

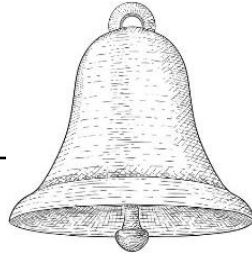
The Church Bell

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

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Let Freedom Ring!

“For freedom Christ has set us free.”

(Galatians 5:1)

Should Christians be patriotic? Is it proper for a believer to pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America? Can you love both God and country? Here on our nation's 250th birthday, it is timely to address such issues that are sometimes pondered.

My answer to the above questions is Yes. While I wouldn't say that our country and the Kingdom are interchangeable, there is a similarity of aims that makes them compatible. Our heritage as a nation includes godly men and women who fled persecution to come to a New World where they could practice their faith in peace. Over the years, that freedom of religion, enshrined in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, has allowed the Christian Church in America to pray for, work with, serve, and support our government and its leaders. Faithful Christians make loyal citizens! Believers sincerely cherish our one nation, under God. We wholeheartedly agree that it is “In God We Trust.”

Freedom is an essential part of our relationship with God in Jesus Christ. Through the cross, we are set free from the law. We are made free in forgiveness from the sin debt that we owe God and others. We are released from fear of the grave and what lies beyond, having exchanged the hell we deserve for the heaven we are promised as a gift of grace. We are also unloosed as a new creation in Christ, living and loving as God intends for us to be.

One difference between our place in God's Kingdom and our experience as Americans is that the salvation we have received in the Lord is complete, finished, permanent. No one can take that away or undo what Christ has done for us on the cross. But the freedoms we enjoy as citizens are temporal, and thus in danger of being temporary. Each age must be willing to stand up and be counted anew in keeping America true and free. Even here, though, we find a parallel to our faith: our witness in Christ must also be shared and imparted to the next generations. Both kinds of freedoms must be passed on!

This July 4th, let us recommit our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor to being who God created us to be, testifying to the immeasurable freedom we have received in Christ while also contending for the precious freedom we have inherited from our ancestors to bequeath as a blessed legacy for our descendants.

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>
May 31	48 + 10	\$3,431.00
June 7	50 + 14	\$3,742.00
June 14	50 + 12	\$2,217.39*
June 21	45 + 12	\$2,453.00*

As of 4/30/26

General Fund Income: \$56,899.36

General Fund Expenses: \$64,925.24

Year-to-date difference: - \$ 8,025.88

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

MISSION OFFERINGS FROM THE CONGREGATION:

May Mission: Alliance Pregnancy Center \$1210.00 plus the baby bottle total is not yet known

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

JULY 2026 MISSION:

Charlotte and Main is a vintage boutique that sells a variety of items to the public. They specialize in vintage, shabby chic, one of a kind hand crafted treasures and thoughtfully repurposed items. Charlotte and Main is also the headquarters for **The Marlin and Minnie Snyder Foundation**. All proceeds from Charlotte and Main benefit emancipated foster children, women leaving the protection of a shelter from abuse, veterans in need and individuals involved in the re-entry program. Visit us Wednesday through Saturday or make a donation anytime.



\$\$ 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 June 2026 newsletter should be submitted to the church office no later than **Thursday, July 23rd at 8am**. 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, June 8, 2026

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

Deacons: Ben Favazzo, Ray Courtwright, Rose Wade

Pastor: Jon Truax and Secretary/Treasurer: Theresa Marks

Absent: Jeff Hahn

DEVOTION and PRAYER was given by Jan Raber.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Consistory meeting Monday, May 11, 2026 were reviewed and placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE: n/a

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ending May 2026 was reviewed and placed on file following a correction explained by Theresa.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: For June 2026 of \$11,794.42 for the General Fund and \$0 for the Youth checkbook were approved with motions by Rose and Gary.

MISC. REPORTS: 1.) Building & Grounds by Rose: Estimates are still being received for the walkway to the pavilion and the parsonage portico. 2.) Outreach by Ray: a.) They are donating some unused non-budget funds back to the general fund to help with the deficit. b.) They have an idea for an Amazon Wish List and will be explained in the newsletter/bulletins soon. This would let the congregation know of any essential items that could be donated to the church.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.) Two new air conditioning units were purchased and donated to the church as well as a new safe. 2.) The Deacons are looking for ways to gently trim the church budget as the deficit remains.

