



Happening Around the Presbytery

September 4, 2019

Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

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

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

A rare and beautiful butterfly with transparent wings lives in South America. As delicate as finely blown glass, the presence of this rare tropical gem is used by rain forest ecologists as an indication of high habitat quality and its demise alerts them of ecological change. Rivaling the refined beauty of a stained glass window, the translucent wings of the Glass Wing Butterfly shimmer in the sunlight like polished panes of turquoise, orange, green, and red. All things beautiful do not have to be full of color to be noticed. In life that which is unnoticed has the most power.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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| 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/her in your prayers this week: Andy Woods, Margie Zellars, Ginny Zoric, Laurie Armstrong, Ruth Ellen Bates.

RSVP FOR PRESBY DINNER. The Tuesday, September 24, 2019, stated meeting of presbytery will be held at United Presbyterian Church, Richmond, OH. Dinner will be served promptly at **5:00 p.m.** with the business meeting beginning with worship at **6:00 p.m.** **RSVP for dinner by Noon Tuesday, September 17th,** to our host pastor, the Rev. Dr. John Edward Harris. Call 740-765-4217; or e-mail harrisjohnedward@gmail.com. Give your name, the name of your church, and the number of meals wanted. The buffet dinner will be \$9.00, payable at the meeting.

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. 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. **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.** If you have already had your books read this year, Thank You!

PRESBYTERIAN PEACE and Justice Newsletter, September, 2019, "A Call to Ministry in Mental Health and More," [control+click here.](#)

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

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/ohios-grace-presbyterian-church-answers-matthew-25-call/>.

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, one minister commissioner alternate, and a YAAD at this month's presbytery meeting. **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 cjfoster1005@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. Prospective attendees should also remember that accommodations are on a first come, first served basis. The earlier someone registers, the better.

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 today, 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.]

PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. Public lecture: Lifestyles of the Rich and Faithful: Confronting Classism in Mission, Don McClure lecture in world mission and evangelism, Oct. 1, 2019, featuring the Rev. Dr. Al Tizon. 2019–2020 Online and Hybrid Classes. For more info, call 412-924-1345 or go to www.pts.edu/CE Sept. 23–Oct. 18, 2019. Successful Strategic Planning and Implementation for Churches—online class, registration deadline is tomorrow, Sept. 5th. Jan. 6–Feb. 9, 2020. Spiritual Writing—online class. March 9–April 3, 2020. Collective Decision Making: Beyond Robert's Rules—online class. March 16–April 4, and April 17–18, 2020. A Brief Theology of Christian Prayer—A Hybrid Event.

PCUSA STORE. Now is the perfect time to stock up on [Glory to God pew editions!](#) You can get free shipping until 12-31-19 on any order of 36+ copies of the *Glory to God* pew editions. Plus, the pew editions are currently on sale for only \$18.00 each! To order copies of the pew editions, please call our customer service team at 1-800-533-4371 or visit www.pcusastore.com and use promo code HYMNALSHIP at checkout.

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
