



Happening Around the Presbytery

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Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

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"Those who don't remember history are destined to repeat it." -Edmund Burke

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Bill Betteridge	Karen Edwards	Frank Lewis	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 have been on strike since April 9; and for their families.

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 in your prayers this week: Paul Todd, Gene Toot, Kurt Turner, Jack Visser, Pete Walburn.

IN SADNESS, but in sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life, we tell you that the Rev. Steve Gribble, 56, passed away on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, in Albuquerque, NM, from complications of diabetes. He is survived by his mother Joyce Gribble, a member of St. Clairsville, Calvary, and now living in North Carolina, and two sons. Steve was preceded in death by his father Terry. He was a chaplain in a veterans' hospital in Albuquerque. Steve grew up in Calvary Presbyterian Church, St. Clairsville.

"THANK YOU so much for the lovely flowers for Ed's funeral. We appreciate your thoughtfulness as we remembered and celebrated his life and ministry. He sought to glorify God in all he did and had an impact on many people throughout the years. The Mooney Family: Paul, Carole, Alex and Cole; Stephen; Phil, Denise, Darla, Michah, and Clara"

MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION'S International Partner Prayer Request for July. Thank you for being a prayer partner with MBF, lifting up the praises and needs of our international church partners. The needs are great, but so is our God. So please keep praying! Please share these requests with your church members via bulletin, newsletter, website or social media. Include them in your personal prayers as well as corporate prayers in your worship service. This is one of the greatest things we can do as partners in medical mission. **HAITI.** As you may be aware, violence broke out in Haiti last Friday as a result of the government announcing a 50% price increase in gasoline and diesel fuel. There have been many anti-government demonstrations and some related damage to businesses. Most disruptive of all, barricades such as piles of burning tires have gone up on the main roads in many different places and some roads in Port au Prince. This made any type of transportation virtually impossible – essentially shutting down all movement and commerce. Staff in MBF partner hospitals were unable to get home and there was concern that medicines and oxygen supplies would be depleted. As of today, violence has ceased and calm has begun to return. Roads and the airport are back open and people are beginning to return home. The remnants are all around but it appears that the government's decision to rescind the price increase for fuel has calmed things for now. Political tensions will continue high for some time. Please continue to pray for the staff and patients of Hôpital St. Croix, the Darbonne Clinic and the students of FSIL Nursing School. Pray that the students finish their year well as they are anxious about final exams. Please pray as well for Paule-Nise Stinfil, the MBF staff person in Léogâne. We are thankful that things did not escalate any further. We give God praise for keeping everyone safe.

FROM URBAN MISSION: Save the date of **Sunday, September 30th, for the Longest Table 2018,** 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., 301 N. 5th St., Steubenville. Join us as a table sponsor, guests, or vendor to help end hunger in the Ohio Valley. There's always room at the table!

PRESBYTERIAN PEACE and Justice Newsletter, July, 2018, "Hope Renewed for Farmworkers," [control+click here.](#)

PRESBYTERIAN OLDER ADULT Ministries Network Newsletter Summer, 2018, [control+click here.](#)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church, 52 Liberty St., Dillonvale, OH 43917, invites you to their **68th Annual Peach Social on Friday, August 10, 2018**, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Food, fellowship, and fantastic music are featured. Doc Roe will headline the entertainment. Dinner items: Haluski, sandwiches, and salads can be purchased at an additional cost. The traditional Peach Social ticket cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child and includes cake, ice cream, peaches, and lemonade or coffee. Please join us for dinner, dessert, and music at this annual community event.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend continuing ed workshops on Saturday, September 22, 2018, at Maplewood Presbyterian Church, 108 Woodland Rd., Greensburg, PA 15601. Registration begins at 9:00 am. We plan to have everyone heading home by 4:15 pm. Lunch will be catered. The workshops are open to the current IPLF cohort at no cost. Open to those from other presbyteries for a cost of \$20. Workshops: Morning – *Outreach and Evangelism – Rev. Ed Gray*. Afternoon (required for cohort) – *Proclaiming the Word – Rev. Donna Havrisko*/ Please RSVP to Bobbie Martin at the Redstone Presbytery Office: 724-837-6737 or e-mail secretary@redstonepresbytery.org. Let her know if you'll be staying for lunch and if you have dietary restrictions.

