



# Happening Around the Presbytery

June 6, 2018

Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

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**Summer Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**In an emergency after office hours, call 304-266-8154.**

*Practice random acts of kindness; commit senseless acts of beauty.*

### PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Bill Betteridge	Karen Edwards	Bob Morgan	Homer Harden
Bob Offerdahl	Ann Varner	Nancy Mountz	David Brocklehurst
Wayne Devore	Howard Monroe	R. H. "Mac" McCuen	Karen Byrne
Jack Visser	Juanita Gillison	Sharon Willits	Debbie Hale
Carl Conaway	Mike Lenno	Steve McCollam	John Lewis
Alice Lucarelli	Glen Baker, Jr.	Alex Ford	All service men & women
Wally Jancura	Dakota Partnership	William Heminger	Domasi Partnership

Pray for Tecnocap employees who are in week nine of the strike; and for their families.

Pray for peace for all students and teachers.

Pray for peace and an end to violence and hatred.

Please keep us informed of any prayer concerns you may have.

**PRAYER FOR UOVP PASTORS:** Select one of these pastors and remember him/her in your prayers this week: Emily Harden Misfeldt, Sam Monte, Bob Morgan, Robert Nagy, Bob Offerdahl.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Keep our GA Commissioners and YAAD in your prayers for safe travel to and from St. Louis, and as they participate in the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly June 16 through 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**THE TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018, STATED MEETING** of presbytery will be held at the Rock Hill Presbyterian Church, Bellaire, OH, starting at 6:00 p.m. with worship.

**DINNER will be served at 5:00 p.m. RSVP for dinner by Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Call 740-676-2191 and leave a message; or e-mail [pastor@rockhillpresbyterianchurch.com](mailto:pastor@rockhillpresbyterianchurch.com).**

**UOVP PEACEMAKING SUBCOMMITTEE** has launched its own website: [www.peacemakingthroughthearts.org](http://www.peacemakingthroughthearts.org).

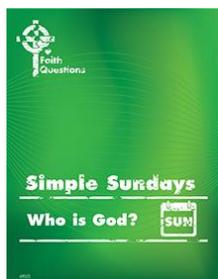
**CELEBRATION OF MISSION.** The Rev. Kay Day will be preaching at Long's Run Trinity Presbyterian Church, 15851 Longs Church Road, East Liverpool, OH, 43920, on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at the 10:30 a.m. worship. At 1:00 p.m. there will be a celebration of mission at the church. People will be asked to share their experiences in mission and how working in mission enriches our faith and deepens our relationship with God and each other. Anyone with experiences in mission (whether local or international) will be asked to come and rejoice together over the work we do. For more info, please call the church office at 330-385-1127. We hope you will join us!

**PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY.** Teach children in your church the power of prayer and generosity. **OUR CHILDREN WANT TO HELP.** The *Jerry Can* curriculum nurtures and encourages our children's natural desire to help people in need. Jerry Can represents the one common denominator in all disasters around the world: the need for clean water to survive. The Jerry Can cartoon was created to be a fun, energetic character for children to connect with as they learn how to respond to disasters with prayer and generosity. **This five-lesson resource, separated by grade level, makes an excellent program for a Sunday school series or a week-long Bible School.** The curriculum includes: Lessons with Jerry Can, written by Christian educators; Map exercises to teach children about our global community; Fun-to-do arts, crafts, and games to extend the learning experience; Science experiments blended with words from the Psalms; Ways children can respond to help others; Suggestions for music and snacks (recipes included). [Request the Free Curriculum](#)

**TOGETHER, LET US HONOR AND CELEBRATE** the many years of dedicated service of **Reverend Homer Daniel Harden on Friday, July 20, 2018, 6:00 p.m.,** at First Presbyterian Church, 110 S. Marietta St., St. Clairsville, OH 43950. Dinner buffet to be served in the Fellowship Hall. Kindly RSVP by June 27, 2018, to 740-695-9756. Please remit \$10 per person.

An address will be given of where to send it when you call.

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**PCUSA STORE.** Simplify your Sunday youth study with Simple Sundays youth curriculum. **Simple Sundays** is a downloadable curriculum for middle school and high school youth. There are a dozen topics to choose from, each one with three, four, or five sessions. The lessons are easy to prepare and lead, even for a volunteer leader. And they're affordable, priced at only \$10 per mini-course.

