

Happening Around the Presbytery

May 15, 2019

Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

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

Instead of self-preservation, make a difference in your community, touching people through mission.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mike Lenno	Karen Edwards	Frank Lewis	Homer Harden
Gene Toot	Ann Varner	Matt Camlin	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	Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks
Domasi Partnership	Dakota 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: Roger Criss, Rich Cunningham, Debra Dague, David Demarest, Nancy DeStefano.

PASTORS AND CLERKS OF SESSION: We need your nominations of persons to be our presbytery's commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to the meeting of the **224th General Assembly (2020)** in Baltimore, MD. The General Assembly meeting will take place from June 20 to June 27, 2020. At the June 25, 2019, presbytery meeting, we need to elect one minister commissioner, one ruling elder commissioner, and alternates, and a Young Adult Advisory Delegate. **E-mail your nominations for minister, ruling elder commissioner, and YAAD to the Presbytery Office by MAY 28 2019.** Applications and info including eligibility have been sent out by e-mail. Apps can be found on our website under Items of Interest. Or, if you need a hard copy, please contact the Presbytery Office.

BEAVER CREEK CAMP schedule and info: www.beavercreekcamp.com.

BETHLEHEM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN Church, 45 Chapel Road, Bethlehem, Wheeling, is hosting a **flea market on Saturday, June 15th**, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Tables are available in the Fellowship Hall, or you can bring your own table and have a space outside. All spaces are \$10.00. Please call Jane at 304-281-2780 if you are interested in renting a space.

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

MATSIKO WORLD ORPHAN CHOIR. On **Wednesday, May 29th**, at 7:00 pm the First Presbyterian Church, 116 N. Third St., Toronto, OH, will welcome to our sanctuary the Matsiko World Orphan Choir. Matsiko means hope in the Ugandan language. Come and experience an evening where hope is shared through "energetic and cultural dances, original songs and live testimonies of how these children have overcome the most difficult of circumstances." A love offering will be taken which will benefit these children in their travels and as they return to their home countries. Merchandise from the choir will also be available for purchase. We would love to see you there! For more info, <http://www.torontopresby.org/matsiko> or 740-537-3721. Please share this with your congregation. A flyer can be found on the presbytery's website under Items for Information.

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY WEBINARS. WHEN: Four Thursdays in May at 7 p.m. (May 9, 16, 23, 30). HOW: Zoom video conference allows you to join from your own home. REGISTRATION: Email Synod Communications Coordinator Mike Givler mgivler@syntrinity.org. For more on the curriculum and what will be discussed on the webinar, click [here](#). For four consecutive Thursdays in May (9th through 30th) at 7 p.m., the Synod of the Trinity will host a webinar that will feature a discussion on the opioid epidemic that is a major issue in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio. The conversation will

revolve around a seven-session curriculum that was created by the Presbytery of Redstone's Addiction Ministry Network. "We're trying to establish the Biblical foundation of why Christ is calling our churches to reach out to people, particularly people recovering from substance use disorder," said the Rev. Lee McDermott, a Redstone pastor who helped create the curriculum. "It tries to get churches to understand that dealing with people with an addiction is not any different than dealing with people with other health issues or diseases who need healing or people who are dealing with grief and loss." The webinars will focus on four of the sessions highlighted in the curriculum. They are: **May 9:** What Is a Substance Use Disorder? **May 16:** Love and Enabling; **May 23:** Healing and Recovery; **May 30:** Engaging Our Congregation within the Community.

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY ~ Theology and Fellowship in San Diego. Our strength as a community comes as we gather together for conversations, encouragement, and share questions. The Fellowship Community's mission and core values speak to the importance of building relationships and exploring theological questions related to our Essential Tenets and their impact on our contextual callings. **Pastor's Gathering: Monday, Oct. 14 – Wednesday, Oct. 16. Cost: \$100. Theology Conference: Wednesday, Oct. 16 – Friday, Oct. 18. Cost: \$100.** Both conferences at [First Presbyterian Church, San Diego](#). [Register Here](#).

PCUSA STORE. Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding. [This series](#) of biblically based mini-courses, provides adults with a foundational understanding of the Reformed faith. Each six-session study, written by well-known and respected scholars, features Scripture, prayer, in-depth commentary, and questions for reflection. Each study topic has a Participant's Book and a Leader's Guide that offers helpful suggestions and direction for group study. Each Participant Book is \$6.00 and each Leader's Guide is \$10.00. [Browse the 40+ Being Reformed Studies](#).

