

Happening Around the Presbytery

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Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

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Summer Office Hours: Mon–Thurs, 9:00 am–4:00 pm.

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

"I am just a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a letter of love to the world." –Mother Theresa

THANK YOU from Laughlin Memorial Chapel to the group of Presbyterian Women who led activities at Summer Jam on July 11. The Chapel students were treated to a morning of various kinds of fun: reading, puppetry, arts and crafts, and songs. Chapel's lunch time was also special that day as the ladies stayed to eat and fellowship with us around our Kids' Cafe tables. May God bless you richly as you have blessed us! --Georgia Kurko, Executive Director

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER. All are invited to Grillin' Time at the Newell VFD Social Hall **this Saturday, July 28th**, 3-5 PM. Menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Kielbasa, Summer Salads, Baked Beans, Dessert. For more info, call Kim 330-383-2545 or Cindy 330-385-6107. Come and share good food with friends and neighbors. Served by Trinity Parish Presbyterian Church. Frank Lewis, Pastor.

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 Noon Wednesday, August 1st**, to First Westminster Presbyterian Church 740-282-4591 or e-mail firstwest@sbcglobal.net. "Foursomes, please." For more info, call Jason Elliott or Mike Bongart.

THE BOARD OF PENSIONS Benefits Plan ~ Update Your Employer Agreement for 2019. **Between now and October 12**, log on to [Benefits Connect](#) to review and update. The benefits you select now will determine the choices available to employees during fall annual enrollment **October 29-November 16**, for benefits effective January 1, 2019. Visit [2019 Benefits](#) for details and resources about the 2019 plan changes and Employer Agreements. If you have questions about the Benefits Plan or the benefits selection process, call the Board at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN).

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE Disaster Response Training ~ One day events this Fall, will bring the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance professionals into classrooms near you. Go to the Synod website www.syntrinity.org/pda/ for more information or to register.

HOST CHURCHES are needed for the April 23, 2019, and September 24, 2019, stated meetings of presbytery. (For the September meeting air conditioning is needed.) If your session would like to invite presbytery to meet at your church, please send an email to our Stated Clerk scuovp@gmail.com stating the date you will be available. Thank you!



LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN Theological Seminary ~ **Suicide Assessment and Intervention Workshop Monday, August 20, 2018.** Loren Townsend, Ph.D., LMFT and director of the Marriage and Family Therapy Program at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will offer a 6-hour training in Suicide Assessment and Intervention. CEUs included with registration for qualified attendees. Discounts available for Louisville Seminary alums, faculty and students. **REGISTER NOW.**

THE GABRIEL PROJECT OF WV. On **Saturday, August 18, 2018**, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm the Northern Programs Chapter of Gabriel Project will be hosting its first annual **Trash to Treasure Rummage Sale**. It will be held at St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall, 1409 Chapline St., Wheeling. There will be many tables of merchandise including furniture, small appliances, knick-knacks, collectibles, books, clothing, and so much more. A concession will also be set up as well as NPGP selling their Gabriel Project Jams and Jellies. All proceeds benefit the Gabriel Project of WV--Northern Programs Chapter. Visit us at www.gabrielwv.org. We are a non-profit that works with families and babies. Please come visit us that day, or **if you would like to donate gently used items for us to sell, contact us at 304-639-5039.**

THANK YOU for making it possible for Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary to educate yet another class of bridge builders! Dear Friends: We cannot adequately express our gratitude for your financial support. Thank you. Thank you so

much! You have made it possible for us to prepare ministers, pastors, church leaders, counselors and change agents for good throughout our church, our society, and our whole world. Each year our gratitude grows for you. Thank you again. It is and it has been an honor to serve with you. Sincerely, Michael Jenkins, President

IF YOUR CHURCH doesn't have a photo with your listing on our website, please e-mail us one to uovp@uovpresby.org.

PCUSA NEWS.

