

# Happening Around the Presbytery

September 19, 2018

Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

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Visit us at [www.uovpresby.org](http://www.uovpresby.org)

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

In an emergency after office hours, call 304-266-8154.

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**UOVP PEACEMAKING SUBCOMMITTEE'S** website: [www.peacemakingthroughthearts.org](http://www.peacemakingthroughthearts.org).

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No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationary.

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**PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Mike Lenno	Karen Edwards	Frank Lewis	Homer Harden
John Lewis	Ann Varner	Wally Jancura	Vickie Whinnery
Alice Lucarelli	Karen Lucarelli	R. H. "Mac" McCuen	Gary Conaway
Jack Visser	Glen Baker, Jr.	Sharon Willits	Bryan Perrill
Debbie Hale	Matt Camlin	Simon Looking Elk	All service men & women
Mike O'Neil	Dakota Partnership	Domasi Partnership	

Pray for our presbyters, family members, and friends hospitalized or in nursing homes.

Pray for peace for all students and teachers.

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: Joe Hendricks, Duane Hetzer, Wally Jancura, Diane Jefchak, Alan Jeffries.

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**THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE will be closed tomorrow, Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.** In an emergency, please call Frank Lewis 304-266-8154, or Jason Elliott 740-381-3074.

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**THE MOST UP TO DATE** pulpit supply list (9-6-18) can be found on our website.

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**THE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018, STATED MEETING** of presbytery will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wellsville, OH. A docket is on our website [www.uovpresby.org](http://www.uovpresby.org) under Items of Interest.

**4:00 – 5:00 p.m. – MEET AND GREET** our visitor, Ruling Elder Billy Kohl, Stated Clerk of Dakota Presbytery. We will be in the room adjacent to the Fellowship Hall. Look for signs.

**4:30 – 6:00 p.m. – A PRIVATE, QUIET PRAYER AREA** will be available for all pastors, ordained and lay. Ask for location when you sign in. Our Pastoral Care Team is also available.

**5:00 p.m. – DINNER served. RSVP for dinner by tomorrow, Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.** Call 330-532-4670 & leave a message, or e-mail [wellcove@gmail.com](mailto:wellcove@gmail.com).

**PASTORS & COMMISSIONERS: You need to sign yourself in at presbytery meetings to be counted as present.**

**6:00 p.m. – MEETING CONVENES WITH WORSHIP.**

**THE OFFERING will be designated for the Dakota Partnership Christmas Program.**

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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF UOVP** will be having their **Fall Workshop, Saturday, September 29, 2018**, at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, Bridgeport, OH, with registration starting at 8:45 a.m. Brunch will be served, then worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. We will be done by 12 noon. Hope to see you there!

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**YOU ARE INVITED to attend continuing ed workshops this 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 have dietary restrictions for lunch.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN** Church, 901 Charles St., Wellsburg, WV, invites you to a **performance by Brent Vernon, a singer-songwriter and ventriloquist from South Florida, on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 p.m. Vernon's performances include a mixture of energetic and hope-filled music and a visit with his ventriloquist figure Sam--a hit with kids of all ages! This is a fun and free comedy experience for the whole family--from kids to seniors. To learn more, check out: [www.brentvernon.com](http://www.brentvernon.com) or [www.facebook.com/BrentVernonOnFB](http://www.facebook.com/BrentVernonOnFB).

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE. God is our refuge and strength. Therefore, we will not fear ... though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble.** —Psalm 46. PDA urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Florence. PDA is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by the storm on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. Initial assessment suggests catastrophic destruction, but the full scope of the damage will not be known for many months. The storm's path is cutting across areas still recovering from Hurricane Matthew (2016). While these winds and waters have meant loss and destruction, the work of PDA might become, as the psalmist says, "a river whose streams make glad the city of God." PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries to meet with Presbyterian and community leadership to assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain — providing spiritual and emotional care and long-term recovery to address the unmet needs of those impacted. Through your prayerful gifts, we draw hope out of the chaos.

**The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray:**

**Give:** Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000169, which supports the church's response to hurricanes impacting the U.S. Gifts can be made [online](#), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Or mail your check to Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery and we will forward it on.

**Act:** Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and on Facebook, [download resources](#) and share updates with your congregation.

