

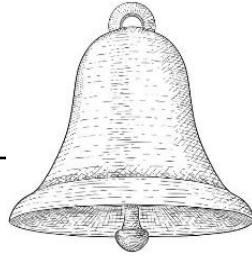
The Church Bell

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

AUGUST 2026

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“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.” (*Psalm 122:6*)

What About Israel?

Now there's a loaded question! Forgive me for writing on a controversial topic, but the subject of “Zionism” has been in the news a lot lately. It's fair to ask how Christians should be feeling about Israel. In a single newsletter page, I cannot encompass the millennia of history between Jews and Christians. Most of it has been bitter. From Jews rejecting their (our) Messiah and persecuting the early church, to the reversal of the discrimination and racism that followed, we have often been enemies in spite of our shared spiritual heritage.

Over the last century, many Christians have re-evaluated our stance toward Israel. Following the horrors of the Holocaust and the establishment of the Jewish state in 1948, some Christians became staunch supporters of Israel, believing there to be an end-times role for the Jews in the hopes of their eventual acceptance of Jesus as Messiah. Since the massacre of Israelis by Hamas on October 7, 2023, what began as sympathy for Israel has turned into strong condemnation by many for the government's perceived mistreatment of the Palestinians. Today, Israel is reviled and rejected by large swaths of people, especially among Muslims, progressives, and the young. Let me share three thoughts:

First, does the flourishing of a Jewish state fulfill an important biblical prophecy? Perhaps. I do not know if there remains a specific apocalyptic role for the modern nation-state of Israel to play. Yet, in a way, this is unimportant. Whether Jews remain God's “chosen people” in light of the Church Age, God still cares about them. As He does Muslims and more specifically Palestinians. The universality of God's love should not be discounted.

Second, the unhinged hatred directed toward Jews over the course of centuries which is once again rearing its head is, I feel, evidence of the spiritual battle that lies beneath worldly appearances. There is no reason that Jews should be despised like they are – apart from the reality that their existence testifies to God's miracles to sustain them since the time of Abraham and the hatred that Satan feels for them. I could never be an anti-Semite.

Third, like any nation, Israel is not above criticism, even if it holds a special place. The prophets did not hold back in excoriating the kings of ancient Israel in insisting that justice be done for the oppressed. Yet I cannot help but sympathize with Israel's need to defend herself against senseless hatred. Were the Jews to let down their guard, I do not doubt that vicious attacks against them would resume. Living with this tension – protecting oneself while not committing atrocities – may be the ongoing challenge for Israel in our age.

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>
June 28	51 + 12	\$3,532.00
July 5	55 + 13	\$3,396.00
July 12	45 + 12	\$1,738.00*
July 19	45 + 10	\$2,383.00*

As of 6/30/26

General Fund Income: \$85,795.98

General Fund Expenses: \$76,832.78

Year-to-date difference: \$ 8,963.20

Budget for 2026: \$164,918

Needed weekly is \$3,171.50*

MISSION OFFERINGS FROM THE CONGREGATION:

May Mission: Alliance Pregnancy Center baby bottles amounted to \$665.07

Alliance Pregnancy Center regular mission was \$1210.00

June Mission: Challenge Ministries: \$513.00

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

AUGUST 2026 MISSION: Mission Marlinton

Did you know that Science Hill Church once shared our name with the local school district? The Science Hill Schoolhouse is still standing at the corner of McCallum and Beeson and recalls the era before several smaller districts merged to form Marlinton Local Schools.

Science Hill is still a strong supporter of local education, along with other churches such as Grace Community and Marlboro Christian. An umbrella organization called "Mission Marlinton" was formed several years ago as an outreach of these congregations. Science Hill hosts the weekly "Blessing Bag" food-packing ministry for Lexington Elementary during the school year. We have also helped sponsor projects at the schools through after-school Christian clubs like Two22 and the Good News Club. Your donation to this month's mission of Mission Marlinton makes Science Hill's support of a Christian presence in our public school district possible!

\$\$ 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 September 2026 newsletter should be submitted to the church office by **Monday, August 24th 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 13, 2026

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

Deacons: Ben Favazzo, Ray Courtwright

Pastor: Jon Truax and Secretary/Treasurer: Theresa Marks

Absent: Jeff Hahn and Rose Wade

DEVOTION was given by Ben and PRAYER by Derek.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Consistory meeting Monday, June 8, 2026 were reviewed and placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE: n/a

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ending June 2026 was reviewed and placed on file noting an anonymous donation to the General Fund.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: For July 2026 of \$12,141.32 for the General Fund and \$0 for the Youth checkbook were approved with motions by Gary and Jan.

MISC. REPORTS: 1.) Outreach by Ray: a.) They ordered Chip Clips with the Science Hill name on. b.) They will review and update the committee's job description. 2.) Rose's submitted Building & Grounds report: a.) Some large shrubs and a tree removed from a flowerbed, recommending no more trees be planted in them. b.) Estimates reviewed regarding the concrete walkway from the parking lot to the pavilion. Benner Masonry was selected. A private donor will cover the cost. c.) The parsonage garage door was repaired. d.) Davidson Well Service replaced a pressure tank in the church basement. e.) Still waiting on parsonage portico estimates.