[Order and Download a Free Sample Lesson.](#) [Browse All Simple Sunday Resources.](#)

**New Resources for Presbyterian Leadership and Education.** *You are a leader, an educator, a parent, a church member. You are Presbyterian.* Our latest resources for Presbyterians are meant to enhance your ministry calling, whatever it may be. In *Our Connectional Church*, Gradye Parsons reflects on the hopeful future of the PC(USA). *Confessing Our Faith* shows leaders how they can utilize the Book of Confessions in their daily work, and is a great companion to the *Book of Confessions,*

*Study Edition, Revised.* Perfect for leaders, educators, and new or seasoned members, *Presbyterian Beliefs, Revised Edition* is the latest by beloved author Don McKim and is made for group or individual study. **Don't Forget the Little Ones!** The classic book for helping new parents and new members with small children as they look forward to the baptism of their child has been [revitalized and updated](#) to reflect the sacrament of baptism found in the new *Book of Common Worship*. It is also available in a [pack of five](#). And don't miss out on the new story Bible, *Growing in God's Love*, edited by renowned Presbyterian educators and authors Elizabeth F. Caldwell and Carol A. Wehrheim. [Browse the Latest Presbyterian Resources.](#)

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**THE LOMBARD MENNONITE PEACE CENTER.** 101 West 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Ste. 206, Lombard, IL 60148, 630-627-0507, [peace@LMPeaceCenter.org](mailto:peace@LMPeaceCenter.org), [www.LMPeaceCenter.org](http://www.LMPeaceCenter.org). Register now for Clergy Clinic and save \$200. **Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process:** Are you encountering unhealthy patterns within the church related to unresolved conflicts from the past? Are you interested in enhancing your ability to manage self in a non-anxious manner in the midst of congregational anxieties? Consider attending the *Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process* and let your colleagues know of this opportunity. **If you register by September 17, you will qualify for the early registration discount and save \$200 in tuition.** The *Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process* is a program designed to enhance the ability of participants to function as self-differentiated leaders within their own ministry setting. It will provide a safe forum for processing challenging situations in one's ministry, while also facilitating reflection on how one's own functioning can either fuel anxiety or have a calming influence on the church system. The *Clergy Clinic* meets 3 times, for 3 days each time, over the course of a year, and includes input on systems theory, family of origin groups, and congregational case study groups.

Location: Lombard, IL (Chicago area). **Two options: choose Group A or Group B.**  
Group A: October 22-24, 2018, February 18-20, 2019, April 29-May 1, 2019. [Register online for Group A.](#)  
Group B: November 5-7, 2018, February 25-27, 2019, May 6-8, 2019. [Register online for Group B.](#)  
[Click here to learn more.](#) [Click here to download a registration brochure.](#)

Have you already taken *Clergy Clinic* and want to recommend it to others? Do you know friends or colleagues who might be interested in the *Clergy Clinic* or the *Mediation Skills Training Institute*? **You can forward this information to others by clicking [here](#).**

**Mediation Skills Training Institute.** Are you experiencing conflict in your church or community? If not, you will in the future, since conflict is a normal part of life. To be prepared, come to the *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* to learn skills to transform conflict and prevent it from becoming destructive. [Click here](#) to learn more. [Click here](#) to register online. [Click here](#) for a registration brochure. [Dates and Locations of Mediation Skills Training Institute:](#) August 6-10, 2018 - Glen Ellyn, IL (Chicago area). October 1-5, 2018 - Minnetonka, MN (Twin Cities area). November 12-16, 2018 - Richmond, VA. March 18-22, 2019 - San Francisco area (exact site TBD). May 13-17, 2019 - Detroit area (exact site TBD).

