

Happening Around the Presbytery

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Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

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Summer Office Hours: Mon–Thurs, 9:00 am–4:00 pm.

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

Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people—your family, friends, and co-workers, and even strangers you meet along the way. —Barbara Bush

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mike Lenno	Karen Edwards	Matt Camlin	Homer Harden
Gene Toot	Ann Varner	R. H. "Mac" McCuen	Debbie Hale
Susan McMannis	Susan Lehosky	Sharon Willits	David Brocklehurst
Linda Turner	Ronn Moccasin	Simon Looking Elk	Dakota Partnership
Cindy Foster	Philip Keevil	Bob Shearer	Olivia Ganancial
Art Robinson	Georgia Kurko	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 in your prayers this week: Kurt Turner, Pete Walburn, Bill Webster, Bob Willits, Tim Wilt.

THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE will be closed for Labor Day, Sept. 2nd.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN Church, Martins Ferry, OH, answers Matthew 25 call:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/ohios-grace-presbyterian-church-answers-matthew-25-call/>. This was in the last PCUSA News.

CHAPEL PLUS FUND received a huge boost from Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church. Laughlin Memorial Chapel Board of Directors, Executive Director, staff, and volunteers are grateful for donations to their Chapel Plus Fund from two groups from Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church: The Presbyterian Women's group and the Mission Outreach and Community Service Commission group. Chapel sends appreciation and thanks to Ms. Rowena Baker for her delivery of these gifts to Chapel, done in-person with a personal touch. Chapel Plus is designed to provide safety, security, and stability to the children and teenagers served by the mission, and the congregation at VMPC has helped Chapel achieve that goal.

ATTENTION CLERKS OF SESSION: The next **session minutes and church register review meetings** are scheduled for **Tuesday, September 10th**, at 2:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbytery Office, 907 National Road, Wheeling, and for **Tuesday, October 1st**, at 2:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbytery Office. You, your pastor, or someone you designate needs to be present yearly. All meetings are open to all clerks of all areas. Attend the one that is most convenient for you. If you have already had your books read this year, Thank You! ***It is the responsibility of every clerk to see that his or her Minutes Book and Church Register are presented for review each and every year.***

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

PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Newsletter: August, 2019, [control+click here](#). A link can also be found on our website under Spotlight.

THE HOUSE OF THE CARPENTER, 200 S. Front St., Wheeling, WV 26003, has an immediate part-time job opportunity they are trying to fill it as quickly as possible. The House of the Carpenter is looking for a part-time person to manage the Thrift Store and food pantry. This position has been generated due to the retirement of one of their employees and they have done restructuring within the program. The position would be 8:00 a.m. to Noon, Monday through Friday. Must be caring and companionate, able to organize and move items that may weigh 50 pounds. The person must have a valid

driver's license and pass a drug test. Those interested may send a resume to mlinger@houseofthecarpenter.com.

In preparation for the new youth center on Wheeling Island, the House of the Carpenter is looking for a person who will be able to develop and coordinate programs that will benefit children, youth, and families. If there is interest, please send a resume to Dr. Mike Linger at mlinger@houseofthecarpenter.com.

A RULING ELDER COMMISSIONER to the **224th General Assembly** in Baltimore, MD, June 20 to June 27, 2020, is needed. We still need to elect one ruling elder commissioner and alternate, and one minister commissioner alternate. **E-mail your nominations to the Presbytery Office as soon as possible.** Applications can be found on our website under Items of Interest. Or, if you need a hard copy or more info, contact the Presbytery Office.

A YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE (YAAD) is needed to represent us at the **224th General Assembly** in Baltimore, MD, June 20 to June 27, 2020. **E-mail your nominations to the Presbytery Office as soon as possible.** An application form can be found on our website under Items of Interest. For more info, contact Cindy Foster 740-359-2750 or cjfooster1005@comcast.net.

THE ANNUAL WEE KIRK CONFERENCE in Laurelville, PA, will be **October 7-9, 2019**. Wee-Kirk is a 3-day conference designed to provide training, rest, renewal, and networking for small church pastors and leaders and their spouses. It is an excellent experience, and cost is based on the size of the congregation. A brochure can be found on our website under Items of Interest.

