



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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MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER. This winter has been beautiful, albeit lacking in snow, but we are ready for color and warm spring weather! View our special Spring Sabbath rates! [Visit our website.](#)

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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| Mike Lenno | Karen Edwards | Frank Lewis | Homer Harden |
| Gene Toot | Ann Varner | Vickie Whinnery | Don Thompson |
| Alice Lucarelli | Susan Lehosky | R. H. "Mac" McCuen | David Brocklehurst |
| Jack Visser | Cristy Zimmerman | Sharon Willits | Debbie Hale |
| Ruth Ellen Bates | Ronn Moccasin | Simon Looking Elk | Dakota Partnership |
| Lorraine Dill | Betteridge Family | 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.

PRAYER FOR UOVP PASTORS. Select one of these pastors and remember him/her in your prayers this week: Trina Lewis, Terry Lucarelli, Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks, Mac McCuen, Byron McElroy.

PRESBYTERIAN PEACE and Justice Newsletter, March, 2019, "So Much to Do for Compassion, Peace & Justice!" [control+click here.](#) You can also find links to this and older newsletters on our website. Click on the Mission side tab, then click on Peacemaking [www.uovpresby.org/peacemaking.](http://www.uovpresby.org/peacemaking)

CONGREGATIONS FOR CARING. Wheeling Health Right served over 22,000 Ohio Valley residents with free medical and/or dental care last year. They need our help to continue this vital health ministry to individuals and families in Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, and Tyler Counties in West Virginia, and Belmont County in Ohio. These are folks who might otherwise fall through the cracks of our complex and often expensive health care system. Congregations for Caring is asking for our help again in 2019. Please consider designating a day or a season to pray for healing and healers, to receive a special offering, to share information and inspiration, and to let folks who might benefit from Health Right's services learn how they can get connected. The Rev. Bob Willits, retired UOVP member, is our contact person for this important project. If you want to participate, or have questions, or would like a Congregations for Caring packet to show you how your church can get involved, contact Bob at 304-312-5712 or john_robert_willits@yahoo.com.

A BENEFIT TO HELP HOMELESS in downtown Pittsburgh at First Presbyterian Church, 320 Sixth Ave., will be held 1:00 p.m. Sunday, **March 24, 2019.** Jeannie Allen Productions present, "The Prodigal Sons," a modern-day musical drama of a Father's Redemptive Love. Tickets are \$10 each; \$25 for family of 3 or more. Proceeds go to benefit homeless in the downtown via 1st PC. For more info, go to www.jeannieallenproductions.com. Gregg Hartung of Presbyterian Media Mission has experienced "The Prodigal Sons" and says it is well done!

MUSICAL PASSION PLAY. Heaven Bound Ministries will once again be presenting the acclaimed Easter musical 'passion play,' **HE'S ALIVE!**, at the historic Capitol Theatre, 1015 Main St., Wheeling, WV, on Palm Sunday weekend, **April 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2019.** The Friday and Saturday evening performances will begin at 7:30 PM and the Palm Sunday matinee, April 14th, will begin at 3:30 p.m. The doors for each of the **FREE** performances will open one hour before the performance times. Seating is on a first come, first seated basis. No reservations or tickets are needed. For more info about Heaven Bound Ministries or the HE'S ALIVE! inspiring musical drama, call 304-232-6122 or 724-883-2241 or go online to www.heavenboundministriesinc.org or 'like' us on our Facebook at Heaven Bound Ministries and He's Alive.

NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE July 19 – 26, 2019, at Westminster College. <http://nwcmmission.org/>. There is an early bird discount for those who are registered and paid in full by March 27.

THE LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN Theological Seminary Office of Student Engagement will host a screening of "The Rape

of Recy Taylor," which *The New Yorker* calls, "essential viewing." The film exposes a legacy of physical abuse of black women and reveals Rosa Parks' intimate role in Recy Taylor's story. An attempted rape against Parks was but one inspiration for her ongoing work to find justice for countless women like Taylor. The 1955 bus boycott was an end result, not a beginning. Following the screening, we will have a group discussion on our thoughts, views and what we can now do to support the victims of sexual assault, witnesses of sexual assault, and any person affected by racial discrimination and/or sexual assault. More and more women are now speaking up after rape. The film, directed by Nancy Buirski and produced by Odyssey Impact, tells the story of black women who spoke up when danger was greatest; it was their noble efforts to take back their bodies that led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott and movements that followed. The 2017 Global March by Women is linked to their courage. From sexual aggression on '40s southern streets to today's college campuses and to the threatened right to choose, it is control of women's bodies that powered the movement in Recy Taylor's day and fuels our outrage today. When: Wednesday, March 27, 2019, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM EDT. Where: Louisville Seminary – Gardencourt, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Louisville, KY 40205. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required: [Register Now!](#)

I AM THE LION, [Isaiah 11:6-9](#). The image of wolf and lamb, leopard and goat, calf and lion, infant and cobra hanging out together bothers me because it is unnatural. Nothing in our world survives without eating something else. I mentioned this to a scientist, and he pointed out that while it can be helpful at times to speak of individuals – human, lion, viper, goat, lamb – a better description of creation is to think not of these parts, but of One Whole Life. Each part of the creation is interdependently related to every other part, each part is essential to the One Whole Life on this planet. This passage changes the natural relationship between predator and prey to make a point: Carnivores do not have any choice, they must eat meat to live, but we have a choice. I'm not talking about hunters or the diets of carnivores, but about humans who prey on the One Whole Life. Recently, I had a revelation: I am a predator. I saw before me the mountain of trash I have created in my lifetime. The average American generates 4-7 pounds of trash per person per day. Over a lifetime that might amount to 500 tons. Pile up it all up, and it would be an impressive and harmful mountain of trash. God calls us to *neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea*. To harm the creation is to our physical and spiritual peril. When faced with the environmental problems of our world, I feel as powerless as a lamb caught by a wolf, but when I look at my trash and the threat to the environment it causes, I see that I am the lion – the powerful predator. This passage reminds me that I have power, and it calls me to use that power to effect planet-saving change. This Lent, consider reducing your consumption of disposables, an important step to protecting our One Whole Life. --Rev. Linda Lane-Bortell, Pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Terra Linda, CA. SFTS DMin Student.



May your blessings
outnumber
The shamrocks that
grow,
And may trouble avoid
you
Wherever you go.

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