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**PITTSBURGH SEMINARY** Launches Reimagined Master's Curriculum, Introduces New Degrees and Certificates. To continue our centuries-long history of preparing women and men for a wide variety of Christian vocations, in the fall of 2018 the Seminary will begin offering a retooled curriculum for theologically reflective and contextually engaged ministry in the way of Jesus. The new, semester-based curriculum, plus January and summer terms, offers students greater access and flexibility to explore electives, deepen their writing skills, and learn more about their own faith tradition and those of others through three master's programs, five credit-bearing certificates, and the Doctor of Ministry degree. New degree programs include master of arts in pastoral studies and master of arts in theological studies; graduate certificates include ministry, missional leadership, and theological studies. "I am excited about the ways our new curriculum brings the context of ministry into conversation with Scripture, theology, and the arts of ministry. Preparation for ministry requires genuine integration of context and experience with deep engagement with the traditional disciplines of theological formation—just what is provided by this new curriculum," said President Esterline. [Learn more.](#)

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#### PCUSA NEWS:

[GA223 backgrounder: Theological and Church Growth Issues and Institutions.](#) *Emily Enders Odom | General Assembly News.* Connection between theological education and church growth to be explored by Assembly Committee 14.  
[GA223 public witness seeks to create a "Matthew 25" church.](#) *Jerry Van Marter | Office of the General Assembly Communications.* Opening worship offering to provide bail relief in St. Louis.

[GA223 backgrounder: The Way Forward.](#) *Mike Ferguson | General Assembly News.* Three major reports on denominational roles, structure and future to be considered by Assembly Committee 4.

[GA223 backgrounder: Peacemaking, Immigration and International Issues.](#) *Eleanor Ferguson | General Assembly News.* Mission, advocacy around the world is focus of Assembly Committee 9.

[Presbyterians begin 260-mile walk to the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis.](#) *Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service.* Group calls for church divestment from fossil fuels.

[New Harvard study: thousands died in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria.](#) *Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service.* Research says 4,600 may have died in months after storm.

[How decisions get made at General Assembly.](#) *Jerry Van Marter | Presbyterians Today.* Discerning God's will together.

[A teen's perspective on gun control.](#) *Andrew Weaver | Presbyterians Today.* A Florida high school freshman speaks out.

[Compromise results in smaller per capita increase request.](#) *Jerry Van Marter | Office of the General Assembly Communications.* The General Assembly has mandated that OGA maintain a reserve amounting to 30 percent of the annual budget.

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY RUN:**

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEWS.** [Subscribe](#) (it's free!) and each issue of the General Assembly News will be delivered to your inbox each morning of the Assembly, June 16 - 23. Perfect for pastors and other church leaders who can't be in St. Louis but who want and need to know what's going on at GA223.

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**PCUSA NEWS.**

[Presbytery of Baltimore deals with flash flooding problems from weekend of heavy rain.](#) *Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service.* Historic community bares brunt of flooding. [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) continues to monitor the situation. Prayer can go a long way toward recovery.

[GA223 backgrounder: Church Polity and Ordered Ministry.](#) *Erin S. Cox-Holmes | General Assembly News.* Paid parental leave, requirements to amend the Book of Order, renunciation of jurisdiction to be considered by Assembly Committee.

[The PC\(USA\) needs gender equity.](#) *Rhashell Hunter | The Racial Ethnic Torch.* Time's up, #MeToo, and #ChurchToo.

[Skating ministry helps save kids' lives in northwestern Montana.](#) *Paul Seebeck | Presbyterian News Service.* Worshiping community offers meals, worship time and more.

[223rd General Assembly: The Spirit at work in St. Louis.](#) *Paul Seebeck and Donna Frischknecht Jackson | Presbyterians Today.* Hands & Feet initiative engages Presbyterians in racial healing.

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**YOUTH MENTORING NETWORK ~ YOUTH SERVICES SYSTEM, INC.** When Big Brothers Big Sisters closed their local chapter nearly three years ago, Youth Services System absorbed the program, re-named it the Youth Mentoring Network, and has maintained the service since. We are a non-profit, now seeking to serve more children, ages 5 to 17, in the northern panhandle of West Virginia (top five counties, Hancock--Tyler) and in Belmont County, Ohio. In order to serve more children, we need more mentors. A mentor is an adult (age 18 or over) who commits for a year to spend at least four hours per month with a child from disadvantaged circumstances. Youth Services System supports these relationships by completing background checks, providing orientation and training, and follow-along by a social worker. The Youth Mentoring Network also sponsors events and gatherings on a regular basis for the children and their mentors to enjoy. Please consider giving some of your time and love to a child in need. A child is waiting for that special adult to be part of their life. For more info, contact Connie Ball 304-218-2857 or [cball@ysswv.com](mailto:cball@ysswv.com), or Jane Ketcham 304-830-9516 or [jketcham@ysswv.com](mailto:jketcham@ysswv.com). We will speak at any church during Sunday morning worship, or through the week at group meetings. We also have brochures and small posters for any church or group that would like to use them.

