

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 304-266-8154.

"Whatever you did for one of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did unto me." -Jesus of Nazareth (Matthew 25:40)

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Bill Betteridge	Karen Edwards	Frank Lewis	Homer Harden
Bob Offerdahl	Alex Ford	Wally Jancura	Vickie Whinnery
Alice Lucarelli	Glen Baker, Jr.	R. H. "Mac" McCuen	Karen Byrne
Jack Visser	Juanita Gillison	Sharon Willits	Debbie Hale
Carl Conaway	Mike Lenno	Pat Eberhart	John Lewis
Karen Lucarelli	Dakota Partnership	Domasi Partnership	All service men & women

Pray for our presbyters, family members, and friends who are 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: Claudia Brown, Bill Brown, Karen Byrne, Steve Cramer, George Crawford.

THANK YOU CARD: "Dear Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, Thank you for honoring me with your scholarship. I am so excited to start college this Fall! Thank you also for nominating me as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate for General Assembly. It was an amazing experience. Now I have friends from California to my college in PA. You will hear more about that event in September. This scholarship helps me for textbooks and tuition. With appreciation, Carrie Dill"

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION of the Rev. David M. Demarest as Pastor of the Rock Hill Presbyterian Church, 56244 High Ridge Road (State Route 214), Bellaire, OH, **Sunday, August 26, 2018**, at 2:00 p.m. A luncheon will follow. **RSVP for the luncheon by Friday, August 24th.** Please leave a message on the church office phone 740-676-2191. We also invite you to lift up Pastor David and the Rock Hill congregation in prayer during your Sunday, August 26, morning worship.

PRESBYTERIAN PEACE and Justice newsletter August, 2018, "A Call to Action," [control+click here.](#)

PCUSA NEWS. Control+click:

[Fire destroys Girard, Pennsylvania church.](#) Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service. Second PC(USA) church fire reported within the week.

[Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women celebrates 30 years.](#) Gail Strange | Presbyterian News Service. PC(USA) oldest and largest mission partner to meet in Louisville.

[Iowa church a haven for tornado-ravaged community.](#) Scott O'Neill | Presbyterian News Service. First Presbyterian Church in Marshalltown fares better than most; offers meals, sanctuary to residents.

[Finding homes for the homeless.](#) Rev. Heidi Worthen Gamble | Presbyterians Today. Churches tire of quick fixes and seek solutions.

[Ministering to the hungry: Pleasantville Presbyterian Church practices outreach.](#) Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service. Hunger Action Congregation looks for innovative ways to help people in need.

PCUSA STORE. *What do a shrinking giraffe and the three wise men have in common?* They are the central characters of the newest children's books on the PC(USA) Store! Both books are perfect for home and church libraries and can be used by families, schools, church educators, or pastors during children's worship.

[What in the World Is Wrong with Gisbert?](#) is a colorful tale that explores how bullying affects children and the power that friends and family members have to help someone heal when they are hurting. Meet Gisbert the giraffe in [this excerpt.](#)

[Home by Another Way: A Christmas Story](#) follows the three wise men on their world-changing journey to Bethlehem and shows readers that sometimes the most valuable gifts are the most unexpected. See gorgeous illustrations from Melanie

Cataldo and powerful words from Barbara Brown Taylor in [this excerpt](#).

To browse all books for children, control+click on any of these links: [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](#).

THE LOMBARD Mennonite Peace Center Upcoming Events. Here are some excellent opportunities for spiritual and professional growth in fellowship with like-minded disciples of Christ.

Mediation Skills Training Institute: A practical workshop for church leaders coming to Minnesota this fall. Minnetonka United Methodist Church in Minnetonka, MN (near Minneapolis) has graciously agreed to host our **Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders (MSTI)** October 1-5, 2018. This outstanding workshop is designed to equip pastors and other church leaders with the skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. Active and practical in focus, the daily sessions emphasize hands-on skills training and real-life role-plays based on the kinds of conflicts faced by participants. For complete details—including fees, registration, and a sample schedule—please consult this [brochure](#). The deadline to register with a **\$200 discount** is August 31, so don't delay! Plan now to join us for this stimulating week of learning and fellowship, and earn 32 hours of continuing ed at the same time.