Featured Studies: Ten Commandments. What do the Ten Commandments mean for today? This study probes each commandment—with sessions titled "No Other Gods," "A Jealous God," "The Sabbath Rest," "Honoring Parents," "Protecting Life," and "Desire"—for its meaning in ancient times and its implications today. [Participant's Book](#), [Leader's Guide](#). [Download an Excerpt](#).

The Lord's Prayer. This study opens new directions of the Lord's Prayer for us. It is grounded in what the words meant when Jesus gave them and goes on to show us what they can mean for the church today. The more we understand these meanings, the more the Prayer will take on deeper dimensions as we pray its words in groups and individually. [Participant's Book](#), [Leader's Guide](#). [Download an Excerpt](#).

The Confession of Belhar. The Belhar Confession emerged from South Africa as a witness of Christian faith against the sins of racism and focuses on major themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice in the context of the church's Trinitarian belief. Explore what it means to be a confessional Church and to meet and confess our faith in the face of racism in its various forms. [Participant's Book](#), [Leader's Guide](#). [Download an Excerpt](#)

Exploring the Book of Confessions. Exploring the creeds and confessions of the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), this study opens doors to major themes of Reformed creeds and confessions by setting them in historical contexts and focusing on their key aspects. [Participant's Book](#), [Leader's Guide](#). [Download an Excerpt](#).

The Apostle's Creed. This study introduces the creed by discussing the meaning of its phrases. To recognize what the phrases mean and ways they have been understood in our Reformed theological tradition is to move more deeply into our faith, deepen our devotion, and give a vision for Christian living and action in the church and the world. [Participant's Book](#), [Leader's Guide](#). [Download an Excerpt](#).

Theology for Presbyterians. This study focuses on what the Reformed and Presbyterian traditions have believed in the past and ways key theological understandings matter in our Christian lives in the church today. Theological issues include the Bible, God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. An excellent study for new members. [Participant's Book](#), [Leader's Guide](#). [Download an Excerpt](#).

Islam and Christianity. Using a dialogue method between Muslims and a Christians, this study provides an introductory understanding of Muslim beliefs about Scripture, monotheism, Jesus, the five pillars of Islam, Muhammad, and requirements for holy living. [Participant's Book](#), [Leader's Guide](#). [Download an Excerpt](#).

The Great Ends of the Church. Participants will explore the interconnected unity of the great ends, the challenges they pose, and how to show and tell the gospel of God's church. Sessions are: Mission Statements, The Church, Worship in Spirit and in Truth, The Church and the World, Faithful Witness, and Put These Things into Practice. [Participant's Book](#), [Leader's Guide](#). [Download an Excerpt](#).

PENTECOST OFFERING JUNE 9TH: A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Resources for promoting the Pentecost Offering can be found at <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/pentecost>.

PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY Continuing Ed Upcoming Events:
[Between the Altar and the World: Interpreting Life Liturgically - Henderson Summer Leadership Conference](#) with Cláudio Carvalhaes, June 2-5.
[Celtic Spirituality in Nature](#) with Beth Norcross, June 16-19.

[The Art of Transitional Ministry, Week 2](#) with Paul Rhebergen, Janet Nolting Carter, and Pam Peterson, Nov. 18-22.

THE NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE will be held July 19-26, 2019. Join us as Dr. Florence Muindi, Founding President/CEO of Life in Abundance, International, preaches at our Morning Meeting. With programming for all ages, NWMC 2019 has a lot in store. Use the navigation bars on <http://nwmcmision.org/nwmc-2019> for details, and check back often as we update our speaker list. This is a week-long, multi-generational, Presbyterian Church USA-related, mission conference held on the campus of Westminster College in western PA (one hour north of Pittsburgh). The focus is on youth ages 12 to 24 but all ages are welcome. There is programming for all ages from infant through adults. Invite your pastor, your youth group, college group, and your mission committee; or encourage individuals and families from your congregation to attend. Be a part of what God is doing, here and around the world. Visit their website www.nwmcmision.org or call the NWMC Office 724-946-9770 to have a registration form sent to you.