NEW BUSINESS: Gary has attended several of the Men’s Toolbox Ministry gatherings and reported on the guest speaker regarding how to detect child abuse and the Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire.

PASTOR’S REMARKS: He appreciates the in-depth discussions that take place in Consistory. He also encourages all to check out the sign-up sheets in the Science Hill Room.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:30pm with motions by Gary and Jan. A Spiritual Council meeting followed with the Elders. The next scheduled Consistory meeting is Monday, July 13, 2026 at 7:00pm.

Derek Swegheimer, 2026 Consistory President

Theresa Marks, Secretary/Treasurer

Sermon Series: “THE BEATITUDES”

We hope you will make plans to join us in worship at 9:30am each Sunday morning.

July 12: Beatitudes: The Poor in Spirit

July 19: Beatitudes: Those Who Mourn

July 26: Beatitudes: The Meek

August 2: Beatitudes: Those Who Hunger/Thirst (Friend Day, Church Picnic)

August 9: Beatitudes: The Merciful (outdoors)

August 16: Beatitudes: The Pure In Heart (communion)

August 23: Pastor Jon away

August 30: Beatitudes: The Peacemakers

September 6: Beatitudes: The Persecuted (outdoors)

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Children's Ministry News

By Holly Swegheimer, Director of Children's Ministry



It has been an exciting few months for Jr. church. We have had several new children come, and it is exciting to see them get excited to learn about Jesus. We are saddened to see Theresa Marks' grandchildren leave for Washington State. We will miss them.

The children are learning their memory verses, and many of them have earned their reward. We are beginning July with starting to memorize the Beatitudes from Matthew 5:2-12.

Thank you to all the helpers who have volunteered to do the children's messages. It is exciting to see the kids start to recognize and connect with the adults in our church.

I am looking for a helper for the Tuesday night children's program during Community Connection. We start on October 6. Please prayerfully consider helping out. You will be playing with the children in the nursery. If you have any questions, contact Holly,

A Letter from Maria

Science Hill's sponsored Compassion Child

Maria lives in Mexico and has been our sponsored child since 2016.

She recently sent another letter to us following a letter written to her from Theresa. If anyone would like to write to her, please see Theresa. We also have information about Maria on the narthex bulletin board.



"Dear Friends - Date April 24th, 2026. Dear sponsors, may God bless you. I want to thank you for the letter you sent me; your words are a great source of motivation for me. It makes me very happy to know that you're watching over me, keeping me in your prayers, and that you're important to my family and me. I want to let you know that I'm continuing with my activities at the gym; it's helped me a lot to improve my physical condition, and I feel great. I'm also eating a balanced diet, which has a positive impact on my health. On the other hand, I'd like to tell you that lately I've been visiting my grandparents very often. As I mentioned before, it's a very peaceful place. I also help my grandmother with housework and cooking. What do you do in your free time? What do you like to do as a family? Sometimes I help my sister with her homework; she's in the 10th grade now. I hope to hear back from you so I can share a little more about my daily life. Finally, I ask for your prayers so that God will bless my family, and I'd like to share a Bible verse with you in 1 Corinthians 1:4.

-Maria

*"I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God
that has been given you in Christ Jesus."*

1 Corinthians 1:4



JOIN US FOR THE



Akron Rubber Ducks Game



The Outreach Committee has reserved 25 tickets for **Friday, July 24th at 7:00 pm.**

The seats are in Section 14, right behind home plate!

The cost per ticket: \$15

Contact Laura Courtwright to see if there are any tickets still available. We hope you can join us. For those who already have tickets, carpooling will be arranged before the game.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

by Laura Courtwright

July mission donations will benefit the **Marlin and Minnie Snyder Foundation.**

Save the date for our next **Lunch and Learn** on Saturday, July 18th from 11:30am – 1:30pm. We will learn about gardening. A speaker will be announced soon.

Join us for the **Akron Rubber Ducks** game on Friday, July 24th starting at 7pm. Carpooling to be determined. Cost is only \$15 and we are behind home plate! Contact Laura Courtwright to see if we still have tickets available.

Community Outreach:

Harvesting Hope in Sebring, Ohio on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Deliver meals at 1:30pm, and stocking the blessing barn anytime.