PCUSA NEWS. Control+click:

[Texas kids to get a front row seat to persons living on fixed incomes.](#) *Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service.* First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth hosts a camp on the experiences of hunger.

[Won't you be an 'honest patriot' this Fourth of July?](#) *Christian Iosso | Special to Presbyterian News Service.* PC(USA) General Assembly adopts guide on civic responsibility.

[Highlights of actions of the 223rd General Assembly \(2018\) in 1,500 words or less.](#) *Jerry Van Marter | Office of the General Assembly Communications.* Loosely based on the pre-assembly, top ten General Assembly issues story.

[Presbyterian churches reach out to Texas residents affected by recent flooding.](#) *Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service.* Some areas are still recovering from Hurricane Harvey.

[Stated Clerk issues statement on executive order regarding family separation at U.S. border.](#) *Office of the General Assembly.* Nelson calls on Presbyterians to 'harvest tears' into action.

[Houghton, Michigan residents show resilience in recent flooding.](#) *Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service.* Presbyterian Disaster Assistance provides grant support.

[Faith leaders speak out against Supreme Court decision on travel ban.](#) *Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service.* Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) joins other faith groups in opposition.

[Creative ways congregations are doing more to feed the hungry.](#) *Sherry Blackman | Presbyterians Today.* Beyond a bag of groceries.

[Violence escalates in Nicaragua, PC\(USA\) mission co-worker leaves temporarily.](#) *Kathy Melvin | Presbyterian News Service.* Nearly 300 people have been killed since violence began in April.

[International peacemaker to share the latest on the Syrian refugee crisis.](#) *Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service.* Dr. Mary Mikhael to visit U.S. churches this fall.

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance calls on volunteers to help in disaster recovery.](#) *Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service.* Volunteers stretched thin after years of hurricanes, wildfires and flooding.

UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY. Here's an overview of **Upcoming Continuing Education Events** offered through the Leadership Institute of Union Presbyterian Seminary. We hope you can join us for one of more of these exciting opportunities! All upcoming events listed below have been separated between **on campus** and **online** offerings, so please continue to scroll down in order to view all listings. **2018 Summer & Fall – On Campus Opportunities & Course Offerings.** Click the event titles for more info or to register.

[Church Business Administration Seminars](#) (Richmond). Dates: Tuesday, July 24 - Thursday, August 2, 2018. Location: Union Presbyterian Seminary -- Richmond campus. Led by: a variety of seasoned professionals & experienced practitioners in church business administration. Cost: Dependent upon number of seminars selected. Note: Open to anyone and will meet the core course requirements for certification through The Church Network (TCN). Individuals can register for one, some, or all seminars offered.

[Visions of Strategic Planning - Navigating the Way from Mission to Impact](#) (Charlotte). Dates: October 23 - 24, 2018. Location: Union Presbyterian Seminary -- Charlotte campus. Led by: Dr. Ken McFayden, Academic Dean of the Richmond campus and Professor of Ministry and Leadership Development. Cost: \$195, includes lunch on both days (if register by September 17, cost is \$150). Note: This workshop is open to anyone and does qualify for 1.3 CEUs for those seeking certification as a church administrator through The Church Network (TCN).

[Church Business Administration Seminars](#) (Charlotte). Dates: Thursdays, September 13, 2018 - May 23, 2019 (check schedule for specific course dates). Location: Union Presbyterian Seminary -- Charlotte campus. Led by: a variety of seasoned professionals & experienced practitioners in church business administration. Cost: Dependent upon number of seminars selected. Note: Open to anyone and will meet the core course requirements for certification through The Church

Network (TCN). Individuals can register for one, some, or all seminars offered per semester or year. [Interim/Transitional Ministry Education](#) (Richmond). Dates: November 12 - 16, 2018. Location: Union Presbyterian Seminary -- Richmond campus. Led by: a team of knowledgeable professionals in transitional leadership practices and theory. Cost: \$395, includes lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Note: This class is limited to 30 registrants and typically reaches capacity, so register early!

