

# Happening Around the Presbytery

November 7, 2018

Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

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

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

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**And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24**  
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**UOVP PEACEMAKING SUBCOMMITTEE:** [www.peacemakingthroughthearts.org](http://www.peacemakingthroughthearts.org)  
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## PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mike Lenno	Karen Edwards	Frank Lewis	Homer Harden
Gene Toot	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	Ruth Ellen Bates
Susan Lehosky	David Brocklehurst	Karen Gaines	Don Thompson
Deborah Messham	Dakota Partnership	Domasi Partnership	All service men & women

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.

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**PRAYER FOR UOVP PASTORS.** Select one of these pastors and remember him/her in your prayers this week: Ed Rudiger, Carol Schoolcraft, Bob Shearer, Kenn Sickie, Lloyd Smith.  
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**THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE** will be closed Nov. 20, 21, 22, and 29. **NO HAPPENINGS** Nov. 21.  
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**OUR ANNUAL STATED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY will be held Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, WV.**

**5:00 p.m. – DINNER SERVED. RSVP by Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Call 304-232-0980 & leave a message, or e-mail [office@vancechurch.org](mailto:office@vancechurch.org).**

**4:30 – 6:00 p.m. – A PRIVATE, QUIET PRAYER AREA will be available for all pastors, ordained and lay. Ask for location when you sign in. Our Pastoral Care Team is also available.**

**6:00 p.m. – MEETING CONVENES WITH WORSHIP including the celebration of Our Lord's Supper.**

**PASTORS & COMMISSIONERS: You need to sign yourself in at presbytery meetings to be counted as present.**

**THE OFFERING will be designated for the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation to train ruling elders in particular pastoral service.**  
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**CLERKS OF SESSION:** Please complete and submit your **Clerk's Annual Questionnaire (CAQ) 2018!** **by the end of the day, Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.** [Click here to take the survey.](#) Thank you!  
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**PRESBYTERIAN PEACE** and Justice Newsletter November, 2018, "PDA Responding to Worldwide Disasters," [control+click here.](#)  
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**PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.** On Nov. 14 at 11:30 a.m. in Hicks Chapel, the Seminary will host an interfaith worship service in response to the shooting at Tree of Life synagogue. Service leaders will include the Rev. Dr. James Gilchrist, senior pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church (Pittsburgh), and Rabbi Emeritus Mark Mahler of Temple Emanuel (South Hills). Additionally we're planning a panel discussion featuring Jewish and Christian leaders, who will address the challenges ahead, including how faith leaders can respond to these traumatic events, help bridge our country's divides, and engage in difficult conversations. Watch the PTS website <https://www.pts.edu/> for more details about these events.  
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**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL 2018.** Each year Pittsburgh Theological Seminary offers our free Advent and Lent devotionals

as our gift to you! We invite you to read daily messages written by members of our community. Scroll down to read this year's Advent devotionals, and learn more about the various ways you can read the daily messages. [DOWNLOAD THE 2018 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL](#)

In addition to the daily Advent devotionals below, you might also be interested in our newest resources for personal and corporate worship. The Advent Resource kit includes: Advent quiz; music to use as inspiration for an upcoming service or to learn to play on guitar; a deep dive into "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," including the history of the song and various suggested activities to use with a Sunday School class, in corporate worship, or for personal enrichment; the [Big Book of Advent--Year 1](#), including multiple devotionals per day based on the Daily Lectionary passages; sermons and reflections by faculty and program leaders; a fun cookie activity for kids; the "What is Advent?" video; slides to use for displaying music, Scripture, announcements, and more. [ACCESS THE 2018 ADVENT RESOURCE KIT](#)

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**PCUSA STORE.** [Book of Common Worship, Flash Drive Edition](#), \$50.00, (Single-User License) is now available! This helpful resource contains electronic files from the [Book of Common Worship](#) to make worship planning and bulletin preparation easier and more effective. The flash drive contains a PDF file with extensive links to chapters, sections, and individual services that allow for easier reading, searching, and browsing. This edition also contains Microsoft Word files for each of the services and commentaries found in the [Book of Common Worship](#). Services are arranged in separate files for the ease of bulletin creation and copying and pasting. [Buy Now!](#)

As Presbyterians, we believe strongly in lifelong education for all leaders and members. This education is not only set in a solid Reformed foundation, but it also grows and changes as the world around us shifts and rebuilds. We have a number of new books to help you continue your study through examinations of the Bible and Christian beliefs. Reaching to our roots, anniversary editions of popular books that explore the foundations of Christian faith are now available: [Honest to God, 55th Anniversary Edition](#) and [Christian Doctrine, 50th Anniversary Edition](#). These books about belief are accompanied by a bold new book, [Not Your White Jesus](#), which enables readers to discover what it truly means to follow the ways of Jesus. We're also proud to offer two unique looks at the study of Scripture. [A Guide to Bible Basics](#) is a perfect primer or reference book for all who study the Bible. Furthering this study, [A Lens of Love](#) explores what it means to live in the world in a biblically grounded, theologically sound, and socially responsible way. In addition to these new releases, we also have an excellent list of books to enhance your study of Scripture and Christian beliefs. Click on one of the buttons below to find the resources that are perfect for you, your church study group, or your congregation! [Browse Books for Bible Study.](#) [Browse Books about Christian Beliefs.](#)

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**ATTEND HAWAIIAN 101: HAWAIIAN HISTORY PRIOR TO THE OCCUPATION** Thursday, November 29, 2018, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM EST, at **Louisville Seminary, Winn Center**, 1044 Alta Vista R., Louisville, KY 40205. What do you know about Hawai'i? If you're like most people, you may not know very much outside of beautiful palm trees, blue beaches and exotic hula dancers. This community discussion, facilitated by LPTS Master of Divinity student and Hawaiian native Viisha P. Souza, will focus on Hawaiian history and culture before receiving statehood in 1959. This event is free and open to the public, however, registration is required due to space limitations. Sponsored by the Louisville Seminary Cultural Diversity Committee. [Get more information.](#) [Register Now!](#)

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**2018 Christmas at the Chapel.** This Christmas Laughlin Memorial Chapel is again asking for your help in giving gifts to the children and young people who are part of our Afterschool Jam family. We have 51 students enrolled, and we would like to give each one of them Christmas gifts this year. Last year with great success, our oldest students shopped for their gifts with gift cards. This field trip was the absolute highlight of the year here! Our youngest students received gifts that we purchased through a charity gift program. So, the older ones chose their gifts and the younger ones were surprised! All in all, supporters made Christmas a real joy for the students here. Many do not have the privilege of shopping for themselves! If you can help with this project, please send your gift check to us at P.O. Box 6195, Wheeling, WV 26003 and designate the donation as "Christmas project." We will wrap the gifts and present them in Jesus' name--from His people--to the Chapel's youngsters. If you have any questions, please call and ask! Our phone number is 304-232-2630. *[Note: While money for Mattel toys and gift cards is an easy way for you to do your Christmas shopping, if you prefer to purchase gifts for the kids, we will gladly and gratefully accept them. The children have always had a special Christmas because of your generosity.]* **Deadline for checks and toys: Monday, December 10, 2018.** As part of the learning curve, all students will write and decorate thank you notes for those who give. As the students learn about the true meaning of Christmas here at the Chapel through our Christmas worship service, and as they experience the joy of being recipients of others' generosity, we pray that Christmas and the Lord Whose birth it honors are highlights of the Chapel young people's celebration. **Thank you for your generosity and support!**

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