Serving the Community Meal at Christ United Methodist Church July 14th and August 11th at 4:30pm See the sign-up sheet in the Science Hill Room. See the sign-up sheets in the Science Hill Room if you can help serve.

Science Hill Book Club:

“Broken Bread” is the last book for 2026. We will be meeting in September for discussions.

“BROKEN BREAD” by Tilly Dillehay

Tilly Dillehay believes the greatest threats to our dinner tables and potlucks go far beyond the nutrition label. She argues that Christians run into four pitfalls when it comes to food:
Asceticism, Gluttony, Snobbery, and Apathy.

So how should Christians eat? This is the question Tilly seeks to answer in Broken Bread.

If you have any suggestions for next year for Book Club, please let Laura know.
The first meeting will be in January with a “fun” book to read.



MOWING SCHEDULE

THANK YOU to those who have already signed up to mow the church grounds. We still have a few weeks available on the clipboard in the Science Hill Room. You can also call the church office and add your name to the schedule. A riding mower is available and some other yard equipment back in the locked shed. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Casto.

July 1 – 10: Derek Swegheimer July 11-20: Derek S. July 21-30: Derek S.

Clipboard Sign-up Sheets

are located in the Science Hill Room.

Any and all help you can give is very much appreciated!

You can also call the church office to add your name to any volunteer list ... which may include Sunday leaders, mowing schedule, Lunch & Learn, book club, community outreach meals in Alliance, and more!



“THANK YOU” FOR VOLUNTEERING ON SUNDAYS

DATE	CHILDREN’S MESSAGE	LITURGIST	BELL RINGER
July 5		Jenny Digiantonio	Ivy
July 12	Charlene Boyce		
July 19	Nancy Springer		
July 26	Derek Swegheimer		
JULY	USHERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTE
	Mary Jo Myers, Nancy Peters	Ray & Laura Courtwright	Natalie Stropki

Friends of Jesus Bible Quiz

1. Who sat at Jesus’ feet and listened to him? (Luke 10:39)
2. Jesus raised this person from the dead. (John 11:41-44)
3. The tomb Jesus was buried in belonged to ??? (Matthew 27:57-60)
4. Jesus shared a meal with friends at the home of ??? (Matthew 26:6)
5. Who helped bury Jesus? (John 19:39-40)
6. Who spoke to Jesus in the garden, thinking he was the gardener? (John 20:15)

Answers can also be found someplace in this newsletter.
 (“3285 Bible Questions & Answers” by Emily Filipi)



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

A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: The new directory is at the printers and will be available very soon!!

CORRECTIONS to that new directory:

- 1.) There should be an asterik * in front of non-members *Randy and *Ryllis Chandler.
- 2.) Add baby *Milo Courtwright to Steven and Elizabeth Courtwright. (June 18 birthday)
- 3.) Add baby *Eli Crum to Garrett and Emily Crum. (April 1 birthday)

CONGRATULATIONS to Steven and Elizabeth Courtwright as they welcomed a baby boy Milo Everett on Thursday, June 18th and joining the family with Bailey and Ivy. Blessings!

CONGRATULATIONS to Garrett and Emily Crum, as we received word that they welcomed a baby boy, Eli, born on April 1st, and joining the family with brother Parker. Blessings!

THE TOOLBOX: A Men's Ministry: They will NOT meet for the months of July and August. Look for more information at the end of summer.

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.

JULY CALENDAR

1st: 6pm Financial Peace session
4th: NO Men's Toolbox Ministry: Happy 4th of July!
5th: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship
8th: 6pm Financial Peace session
12th: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship
13th: 2pm Tech meeting; 7pm Consistory with Spiritual Council meeting following
14th: Serving community dinner 4:30pm at Christ United Methodist Church
15th: 6pm Financial Peace session
17th: Parking lot in use for the Reay family
18th: 11:30am Lunch & Learn about gardening
19th: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship
20th: 6:30pm Christian Education meeting
22nd: 6pm Financial Peace session
23rd: 8am Newsletter deadline for all August information
24th: 7pm Rubber Ducks Game
26th: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship
27th: 6:30pm Outreach meeting
29th: 6pm Financial Peace session

