



PASTOR'S COLUMN

It has been in the news the past few weeks that the number of Americans who claim no religion is now nearing almost 25%. There are now more Americans who would check “none” for religion on a survey than who would check Roman Catholic. In the not too distant future the “nones” will out number any other religious group.

Those of us who have spent most of our lives associated with Christian churches, either in mainstream or evangelical denominations, may find these developments very threatening. We have painfully experienced the decline of beloved institutions and congregations. The forces bringing about such decline are not going away, but are rather increasing.

A common response to this decline has been to hunker down and try to do everything possible to assure our survival. These efforts have not been all that successful as evidenced by the rate at which congregations of all kinds and theologies are being closed. We need some better strategy than survival.

In Mainliner's Survival Guide to the Post-Denominational World, Derick Penwell suggests that there are more productive, creative, and ultimately more faithful things to fear than the loss of a beloved congregation or denomination.

1. “Why not be scared of the fact that there are innumerable kinds of great, creative, meaningful, reign-of-God sorts of work out there needing to be done ...?”
2. Why not be afraid of the fact that there are people outside your walls, outside your normal sphere of thinking, who need what you have to share, and that in concentrating on your own survival you ignore them?
3. Why not be more anxious about the relationships you are failing to cultivate and nurture than in not getting all the organizational and programmatic pieces just so?
4. Why not worry about the fact that you're investing more time, money, and energy into maintaining the building than in doing ministry with it?
5. Why not be afraid of the fact that rather than a launching pad, your building is a saddle?
6. Why not be scared of the reality that there are all kinds of opportunities to offer your church as a gift to your community that are being missed, instead of being afraid that if you let strangers become a part of your church's life, somebody's going to leave the gym lights on, or cook stinky cabbage in the kitchen and forget to clean it up, or skateboard in the parking lot?”

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CHANGE OF TIME FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

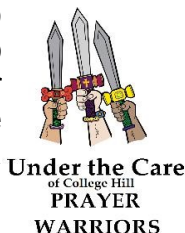
There will be one weekly service held at 10:00 AM starting Sunday, June 14th and continuing Through Sunday, August 30th.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Josephine Kariuki	June 1
Helen Winston	June 2
Ralph Hopper III	June 3
Christian Pressley	June 6
Alexandria Coleman	June 6
Brandy Alexander	June 7
Charvon Knight	June 7
Helen Jones-Kelley	June 7
Bettylene Mulligan	June 8
Nancy Winfrey	June 11
Elijah Ingram	June 11
Myla Jones	June 12
Noah Hulbert	June 13
Leilani Drake	June 13
Stan Hirtle	June 14
Maurice Jenkins	June 15
Theresa Harris	June 16
Michaele Thomas	June 16
Victor Lopez	June 18
Myan Drake	June 19
Ryan Dawson	June 21
Kiffany Stargell	June 21
Christina Olinger	June 21
Angel Drake	June 25
Charles Williams	June 26
Ivy Young	June 27
Robin Hirtle	June 27
Gamal Peters	June 28
Curtis Bowman	June 29
JoAnne McDowell	June 30



An Elder or Deacon will be available to pray individually with anyone who desires prayer immediately after the worship service at the front of the church in the choir stand. Say a special prayer for our sick and shut-ins and those in need of health improvement.



PRAYER LIST

Betty Brecht
Susan Pressley
Kenneth Stargell
James Ward
The Bragg Family
Ed Brubaker
Bob Davis & Family
Edward Cruz
Doris Thompson
Gerry Thompson
Bob & Maxine Moore
Michael Hulbert
Vicki Eason
Chris Hershey
Koala Jones
Charles Peterson
Isabella Green
Nelson Stone Sr
Harriet Merrit
Jean Booker
Terrence Boyd
Geneva Brown
Ronald Todd
Mary Steele
Jose Vidal & Family
Cathy Cunningham
Valerie Page
Jackie McKenzie
Nancy Kimemia
Doris Evans
Carolyn Moore
Derrick Daniels Family
Otis Henderson
Pat Townsel's sister
Barbara and Family
Ruby Watson
Paula Ewers & Family

COLLEGE HILL TEENS GUIDE TO LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION DURING

SENIOR YEAR

TYPE OF COLLEGE

- Are you interested in a public (or "state") college, or a private college? Each offers advantages, based on what matters to you, such as lower cost, religious affiliation, or other factors.

