



Happening Around the Presbytery

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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.

When we put ourselves in God’s hands and keep ourselves there by faith, He never fails to do His work. –Hannah Whitall Smith.

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 | Philip Keevil | Simon Looking Elk | Dakota Partnership |
| Cindy Foster | Georgia Kurko | Domasi Partnership | Vickie Whinnery |
| Dave Roberts | Russ Brown | Cherilyn Bown | All Service men & women |
| Brown Family | Gary Nylund | | |

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 UOV PASTORS. Select one of these pastors and remember him/her in your prayers this week: John Edward Harris, Joe Hendricks, Duane Hetzer, Wally Jancura, Diane Jefchak.

REMINDER to turn your clocks back: Standard time begins Sunday, November 3rd.

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

PRESBYTERIAN PEACE and Justice Newsletter, October, 2019, “Many Ways Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Finds Hope in Chaos,” [control+click here](#). A link can also be found on our website under the Mission sidebar tab.

MEET & GREET AT 4:00 P.M. At the November 19, 2019, stated meeting of presbytery at Cadiz Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, Co-Moderator of the General Assembly, and Ruling Elder Fern Cloud, Commissioned Pastor and Treasurer/Stated Clerk for the Dakota Presbytery, and Chair of the Native American Consulting Committee for the denomination will be our guests. Come at 4:00 p.m. to meet and greet them.

ALTERNATES to the 224th General Assembly in Baltimore, MD, June 20 to June 27, 2020, are needed. We still need to elect one alternate ruling elder commissioner and one alternate minister commissioner. **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. **Sessions, 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.

LAUGHLIN MEMORIAL CHAPEL has begun a significant fundraising emphasis called Laughlin Chapel Plus. The most significant aspect of this campaign is to pay for the new bus we purchased this summer. Our programming is heavily dependent on transportation, and it was necessary to purchase a new bus. Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church has contributed \$10,000 and First Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, has pledged an additional \$10,000 as lead gifts with the hope that other Presbyterians will match our gifts. Please join us in supporting Laughlin Memorial Chapel. For more info, call Mike O’Neil 304-232-3383.

POAMN (Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network) is looking for writers for our 2020 OAM Planning Guide. The Presbyterian Church USA designates the first Sunday in May each year (May 3, 2020) as Older Adult Sunday, a day of honoring and celebrating those oldest saints within PCUSA congregations across the nation. In preparation for Older Adult Sunday and as an ongoing resource, POAMN creates, edits and publishes an Older Adult **Ministries (OAM) Planning Guide**. The theme of the 2020 OAM Planning Guide will coincide with our recent Annual Conference theme, *Our Calling with the Generations: Intergenerational Engagement*. We are currently looking for submissions of creative ways to honor older adults on May 3, 2020, and throughout the year. Does your congregation/organization offer programs/events to engage the generations as you minister for, to, and with older adults? We would love to share with others ideas in providing older adult ministries throughout the generations. Please consider writing an article that can be used in the 2020 OAM Planning Guide. Articles can be about a program you offer within your congregation, partnerships you have formed with other organizations, or other activities/events you provide for older adults within your community. Articles should be about the “how to” of various ministries with older adults through **intergenerational engagement**. Articles should be 500-2,000 words in length and need to be submitted by the December 15, 2019, deadline to be considered for inclusion in **the 2020 OAM Planning Guide**. Submission does not guarantee inclusion in the 2020 OAM Planning Guide and articles may be **maintained to use at a later date**. POAMN reserves editorial **rights of all articles submitted**. Please submit your article and include your short bio, to Ginny Nyhuis at gnyhuis@frontier.com.

INTER-PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP FORMATION (IPLF) 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.

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

SPIRITUALITY AND SELF-CARE CONTINUING ED. This Fall, our Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation Program (IPLF) will offer a pair of introductory workshops to familiarize elders with **Ignatian Spiritual Exercises** and **Gestalt Pastoral Care**. The Rev. Dr. Clarejean Haury will conduct these workshops, each designed to give an overview of the particular discipline, its practices, and the schools of thought from which each has come. The two will be offered on **Saturday, November 23, 2019,** at the Washington Presbytery Center, 89 Lively Road, Eighty Four, PA. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises will be the morning seminar, 9:00 a.m.–12 Noon. Gestalt Pastoral Care will be the afternoon seminar, 1:00–4:00 p.m. Each will include practice and application experience for participants. These are separate and stand-alone seminars. You may register for one or the other or both, by phone or e-mail to: Washington Presbytery, 1-724-222-1500, office@washingtonpresbytery.org.