OLD BUSINESS: Consistory discussed monthly mission offerings.

NEW BUSINESS: Consistory had a discussion regarding if their meetings are open to the congregation. It was deemed allowable for members. See the notice below.

PASTOR'S REMARKS: 1.) A detailed event planning form has been established and will be available next month. 2.) Pastor Jon is very thankful how the Lord is working in our church with donations and offerings. 3.) Staff evaluations will take place this summer by the President and Vice President of Consistory. 4.) Candidates for Consistory were discussed. 5.) A baptism will take place on Monday, July 20th for Jim Kennell. 6.) Pastor Jon will be away on Sunday, August 23rd with Jim Hornyak delivering the morning message.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:15pm with motions by Gary and Ben. A Spiritual Council meeting followed with the Elders. The next scheduled Consistory meeting is Monday, August 10, 2026 at 7:00pm. Rose will have devotions.

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

Did you know?

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

Sermon Series Continues: “*The Beatitudes*”

We invite you to join us for worship at 9:30am each Sunday morning.

August 2: Beatitudes: Those Who Hunger/Thirst (Bring a Friend Day & Church Picnic)

August 9: Beatitudes: The Merciful

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

August 23: Pastor Jon away – Jim Hornyak to deliver the message

August 30: Beatitudes: The Peacemakers

September 6: Beatitudes: The Persecuted (outdoors)

Bring a Friend! to Church

Sunday, August 2nd at 9:00 am
in the Sanctuary

Then join us outside in the pavilion area for a fun ...



Church Picnic

PROVIDED:

Hamburgers, hot dogs and buns

Paper products and utensils

Lemonade and water

BRING:

A side-dish to share

A comfy lawn chair if you'd like

We're gathering and celebrating our church friendship!



LUNCH & LEARN

Saturday, August 15th from 11:30am – 1:30pm

“Identity Theft: Protecting Yourself Against Scams”

See the sign-up sheet or call the church office if you plan to attend.

A light lunch is served. This event is free and open to the public.

★ The Outreach Committee is serving a community dinner on August 11th at Christ United Methodist Church in Alliance at 4:30pm. If you can help, see the sign-up sheet in the Science Hill Room or call our church office.

★ Science Hill Church will NOT be participating in the Carnation Parade this summer.



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 Book Club for next year, please let Laura know.

The first meeting will be in January with a “fun” book to read.

Lunch & Learn

Saturday, September 19th from 11:30am – 1:30pm

“Budget Tricks for everyday necessities and the holidays.”



Children's Ministry News

By Holly Swegheimer, Director of Children's Ministry



It has been an exciting summer so far. The children have done such a great job of memorizing Scriptures this last year in Jr. Church, Sunday School and Community Connection's children's ministry. At the end of June and into July the kids had to recite as many of the verses as possible to earn a gift card to their favorite restaurant. All the kids participated and they are looking forward to this coming year's memory verses. This summer we are learning the Beatitudes.

Just a reminder that we are starting Sunday School September 13th and we will start Community Connection children's ministry on Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

Blessings, Holly



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.

August 1 – 10: Jon Truax

August 11-20: Jenny Digiantonio

August 21-30: Casto's

"THANK YOU" FOR VOLUNTEERING ON SUNDAYS

Let the office know if you can fill in a spot below!

DATE	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	LITURGIST	BELL RINGER
August 2	Marsha Graham		Autumn Digiantonio
August 9			Natalie Stropki
August 16	Debbie Haidet	Marsha Graham	Nathan Stropki
August 23	Derek Swegheimer	Derek Swegheimer	
August 30			
AUGUST	USHERS Jim & Erma Hastings	GREETERS Mike & Jenn Wilks	ACOLYTE Nathan Stropke

ELIJAH: Prophet of Fire

Ohio Star Theater and Amish Door Restaurant trip
Saturday, October 17, 2026

Tickets are \$70 and you can pay through PayPal or
a check made out to Science Hill Community Church.
Contact Holly Swegheimer for more information (ph. 330-906-6556).

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

Congratulations to Jim Kennell, who was baptized on July 20th.

UPDATES to the new Church Directory: ADD: Jim and Cherise Kennell's anniversary is February 14th.

THE TOOLBOX: A Men's Ministry: They will NOT meet for the month of 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.