- Also be sure to choose the right kind of college – two-year, four-year, community, technical, tribal – based on what best fits your goals.

COST

- Cost is an important factor to consider when choosing the best college to fit your family's situation.

- Most students qualify for some type of financial aid, so be aware that the "sticker price" won't necessarily be the same as your out-of-pocket cost.

APPLY FOR ADMISSION

Fall of your senior year is the time to apply for admission to college. Don't wait to apply. Even though some colleges may have "rolling" admission (meaning you can apply any time), they only accept students until their incoming class is full. By applying in the fall, you leave yourself time to decide on the other aspects of college: where you will live, how you will pay for it, etc.

STANDARDIZED & PLACEMENT TESTS

You should take standardized entrance exams in the spring of your junior year and/or fall of your senior year. Colleges will require either the ACT (www.actstudent.org) or SAT (www.collegeboard.com), so be sure to ask each potential college which they prefer.

There is a cost for these tests; however, you might qualify for a fee waiver. Speak with your school counselor for more information.

Next Month: College Applications

Who is MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

This month the person we would like to recognize at College Hill Church as one who is **'MAKING A DIFFERENCE'** is **LINDA JONES!**

Linda has been a part of our congregation for the past 2 years, and in her own quiet way, she is 'making a difference' that is very much appreciated. Some of you may know Linda Jones, but I'll bet many do not. For those of you who do not know her by name, perhaps you have seen someone before and after both services cleaning the pews and replenishing the offertory envelopes in the pews. Or perhaps you have seen someone filling the candle holders with oil so they are ready for the acolyte to light the candles during the services. If you have seen someone doing these and other helpful things in the sanctuary, there is a good chance that it was Linda. She has on occasion even solicited the services of her 16 year old grandson, Thomas Richardson, to help her with these tasks on some Sunday mornings. She faithfully checks the inventory to make sure that the congregation's needs in the sanctuary are met as best she can. And, she does this without fanfare or drawing attention to herself. She does the above simply because someone asked her to do it...and she just said YES!



The most recent request for Linda's assistance came from Pastor Zuercher several months ago when I announced that I was stepping down after about a decade of coordinating the ushers and communion servers' rosters. Pastor Zuercher asked Linda if she would be the coordinator of the Ushers. And, Linda said YES!

In her genuine willingness to help and to be of service to the church, I have to say that I think Linda may sometimes say yes, without fully understanding all that is involved. But, what I have noticed about her is that even in situations where she did not know all that would be involved, she still honors her 'YES response' by doing her best to learn what is involved and then by doing the required tasks to the best of her ability.

Theoretically, the Worship and Music Committee is charged with supporting and assisting with the coordination of the ushers. Brenda Brown, a representative from the Worship and Music committee, has graciously agreed to work with Linda as she moves into the role of coordinating the ushers. And, I will also be available to assist with the transition as needed until the end of the year. A brief meeting took place on May 17th after the 11 a.m. service with all of the Usher Captains or their representative, for the purpose of introducing Linda to the Usher Captains and them to her. Brenda Brown and I were there to support Linda and will continue to assist her with the transition going forward.

More and more of the congregation will surely be seeing and getting to know Linda Jones better in months and years to come. Please help me and Brenda encourage her by letting her know that she indeed is **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**.

Submitted by Marjorie Baker, Ph.D.

The College Hill Residence Association Meeting is held at 7:00 PM on the first Monday of each month in the basement of College Hill Community Church. You're invited to come and bring concerns & suggestions for your neighborhood. Dues are \$5.00 a year.



Join us Monday, June 8, at 1:00 PM for our monthly Presbyterian Women's Meeting. We will finish our study of 2 Corinthians. Jan Brecht will lead the lesson and Ethel Smith will provide refreshments.



Save the Date!