More Opportunities to Pursue Peace, Justice, Reconciliation, and Family Systems Training for Church Leaders:
A Peacemaker's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: January 16-28, 2019, led by the Rev. Richard Blackburn. *The Peacemaker's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land* will provide you with the opportunity to experience both the ancient stones of biblical history, as well as the "living stones" as embodied in the ministries of those working to promote Christ's vision of peace with justice. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and see sacred sites such as the Mount of Olives, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Church of the Nativity, the Sea of Galilee, and much more! Visit contemporary organizations such as Sabeel, Wi'am, and Christian Peacemaker Teams in Hebron, who are committed to achieving justice in this troubled region through non-violent means. For a full-color brochure with booking form, please click [here](#). For a graphic view of the itinerary, click [here](#). We also invite you to visit our recently redesigned website at www.LMPeaceCenter.org

Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process. *Clergy Clinic* is a program that is designed to enhance the ability of participants to function as self-differentiated leaders within their own ministry setting. It will provide a safe forum for processing challenging situations in his or her ministry, while also facilitating reflection on how one's own functioning can either fuel anxiety or have a calming influence on the church system. The *Clergy Clinic* meets 3 times, for 3 days each time, over the course of a year, and includes input on systems theory, family of origin groups, and congregational case study groups. **Location:** Lombard, IL (Chicago area). **Two options:** choose Group A or Group B. **Group A dates:** October 22-24, 2018, February 18-20, 2019, April 29-May 1, 2019. **Group B dates:** November 5-7, 2018, February 25-27, 2019, May 6-8, 2019. [Register online for Group A](#); [Register online for Group B](#). [Click here to learn more](#). [Click here to download a registration brochure](#).

CHANGES IN TAX LAWS have had significant effects upon clergy expenses, reimbursements, and allowable tax deductions. Ordained ministers and commissioned ruling elders who itemize expenses are invited to [control+click here](#) for information that may be helpful. Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery cannot and does not give tax preparation advice. Please consult with qualified tax professionals.

UOVP PEACEMAKING SUBCOMMITTEE'S website: www.peacemakingthroughthearts.org.

WE NEED A PHOTO taken at your VBS for our website. Landscape works best. E-mail to uovp@uovpresby.org.

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 stating the date you will be available. Thank you!

IF YOUR CHURCH doesn't have a photo with your listing on our website, please e-mail us one to uovp@uovpresby.org.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY RUN:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church, 52 Liberty St., Dillonvale, OH 43917, invites you to their **68th 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.

THE BOARD OF PENSIONS Benefits Plan ~ Update Your Employer Agreement for 2019. **Between now and October 12**, log on to [Benefits Connect](#) to review and update. The benefits you select now will determine the choices available to employees during fall annual enrollment **October 29-November 16**, for benefits effective January 1, 2019. Visit [2019 Benefits](#) for details and resources about the 2019 plan changes and Employer Agreements. If you have questions about

the Benefits Plan or the benefits selection process, call the Board at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN).

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE Disaster Response Training ~ One day events this Fall, will bring the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance professionals into classrooms near you. Go to the Synod website www.syntrinity.org/pda/ for more information or to register.

LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN Theological Seminary. *Suicide Assessment and Intervention Workshop Monday, August 20, 2018.* Loren Townsend, Ph.D., LMFT and director of the Marriage and Family Therapy Program at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will offer a 6-hour training in Suicide Assessment and Intervention. CEUs included with registration for qualified attendees. Discounts available for LPTS alums, faculty, and students. **REGISTER NOW.**

PCUSA NEWS.

Fire destroys Presbyterian church in Little Rock. *Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service.* Cause of blaze is still under investigation.

