



Happening Around the Presbytery

September 12, 2018

Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

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304-232-3490

Visit us at www.uovpresby.org

Office Hours: Mon–Thurs, 9:00 am–5:00 pm.

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

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

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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| Mike Lenno | Karen Edwards | Frank Lewis | Homer Harden |
| John Lewis | Ann Varner | Wally Jancura | Vickie Whinnery |
| Alice Lucarelli | Karen Lucarelli | R. H. "Mac" McCuen | Gary Conaway |
| Jack Visser | Glen Baker, Jr. | Sharon Willits | Debbie Hale |
| Bryan Perrill | Matt Camlin | Simon Looking Elk | Offerdahl Family |
| Dakota Partnership | Domasi Partnership | All service men & women | Mike O'Neil |

Pray for our presbyters, family members, and friends hospitalized or in nursing homes.

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: Homer Harden, Erica Harley, John Edward Harris, Bob Haseltine, Sue Haseltine.

THANK YOU LETTERS were received from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Medical Benevolence Foundation, and Urban Mission for your support of them.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF UOVP will be having their **Fall Workshop, Saturday, September 29, 2018**, at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, Bridgeport, OH, with registration starting at 8:45 a.m. Brunch will be served, then worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. We will be done by 12 noon. Hope to see you there!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church, 901 Charles St., Wellsburg, WV, invites you to a **performance by Brent Vernon, a singer-songwriter and ventriloquist from South Florida, on Thursday, October 11th**, at 6:00 p.m. Vernon's performances include a mixture of energetic and hope-filled music and a visit with his ventriloquist figure Sam--a hit with kids of all ages! This is a fun and free comedy experience for the whole family--from kids to seniors. To learn more, check out: www.brentvernon.com or www.facebook.com/BrentVernonOnFB.

FREE DESKS AND CHAIRS for any of our churches: About 20 wooden desks, about 30-40 colored plastic chairs, and about a dozen metal chair desks with wooden tops. If interested, call First Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, at 304-232-3383 and ask for Pastor Mike. (He will be out of the office Sept. 13 and 26.)

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 have dietary restrictions for lunch.

www.d365.org is a wonderful daily website for junior and senior high school and college age young people. It is interdenominational. Worth putting in bulletin or newsletter for grandparents and parents to share with kids. This site is produced by **Passport, Inc.** Passport launched its first devotional site in 2001 in response to the attacks of September 11. Our primary goal then, and since, has been to provide inspirational and relevant reflections on scripture for young people. Passport is a student ministry organization focused on creating meaningful experiences and resources for students. From youth and children's camps, to international awareness and youth leader resources, Passport, Inc. gives students a chance to see and experience their world in new ways. The devotional experience is written especially for students and seeks to provide reflections on themes that impact our faith journey. We hope that d365 will create a quiet space in your life for

meditation and prayer. d365 is made possible through individual gifts and the support of three denominational sponsors: [Cooperative Baptist Fellowship](#), [Presbyterian Mission Agency](#), and [the Episcopal Church](#). Although devotions are available every day of the year, we highlight our common liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent through the special series Following the Star and Journey to the Cross. A third series, Back2School, recognizes the significant transition between summer and fall in the lives of students and offers encouragement and wisdom from scripture.

THE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018, STATED MEETING of presbytery will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wellsville, OH. A docket is on our website www.uovpresby.org under Items of Interest.

DINNER will be served at 5:00 p.m. **RSVP for dinner by Thursday, September 20th**. Call 330-532-4670 & leave a message, or e-mail wellcove@gmail.com.

PCUSA NEWS.

[New 2018 Advent devotional: A love story of those with special needs.](#) Donna Frischknecht Jackson | *Presbyterians Today*. Presbyterians Today publishes 'God Lifts the Lowly' based on Mary's Song of Praise.

[Rev. Chip Andrus passes away following cancer battle.](#) Rick Jones | *Office of the General Assembly Communications*. Bandana-clad musician was a favorite at General Assemblies.