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. Reformations of the 1500s not only brought the Protestant Churches into the world but also the Society of Jesus (aka Jesuits) under the reforming spiritual leadership of Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatius and Jean Calvin were students in the University of Paris at the same time! The life experiences of the young soldier, Ignio (his Spanish name), funneled him toward a life of deep contemplation and deep spiritual experience of the unconditional love of God through Christ. Ignio’s personal experience of God’s love eventually produced a pattern of Spiritual Exercises to guide others toward “Encountering the Unconditional, Creative, Inviting Love of God.” (O’Brien, Kevin S.J., “The Ignatian Adventure,” p. vii, Loyola Press, 2011). This pattern follows the Scriptures, with daily readings and a variety of prayer forms. These Spiritual Exercises help us learn to weave our own life narrative into the life story of Jesus Christ so that the two become more vividly interconnected.

Gestalt Pastoral Care. Gestalt Pastoral Care was created by the Rev. Tilda Norberg, United Methodist clergy from Staten Island, in the late 1960s. GPC combines Christian spiritual healing practices such as prayer, laying on hands for blessing, anointing, worship, communion, washing feet or hands, with Gestalt psychology practices of self-discovery. Gestalt Pastoral Care ministers invite seekers to bring their religion or spiritual beliefs to the work of healing. They pray with and for those who come, and suggest experiments that might help a person discover something in him or herself. Discovery is the key word. GPC ministers do not claim clairvoyance or knowing what God might have in mind. They do not direct or instruct but listen and suggest. As Spiritual Directors, or maybe better “spiritual companions,” they join a person in asking for God’s blessing.

AT PCUSA STORE, we have a number of picture books that celebrate the birth of Jesus and the meaning of the Christmas season! You’ll find that these books from favorite authors like Katherine Paterson, Kathleen Long Bostrom, and Barbara Brown Taylor are great gifts for your children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and any other little ones in your life. These books are also meant to be used beyond bedtime! They are perfectly suited to be used during times of children’s worship and education, as part of intergenerational activities, and are a unique resource for preachers to illustrate sermons

throughout the season. Take a look below to learn more about each of these books, and you can click on each picture to read a sample from the book!

Experience the Christmas Story from Mary's Perspective!



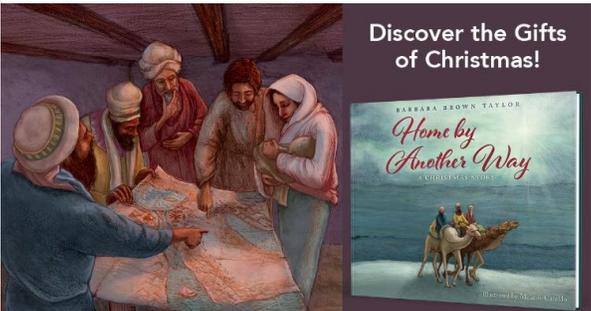
Written by award-winning and beloved author, Katherine Paterson, *The Night of His Birth* is a poetic and gorgeously illustrated picture book that tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Mary's point of view. This story of Christmas is a perfect gift for mothers and grandmothers who will remember the birth of their children and reminisce, as Mary does, "Every part of me shouts and sings. I have brought a child into the world. From my own flesh has come this perfect thing." The illustrations from Lisa Aisato provide a deeply personal experience with the book.

How can you get in the Christmas spirit when everything is going wrong?



Focusing on Christmas themes of faith and family, *The Worst Christmas Ever* by Kathleen Long Bostrom tells the story of Matthew, who is not happy about the family's recent move to California and is devastated when his dog Jasper runs away just three days before Christmas. But can a Christmas miracle turn everything around? Filled with lessons of resiliency and recognizing God's constant care for us, this picture book is ideal for reading with children throughout Advent and Christmas, illustrating seasonal sermons, and implementing in children's lessons at the church. The bright illustrations from Guy Porfirio bring the emotions of this story to life!

Discover the Gifts of Christmas!



Home by Another Way is an enchanting Christmas story by beloved author and preacher Barbara Brown Taylor. Breathtaking illustrations from Melanie Cataldo accompany the text that follows the three wise men on their world-changing journey to Bethlehem. This is not only a perfect Christmas gift, but is also ideal for home and church libraries. Preachers will also find great use of this book for worship services during Christmas and Epiphany.

Browse All Books for Children: [Ages 0-3](#); [Ages 3-7](#); [Ages 6-10](#); [Bible Stories](#); [Character and Values](#); [Family and Friendship](#); [Growing Up and Emotions](#); [Holidays and Seasons](#); [Religious Beliefs](#); [Social Issues](#).