College Hill Vacation Bible School

"Shining Star: See the Jesus in Me"

Monday, June 22nd - Friday, June 26th

6:00 - 8:30 PM

Please save and donate your old cell phone and charger to College Hill to support the mission of the Artemis Center to end domestic violence. Bring the cell phone and charger to the church and give to Gladys Turner Finney.



College Hill Recycling Fundraisers

Something everyone can do is save and recycle for the benefit of the church. There are 2 efforts currently underway:

1. Aluminum Cans Collected the first Sunday of the Month
2. Used Postage Stamps. Cut stamps off the envelope 1/2 inch around, place in the container and turn in the first Sunday each month at a designated stamp Recycling Area.



For more information contact Gladys Turner Finney or the church office at 278-4203.

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued from Page 1)

During the next three months we are going to be offering each of you opportunities to reflect together about what it means to be a dynamic, missional congregation that is more concerned with the needs of the community around it, than with its own survival. We will begin on Sunday, June 14. We will have one worship service at 10:00 am, which will last no more than forty-five minutes after which we will separate into groups of 8-10 persons who will be led through some guided discussion and reflection relative to our community, its opportunities for mission and ministry, our gifts and passions and Christ's call to be disciples. The next two meetings will be held July 12 and August 9.

This will be the first of several such gatherings in small groups. Our goal will be to embrace a new and renewed mission commitment and understanding that can guide College Hill in its pursuit of ministry over the next several years. I hope that you will make every effort to attend and participate in these meetings. Please begin now to pray that the Holy Spirit will empower and enlighten these gatherings, so that we will be propelled out of our doors, taking the gospel to the street in ways that effectively engage all manner of people in language that they will understand.

John

GREETINGS COLLEGE HILL FAMILY

We are collecting pull tabs from cans, and "Boxtops for Education" labels from cereal boxes, etc. The pop pull tabs are being donated to Lynn Hulbert's school and the boxtops for education are donated to Stivers School for the Arts. Both are greatly appreciated. There are people who will take them. Jars are in the Fellowship Hall and in room 104. Box tops include but are not limited to the following products: cereal boxes, apparel, baking mixes, food storage, frozen foods, produce, refrigerated and dairy, school and office supplies, snacks and juices, tableware, and waste bags. For a complete list go to Box Tops for Education on the internet. Also, thanks to those who donate cans & metal scrap. Please continue. Keep the metal and cans out of our environment and help CHC also. Call the church, Mack Lakes or Darlene Brookshire if you have old metal/appliances you'd like to unload.

FATHER'S DAY

Calling all CHCC ladies and girls to help the Daytime PW group to celebrate our wonderful fathers and fathering persons on Father's Day, June 21. The details of what we are going to do are a surprise, so can't be published yet. But you can count on it being something of an "eggstravagantic" event! We can use your help with decorations, food, serving, cleaning and perhaps even singing. Please contact Jan Brecht or PatTownsel to volunteer your very special assistance. Don't worry, if you don't contact us, you won't be left out. We will contact you in advance of the day, or draft you when we see you. This promises to be a fun and loving event for all. We look forward to your participation.

Jan Brecht PW Moderator
Pat Townsel, Moderator Assistant

I'd like to highlight one of the great young people in our community. I had the opportunity to briefly speak with Mr. George Herrera and came away both impressed at what he's been able to accomplish and intrigued as to what he'll accomplish in the future.

Herrera, a Sophomore at Thurgood Marshall High, recently completed his first campaign on the robotics, an octet known as the Cougarbots. In three weeks this group of "elite eight" students



built a machine that was able to help increase recycling efforts, appropriately named, "Hope".

Week one was for discussion and planning and with the help of various mentors from the engineering field the CougarBots went to work to build Hope in weeks two and three. Mr. Herrera was tasked with the wiring and putting together the final project, a tall task for anyone, but especially a rookie on the team. George leaned on his teammates and his new skills, basic robots and engineering, to play a pivotal role in Hope's formation.

The CougarBots and Hope went into two competitions, one in Cincinnati and another in Pittsburgh, and finished 16th and 36th respectively. The CougarBots didn't finish how they expected but they took with them a wealth of knowledge that will be built upon next year, when Mr. Herrera is prepared to take a larger role in leadership of the team as older students graduate.