THE FAITHFUL MEN & WOMEN'S GATHERING, "Forgiven," will be held Saturday, September 14, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 767 Park Blvd., East Liverpool, OH 43920. We are excited to have Jonathan White, Julie Nickell, Candie Cook, and David Meece with us this year! This will be an awesome time of music, ministry, and fellowship to share hope with all! Tickets are \$20.00 (includes lunch). You may purchase tickets by calling 330-385-4456 Tuesday thru Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon, or email the church office at emmpresby@yahoo.com. **Tickets must be purchased in advance by September 4th. Make your check payable to Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, and please note in memo: Tickets FM&WG.** Your tickets will be waiting at the door for you. Please go to EPC's website for more details: <http://emmanuelpresbyterianchurch.org/home/index.html> or visit our Facebook Page for details. There are a limited amount of tickets available as we only have 100 seats. This is a once in a lifetime event, and you will not want to miss this! You may also call or text CP Margie Zellars at 412-330-8637 for details or to purchase tickets. Prayers are appreciated for this event, for the team, and for the people God will send to join in this event! A flyer is available on the presbytery's website under Items of Interest.

DAN MEREDITH of SDG Music Ministry will be bringing **musical worship** to Limestone Presbyterian Church, 5704 Waynesburg Pike Road, Moundsville, on **Saturday, October 5**, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday worship, **October 6**, at 9:30 a.m. Dan brings music and messages that worships the Lord and challenges the heart. We invite everyone to join us for a spiritually uplifting time. [SDG stands for the Latin - Soli Deo Gloria - Alone to God be the Glory.]

WELCOME TO THE 2019 SEASON OF PEACE! This five-week pilgrimage is designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families, and individuals. Through daily "Path of Peace" reflections, "Peace Cards" for children and families, Bible and book studies for adults, children's curriculum, a coloring poster, an intergenerational peace fair, and other downloadable resources, Presbyterians are invited to define and deepen their calling as peacemakers. This season is a time of encouragement, challenge, inspiration, and education. While these resources are designed to culminate in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, they are appropriate for any time of the year. This year's theme returns to a text that the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program has used for a number of years to guide its work. It is the concluding hope of the second letter to the Thessalonians: "May the God of peace grant you peace at all times in all ways." (2 Thessalonians 3:16) It is our hope that you will be enriched, renewed and enlivened in all the times and ways of your peacemaking and global witness.

Resources included in A Season of Peace:

Path of Peace Daily Reflections. The reflections for the 36 days of "A Season of Peace" come from a diverse and varied set of voices within our church. They are organized weekly using four of the areas of emphasis in the newly released Companion Guide to the Commitment to Peacemaking: poverty, racism, violence and migration/refugees:

- Week 1 September 1-7: What Does It Mean to Commit to Peace?
- Week 2 September 8-14: Making Peace by Addressing the Root Causes of Poverty
- Week 3 September 15-21: Making Peace by Disrupting Systemic Racism
- Week 4 September 22-28: Making Peace by Ending Violence
- Week 5 September 29-October 6: Making Peace by Supporting Refugees and Migrants

You have the option of subscribing to these reflections for daily delivery into your inbox or printing the entire collection as a devotional resource. [Subscribe](#) to daily reflections that will be delivered directly to your inbox September 1 – October 6. Choose "Path of Peace" under Advocacy and Social Justice. [Download the entire set of Path of Peace Reflections](#)

Peace Fair. The Peace Fair is a hands-on, multisensory, intergenerational event that offers peace and justice learning

activities.

Peace Cards. There are 3 sets of 30 cards from which to choose. The cards can be placed in a central location such as a kitchen table. Peace cards can be used anywhere and with anyone—at meals or family gatherings, during fellowship at church, as icebreakers for study groups, or for in-depth conversations on long bus rides with youth. Use one card per day during A Season of Peace and let the conversations lead to new perspectives and practices for making peace.

