



Happening Around the Presbytery

June 5, 2019

Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

907 National Road

Wheeling, WV 26003

304-232-3490

Visit us at www.uovpresby.org

Summer Office Hours: Mon–Thurs, 9:00 am–3:00 pm.

In an emergency after office hours, call 740-381-3074.

This photo from early spring is of a sweet duck family near Lake Susan at Montreat.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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| Mike Lenno | Karen Edwards | Frank Lewis | Homer Harden |
| Gene Toot | Ann Varner | Matt Camlin | Debbie Hale |
| Alice Lucarelli | Susan Lehosky | R. H. "Mac" McCuen | David Brocklehurst |
| Roger Conroy | Cristy Zimmerman | Sharon Willits | Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks |
| Ruth Ellen Bates | Ronn Moccasin | Simon Looking Elk | 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.

Pray for victims of mid-west flooding.

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: Mary Anne Frischkorn, Bob Gracey, Colleen Griffith, Frank Haas, Barry Hall.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS for June, July, and August: Mon–Thurs, 9:00 am–3:00 pm. If at any time you can't make it in by 3, let Patty know and she will gladly stay for you.

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.

INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE FOR WHEELING HEALTH RIGHT: Please join us this month as we welcome friends from across the city to join in an Interfaith Prayer Service for Wheeling Health Right. In our faith communities we take pride in caring for those in need, sharing in blessings with others and giving thanks to God for the fragile gift of health. Please support and join Congregations for Caring as well as other congregations on **Monday evening, June 17th, at 7 pm.** The service will be hosted by Rabbi Joshua Lief at the Temple Shalom. All are welcome no matter what house of worship you attend, or even if you do not attend at all. Temple Shalom is located at 23 Bethany Pike in Wheeling, WV. Wheeling Health Right provides healthcare for thousands of uninsured and under insured people within our community and the Ohio Valley, serving over five counties in WV and Belmont Co. Ohio. Congregations for Caring, Blessings for Health Right is a program in its third year that involves 75 churches that are helping to raise funds, raise awareness in the community and increase prayer to help Wheeling Health Right patients. Joining in the Interfaith Prayer Service will continue to help many people within the Ohio Valley and keep our mission and Congregations for Caring a part of our faith community. For more information on Wheeling Health Right and Congregations for Caring, visit us at www.wheelinghealthright.com or contact us at (304) 233-1135. **Please Join Us!** Health Right serves Ohio, Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, and Tyler Counties in West Virginia, and Belmont County in Ohio.

YOUR OGHs GIFTS AT WORK after recent flooding and tornadoes: Record breaking flooding and tornadoes have devastated lives and communities in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Oklahoma, Texas, and Mississippi. Your hearts, like ours, have been broken as the fatalities increase. Levee breaches are causing flooding in Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Louisiana, and Arkansas, which will further the destruction in residential areas and agricultural land, and result in greater loss of life. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is strongly engaged in responding to flooding and tornadoes in twenty presbyteries and six synods. Because of your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, PDA has been able to respond immediately, offering initial grants and National Response Team members to assist with assessments, and will be able to respond throughout the long term recovery. Church damage grants have been disbursed to support affected

churches' continuing ministries, such as food pantries and emergency shelters, to be able to assist their communities in this time of great need.

The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP"— Give. Act. Pray.

Give: Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing will ensure PDA has adequate resources to support the immediate and long term recovery. [Gift of the Heart kits](#) are a hands-on way to help others. You can also share this bulletin insert (below) in church on Sunday. To be notified of volunteer opportunities as they become available, email pda.callcenter@pcusa.org to be placed on the interest list. Gifts can be made [online](#), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Or mail your check payable to Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, 907 National Road, Wheeling, WV 26003, **memo line: US Flooding--DR000191.**

Act: [Download](#) and use the bulletin insert. Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and [like us](#) on Facebook, [download resources](#) and share updates with your congregation.

Pray: Pray for those who suffered loss of home or for those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support. "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;" -Isaiah 43:1-2

URBAN MISSION. Summer is always a fun time to visit the Urban Mission. On **July 11, 12, and 13**, we will leave our doors wide open for the community to "come and see" what we've been up to in each of our ministry sites. Tours will be scheduled throughout the day and into the evening. To register your spot, please visit our website: www.urbanmission.org.

Storytellers Night. We believe we can learn so much when we listen. In fact, "listening with compassion" is what we do. On **Thursday, July 11th**, join us for a night of storytelling as we take time to hear from the hearts of those who have a story to tell. The theme for this night will be: LOVE WORKS. If you have a story you want to tell, or to reserve a seat, please contact Tiffany at 740-282-8010 or tbeckwith@urbanmission.org. This storytellers night will be held at the War Memorial Building, located at 423 North Street in downtown Steubenville, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WORLD MISSION Newsletter May, 2019, [control+click here](#). A link can also be found on our website under Spotlight.

THE TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019, STATED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY will be held at Rock Hill Presbyterian Church, Bellaire, OH. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., and the meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. **RSVP for dinner by Friday, June 21st**, to David Demarest. **E-mail pastor@rockhillpresbyterianchurch.com Or call the church office at 740-676-2191 and leave a message.** Dinner will be a picnic BBQ--\$8.00 payable at the meeting.