Evangelism conference to explore new way of being together as Presbyterians. *Paul Seebeck | Presbyterian News Service.* Gathering of Sabbath community and people 'like no other conference you've gone to.'

Living out the 'Great Ends of the Church.' *Presbyterians Today.* Guiding principles of Presbyterian mission.

"Congress must reject family incarceration," say more than 600 religious leaders and faith organizations. *Church World Service.* Group urges Congress to stop fueling immoral immigration detention and deportations, protect family unity, and support community wholeness.

PCUSA STORE. Your Fall Curriculum Is Now Available! Fall in Love With Learning! Fall sessions start September 2, 2018. Learn more about each of these curriculum offerings and more in our digital [curriculum catalog!](#)

Growing in Grace & Gratitude for Ages 3-10. Children learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love. Each session is rooted in Bible stories and supports the foundations of our Presbyterian identity. You'll find: Engaging Bible stories; Colorful illustrations; Leader helps for children with special needs. The flow of the lessons lend themselves to worship experiences. [Consider](#) a 9-month subscription. Need to try before you buy? [Download sample sessions for all ages and a sample story and image](#) from the *Stories, Colors & More* ancillary product for September 2. Discover [instant download and print-and-ship purchase options](#) for the Fall 2018 sessions.

The Present Word for Adults. The Present Word is based on the Uniform Lesson Series and includes easy-to-use weekly lessons that feature daily Bible readings, a biblical passage, questions for reflection and discussion, and a prayer. The theme for Fall 2018 is Acknowledging God, which focuses on worship and the ways that God's people have acknowledged the greatness of their God. Need to try before you buy? Download excerpts from the [Leader's Guide](#) and [Student Book](#) for September 2. Discover all [purchase options](#) for the Fall 2018 quarter.

Feasting on the Word Curriculum for Kindergartners to Adults. This lectionary-based curriculum has multiple options for format, age level combinations, length of study, and is adaptable to various settings and learning styles. Because the entire congregation uses a common Bible passage, connections are able to be made across age levels. Consider a total church plan. Need to try before you buy? [Download sample sessions](#) for all ages for September 2. You can discover instant download and print-and-ship purchase options for the Fall 2018 sessions at these links: [children](#); [youth and young adults](#); [adult groups and pastors](#).

THE GABRIEL PROJECT OF WV. On **Saturday, August 18, 2018**, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, the Northern Programs Chapter of Gabriel Project will be hosting its first annual **Trash to Treasure Rummage Sale.** It will be held at St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall, 1409 Chapline St., Wheeling. There will be many tables of merchandise including furniture, small appliances, knick-knacks, collectibles, books, clothing, and so much more. A concession will also be set up as well as NPGP selling their Gabriel Project Jams and Jellies. All proceeds benefit the Gabriel Project of WV--Northern Programs Chapter. Visit us at www.gabrielwv.org. We are a non-profit that works with families and babies. Please come visit us that day, or **if you would like to donate gently used items for us to sell, contact us at 304-639-5039.**

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.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY In View of Grace Newsletter Summer 2018. Each edition of "In View of Grace" brings you news about our ministry in theological education. In this issue: join us for the [Warren Lecture & Concert](#) coming up in August; students coming for August Residency can find [information](#); check out [Dr. Huizenga's blog post](#) about World War I; see an announcement about our new Director of Lay and Continuing Education; see pictures and video from 2018 Commencement Ceremonies; [Faculty Hall of Fame](#): Dr. Matt Schlimm & Mary Anne Knefel; our Herbert E Manning Award winner this year: [Jim Verkest](#): [control+click here](#).

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. Let her know if you'll be staying for lunch and if you have dietary restrictions.

2018 EVANGELISM CONFERENCE October 15-19, 2018, at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe. 'No ordinary conference.' Every part of the 2018 Evangelism Conference is designed as an invitation to participate in Sabbath practices together—and to challenge thinking about Sabbath. Click [here](#) for conference information and registration.
