

# Happening Around the Presbytery

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Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

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

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*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.*  
-Howard Thurman

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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:

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| Mike Lenno      | Karen Edwards      | Frank Lewis        | Homer Harden            |
| Gene Toot       | Ann Varner         | Wally Jancura      | Vickie Whinnery         |
| Alice Lucarelli | Susan Lehosky      | R. H. "Mac" McCuen | Don Thompson            |
| Jack Visser     | Cristy Zimmerman   | Sharon Willits     | Debbie Hale             |
| Bryan Perrill   | David Brocklehurst | Simon Looking Elk  | Ruth Ellen Bates        |
| McCollam Family | 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: Roger Criss, Rich Cunningham, Debra Dague, David Demarest, Nancy DeStefano.

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**WHO WILL BE YOUR SESSION'S COMMISSIONER** to presbytery for 2019? If it is someone new, please give Patty his/her name and e-mail address. We need this info if they are to receive docket packets.

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**PRESBYTERIAN OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES NETWORK.** Issue 54 – 2018 Holiday. A message from the editor of PNN: Good Morning from Oregon, The theme of this issue of PNN is, Older Adult Ministry is Intergenerational. For decades, people in the USA grew up, got married, and continued to reside in the same area where their parents, and oftentimes their grandparents, lived. Today, such is seldom the case. Even when people from different generations have lived through the same national or world events, they tend to view the significance of those events somewhat differently. Never-the-less, the benefit of having programs that bridge across multiple generations is amazing. There is spiritual strength and resiliency in generational diversity, whether those generations are within the same family or across family lines. Several articles in this issue relate to this theme: Memo from Membership by Linda Rauenhuehler; Intergenerational Older Adult Ministry by Michele Hendrix. Other articles in this issue include: 2018 Regional Conference by Helen Morrison; Presbytery of the James Retreat by Lillian Rhudy; Living with Alzheimer's Disease by Helen Liu & Glenn May. [Click here to download and read the complete Holiday issue.](#)

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**PRESBYTERIAN WORLD MISSION** Newsletter December, 2018: [control+click here.](#) This is also on our website under *Spotlight*.

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**PRESBYTERIAN PEACE** and Justice Newsletter, January, 2019, "Hope that Transcends Borders and Walls," [control+click here](#). This is also on our website under the Mission Tab, then click on Peacemaking.

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**HOST CHURCHES** are needed for the **April 23, 2019, and the November 19, 2019, stated meetings of presbytery**. If your session would like to invite presbytery to meet at your church for either of these meetings, please send an email to our Stated Clerk [scuovp@gmail.com](mailto:scuovp@gmail.com) stating which date you will be available.

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**"STEWARDS OF CHILDREN"** workshop to empower adults to prevent sexual abuse of children will be held next **Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery/Potter Chapel, Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church. Workbooks, \$10.00 each paid by attendees at the door, will be available. **RSVP deadline has been extended to today, Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**, to the Presbytery Office 304-232-3490 or [uovp@uovpresby.org](mailto:uovp@uovpresby.org). Presenter: Cheryl Kaczor, Extension Agent, Family & Counseling Sciences, Marshall County WVU Extension Services. This class qualifies as continuing ed. Sponsored by UOVP Training & Development Committee. **THIS IS/MAY BE/COULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT WORKSHOP YOU TAKE.**

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**STATISTICS SEASON HAS BEGUN!** Clerks of session [or their helpers] now have access to GA's statistics page: <http://oga.pcusa.org/stats>. Please plan to submit your Statistical Report by **Thursday, January 31, 2019**. If you cannot file by this date or have questions about filing the report electronically, please call our Stated Clerk. There is no booklet to print off for help this year; however, there is some info for filing this report on the presbytery's website [in the blue box at the top, click on Annual Reports, then Reports to be Submitted to General Assembly. Scroll down.].

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PCUSA NEWS. control+click:

**Fifteen months after Maria, PC(USA) leaders find Puerto Rico devastated but determined.** *Rich Copley | Presbyterian News Service.* Four PC(USA) ministries visited in mid-December to assess progress, opportunities.

**Co-Moderators see Presbyterian Church evolving and moving forward.** *Rick Jones | Office of the General Assembly.* A Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri and Cindy Kohlmann reflect on first six months.

**The harvest of God's love.** *Rev. Dori Kay Hjalmarson | Special to Presbyterian News Service.* Our call is toward mercy, not profit.

**Stated Clerk calls for an end to violence in Cameroon.** *OFFICE OF THE STATED CLERK.* Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

**Presbyterian Women moderator states plan for moving forward.** *Gail Strange | Presbyterian News Service.* Dynamic moderator team to lead PW for next three years.

**Christians try to worship with one voice at the U.S.-Mexico border in California.** *Rich Copley | Presbyterian News Service.* Worshipers in San Diego and Tijuana continue a 25-year tradition despite a larger separation,

**Remote Alaskan church thrives amid challenges.** *Tammy Warren | Photos by Bill Hess | Presbyterians Today.* God knows no barriers.

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**PCUSA STORE.** Big God Big Questions--Confirmation for a Growing Faith. Confirmation is an opportunity for baptismal renewal. It is fitting to run your Confirmation classes beginning on Baptism of the Lord Sunday and finishing on Easter. There are fifteen Sundays from Baptism of the Lord (January 13) to Easter (April 21), which is an excellent fit for the twelve ninety-minute sessions of [Big God Big Questions](#). Sessions 1 and 12 invite the confirmands and the congregation to consider baptismal renewal. Sessions 2-11 pose the baptismal questions to the confirmands. The three extra weeks could be used for a retreat, mentor/confirmand encounters, or service projects. There are twenty-three Sundays from Baptism of the Lord to Pentecost (June 9), another appropriate day to celebrate baptismal renewal. For churches that take the twenty-four, forty-five-minute session option, consider doing the last session on a Sunday afternoon around a meal with mentors, parents, and session members that leads into the session's review of the confirmands' experiences. **Not familiar with Big God Big Questions? Start here: [View the Components of Big God Big Questions](#); [Order the FREE Sample Book](#); [Download the Scope and Sequence](#); [Discover More Information and Video Samples](#).**

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