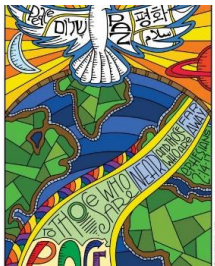
[Peace Cards — Third Edition](#) [Peace Cards — Second Edition](#) [Peace Card — First Edition](#)

Children’s Curriculum. [Lessons from the Table](#) is a five-session curriculum that focus on the communion table. It can be used with a broadly-graded children’s group in a variety of contexts.

Adult Bible Study. [The Things that Make for Peace](#) is a five-week adult study focusing on the inner and outer paths to peace as foundational to faithful discipleship. Each session has a “dig deeper” section for study throughout the week.

Adult Book Study. [Risking Peace](#) is a five or six session companion to the book [Five Risks Presbyterians Must Take for Peace](#) by Christian Losso, published in 2017 by [Westminster John Knox Press](#). The guide helps participants explore reflect upon and apply the five peacemaking affirmations approved by the 222nd General Assembly in 2016.

Children’s Coloring Poster. This reproducible original artwork is based on Ephesians 2: 14-17 and features the text “Peace to those who are near and those who are far away.” The wings of the dove have the word “peace” in 5 languages – Hebrew,



Arabic, Spanish, Korean and English. Designed for the 2017 Season of Peace by the folks at [Illustrated Children’s Ministry](#), the artwork can be downloadable in a variety of sizes – 8.5×11, 11×17, 24×36 and 36×48 (in color or black/white). It can be used as individual coloring sheets or enlarged to poster-size for a group coloring project through the weeks of the Season of Peace. You can have a local printer print the file onto poster or foam core board. Then put it up in a community room, narthex or fellowship hall, supply plenty of great coloring pens and invite folks to add color to the poster each week during the Season of Peace.

Intergenerational Peace Fair — [The Peace Fair](#) is an inter-generational event that may be held during A Season of Peace, as part of World Communion Sunday, or at another time during the

year. Eating together is an important component of the event, so be sure to plan for a meal.

Season of Peace logo— [Graphic logo](#) for the Season of Peace for use on websites, newsletters or bulletins.

[September 11 Remembrance](#)

BOOKS RECENTLY DONATED TO OUR RESOURCE CENTER:

A Layman’s Guide to Presbyterian Beliefs - BK. D.545. Basic Presbyterian beliefs.

Let Your Life Speak - BK. A.1050. Listening for the voice of vocation; a compassionate and compelling meditation on discovering your path in life.

The Story of the Christian Year - BK. D.546. Days and seasons observed in the churches—their rich backgrounds and present-day values.

Sunset with God - BK. C.757. A collection of simple to read devotions for the end of your day giving you renewed focus, soothing comfort, and real peace.

Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church: A Centennial Chronicle - BK. D.544. A history of Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church 1897 – 1997.

Aids for interpreting the lessons of the church year, Series A:

Proclamation 4: Epiphany (through Transfiguration) – BK. C.255

Proclamation 4: Lent – BK. C.256

Proclamation 4: Holy Week – BK. C.257

Proclamation 4: Easter – BK. C.258

Proclamation 4: Pentecost 1 – BK. C.259

Proclamation 4: Pentecost 2 – BK. C.260

Aids for interpreting the lessons of the church year, Series B:

Proclamation 4: Advent/Christmas - BK. C.251

Proclamation 4: Epiphany (through Transfiguration) - BK. C.252

Proclamation 4: Lent - BK. C.253

Proclamation 4: Holy Week - BK. C.254

INTER-PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP FORMATION (IPLF) PRESENTS: FALL 2019 ELDER TRAINING WORKSHOPS.

Continuing education and life-long learning are hallmarks of Presbyterian leadership and are expected of our congregations’ leaders. Elders who are session members, Pastors, and those Commissioned to leadership are reminded and urged to attend one or more of these Saturday afternoon workshops. **Each of these free workshops will be held at** Redstone Presbytery Center, 1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA 15601. **To register or if you have questions,** contact Nancy at Washington Presbytery 724-222-1500 or office@washingtonpresbytery.org.

Ethics and Boundaries. The close relationships between congregational leaders and parishioners can yield fruitful ministries – but also can lead to tempting circumstances and ethical “gray areas.” This workshop will help leaders to blend

loving care with prudent cautions. **Saturday, September 14, 2019**, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Instructor: Rev. Craig Kephart.

