



## Happening Around the Presbytery

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Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

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### **Blessing Our Body**

*Bless to me this day these hands; may they touch the world with tender mercy.  
Bless to me these arms; may they stretch wide to welcome all who have been left out or left behind.  
Bless to me these shoulders; may they be strong to bear all that you would have me carry.  
Bless to me this backbone; may it gird me to stand steadfastly for what is right.  
Bless to me these gluts; may they help me sit down when it is someone else's turn to speak.  
Bless to me these legs; may they run (or walk) with endurance the race set before me.  
Bless to me these feet; may they help me bring good news everywhere that you will take me this day.  
Bless this day this whole body that I may live one whole life.  
In the name of the Maker of bodies, and the Word made flesh,  
and the Spirit who empowers our bodies to live for good. Amen.*

--Rev. Scott Clark, SFTS Chaplain and Dean of Students

### **PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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
Roger Conroy	Cristy Zimmerman	Sharon Willits	Debbie Hale
Ruth Ellen Bates	Ronn Moccasin	Simon Looking Elk	Dakota Partnership
Lorraine Dill	David Roberts	Justin Carlton	Matt Camlin
David Stammerjohn	Visser 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.

Pray for those impacted by Cyclone Idai.

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: Lloyd Smith, David Stammerjohn, Rick Stanley, Ed Stern, Donna Todd.

**BOARD OF PENSIONS WORKSHOP.** The Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz, our regional representative for the Board of Pensions, will be at Roney's Point Presbyterian Church, Triadelphia, WV, **from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** (prior to our stated meeting of presbytery).

**THE TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019, STATED MEETING** of presbytery will be held at Roney's Point Presbyterian Church, Triadelphia, WV, with worship beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed by fellowship and refreshments, and the business meeting.

**THE OFFERING** will be designated to One Great Hour of Sharing.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S Spring Gathering** will be held **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Harrisville, OH. Registration and refreshments at 9:00 am, Worship, business meeting and guest speaker to follow. All are welcome.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:** Information and an application for the **Russell Scholarship** can be found on our website [www.uovpresby.org](http://www.uovpresby.org). Deadline for applications is **MAY 28, 2019**. If you have questions concerning the application, please call Cindy Foster 740-359-2750. Online applications will not be considered.

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** needs your help. Each year, we are responsible to elect one minister, one elder and one alternate to serve as readers of ordination exams. We are seeking recommendations or interested parties. The work of the reader is all done online so computer and internet access and an email address are a must. Readers are assigned one of the exam fields of Polity, Worship and Sacrament, Exegesis or Theology. Online training will be provided

in the area of assignment. Exams are graded as satisfactory or unsatisfactory based upon the provided standards. The time commitment will be several hours in the assigned week of reading--usually three or four exams. Please contact Tyler Bayless at 740-537-3721, [rev.tyler.bayless@gmail.com](mailto:rev.tyler.bayless@gmail.com) if you are interested. Nominations will be accepted until the April 23<sup>rd</sup> stated meeting of Presbytery.

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**FLOODING** caused by Tropical Cyclone Idai has affected more than 1 million people in Southern Africa. At this time, the death toll is over 1,000. PDA is responding through its partners in ACT Alliance in Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe to address immediate needs and will be looking to support long term recovery as the needs develop. To donate, send your check to the presbytery payable to UOVP, and memo line: DR000158—Cyclone Idai; or DR000158—Mozambique; or DR000158—Malawi flooding. Our best response is prayer. Pray that through the response of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ.

**Mary McElroy received this from one of our Malawi partners:** The Rev. Picklen Chafulumira says regarding flood victims of Thondwe, “A total of 20 have been left homeless and without food. In some parts it is worse than us. Keep on praying for us. The continuous rains that was experienced some few days in Malawi have left families without a place to live in and also some have lost daily necessities like pots, plates, basins, furniture, and also livestock. Not forgetting the crops that have been damaged in the fields. A house was damaged that belonged to Dorothy, a widow who lives with three grandchildren. She sadly says, “My house fall down Thursday night, while I was sleeping with my three grandchildren. Fortunately no one was injured but my plates, basins, and maize flour were all wasted. After the incident I couldn’t sleep till morning because I was very afraid and worried.” Many people have suffered the fate as that of Dorothy in different sections of Thondwe Community. After the thorough research, it has shown that no one has lost life in the disaster.”

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