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**UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE.** PATHWAYS REGISTRATION FOR 2018/19 IS NOW OPEN! The Leadership Institute at Union Presbyterian Seminary is excited to announce that registration for classes in our online Pathways to Learning and Leadership program is now available. Who are these classes for? Everyone! For church members who want to learn in more depth about the Bible and increase their ability to teach and even preach; for those who are called to ministry as a Commissioned Ruling Elder and need the educational component; for church professionals who want to brush up or enhance the education you have already received, and learn some new things; and for others who want to enjoy stimulating, excellent instruction from seminary professors and church professionals and interact with others who want the same thing. And the best part is, you can take these classes from the comfort of your home! Classes are taught online, either on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. Eastern Time for five weeks per class. In addition, there are reading and homework assignments to be done on your own schedule for each of the classes. The cost of the classes is only \$100 per five-week session. Take as many of the classes as you like--there are no prerequisites, and you only have to purchase one book per class. While these classes don't earn college or seminary credit, you do receive a certificate for participating, and of course all of that learning! Go to our website [www.upsem.edu/pathways](http://www.upsem.edu/pathways) and check out the classes and the schedule. A link to register for classes is also on that site. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to send me an email or give me a call. Hope to see you online! *Marilyn Johns, D.Min., Director of Program Development, 800-*

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**PCUSA STORE.** Confirmation for a Growing Faith coming soon! The new official Presbyterian confirmation curriculum will be available this June! Click the links below to learn more. [See an overview, watch a video from a lesson, & download samples.](#) [Browse purchase options.](#)  
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**JUNE PRAYER REQUESTS** are on our website under “Spotlight” and in the calendar.  
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**DO YOU HAVE A FREE COUPLE OF HOURS** between June 18 and July 13? If so, Laughlin Memorial Chapel invites you to volunteer to help in our kitchen. We have Summer Jam during those weeks, on weekdays (excepting July 4 and July 5), and helping hands are needed. Choose your day or days; choose your hours! We will train you....we will thank you....and those who benefit directly from your service, the Summer Jam children, youth, and adult volunteers and staff, will let you know they appreciate you! To sign-up, or for more info, please call the Chapel 304-232-2630. Thank you for all you do for us at the Chapel!  
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**THE PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION** has a program to help church leaders finance the expense of attending a course on church financial management. Please help us spread the word among your pastors, commissioned ruling elders, and leaders of 1001 New Worshiping Communities. The Presbyterian Foundation invites these pastoral leaders to apply for a Church Financial Leadership Grant to assist with the financial cost of attending finance-related educational activities. Our goal is to help them institute best practices for church financial leadership, introduce them to new models of giving and stewardship, and offer them new ways to talk about money and form generous disciples within their church. The Church Financial Leadership grants are matching funds, and applicants must provide the source(s) for the other half of expenses. Eligible expenses include registration fees, transportation, lodging, meals and other expenses for approved church financial leadership events, training and continuing education opportunities. **Application deadline is June 15, 2018.** Applications received after the deadline will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Grant applications take **approximately four weeks** to process. [Click here](#) for an application. If you have questions, send an email [here](#). The grants were made possible from the Foundation’s work as part of a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.’s National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders. **Resources available for download:** [8.5 x 11 Information Sheet](#), [11 x 17 Poster](#), [Half-sheet Bulletin Insert](#).  
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**CHURCH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SEMINARS** at Union Presbyterian Seminary: Attention Church Administrators, Pastors, Treasurers, Communicators, Officers, and Members! Union Presbyterian Seminary’s Leadership Institute offers seminars in Church Business Administration. Whether you plan to pursue certification as a Church Administrator through our partnership with The Church Network, or you are already certified and need to take some classes for retention, or you just want to take a few seminars to see how to better serve in the administrative functions of your congregation, you are welcome to join us! The program consists of eight seminars in Financial management (2 seminars), Human resources management (2 seminars), Legal and tax issues, Communications, Facilities and property management, Strategic planning. Take all eight core classes toward certification, or take four, or just take one or two that interest you. In addition, for those seeking certification (or not), we will offer a separate day for the four required CEU classes: IT Basics, IT Trends, Theology and Ethics of Church Administration, Self-Care for Church Administrators. We are excited this year to have a great lineup of seminar leaders, including nationally known lawyer/CPA team Frank and Elaine Sommerville, on both our Richmond and Charlotte campuses. Seminars in Richmond will be offered July 24 – August 2, 2018. In Charlotte, the seminars are offered on Thursdays throughout the year, with four in the fall of 2018 and four in the spring of 2019, and an additional day in the spring for the CEU seminars. Costs for the seminars are \$100 per day, OR \$335 for four days, OR \$670 for all eight. The CEU seminars are \$25 each, or \$100 for all four. A hearty lunch is included each day. Visit our web pages for more information on the schedule and how to register: For Church Business Administration in Richmond, click [HERE](#). For Church Business Administration in Charlotte, click [HERE](#). For more information about the certification process, visit The Church Network [HERE](#), or contact Marilyn Johns at [mjohns@upsem.edu](mailto:mjohns@upsem.edu) with any questions.  
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**NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE** registration is now open. The 2018 New Wilmington Mission Conference will be held **Friday, July 20 – Friday, July 27** at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. At 113 years old, the New Wilmington Mission Conference is the longest-running mission conference in the United States. Held on the campus of Westminster College in Pennsylvania every July, NWMC is intergenerational, Presbyterian-related, and youth-focused. “Love Your Neighbor” (Gal. 5:14) is the theme for the conference. Visit the conference website <http://nwmcmission.org/> for more details or to register.  
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**DO YOU PRAY** with others experiencing life's challenges? Pittsburgh Seminary's free prayer resource provides samples of what's helpful to say/not say during difficult times, how to incorporate Scripture into prayer, and what you might pray. In this five-part resource you will hear from faculty, program directors, and leaders from the PTS community on 36 topics ranging from Abuse Suffered to Doubt about Faith to Injustice to Family Problems to Sin, and more. [Download the first parts now.](#)  
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**BIRTHDAY PARTY** for Beaver Creek Church Camp: It is birthday party time! In 2018, Beaver Creek Church Camp turns 65. To celebrate this momentous occasion, there will be a party from 1-8 pm on **Saturday, June 30**. There will be swimming at the pool, hikes, games, a vesper service, and a wonderful traditional camp dinner (hot dogs, beans, chips, watermelon, and much more.) No reservations are needed, and there is no cost. Please come and join the party!