**Pray:** God of our life, whose presence sustains us in every circumstance, in the aftermath of storm and distress, we welcome the restoring power of your love and compassion. We open our hearts in sorrow, gratitude and hope: that those who have been spared nature's fury as well as those whose lives are changed forever by ravages of wind and water may find solace, sustenance and strength in the days of recovery and reflection that come. We are thankful for the grace of days of preparation as Hurricane Florence approached; for the counsel of experts and the generous collaboration of so many communities, that in the face of the storm kept many out of harm's way and lessened the effects of wind and water on others. At the same time, we open ourselves to the stories of those for whom this storm was not a near miss: communities deeply affected, some still struggling to recover from Hurricane Matthew, whose livelihood, homes and stability have been destroyed. We lift our voices in sorrow and compassion for families who have lost homes or livelihood. We ask for sustaining courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we, your people, respond to the deep human needs emerging in the wake of the storm. In these days of relief, assessment and response, open our eyes, our hearts and our hands to the needs of your children and the movements of your Spirit, who flows in us like the river whose streams make glad the city of God, and the hearts of all who dwell in it, and in You. In the name of Christ the Healer we pray. Amen.  
*Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus, director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*

**PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY'S continuing ed upcoming events:**

[Between God and Money: Understanding the Place of Money in Our Lives](#); With Robert A. Wauzzinski, Sept. 27-Oct. 11.

[Globalization and Migration: The Movement of God's Word - the W. Don McClure Lecture](#); With Jehu J. Hanciles, Oct. 2.

[Preaching the Seasons](#); An Online/In-Person Class with James Platt, Oct. 5-April 5.

[Spoken Word and Liberation](#); Sanctuary Faith Community Pub Talk with Emiola Jay Oriola, Oct. 14.

[African American Preaching and The Power of Story: Black Sermon as Dynamic Discourse](#); An Online Class with Brian Wells, Oct. 15-Nov. 9.



**Find out more and register.**



**Sign at the Indian Hills Community Center in Colorado**

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

**HOST CHURCHES** are needed for the April 23, 2019, June 25, 2019, and September 24, 2019, stated meetings of presbytery. (For the June and September meetings, 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. Thank you!

**FREE DESKS AND CHAIRS** for any of our churches: About 20 wooden desks, about 30-40 colored plastic chairs, and about a dozen metal chair desks with wooden tops. If interested, call First Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, at 304-232-3383 and ask for Pastor Mike.

**PCUSA NEWS.**

**New 2018 Advent devotional: A love story of those with special needs.** *Donna Frischknecht Jackson | Presbyterians Today.* Presbyterians Today publishes 'God Lifts the Lowly' based on Mary's Song of Praise.

**PDA documentary breathes life into refugee crisis.** *Scott O'Neill | Presbyterian News Service.* 'To Breathe Free' featured at Washington, DC film festival.

**PC(USA) Stated Clerk issues statement on anniversary of DACA repeal.** *Gregg Brekke | Presbyterian News Service.* Urges immigration advocates to 'to stay steadfast in the struggle.'

**www.d365.org** is a wonderful daily website for junior and senior high school and college age young people. It is interdenominational. Worth putting in bulletin or newsletter for grandparents and parents to share with kids. This site is produced by **Passport, Inc.** Passport launched its first devotional site in 2001 in response to the attacks of September 11. Our primary goal then, and since, has been to provide inspirational and relevant reflections on scripture for young people. Passport is a student ministry organization focused on creating meaningful experiences and resources for students. From youth and children's camps, to international awareness and youth leader resources, Passport, Inc. gives students a chance to see and experience their world in new ways. The devotional experience is written especially for students and seeks to provide reflections on themes that impact our faith journey. We hope that d365 will create a quiet space in your life for meditation and prayer. d365 is made possible through individual gifts and the support of three denominational sponsors: **Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Presbyterian Mission Agency, and the Episcopal Church.** Although devotions are available every day of the year, we highlight our common liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent through the special series Following the Star and Journey to the Cross. A third series, Back2School, recognizes the significant transition between summer and fall in the lives of students and offers encouragement and wisdom from scripture.