Advanced Scripture Study: Isaiah. Students will ‘dig deeper’ into the structures, context, and language of this ‘major’ prophetic book, building a foundation for later study, teaching, and preaching. **Saturday, October 12, 2019**, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Instructor: Rev. Dr. Jerome Creach.

Nurturing and Forming Elders. The office of Elder is Presbyterianism’s unique contribution to the Church. This workshop will draw upon Scripture, tradition, and current practices to consider how these under-shepherds are grown in grace, knowledge, and service. **Saturday, November 9, 2019**, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Instructor: TBA

Preaching Beyond the Lectionary. The Revised Common Lectionary is not the preacher’s only available tool. In this workshop, participants will explore and experiment with other helps that can lend variety, creativity, and freshness to sermon planning for each year. **Saturday, December 14, 2019**, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Instructor: TBA

PCUSA STORE. New preaching and worship books. The weekly worship service is integral to the faith and spiritual formation of members of your congregation. Yet with so much happening daily in church communities, preparing this experience each week can become daunting for preachers and worship leaders. The latest books we’ve added to PC(USA) Store will not only inspire as you work on planning future gatherings, but also can help when you must quickly shift the focus of your worship theme due to local or world events.

A Preacher’s Guide to Lectionary Sermon Series, Volume 2, *Thematic Plans for Years A, B, and C*. Use these preaching series to engage long-term planning and get access to thematic overviews, sermon starters, and ideas for worship and outreach, while also honoring holy days and seasons. [Read an excerpt](#). Need more options? [Check out the first volume of this resource](#). LOOK INSIDE: "A Preacher’s Guide to Lectionary Sermon Series is designed to offer the best of both worlds with this comprehensive manual of sermon series ideas designed to frame consecutive weeks of lectionary texts into seasonal and short-term series. Taking into consideration both the liturgical calendar and the secular calendar, this resource includes plans for twenty-eight thematic sermon series using the Revised Common Lectionary, series that both celebrate holy days and seasons *and* respond to typical patterns of church attendance, maximizing visitor retention and member engagement." [Save 35% and Buy Now](#)

The Preacher’s Bible Handbook, Wesley Allen, Jr. **Available September 9, 2019!** Whether you’re planning ahead or need to quickly shift gears because of events in your community or the world, this will be a reference book you keep on your desk and not your bookshelf. [Read an excerpt](#). Need more inspiration? Check out [Preaching in an Age of Globalization](#), by Eunjoon Mary Kim. LOOK INSIDE: "The majority of liturgical traditions today jump around the canon (to greater or lesser degrees) week to week in relation to the christological movement of the liturgical year, various pastoral concerns that arise in the congregation, world events that need to be addressed, and the like.... The result of this situation is that preachers, in the rush to prepare a sermon every seven days, find it difficult to study the wider contexts of their focus passages as part of that sermon preparation process.... This *Handbook* is intended as an aid for preachers seeking a remedy to this situation. We have gathered a collection of scholars interested in bridging the gulf between the academy’s approach to biblical studies and the church’s task of proclaiming the gospel." [Save 35% and Preorder Now](#)

The Psalter for Christian Worship, Revised Edition, Michael Morgan. This collection for worship leaders, musicians, and congregations will inspire both corporate and private devotions. [Read an excerpt](#). Engage your congregation in studying why and what we sing, including an in-depth look at the Psalms with [A Glad Obedience](#), by Walter Brueggemann. LOOK INSIDE: "Metrical psalmody: the name sounds as intimidating and as austere as anything one might associate with staid Scottish Presbyterians! Yet little else is closer to the heart of worship in the Reformed tradition than the psalms of David paraphrased in metered verse.... We lift up the psalms to God as our prayers. We borrow the language of these ancient texts, and they become our words. We are not secondhand recipients of God’s Word, but communicants actively in conversation with God. What seems to set the psalms apart from the rest of Scripture is their sacramental nature, their unique ability to mold and transform the believer." [Save 35% and Buy Now](#)
