

# Happening Around the Presbytery

November 20, 2019

Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

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As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. --John F. Kennedy

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## 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	Philip Keevil	Simon Looking Elk	Dakota Partnership
Cindy Foster	Georgia Kurko	Domasi Partnership	Vickie Whinnery
Dave Roberts	Russ Brown	Cherilyn Bown	Ellis Family
Don Thompson	David Schoolcraft	Gary Nylund	All Service men & women
Lehosky Family	Joe Zoric	Dr. Stevens	

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.

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**PRAYER FOR UOVP PASTORS.** Select one of these pastors and remember him/her in your prayers this week: Chuck LaPlaca, Bill Lawrence, Susan Lehosky, Mike Lenno, Frank Lewis.

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**PLEASE KEEP** the Rev. Susan Lehosky in your prayers. Her Father went to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 10, 2019. Susan is the pastor of Woodsfield Presbyterian Church, Woodsfield, OH.

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**THANK YOU, Cadiz Presbyterian Church for hosting presbytery.** Thank you for your hospitality. The meal was wonderful; the facilities were ideal, and the helpers were very gracious!

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**THANK YOU.** Our family would like to thank the UOV Presbytery for the lovely flowers and condolences sent our way in remembrance and honor of our mother, Georgetta Wanita Ellis. It was a very difficult week, but God got us through. The service at the Colerain Presbyterian Church was beautiful with lots of music, sharing, comfort and the joy of celebrating the resurrection. God bless you and our presbytery, --Joe Ellis

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**THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE will be closed all of next week. Patty will be back in the office Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Frank Lewis can be reached at 304-266-8154, and Jason Elliott can be reached at 740-381-3074.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

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**PRESBYTERIAN PEACE** and Justice Newsletter November, 2019, "The Global Work of the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations," [control+click here](#). A link can also be found on our website. Click on the Mission sidebar tab, then peacemaking.

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**PDA** is working with presbyteries in California in response to their recent wildfires in the state. PDA has deployed National Response Team members as Disaster Spiritual Care Providers, grants are being disbursed, and more deployments are forthcoming. Please memo your checks [DR000165--US wildfires](#).

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**THE MOST UP TO DATE** Pulpit Supply list (as of 11-12-19) can be found on our website. Click on pulpit supply in the top blue box.

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**AN ALTERNATE ruling elder commissioner** to the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Baltimore, MD, June 20 to June 27, 2020, is still needed. **E-mail your nomination to the Presbytery Office as soon as possible.** An application can be found

on our website under Items of Interest.

**A YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE** (YAAD) is needed to represent us at the **224<sup>th</sup> 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 [cjfooster1005@comcast.net](mailto:cjfooster1005@comcast.net).

**PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY** Continuing Ed Upcoming Events:

[Preaching a Relevant Word](#) with Donna Giver-Johnston, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 26, and April 23, 2020.

[The American Religious Landscape - Judaism](#) at Rodef Shalom (Pittsburgh), Dec. 6, 2019.

[Kelso Community Conversation on Race and Faith](#) with Martin Doblmeier and Walter E. Fluker, Feb. 7, 2020.

Seminary Releases Advent Devotional and Resources. The Seminary is pleased to offer our 2019 Advent Devotional. This free online resource provides a devotional for each day of Advent based on the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s daily lectionary. The devotionals are written by members of the John S. McMillan Planned Giving Society and Board of Directors and can be accessed in various ways: [Read and listen online or print and share](#). Or [enter your information online](#) and select "Devotionals (Advent & Lent)." Follow along on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Download our free Android or Apple app. Visit the store and search for "Devotions--Advent & Lent." Request your printed copy. Call 412-362-5610 or e-mail [reception@pts.edu](mailto:reception@pts.edu). Additionally, other downloadable [Advent resources](#) include the Big Book of Advent (multiple devotions per day), Lessons and Carols service, sermons and Advent reflections, a look at the art of Advent—perfect as a multi-week Sunday School lesson—and a children's sermon. Plus, get the "What is Advent?" video, guitar sheet music perfect for the youth in your congregation, and a customizable PowerPoint presentation.

**PCUSA STORE.** Exciting News and Resources for Preachers and Leaders: Hot off the press is a new book for lectionary preachers to get you ready for preaching in 2020. Also, you can save big on Book of Common Worship sets, but only through the end of the year. And finally, you can get to know your favorite Presbyterian neighbor better with soon-to-be-released resources for the new movie about Mr. Rogers, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*. Learn more below.

Everything you need for preaching the Revised Common Lectionary every week! The [latest volume](#) in the new lectionary preaching series, Connections, is now available. *Connections: Year A, Volume 2* covers the lectionary readings for Lent through Pentecost and provides new and insightful connections between the weekly readings, the full breadth of Scripture, and our everyday world. If you're already using [previous volumes](#) of Connections, [purchase the latest volume now](#) to add to your library and save 35%! If you're intrigued, but want to try before you buy, [check out the commentaries](#) for Ash Wednesday and the First Sunday of Lent to see if it's right for you.

We also wanted to remind you that you can save up to \$50 by purchasing [select sets](#) of *Book of Common Worship* resources! These discounted prices end on December 31, 2019. You can learn more about each set at the links below to find the right one for you so you don't miss out. You save \$50.00 when you buy the [Book of Common Worship Complete Set](#) and \$20.00 when you buy the [Book of Common Worship with Flash Drive](#).

Coming soon—new and favorite resources to accompany the upcoming movie about Mr. Rogers: WE COULD ALL USE A LITTLE KINDNESS, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* In theaters this Thanksgiving. **Exploring the Faith Life of Fred Rogers—Coming this December!** After watching *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, dive deeper into the rich faith life of Fred Rogers with a video series hosted by authors Michael Long (author of [Peaceful Neighbor](#)) and Shea Tuttle (author of [Exactly as You Are](#)). Through their conversations, they'll explore topics such as Mister Rogers' love of the parables pursuit, the embodied theology of Fred Rogers, and kindness as a result of being loved. Coming this December! Also coming soon, the Mister Rogers Intergenerational Curriculum!

**INTER-PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP FORMATION (IPLF) PRESENTS A FALL 2019 ELDER TRAINING WORKSHOP.**

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 the workshop **Preaching Beyond the Lectionary** on **Saturday, December 14, 2019**, free of charge, 1:00–4:00 p.m. with instructor, the Rev. Sue Washburn, at the 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](mailto:office@washingtonpresbytery.org). 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.

**SPIRITUALITY AND SELF-CARE. CONTINUING ED.** Our Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation Program (IPLF) offers 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](mailto:office@washingtonpresbytery.org).

**Ignatian Spiritual Exercises.** Reformations of the 1500's 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 1960's. 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.

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