PASTORS AND SESSIONS: We need your nominations for our presbytery's commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to the meeting of the **224th General Assembly (2020)** in Baltimore, MD, 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 and alternate. **E-mail your nominations for minister, ruling elder commissioner, and YAAD to the Presbytery Office by June 20, 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.

LAUGHLIN CHAPEL. If your congregation would like an update from Laughlin Memorial Chapel's director, Dr. Georgia Kurko, please contact her at 304-232-2630. The Chapel is your mission to the children and young people in the Chapel community, and Dr. Kurko welcomes the opportunity to thank you in person for your support and prayers.

THE MALAWI TASK FORCE is looking for persons interested in going on a mission trip to Malawi May 20--June 6, 2020 (tentative date). Names can be sent to Nancy DeStefano or Mary McElroy before July 2, 2019. You may also support this mission by sending monetary contributions which would be greatly appreciated. The Task Force also supports the Rev. Stanley Chimesya and his prison ministry. For more information, you can contact Mary McElroy 740-769-7546 or maryemc@comcas.net. All contributions for the Task Force or the Rev. Chimseya should be sent to the Presbytery and clearly designated to the cause you want to support.

PASTOR EMERITUS SERVICE. We invite all friends and members of First Presbyterian Church, 52 Liberty St., Dillonvale, OH, to attend our **worship service on Sunday, June 9, 2019**, at 9:30 a.m. We will honor the Rev. Michael Lenno as Pastor Emeritus. (He will be back in Dillonvale for the first time in over a year.) After worship, we will have a covered dish luncheon and encourage you to come and visit with Michael. If you have any questions, please call Lynette at 740-827-6412.

STONE PRESBYTERIAN Church, 25 E. Cove Ave., Wheeling, invites you to an **Ice Cream Social on Thursday, June 20th**, in the fellowship hall from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This event will benefit Youth Services System. Their mission is to create better futures for children, families and our community. They offer a variety of programs: emergency shelter, transitional living, substance abuse prevention, winter freeze shelter, etc. This festive affair will feature music by the Stone Church Rockers,

a clown doing balloon art and face painting, and maple syrup for sale. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

IT'S STORY TIME ~ A Morning at Laughlin Memorial Chapel on Thursday, June 27th, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Sponsored by the UOVP Presbyterian Women. You are invited to join us at Laughlin Chapel, 129½ 18th St., Wheeling. We have been asked to come visit, read to the children (Kindergarten to 5th grades), and stay for **LUNCH**. This is a great mission service opportunity and we hope to see you there. Call Betty Jane Myers 304-905-9190 to **RSVP by June 14th**. Tell your friends!

BEAVER CREEK CHURCH CAMP schedule and info for the 2019 season: www.beavercreekcamp.com. Registration questions, call (330) 385-4729 or e-mail info@beavercreekcamp.com.

VBS PHOTOS NEEDED. Take a group shot of your VBS this summer and e-mail it to Patty for our website. Landscape view works best.

CHILDREN'S SERMON BOOK. Our CP Joe Ellis recently wrote, illustrated, and published a children's sermon book called **104 FANTASTIC CHILDREN'S SERMONS**. There is a paperback and Kindle version. Here are the links: Kindle (\$5.99): <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07RXDHY9C>. Paperback (\$14.99): <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1099315875>.

BETHLEHEM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN Church, 45 Chapel Road, Bethlehem, Wheeling, is hosting a **flea market on Saturday, June 15th**, from 8:00 a.m. to 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.

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.nwcmmission.org or call the NWMC Office 724-946-9770 to have a registration form sent to you.

NEWS FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY. We wanted to share some important news with you about a leadership change at the Presbyterian Historical Society. The Rev. Dr. Beth Shalom Hessel is stepping down as PHS Executive Director to become the Executive Director of the Athenaeum of Philadelphia, a historic member library and architectural archives. Beth's last day at PHS will be June 17. The PHS Board is working with the Stated Clerk of the PC(USA) to identify an acting Executive Director, and we will be updating you soon about that placement. For now, we wish to thank Beth for her four years of dedicated service to the National Archives of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to wish her the very best at the Athenaeum. Beth leaves an outstanding record of accomplishment at PHS, including major strategic planning and realignment initiatives, increased fundraising, an overhaul of the Society's communications, and growth of our collections—including congregational records, papers of African American leaders, and LGBTQIA+ history records. Beth has cultivated institutional partnerships across a wide array of associations in Philadelphia and around the country. "It has been an honor to serve God's people, the PC(USA), and the larger research community," Beth wrote to PHS staff, board members, and council members in a recent email. "We have made great strides toward achieving our vision of being an inclusive, relevant, and responsive archives that collects, preserves, and shares the fullness of American Presbyterian history." We could not agree more. On behalf of the entire PHS Board we commend Beth for everything PHS has achieved under her leadership, and thank her for the many opportunities we now have to build on her legacy. Sincerely, Reverend Dr. George Abdo, Board Chair & Ernest R. Higginbotham, Incoming Board Chair