[PDA documentary breathes life into refugee crisis.](#) Scott O'Neill | *Presbyterian News Service*. 'To Breathe Free' featured at Washington, DC film festival.

[PC\(USA\) Stated Clerk issues statement on anniversary of DACA repeal.](#) Gregg Brekke | *Presbyterian News Service*. Urges immigration advocates to 'to stay steadfast in the struggle.'

PRESBYTERIAN OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES NETWORK 2018 Regional Conference is Friday, October 12th, in Columbus, OH. For the conference agenda: www.poamn.org/index.php/association-events/. To register for the conference, and pay the conference and hotel costs, fill out the registration form at www.poamn.org/index.php/association-events/. There is a form on page 11 of the conference brochure. To arrange your hotel accommodation, call the Homewood suites, 614-785-0001 and ask for a room under the Group "POAMN." You will not need to give them a credit card as they will be receiving payment from POAMN. The special group rate of \$99/night is from Thursday, October 11th, through Sunday, Oct. 14th, if so needed. The hotel will be releasing rooms currently being held for our group on September 11th so we recommend that you make your hotel reservation immediately *before* registering for the conference if necessary. And finally, online registration and payment is currently open on the POAMN website; [register now!](#) We apologize for the delay in getting the process active but the early bird rates of just \$25 have been extended to Sept. 19th so that you still have time to enjoy the benefit of registering promptly. We very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Oct. 12th at Worthington Presbyterian Church; we have a full and exciting agenda arranged for you. Questions or concerns? Contact Chris Pomfret at 937-545-6667 or cjpomfret1954@gmail.com.

HOST CHURCHES are needed for the **April 23, 2019, June 25, 2019, and September 24, 2019, stated meetings of presbytery.** (For the June and September meetings, 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.

PCUSA STORE. Announcing a New Hymnal Promotion for Churches: It is hard to believe it has been five years since the release of the *Glory of God* hymnal. PC(USA) churches began using *Glory to God* in 2013, and ever since its release, the "new hymnal" has become very popular across the denomination. To commemorate this milestone, we're offering churches a [new deal on the pew editions](#) through December 31, 2018. This includes: \$18 for each pew edition, no minimum quantity (formerly \$20), and free shipping on orders of thirty-six-or more pew editions. (Free ground shipping is only valid in the continental United States. It is also only applicable on *Glory to God* Pew Editions once 36+ copies are purchased. All other items in your order will be charged regular shipping rates. Expires 12/31/18.) The new price and free shipping are available to all PC(USA) churches whether they have yet to adopt *Glory to God* or they need to acquire additional copies. Churches can get more information and place orders by calling PC(USA) Store Customer Service at 800-533-4371 or by [ordering directly at www.pcusastore.com](#). When purchasing qualifying orders online, churches can receive the free shipping by using the promo code **HYMNALSHIP. Order Pew Editions Now!** "In just five years, *Glory to God* has made remarkable contributions to the worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)," says Rev. Dr. David Gambrell, associate for worship in the PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship, and a member of the Hymnal Committee. "From local congregations to national conferences, I have witnessed the work of the Spirit breathing new life into our common song. With this outstanding and multifaceted collection at our fingertips, planning faithful and vibrant worship is easier than ever before. *Glory to God* immerses us in the great story of God's saving work. Through its fresh design and engaging features—including brief commentary and expanded indexes—*Glory to God* introduces new generations to the treasury of the church's song."



Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY RUN:

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY invites all Pastors to San Diego for a **Pastor's Gathering October 1-3, 2018**. Cost: \$75.00. Join other pastors for conversation, support, and prayer. The Fellowship Community holds dear as one its core values, the desire, indeed need, for friendships in Christ. Toward that end we host, and invite all, to an annual Pastor's Gathering. This is not meant to replace the life sustaining friendships within presbyteries (where they exist), or the long held bonds already forged, especially among those who are blessed to live near to one another, but to provide an environment in which pastors across the country can establish the bonds of friendship that transcend place and which will, once made, become as dear as any friendship. We pray together. We eat together. We rest together. Learn more about our Pastor's Gathering held at FPC San Diego and register yourself or your pastor today! [Learn More](#)

MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER. Welcome to our First Cohort of the Montreat Young Adult Experience. At the beginning of 2018 we introduced a new program called the Montreat Young Adult Experience. It's a chance for young adults to get involved with Montreat in a long-form version of our decades-old Mission Volunteer program. From September to May, three young people will be living and working in Montreat. To learn more about the experience, click [here](#).

