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hahn, John Robert, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Domino, Judith Elaine, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Morris & James Charlie and Theodore Michael, sons of Mr. & Mrs. John Heltman. Holy Communion was observed and the choir sang an Easter Anthem.

**** 75 Years Ago - April 11th, 1951** – A chicken supper was given in the basement of the church by all the woman of the church, proceeds to go to payment of the organ.

April 21st, 1946 – Holy Communion was observed at the morning Easter service. Three new members were welcomed into the church. Mr. Robert Petre and Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kline. Joyce Elaine, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Newburn, was baptized. The young people of the church attended a sunrise service at the Immanuel Church in Alliance.



*Our Church
History*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanine Battershell
Richard Berube
Kim Colberg
Donna & Valerie Grubb
Bella Hosmer
Don Myers
Karen Rinehart
Danielle Sadler
Paul Sullivan

Calvin Beck
Gary Casto
Ben & Janet Favazzo
Debbie Haidet
Laura Keyes
Jon & Lori Peters
Joan Roberts
John Sponsellor
Greg Wade

Diana Cullen
Chris Marks
Nicole Stephan



To the Family and Friends of Patrick Milo and Steve Kimes.

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
Ryan Brown, Marines
Jared Azemopoulos, Space Force
Matthew Cicero, Marines
Kristen Coldfarb, Air Force

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

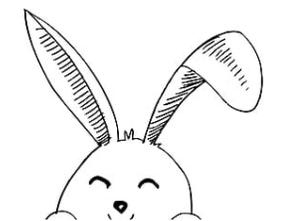
CHURCH STAFF

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.*



*Happy
Easter!*

SCIENCE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

12316 Beeson Street NE
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(Address Correction Requested)

April 2026