2018 Fall – Online Opportunities & Course Offerings. Click the event titles for more info or to register.

[Pathways to Learning and Leadership Courses](#) – All online. Dates: September 6 - November 20, 2018 (check schedule below for specific course dates). Location: Wherever you and your computer go (internet connection required). Led by: Various faculty members and friends of Union Presbyterian Seminary. Cost: \$ 100 for each five-week course. Note: These courses offer an excellent, affordable way to learn from and engage with theological and biblical scholars from the comfort of home (or wherever your computer may be), while interacting with fellow participants as well. All courses are online and are tailor-made for church members, pastors, educators, those preparing to become Commissioned Pastors, and anyone else who is interested in learning more. Here's the fall line-up:

- September 6 - October 4: **Worship and Sacraments** – led by Dr. Rebecca Davis, Associate Professor of Christian Education (Thursdays)
- September 11 - October 9: **Biblical Interpretation** - led by Dr. Carson Brisson, Associate Professor of Bible and Biblical Languages (Tuesdays)
- October 18 - November 15: **Polity and Administration** - led by Rev. Carson Rhyne, General Presbyter/Stated Clerk, Presbytery of the James (Thursdays)
- October 23 - November 20: **Reformed Theology/Church History** - led by Dr. Paul Galbreath, Professor of Theology (Tuesdays)
- **NEW**, Self-directed study now available: **New Testament Survey** - led by Dr. John Carroll, Professor of New Testament (all web-based and paced by you)

[Christian Educator Certification Course](#) -- Hybrid course style. Course: **Christian Education Theory and Practice.** Dates: September 4 - October 3, 2018 (at home and online), with October 1 - 3, 2018, scheduled for on campus learning in Richmond. Location: On campus portion at Union Presbyterian Seminary -- Richmond campus. Led by: Dr. Cindy Kissel-Ito, Associate Professor of Christian Education and Director of the Master of Arts in Christian Education Program at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Cost: \$295, for both at home and on-campus learning. Note: This hybrid course meets the requirements for Christian Educator certification in the PC(USA), but is open to anyone who would like to learn more. Additional courses will be held in early 2019.

For more information about these and other programs of the Leadership Institute, please visit our website at www.upsem.edu/leadership-institute. If you have any questions or require additional info, contact the Leadership Institute [via email by clicking here](mailto:via_email_by_clicking_here) or phone 804-278-4383 or 800-229-2990 X 383.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY RUN:

PRAYER PARTNERS: You will find the most up to date, **July 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, prayer partner list** on our Presbytery's website www.uovpresby.org. Click on "Prayer Partners" in the top blue box. Your prayer partner is the church on the same line across from your church in this file. The purpose is to get to know each other better and to pray for one another by sharing joys and concerns in a more personal way. You should contact that congregation throughout this six month period to get acquainted and find out about their prayer concerns and share those with your congregation in your bulletin and/or newsletter. We know the power of prayer, and we know that many times God shows His will for us through others, so let's pray together.

TOGETHER, LET US HONOR AND CELEBRATE the many years of dedicated service of **the Rev. Homer 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. **RSVP by June 27, 2018,** to Grace Niemiec 740-695-9756. Please remit \$10 per person for your reservation to Grace.

UOVP PEACEMAKING SUBCOMMITTEE has launched its own website: www.peacemakingthroughhearts.org.

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://nwmcmision.org/> for more details or to register.

POGO XXII (Presbyterian Open Golf Outing #22) will be held **Monday, August 6, 2018,** with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start at Spring Hills Golf Course, East Springfield, OH. Fee: \$45.00 per golfer. (Includes green fees, cart, prizes, and dinner.) **RSVP by Wednesday, August 1st.** Presbytery Office 304-232-3490 or e-mail uovp@uopresby.org or First Westminster

Presbyterian Church 740-282-4591 or e-mail firstwest@sbcglobal.net. "Foursomes, please." For more info, call Jason Elliott or Mike Bongart.

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.

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. \$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.

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!](#)

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.