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

2nd: Beth Unkefer, M/M Gary Casto
7th: Madison Schroeder
8th: Ryan Fabrey
11th: Travis Thomas
12th: Becky Dickerhoof
13th: Murphy Haidet
15th: Daniel Farnham
18th: M/M Richard Berube
20th: Erin Monk
21st: M/M Chris Stroup
23rd: M/M Gene Hackney
25th: Cindy Casto, M/M Charles Boone
26th: Lynette Hornyak
30th: Caleb Baxter, Haleigh Marks, Miyako Shields, Greg Wade

1.Mary 2.Lazarus 3.Joseph of Arimathea 4.Simon the leper
5.Nicodemus 6.Mary Magdaline



**“May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please,
but as the opportunity to do what is right.”**

-Peter Marshall

CHURCH MEMORIES *-Tami Theisler, Church Historian*

July 31st, 2021 – Science Hill hosted a Community Celebration. Church volunteers, directed by Jenn Wilks, led in areas of games, food, train rides, pictures and lots of fun. Approximately 180 community folks, young and old enjoyed the free event. There was a puppet show, a sing-a-long, and a testimony by Derek Swegheimer. A prayer station was offered as well. The Christian group, Synergy gave a concert in the sanctuary at 6pm. It was labeled a huge success by all.

**** 10 Years Ago – 2016 July 16th, 2016** – Art Extravaganza was held for the children of the church and community with 21 attending. Shalleen Mayes’ sister, Shannon Casey, a professional artist from Hudson, OH led the children in several art projects. A picnic lunch for parents and friends followed at noon. Quentin Rock’s Eagle Court of Honor was held at the church at 5pm with a reception that followed the ceremony. Several from our church participated including Brandon Rock, Pastor Jon, Gary Casto and Terry Weese. Quentin led the renovation and construction of the Prayer Room area in our church in December.

July 18th – 22nd, 2011 – A community VBS was held at Vine Street UMC with 8 churches participating. Several from Science Hill volunteered and several of our children attended.

July 9th, 2006 – New members were received during worship: Blanche Moore and Bill Hoffman. A reception followed the service and Kim Lewis was guest organist.

**** 25 Years Ago - July 29th, 2001** – The morning worship service was held in the pavilion. In the afternoon, Bible history came to life in a program with church members portraying Biblical characters in “Footprints to God”.

July 21st, 1996 – The Ulster Project people (teens from Northern Ireland) along with their host families and representatives worshiped with us.

July 1991 – A produce table was initiated whereby those with extra fruits and vegetables could bring them to church for others who could use them. Donations totaled \$25.28 and were presented to the Alliance Salvation Army Food Pantry.

July 27th, 1986 – James Hastings and Homer Ferguson exchanged pulpits. (Jim has been serving the Atwater Congregational Church.) The Church Picnic was held in the afternoon & evening at the home of Ruth & Bill Hoover.

July 26th, 1981 – Holy Communion was served during morning services. The Sunday School picnic was held at Ed & Helen Jeffries’ Berlin Lake Cottage with lots of fun and good fellowship. The fireplace was started in the church picnic shelter.

**** 50 Years Ago – July 4th, 1976** | 200th Birthday of our Nation - Sunday School classes and church members participated with a Bicentennial display, and coffee and donuts were served. Many dressed in bicentennial outfits and at 2pm sixty people helped ring our church bell as bells were being rung all over our nation.

July 18th, 1971 – Congregation voted favorably for an addition of an educational unit.

July 1966 – No Historian Entries

July 7th, 1961 – Kenneth Newburn and Barbara Scarlott were married.

July 27th, 1956 – The Science Hill Church served at a joint festival with the Limaville Lions Club at the Lexington Grange.

**** 75 Years Ago - July 2nd, 1951** – Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Oyster became the parents of a new son Duane Melvin.

July 20th, 1946 – The annual Sunday School picnic was held at the church with dinner after the service and games and contests were held, all having a good time.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Rachel Beach
Forrest Blackburn
Steve Marshall
Lou Riviera
Jim & Shirley Steed
Priscilla Swegheimer
Jonathan Truax
Kathy Wilks

Hudson Best
Donna & Valerie Grubb
Denise O'Neal
Nancy Springer
Paul Sullivan
Bruce & Lisa Tennis
Greg Wade



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
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 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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