What started as just another way to hang out with old friends and make new ones has become a great hobby for Herrera who hopes to use the engineering knowledge he's acquired as he transitions into a career in architecture. Herrera's been able to create relationships that could lead to valuable internships and references as he continues his education and into his professional career.

George Herrera comes off as a great young man, and I have great hope for him and his future.

-Anthony K Hueston, MBA

FREE DAYTON DRAGON TICKETS - FOR SPECIAL FRIENDS JULY 23, 2015

.We hope you'll join us for the College Hill outing at the Dayton Dragons on Thursday, July 23, at 7:00 p.m. versus West Michigan. Larry Hollar has tickets to sell you today at just \$11 per seat. We have a block of 30 seats so contact Larry now to make sure you'll be in our special reserved section of the stands. See Larry at church or by calling 937-643-3168.



But wait, you ask - the headline to this article says "free tickets." Everyone who brings an "unchurched" friend - to let them meet the great folks at College Hill and enjoy the game with us - will get a free ticket for that friend (you as host will still pay for your ticket). Let's support our local baseball team and welcome some new folks to be part of our community in fun and fellowship. Don't miss out - contact Larry today.

BOOK STUDY WITH HARMONY CREEK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Join us for the Book Study, "Why did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha and Mohammed Cross the Road" by Brian D. McLaren. We will have the next meeting at Harmony Creek United Church of Christ on Thursday, June 4th at 7pm. We will discuss Part IV of the book. All are welcome, even if this will be your first time. Books are for sale for \$15 from Stan Hirtle.

