



# Happening Around the Presbytery

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Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

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Summer Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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*"The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good [people] to do nothing."*

-Edmund Burke

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## PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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| Bill Betteridge | Karen Edwards  | Frank Lewis        | Homer Harden            |
| Bob Offerdahl   | Ann Varner   | Nancy Mountz       | David Brocklehurst      |
| Wayne Devore    | Howard Monroe  | R. H. "Mac" McCuen | Karen Byrne             |
| Jack Visser     | Juanita Gillison   | Sharon Willits     | Debbie Hale             |
| Carl Conaway    | Mike Lenno   | Steve McCollam     | John Lewis              |
| Alice Lucarelli | Glen Baker, Jr.  | Alex Ford          | All service men & women |
| Wally Jancura   | Dakota Partnership                                       | William Heminger   | Domasi Partnership      |
| Vickie Whinnery | Pray for striking Tecnocap employees and their families. |                    |                         |

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: Bill Webster, Bob Willits, Tim Wilt, Andy Woods, Ginny Zoric.

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**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA** has rolled out a new website compiling your congregation's statistics from recent years, and also offering you a chance to look at your presbytery's or synod's statistics of membership and leadership. You are invited to navigate to <https://church-trends.pcusa.org/> and view the assorted statistical searches.

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**HOST CHURCHES** are needed for the April 23, 2019, and September 24, 2019, stated meetings of presbytery. (For the September meeting air conditioning is needed.) If your session would like to invite presbytery to meet at your church, please send an email to our Stated Clerk [scuovp@gmail.com](mailto:scuovp@gmail.com) stating the date you will be available to host. Thank you!

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**THE PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION** sends their thank you for your donations to the Theological Education Fund to support future ministers.

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**PRESBYTERIAN PEACE** and Justice Close Up Newsletter July, 2018, [control+click here](#).

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**PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNICATORS NETWORK**, Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**How to Know Your Audience.** Are you talking to me? This is often a question we ask when we don't know if our colleagues are speaking to us. Do you know who you're speaking to when you produce your e-newsletter, web content and other printed and digital materials? Knowing your audience is extremely important to the success of your materials. You've been told you need to know your audience, but how do you do that? It's simple. Knowing your audience means knowing who's in your pews on Sunday morning, who's visiting your church's website and who's following your church or pastor on social media. [Read more.](#)

**Bright Ideas for Christmas Newsletters.** In a national poll of 1,000 Protestant pastors by LifeWay Research, it was determined that behind Easter, Christmas was the second highest attendance Sunday for churches throughout the year. Why not make your Christmas e-newsletter one that your readers will be excited to receive? Here are some ideas for creating a Christmas newsletter that will... [Read more »](#)

**Stated Clerk of the General Assembly** issues statement on executive order regarding family separation at U.S. border. Stated Clerk calls on Presbyterians to 'harvest tears' into action. Read full story. [Read full story.](#)

**Creative ways congregations are doing more to feed the hungry.** [Read more](#) about Presbyterian churches around the country working to creatively nourish and sustain those who struggle with food insecurity, malnourishment and poverty.

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Control+click: [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds to fires in Colorado, Utah and southern California](#). Rick

Jones | Presbyterian News Service. Residents evacuated, hundreds of homes damaged or destroyed. Those interested in making contributions to assist those impacted by the wildfires can [click here](#). If you prefer to mail a check, please write DR000165 on the memo line, and send it to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700; or you may send it to the Presbytery Office with memo DR000165 and we will send it on.

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**PCUSA NEWS:**

[General Assembly mourns, advocates for Palestinians in Gaza](#). Douglas Dicks | Special to the Presbyterian News Service. GA223 resolution deplors the violence and loss of life.

[Key to successful ministry: connect, not attract](#). Richard Hong | *Presbyterians Today*. Understanding 'why' before 'what.'

[Regarding ruling elders: a monthly series for spiritual leaders](#). Joan Gray | Office of the General Assembly. "It's Not All About Us."

[Columbia Theological Seminary students spend week with the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations](#). Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service. Group focuses on the church in a world of displaced persons.

['Learning God's Love, Living God's Love' around the world](#). Pat Cole | Presbyterian News Service. Wisconsin congregation celebrates global mission work during July.

[Killed by police as he ran away, Pittsburgh teen Antwon Rose would've been 18 today](#). Paul Seebeck | Presbyterian News Service. Minister and 1001 apprentice who presided at funeral worked with Rose on community service projects.

[Freedom should be free](#). Eric Mount | *The Advocate Messenger*. #endcashbail.

[New parent loan program now available for PC\(USA\) members](#). Paul Seebeck | Presbyterian News Service. Program assists parents with student loans and pastors with loan repayments.

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**PCUSA STORE: Save 40% on Select Commentaries** now through July 31, 2018. *Are you a preacher, Christian educator, or studying the Bible individually?* If any of these are true, then you won't want to miss this sale. For two weeks, you can save 40% on select Bible commentary sets and products! These include the [12-volume paperback set](#) of Feasting on the Word, the [WORDsearch edition of Interpretation](#), the complete 3-volume set of [Preaching God's Transforming Justice](#), the latest edition of the [Women's Bible Commentary](#), and much more. Click below to [browse the books](#) and find the savings to help prepare your sermons, work on worship planning, or create a study series. [Browse All Fifteen Sale Items! 40% Off through July 31, 2018.](#)

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**PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Newsletter July, 2018, [control+click here](#).

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY RUN:**

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**PRESBYTERIAN PEACE** and Justice Newsletter, July, 2018, "Hope Renewed for Farmworkers," [control+click here](#).

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**PRESBYTERIAN OLDER ADULT** Ministries Network Newsletter Summer, 2018, [control+click here](#).