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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHURCHWIDE:** Arise, Shine Your Light Has Come! The 2018 **Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women** will be held at the Galt House in Louisville, on **August 2-5, 2018**. Full registration is \$425.00. Rooms start at \$144.00 per night (you can put up to four people per room). Remember, we only get together like this every third year, and there is a lot being offered.

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**HEARTS ON FIRE 2018 Student Conference will be held August 10 – 11** at the Charleston Civic Center Municipal Auditorium, Charleston, WV. The purpose of Hearts on Fire is to share the gospel with middle school, high school, and college age young people and fan the flame within their hearts, challenging them to a dynamic walk and commitment in Christ. Speaker: Algernon Tennyson. Register at [www.heartsonfireministries.org](http://www.heartsonfireministries.org). \$35 per person includes event registration for both days. Shirts sold separately. Early registration and shirt pre-order deadline is July 13, 6:00 p.m. EST. Price increases to \$45 after deadline. Registration is for the conference only. Lodging, travel, event t-shirt, and meals are the responsibility of each individual church or those attending. They have lodging recommendations with group rates and room blocks.

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**ANTIRACISM TRAINING THIS AUGUST.** Last year, Montreat Conference Center staff engaged in a day-long training session with a team from [Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training](#), and found it to be useful for inspiring long-term and site-specific conversations about the journey to overcome the dehumanizing effects of racism. We are making a similar, more in depth opportunity available to congregations, pastors, Christian educators, session leaders, church staff, and volunteers **August 17 - 19, 2018**. [Check out the workshops!](#)

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**2018 EVANGELISM CONFERENCE October 15-19, 2018**, at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe. 'No ordinary conference.' Every part of the 2018 Evangelism Conference is designed as an invitation to participate in Sabbath practices together—and to challenge thinking about Sabbath. Click [here](#) for conference information and registration.

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