ORIGIN OF FATHER'S DAY

One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

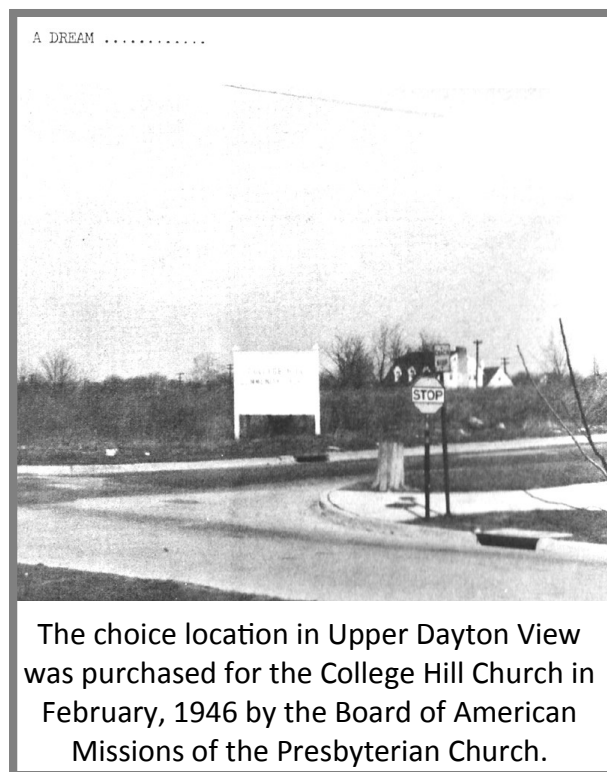
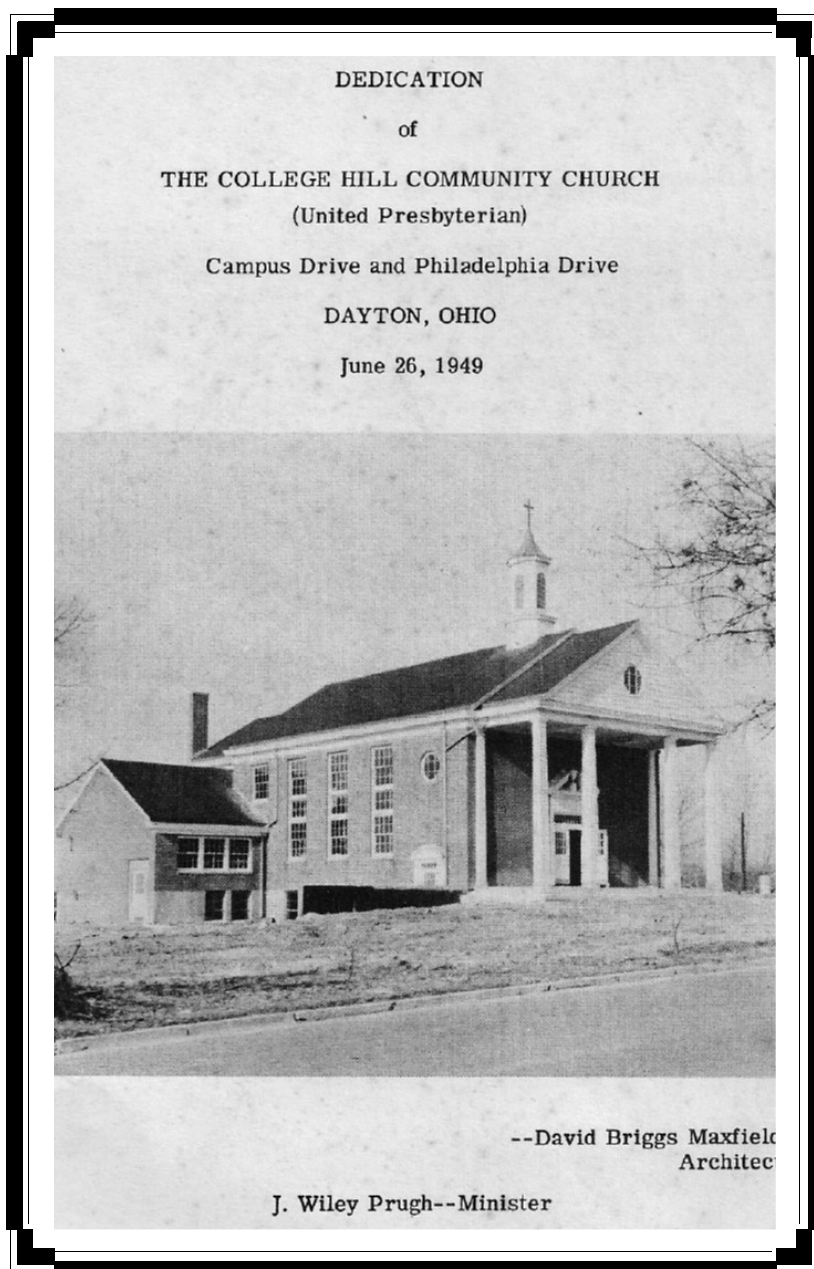


**CONGRATULATIONS DARLENE BROOKSHIRE FOR
BEING RECOGNIZED BY THE COLLEGE HILL
RESIDENCE ASSOCIATION FOR HAVING THE
"GARDEN OF THE MONTH".**

DEDICATION OF COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH JUNE 26, 1949

While going through old boxes I discovered the bulletin for the dedication service for College Hill Community Church. Since the 66th anniversary of the church building is June 26th (although the first service was September 10, 1944), I thought you might be interested in this piece of College Hill History. I've included photos, a brief history and the cost of the building below and on the next page.

Jan Brecht



The first shovel of dirt was removed by pastor J. Wiley Prugh at Groundbreaking Ceremonies April 4, 1948 (right)

DEDICATION OF COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH (continued)



June 27, 1948 marked the Laying of the Cornerstone. Shown above are the documents sealed into the stone.

The College Hill Dream could never have become reality - the beautiful building would never have been constructed had it not been for the generosity of the people of the United Presbyterian Church through its Board of American Missions, and the sacrificial efforts of members and friends of the church in Dayton. Below you will find an appropriate picture of the total investments in the new church and the manner in which these costs are being met.

TOTAL INVESTMENTS

Real Estate, Purchase Price	\$7,100.00
New Buidling Costs	\$90,389.00
Furniture	\$6,312.00
Organ	\$3,000.00
Architect's Fee	\$2,980.00
TOTAL	\$109,781.00
Amt. Furnished by American Board	\$46,781.00
Amt. Raised or Borrowed Locally	\$34,000.00
Amt. Loaned by Dempsey-Tegler Co.	\$29,000.00
TOTAL	\$109,781.00

The College Hill Dream first formed itself in the minds of Dr. Ray M. Davis, Synodical Superintendent of the Second Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in the year 1943, and Dr. Ronald E. Boyer, then pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church of Dayton.