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN** Church, 52 Liberty St., Dillonvale, OH 43917, invites you to their **68<sup>th</sup> Annual Peach Social on Friday, August 10, 2018**, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Food, fellowship, and fantastic music are featured. Doc Roe will headline the entertainment. Dinner items: Haluski, sandwiches, and salads can be purchased at an additional cost. The traditional Peach Social ticket cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child and includes cake, ice cream, peaches, and lemonade or coffee. Please join us for dinner, dessert, and music at this annual community event.

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**PRAYER PARTNERS:** You will find the most up to date, **July 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, prayer partner list** on our Presbytery's website [www.uovpresby.org](http://www.uovpresby.org). Click on "Prayer Partners" in the top blue box. Your prayer partner is the church on the same line across from your church in this file. The purpose is to get to know each other better and to pray for one another by sharing joys and concerns in a more personal way. You should contact that congregation throughout this six month period to get acquainted and find out about their prayer concerns and share those with your congregation in your bulletin and/or newsletter. We know the power of prayer, and we know that many times God shows His will for us through others, so let's pray together.

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**UOVV PEACEMAKING SUBCOMMITTEE** website: [www.peacemakingthroughthearts.org](http://www.peacemakingthroughthearts.org).

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**POGO XXII** (Presbyterian Open Golf Outing #22) will be held **Monday, August 6, 2018**, with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start at Spring Hills Golf Course, East Springfield, OH. Fee: \$45.00 per golfer. (Includes green fees, cart, prizes, and dinner.) **RSVP by Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**, to the Presbytery Office 304-232-3490; **or by Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**, to First Westminster Presbyterian Church 740-282-4591 or e-mail [firstwest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:firstwest@sbcglobal.net). "Foursomes, please." For more info, call Jason Elliott or Mike Bongart.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHURCHWIDE:** Arise, Shine Your Light Has Come! The 2018 **Church-wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women** will be held at the Galt House in Louisville, on **August 2-5, 2018**. Full registration is \$425.00. Rooms start at \$144.00 per night (you can put up to four people per room). Remember, we only get together like this every third year, and there is a lot being offered.

**HEARTS ON FIRE 2018 Student Conference** will be held **August 10–11** at the Charleston Civic Center Municipal Auditorium, Charleston, WV. The purpose of Hearts on Fire is to share the gospel with middle school, high school, and college age young people and fan the flame within their hearts, challenging them to a dynamic walk and commitment in Christ. Speaker: Algernon Tennyson. Register at [www.heartsonfireministries.org](http://www.heartsonfireministries.org) \$45 per person includes event registration for both days. Shirts sold separately. Registration is for the conference only. Lodging, travel, event t-shirt, and meals are the responsibility of each individual church or those attending.

**ANTIRACISM TRAINING THIS AUGUST.** Last year, Montreat Conference Center staff engaged in a day-long training session with a team from [Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training](#), and found it to be useful for inspiring long-term and site-specific conversations about the journey to overcome the dehumanizing effects of racism. We are making a similar, more in depth opportunity available to congregations, pastors, Christian educators, session leaders, church staff, and volunteers **August 17 - 19, 2018**. [Check out the workshops!](#)

**YOU ARE INVITED** to attend continuing ed workshops on **Saturday, September 22, 2018**, at Maplewood Presbyterian Church, 108 Woodland Rd., Greensburg, PA 15601. Registration begins at 9:00 am. We plan to have everyone heading home by 4:15 pm. Lunch will be catered. The workshops are open to the current IPLF cohort at no cost. Open to those from other presbyteries for a cost of \$20. Workshops: Morning – *Outreach and Evangelism* – Rev. Ed Gray. Afternoon (required for cohort) – *Proclaiming the Word* – Rev. Donna Havrisko/ Please RSVP to Bobbie Martin at the Redstone Presbytery Office: 724-837-6737 or e-mail [secretary@redstonepresbytery.org](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org). Let her know if you'll be staying for lunch and if you have dietary restrictions.

**PCUSA NEWS.** Control+click:

[Texas kids to get a front row seat to persons living on fixed incomes.](#) Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service. First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth hosts a camp on the experiences of hunger.

[Won't you be an 'honest patriot' this Fourth of July?](#) Christian Iosso | Special to Presbyterian News Service. PC(USA) General Assembly adopts guide on civic responsibility.

[Highlights of actions of the 223rd General Assembly \(2018\) in 1,500 words or less.](#) Jerry Van Marter | Office of the General Assembly Communications. Loosely based on the pre-assembly, top ten General Assembly issues story.

[Presbyterian churches reach out to Texas residents affected by recent flooding.](#) Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service. Some areas are still recovering from Hurricane Harvey.

[Stated Clerk issues statement on executive order regarding family separation at U.S. border.](#) Office of the General Assembly. Nelson calls on Presbyterians to 'harvest tears' into action.

[Houghton, Michigan residents show resilience in recent flooding.](#) Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance provides grant support.

[Faith leaders speak out against Supreme Court decision on travel ban.](#) Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service. Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) joins other faith groups in opposition.

[Creative ways congregations are doing more to feed the hungry.](#) Sherry Blackman | Presbyterians Today. Beyond a bag of groceries.

[Violence escalates in Nicaragua, PC\(USA\) mission co-worker leaves temporarily.](#) Kathy Melvin | Presbyterian News Service. Nearly 300 people have been killed since violence began in April.

[International peacemaker to share the latest on the Syrian refugee crisis.](#) Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service. Dr. Mary Mikhael to visit U.S. churches this fall.

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance calls on volunteers to help in disaster recovery.](#) Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service. Volunteers stretched thin after years of hurricanes, wildfires and flooding.