**PRESBYTERIAN OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES NETWORK 2018 Regional Conference** ~ Online Registration Available: Arrangements for the 2018 POAMN regional conference on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, in Columbus, OH, are now finalized and

we wanted to provide you with all the details and urge you to arrange your hotel accommodation (if needed) before the cut-off date of Sep 11<sup>th</sup>. You will also need to register for the conference and pay registration fees and the hotel accommodation (\$99/night) to POAMN (so that we can save you the hotel taxes of \$17/night). To see the conference agenda, go to [www.poamn.org/index.php/association-events/](http://www.poamn.org/index.php/association-events/). To register for the conference, and pay the conference and hotel costs, fill out the registration form at [www.poamn.org/index.php/association-events/](http://www.poamn.org/index.php/association-events/). There is a form on page 11 of the conference brochure. To arrange your hotel accommodation, call the Homewood suites, 614-785-0001 and ask for a room under the Group "POAMN." You will not need to give them a credit card as they will be receiving payment from POAMN. The special group rate of \$99/night is from Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, if so needed. The hotel will be releasing rooms currently being held for our group on September 11<sup>th</sup> so we recommend that you make your hotel reservation immediately *before* registering for the conference if necessary. And finally, online registration and payment is currently open on the POAMN website; [register now!](#) We apologize for the delay in getting the process active but the early bird rates of just \$25 have been extended to Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> so that you still have time to enjoy the benefit of registering promptly. We very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at Worthington Presbyterian Church; we have a full and exciting agenda arranged for you. Questions or concerns? Contact Chris Pomfret at 937-545-6667 or [cjpomfret1954@gmail.com](mailto:cjpomfret1954@gmail.com).

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**THE FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY** invites all Pastors to San Diego for a **Pastor's Gathering October 1-3, 2018**. Cost: \$75.00. Join other pastors for conversation, support, and prayer. The Fellowship Community holds dear as one its core values, the desire, indeed need, for friendships in Christ. Toward that end we host, and invite all, to an annual Pastor's Gathering. This is not meant to replace the life sustaining friendships within presbyteries (where they exist), or the long held bonds already forged, especially among those who are blessed to live near to one another, but to provide an environment in which pastors across the country can establish the bonds of friendship that transcend place and which will, once made, become as dear as any friendship. We pray together. We eat together. We rest together. Learn more about our Pastor's Gathering held at FPC San Diego and register yourself or your pastor today! [Learn More](#)

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**MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER. Welcome to our First Cohort of the Montreat Young Adult Experience.** At the beginning of 2018 we introduced a new program called the Montreat Young Adult Experience. It's a chance for young adults to get involved with Montreat in a long-form version of our decades-old Mission Volunteer program. From September to May, three young people will be living and working in Montreat. To learn more about the experience, click [here](#).

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**PCUSA STORE.** The *Book of Common Worship, Daily Prayer* is ideal for the practice of daily prayer in congregations, small groups, and family or personal devotion. Featuring newly revised content from the *Book of Common Worship*, this engaging and accessible resource includes simple services for daily prayer, a complete psalter as well as other biblical songs and ancient hymns, and more! The *Book of Common Worship, Daily Prayer* can be used for personal reflection, household worship, small-group gatherings, weekday services, or church meetings and retreats. It is an ideal gift for those baptized or confirmed; new members; seminarians; or newly ordained deacons, ruling elders, or pastors. For more information about the resource, click [here](#). Want to learn more about all three editions of the newly-revised Book of Common Worship? Click [here](#).

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**LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. Festival of Theology and Alum Reunion 2018. When:** 11:30 a.m. **Thursday, November 8, 2018. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, November 9, 2018. Where:** Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Louisville, KY 40205. [Driving Directions](#) What should the role of the church be in the #MeToo era? Naming instances of sexual abuse, unhealthy sexual relationships, and gender discrimination is a critically important first step - but what more can be done? This year's dynamic Festival of Theology speakers, panelists, and workshop leaders will address these urgent questions, helping us to understand what has gone awry in our society and exploring ways that church leaders, counselors, and laity can foster socially and sexually healthier communities, communities that are grounded in Christian love and justice. Join us for this informative and insightful event and celebrate the many contributions our Louisville Seminary alums make to our society. **Registration deadline is Nov. 1. Find Out More! Register Now!** For more info, contact Rev. Sandra Moon (MDiv/JD 2011), Seminary Director of Alum, Church and Community Relations, [smoon@lpts.edu](mailto:smoon@lpts.edu), (502) 895-3411, ext. 348.

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**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/](http://www.syntrinity.org/pda/) for more information or to register.

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**WEE KIRK, Northeast Small Church Conference, will be held October 8-10, 2018**, at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA. Purpose: To inspire, equip, motivate and encourage small Presbyterian Churches and to provide rest and refreshment for the Clergy and Lay Leaders of those Churches. For more info, contact Helen Kester at (724) 980-9565 or [helen.kester@gmail.com](mailto:helen.kester@gmail.com). Online registration: [www.wee-kirk-ne.org](http://www.wee-kirk-ne.org). **Register by Sept. 24.**

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**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).

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**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.

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