During the Holiday Season of 1943 these two gentlemen succeeded in transferring this dream to the mind of a young Seminarian, J. Wiley Prugh (a native Daytonian) then completing his divinity training in the Pittsburg -Xenia Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA.

The Dream was soon caught by many others. During July and August of 1944, 1200 door-bells were rung. People were responsive and plans were laid for the initial service. Fairview High School was secured as the place of temporary meeting and September 10, 1944 was set as the date for the initial service. The fledging congregation had become an active community institution.

Regular services and Sunday School were conducted through the fall and winter months. Forty-seven charter members were received into the congregation during January 1945. The charter roll was closed with 77 members at a well attended Easter service on April 1. To complete the organization of the College Hill Church elders Carroll Scouler, Forest Ulery, Earnest Reussenzehn, Clude Mills and Frank Pfeiffer were elected and installed along with many other important church officers.

The Dream became still more clear when, in October of 1945, the services of David Briggs Maxfield, Architect, were secured. Following the purchase of the ideal location at Campus Drive and Philadelphia Drive in February of 1946, Mr Maxfield sketched a New England Colonial Church Structure of such satisfying beauty that no criticism of the now visualized dream was offered. The fist sketch included not only the chapel unit, but also a minister's manse & future large sanctuary. The College Hill Dream was moving toward reality.

CHCC Dave and Jane Thomas Fund Application

The Dave and Thomas Fund is a financial assistance fund administered by College Hill Community Church. The fund was started and named in honor of deceased members of College Hill, who had a sincere interest in children and young people, wanting them to have the most fulfilled Christian lives possible. **The purpose of the fund is to help young persons achieve productive lives as loving and loved children of God. The amount of the fund is usually limited to less than \$1000.00 yearly, so the fund is most appropriate for those needing a relatively small amount of money. Children who are members/active friends, or whose parents/guardians are members/active friends of College Hill Community Church will be given first consideration. If there are remaining funds, persons outside of the church may apply.**

Please complete the following application, and place it in the church office mailbox marked "Clerk of Session" **at least two weeks prior to the time the funds are needed.**

If you have questions, or would like to alert the designated session member who helps to oversee the fund, please feel free to do so. The current person is Patricia Townsel, whom you can reach at 937-832-1293.

The members of Session thank you for your interest and your effort to develop your life in a way pleasing to God. We pray for your continued response to God's blessings and guidance as provided to you through prayer and from your personal and church family.

**College Hill Community Church Presbyterian USA
Dave and Jane Thomas Fund Application**

Name _____ Parent/Guard. Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

Active Member/Friend of CHCC: Yes _____ No _____

Please state the purpose for the request:

Please enter the amount of money requested and the agency, business, or organization to which the money is to be paid. _____

Is this the entire amount needed, and if not what is the plan to secure the rest of the necessary funds?

Submittal Date : _____

Applicant/Guardian Signature: _____

Approved _____ Denied _____ Date: _____

Authorized Signature _____



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Co-Deacon Moderators
Jan Brecht - Newsletter Co-Editor
Pat Townsel - Newsletter Co-Editor
Maudella Parham - Angel on our Shoulder

DATES TO REMEMBER

Deacon's Meeting June 13, 2015
Father's Day June 21, 2015
Vacation Bible School June 22-26, 2015



SESSION

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS to the SESSION
must be received by June 17 to be included in the
Session agenda that is prepared and sent to all Session
Elders, to decrease the incidences to poll the Session or
require Called Meetings.

Next Session meeting
Tuesday June 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**THE MISSION STATEMENT FOR
COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH**

We are a family of Christians who intentionally
include all God's children as we live in faithful
obedience to God's command to love one
another and seek justice, using Jesus as our
example. We strive to serve God's people and
connect to each other personally, spiritually and
socially.