[Fire destroys Presbyterian church in Little Rock.](#) *Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service.* Cause of blaze is still under investigation.

[Evangelism conference to explore new way of being together as Presbyterians.](#) *Paul Seebeck | Presbyterian News Service.* Gathering of Sabbath community and people 'like no other conference you've gone to.'

[Living out the 'Great Ends of the Church.'](#) *Presbyterians Today.* Guiding principles of Presbyterian mission.

["Congress must reject family incarceration," say more than 600 religious leaders and faith organizations.](#) *Church World Service.* Group urges Congress to stop fueling immoral immigration detention and deportations, protect family unity, and support community wholeness.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY In View of Grace Newsletter Summer 2018: Each edition of "In View of Grace" brings you news about our ministry in theological education. In this issue: join us for the [Warren Lecture & Concert](#) coming up in August; students coming for August Residency can find [information](#); check out [Dr. Huizenga's blog post](#) about World War I; see an announcement about our new Director of Lay and Continuing Education; see pictures and video from 2018 Commencement Ceremonies; [Faculty Hall of Fame](#): Dr. Matt Schlimm & Mary Anne Knefel; our Herbert E Manning Award winner this year: [Jim Verkest: control+click here.](#)

PCUSA STORE. Your Fall Curriculum Is Now Available! Fall in Love With Learning! Fall sessions start September 2, 2018. Learn more about each of these curriculum offerings and more in our digital [curriculum catalog!](#)

Growing in Grace & Gratitude for Ages 3-10. Children learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love. Each session is rooted in Bible stories and supports the foundations of our Presbyterian identity. You'll find: Engaging Bible stories; Colorful illustrations; Leader helps for children with special needs. The flow of the lessons lend themselves to worship experiences. [Consider](#) a 9-month subscription. Need to try before you buy? [Download sample sessions for all ages and a sample story and image](#) from the *Stories, Colors & More* ancillary product for September 2. Discover [instant download and print-and-ship purchase options](#) for the Fall 2018 sessions.

The Present Word for Adults. The Present Word is based on the Uniform Lesson Series and includes easy-to-use weekly lessons that feature daily Bible readings, a biblical passage, questions for reflection and discussion, and a prayer. The theme for Fall 2018 is Acknowledging God, which focuses on worship and the ways that God's people have acknowledged the greatness of their God. Need to try before you buy? Download excerpts from the [Leader's Guide](#) and [Student Book](#) for September 2. Discover all [purchase options](#) for the Fall 2018 quarter.

Feasting on the Word Curriculum for Kindergartners to Adults. This lectionary-based curriculum has multiple options for format, age level combinations, length of study, and is adaptable to various settings and learning styles. Because the entire congregation uses a common Bible passage, connections are able to be made across age levels. Consider a total church plan. Need to try before you buy? [Download sample sessions](#) for all ages for September 2. You can discover instant download and print-and-ship purchase options for the Fall 2018 sessions at these links: [children](#); [youth and young adults](#); [adult groups and pastors](#)

THE LOMBARD MENNONITE PEACE CENTER. Two training events coming to Virginia for **Professional and Spiritual Growth:**

Leadership and Anxiety in the Church: September 26, 2018, in Richmond, VA. The First Mennonite Church of Richmond, VA, will host this interdenominational training event on Wednesday, Sep. 26, 2018. Registration begins at 8:30am, and the workshop concludes at 4:00 pm. We live in an age of increased anxiety, which impacts church systems and leaders. Family systems theory offers a way of understanding congregational dynamics and anxiety. This outstanding seminar looks at the challenge presented by the rising levels of anxiety being experienced in churches today, as well as the role that self-differentiated leadership can play in calming such anxiety. Discounts are available for early-birds and groups of four or more from the same congregation. To be eligible for either discount, your registration form and payment must be received no later than September 12, 2018. To register online, go to [Brown Paper Tickets](#). Click on the document(s) in which you are interested: [LAC-Richmond brochure](#), [LAC-Richmond coupon](#)

Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders: November 12-16, 2018, in Richmond, VA. The First Mennonite Church of Richmond, VA, will host our **Mediation Skills Training Institute (MSTI)** from Monday through Friday, Nov. 12-16, 2018. Conflict is an inevitable and normal part of life, occurring in the home, church, school, and workplace. **Mediation Skills Training Institute** is designed to equip pastors and other church leaders with the skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. Active and practical in focus, the daily sessions emphasize hands-on skills training and real-life role-plays based on the kinds of conflicts faced by participants. To receive a **\$200 tuition discount**, submit your registration form and payment by October 12, 2018. To register online, please go

directly to [Brown Paper Tickets](#) (a small processing fee will be assessed for this service). For a current *MSTI* brochure, please click [here](#).

To download information and forms about any of our training events, please visit the [Brochures & Coupons page](#) on our website.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY RUN:

WE NEED A PHOTO taken at your VBS for our website slideshow. Landscape works best. E-mail to uovp@uovpresby.org.

PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNICATORS NETWORK, Presbyterian Mission Agency.

How to Know Your Audience. Are you talking to me? This is often a question we ask when we don't know if our colleagues are speaking to us. Do you know who you're speaking to when you produce your e-newsletter, web content and other printed and digital materials? Knowing your audience is extremely important to the success of your materials. You've been told you need to know your audience, but how do you do that? It's simple. Knowing your audience means knowing who's in your pews on Sunday morning, who's visiting your church's website and who's following your church or pastor on social media. [Read more.](#)

Bright Ideas for Christmas Newsletters. In a national poll of 1,000 Protestant pastors by LifeWay Research, it was determined that behind Easter, Christmas was the second highest attendance Sunday for churches throughout the year. Why not make your Christmas e-newsletter one that your readers will be excited to receive? Here are some ideas for creating a Christmas newsletter that will... [Read more »](#)

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

Creative ways congregations are doing more to feed the hungry. [Read more](#) about Presbyterian churches around the country working to creatively nourish and sustain those who struggle with food insecurity, malnourishment and poverty.

Control+click: [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds to fires in Colorado, Utah and southern California](#). *Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service*. Residents evacuated, hundreds of homes damaged or destroyed. Those interested in making contributions to assist those impacted by the wildfires can [click here](#). If you prefer to mail a check, please write DR000165 on the memo line, and send it to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700; or you may send it to the Presbytery Office with memo DR000165 and we will send it on.

PCUSA NEWS:

[General Assembly mourns, advocates for Palestinians in Gaza](#). *Douglas Dicks | Special to the Presbyterian News Service*. GA223 resolution deplores the violence and loss of life.

[Key to successful ministry: connect, not attract](#). *Richard Hong | Presbyterians Today*. Understanding 'why' before 'what.'

[Regarding ruling elders: a monthly series for spiritual leaders](#). *Joan Gray | Office of the General Assembly*. "It's Not All About Us."

[Columbia Theological Seminary students spend week with the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations](#). *Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service*. Group focuses on the church in a world of displaced persons.

['Learning God's Love, Living God's Love' around the world](#). *Pat Cole | Presbyterian News Service*. Wisconsin congregation celebrates global mission work during July.

[Killed by police as he ran away, Pittsburgh teen Antwon Rose would've been 18 today](#). *Paul Seebeck | Presbyterian News Service*. Minister and 1001 apprentice who presided at funeral worked with Rose on community service projects.

[Freedom should be free](#). *Eric Mount | The Advocate Messenger*. #endcashbail.

[New parent loan program now available for PC\(USA\) members](#). *Paul Seebeck | Presbyterian News Service*. Program assists parents with student loans and pastors with loan repayments.

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.

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.

UOVP PEACEMAKING SUBCOMMITTEE'S website: www.peacemakingthroughthearts.org.

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](http://www.crossroadsantiracism.org), 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!](#)**