AUGUST CALENDAR

1st: NO Men's Toolbox Ministry
2nd: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship inside – Bring a friend to church; 11am Church picnic outside
3rd: 6:30pm Building & Grounds Committee
5th: 6pm Financial Peace session
9th: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship
10th: 2pm Tech Committee; 7pm Consistory meeting with Spiritual Council to follow
11th: 4:30pm serve meal at Christ United Methodist Church
12th: 6pm Financial Peace session
15th: 11:30am-1:30pm Lunch & Learn – Identity Theft
16th: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship - outdoors
17th: 6:30pm Worship Committee; 7:30pm Christian Education Committee
23rd: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship
24th: Noon – newsletter deadline; 6:30pm Outreach Committee
30th: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1st: Mia Owen; M/M Jim Hornyak
2nd: David Campbell
3rd: M/M David Floyd
4th: Charlene Boyce
5th: Sandra Stauffenger; 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

KEEP IN MIND UPCOMING DATES



RALLY DAY for our Sunday School kick-off will be on Sunday, September 13th.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION will resume on Tuesday, September 15th from 6-8pm and run every Tuesday.

A CABOOSE CONCERT: The Alliance of Churches' Praise Team Concert at the downtown Alliance Caboose will take place from 5-8pm on Saturday, September 12th.

CHURCH MEMORIES *-Tami Theisler, Church Historian*

August 14th, 2021 – Science Hill again had a float in the Carnation Grand Parade and won the McKinley Award for their efforts. “The Little Church with a Big Heart” was the theme and included 4 riders and many walkers!

**** 10 Years Ago | August 7th, 2016** – Pastor Josh led worship. Special music was shared by Shalleen Mayes and family. Scott Kohler, son of Dennis and Dennie Kohler, shared about Wycliff Bible Translators, our mission of the month. The baptism of Autumn Rose Digiantonio was held this morning. Pastor Josh played the “Baby Dedication Song” before the ceremony. It was Pastor Josh’s first baptism service. Autumn was joined by her family, Mandy, her mom, grandparents Jenny and Robert Digiantonio, and great-grandparents, Ralph & June Truax.

August 14th, 2011 – Outdoor worship held indoors due to rainy weather! Theresa Marks was liturgist and Gordon Rinehart and Marsha Graham provided special music. Special flowers on the altar were for Gordon Rinehart’s 86th birthday and were from the August 12th wedding of Randi Karlen and Mike Duchon. Randi is the granddaughter of Beverly Karlen. Stephanie Hinchliffe spoke on behalf of Pegasus Farm, our monthly mission.

August 20th, 2006 – There was an 8:30am mission breakfast with Laura Fontaine from the Alliance of Children and Families. A day of transition as Pastor Barry served as our pastor and leads morning worship for the final time. Communion was served and Barry’s message was “A Final Exhortation”. Marsha Graham gave special music and Russell Newburn played the organ for the final time. Some of Barry’s favorite hymns were sung for worship. The consistory had a special proclamation for Barry as the Pastor of Science Hill U.C.C. for 20 years. The church bell was rung 20 times for each year of his service. A light luncheon reception was enjoyed in the pavilion following worship.

**** 25 Years Ago | August 19th, 2001** – Morgan Barker, the daughter of Ron & Chondra Turner was baptized.

August 25th, 1996 – New members welcomed during church service were Craig & Lori Reay by letter of transfer from Grace United Methodist of Perrysburg, Ohio. Justin & Derik Reay were by profession of faith. A reception was held immediately following the service. Harry & Jean Moore transferred membership to Northridge Heights Church of God of Kalispell, Montana.

August 15th, 1991 – Paige Caitlin Bennett was born to Mark and Sally Shimp Bennett.

August 17th, 1986 – Former pastor Rev. Robert Diller celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination, and with Mrs. Diller, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The observances were hosted by their daughter in Tiffin, Ohio.

August 6th, 1981 – Theresa and Bill Baughman are proud parents of a baby girl, Carrolyn Ann.

**** 50 Years Ago | August 27th, 1976** – Miss Vera Kay Schneider became the bride of Mr. Thomas Zane Zeigler at a 7:30 P.M. ceremony at the North Georgetown Emanuel Lutheran Church.

August 20th, 1971 – Kathy Williamson and Roger Meir were united in marriage.

August 7th, 1966 – The following were received into the church: Mr. & Mrs. C. Robert Morrow, Mr. & Mrs. Malhan Pickens, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Packey, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Welch and Mrs. Jerry Wheeler.

August 1961 – No Historian Entries

August 26th, 1956 – Berthy Egger, a teacher from Switzerland visiting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Raber, sang several solos at the regular church service.

**** 75 Years Ago | August 12th, 1951** – The annual Sunday School picnic was greatly enjoyed by a good crowd. It was held on the church lawn with a basket dinner.

August 17th, 1946 – Miss Thelma Pauli & Stephen Saunier were united in marriage at a beautiful wedding in the church.



*Our Church
History*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Hudson Best	Steve Marshall
Sarah Close	Michael Peters
Sheryl Dean	Frank Rohosky
Lakeyn Enix	Nancy Springer
John Fackler	The Sullivan Family
Bob Farnham	Priscilla Swegheimer
Marsha Graham	Bruce & Lisa Tennis
Donna & Valerie Grubb	Greg & Rose Wade
Todd Hackney	Kathy Wilks
Laura Keyes	
David Kibler	For the Families of Don Rininger, Lance Taylor and Tim Buckel



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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(Address Correction Requested)

August 2026