PCUSA STORE. The [Book of Common Worship, Daily Prayer](#) is ideal for the practice of daily prayer in congregations, small groups, and family or personal devotion. Featuring newly revised content from the *Book of Common Worship*, this engaging and accessible resource includes simple services for daily prayer, a complete psalter as well as other biblical songs and ancient hymns, and more! The *Book of Common Worship, Daily Prayer* can be used for personal reflection, household worship, small-group gatherings, weekday services, or church meetings and retreats. It is an ideal gift for those baptized or confirmed; new members; seminarians; or newly ordained deacons, ruling elders, or pastors. For more info about the resource, click [here](#). Want to learn more about all three editions of the newly-revised Book of Common Worship? Click [here](#).

PRESBYTERIAN PEACE and Justice Newsletter, September, 2018, "Season of Peace Arrives," [control+click here](#).

LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. Festival of Theology and Alum Reunion 2018. When: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, November 8, 2018. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, November 9, 2018. **Where:** Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Louisville, KY 40205. [Driving Directions](#) What should the role of the church be in the #MeToo era? Naming instances of sexual abuse, unhealthy sexual relationships, and gender discrimination is a critically important first step--but what more can be done? This year's dynamic Festival of Theology speakers, panelists, and workshop leaders will address these urgent questions, helping us to understand what has gone awry in our society and exploring ways that church leaders, counselors, and laity can foster socially and sexually healthier communities, communities that are grounded in Christian love and justice. Join us for this informative and insightful event and celebrate the many contributions our Louisville Seminary alums make to our society. **Registration deadline is November 1. Find Out More! Register Now!** For more info, contact Rev. Sandra Moon, Seminary Director of Alum, Church and Community Relations, smoon@lpts.edu, (502) 895-3411, ext. 348.

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.

BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S NETWORK (member representatives for Presbyterian Men's Network) is sponsoring a **Presbyterian Men's Breakfast Saturday, September 29, 2018**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1103 Eighth Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010. We invite all ministers and men in Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery to hear how Presbyterian Men's network is connecting to the Men's Network Mission work with the Synod of the Trinity. Come and enjoy fellowship while we learn what we do and share ideas of how we can expand our mission! If you have any questions, or to RSVP, contact Beaver-Butler Presbytery's Representative, Larry Ott, at 724/630-5770 or larryott1952@gmail.com. The cost of the breakfast is \$10.00 collected at the door. **RSVP by September 15, 2018.**

WEE KIRK, Northeast Small Church Conference, will be held October 8-10, 2018, at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA. Purpose: To inspire, equip, motivate and encourage small Presbyterian Churches and to provide rest and refreshment for the Clergy and Lay Leaders of those Churches. For more info, contact Helen Kester at (724) 980-9565 or helen.kester@gmail.com. Online registration: www.wee-kirk-ne.org. **Register by Sept. 24.**

LONGEST TABLE September 30th, at 1:00 p.m. Join Urban Mission for a community meal on the street, 301 North 5th

Street, Steubenville. Ticket includes meal, live entertainment, T-shirt, and the opportunity to build community. Seats can be reserved online at www.urbanmission.org. For more info, or if you want to bring a group or sponsor a table, call 740-282-8010. Come together to end hunger. The Longest Table is a community dining experience to fight hunger in the Ohio Valley. Downtown Steubenville's street will be closed down to accommodate a row of tables and tents two blocks long. New this year: The mission's version of food trucks, live entertainment, hands on service opportunities, pay what you can tickets, "can"struction display, T-shirt for everyone!

THE BOARD OF PENSIONS Benefits Plan ~ Update Your Employer Agreement for 2019. **Between now and October 12**, logon 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).

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.
