

Happening Around the Presbytery

September 26, 2018

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 304-266-8154.

UOVP PEACEMAKING SUBCOMMITTEE: www.peacemakingthroughthearts.org

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	Debbie Hale
Bryan Perrill	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 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: Darrin Jones, Richard Kantz, Philip Keevil, Christina Kestner, Larry Kline.

THANK YOU: On behalf of the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, we would like to express our sincere thanks to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wellsville, for hosting the September Presbytery meeting. We would like to thank Pastor Rick Stanley and the congregation members who went out of their way to share sincere hospitality and kindness. The meal was delicious and your building and grounds looked fantastic! Thanks again for your willingness to share the love of Christ with your brothers and sisters in the Presbytery. Jason Elliott, Moderator

THANK YOU: Dear Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, On behalf of Campus Ministry at West Liberty University, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$520.50. Your support helps Campus Ministry in our mission to bring the light of Christ to the students and the community surrounding our university. The generous support of Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery makes it possible for ministry at West Liberty to exist. Our ministry exists on the principles of giving students a "home away from home" and a "safe place to explore their faith." WLU Fusion Campus Ministry, for many students, becomes that outlet to ask those tough questions of life. Again, I thank you for your consideration of WLU Fusion Campus Ministry's needs and the campus community that we serve. Also, the students and the campus community have enjoyed the delicious soup donations! Have a Blessed Day! Rev. Debra Dague, WLU Campus Pastor

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF UOVP will be having their **Fall Workshop this Saturday, September 29th**, 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 Noon. Hope to see you there!

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 11th**, 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 or www.facebook.com/BrentVernonOnFB.

PRESBYTERIAN PEACE and Justice Newsletter, September, 2018, "Presbyterian Hunger Program," [control+click here.](#)

PRESBYTERIAN OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES Network Newsletter 2018 Autumn Issue: [Click here.](#)

PRESBYTERIAN WORLD MISSION Newsletter September, 2018: [control+click here.](#)

PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Newsletter: September 2018: [control+click here.](#)

THE MOST UP TO DATE pulpit supply list (9-25-18) can be found on our website.

FAMILY SERVICE UPPER OHIO VALLEY JOB FAIR will be held **Friday, September 28, 2018**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 2200 Main Street, first floor, Wheeling. A private, non-profit funded in part by the United Way serving Ohio and Marshall Counties, they are looking for part-time direct care workers. Call 304-233-2350 for more info.

PCUSA STORE. New Children's Books from Carol A. Wehrheim & Sandy Eisenberg Sasso Available! These new books give us more than beautiful stories, they give the gifts of faith, love, and community!

When God Gave Us Words is the latest from award-winning children's book author [Sandy Eisenberg Sasso](#). Through engaging illustrations that invite conversation, children discover the gift of words and how, when they are used for good and beauty, they overpower the curses and lies that can fill the air. See the beginning of this journey of language in [this excerpt](#).

Baptism Promises is a board book from beloved Presbyterian educator and coeditor of *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible*, Carol A. Wehrheim. Perfect for small hands, this book is meant to be read over and over to help little ones understand the important day of their baptism and how they are a part of a loving church community. [Take a look inside!](#) *Baptism Promises* is the latest of our baptism resources—check them all out [here](#).

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](#).

PCUSA STORE. The first volume of Connections, the new nine-volume lectionary commentary series for preaching and worship, is available! The commentaries in this volume cover the Year C lectionary readings from Advent through Epiphany. Read the commentaries for the First Sunday of Advent [here](#). When you [order the first volume](#) on PC(USA) Store, you save 35%, or you can call 1.800.523.1631 to subscribe to the series and save 40% on each volume. [Read an Excerpt](#)

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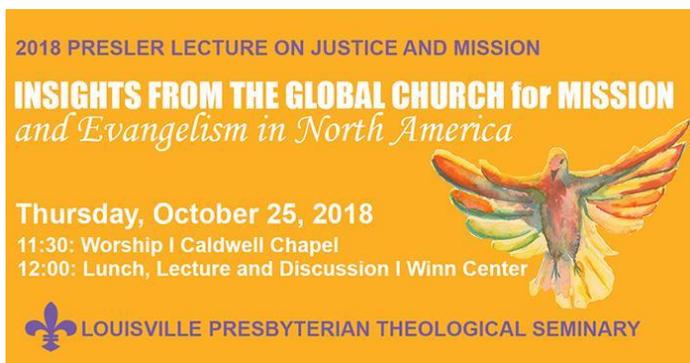
PCUSA NEWS.

[Interfaith Immigration Coalition speaks out on proposed changes regarding immigration status.](#) *Rick Jones | Office of the General Assembly Communications.* Stated Clerk among faith-based leaders sharing their voices.

[Building a mission village.](#) *Sherry Blackman | Presbyterians Today.* Dwindling church revives with grand vision.

[U.S. and Middle East pastors partner in prayer and action for refugees in war-torn Syria.](#) *Tim McCalmont | Mission Crossroads Magazine.* Rediscovering mutual mission in times of crisis.

[Stated Clerk urges President Trump to change refugee resettlement plan.](#) *Rick Jones | Office of the General Assembly Communications.* U.S. Government seeks to resettle only 30,000 refugees in Fiscal Year 2019.



2018 PRESLER LECTURE ON JUSTICE AND MISSION

INSIGHTS FROM THE GLOBAL CHURCH FOR MISSION
and Evangelism in North America

Thursday, October 25, 2018
11:30: Worship | Caldwell Chapel
12:00: Lunch, Lecture and Discussion | Winn Center



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"Insights from the Global Church for Mission and Evangelism in North America," will be held Oct. 25, 2018. Free and open to the public. Click on pic for more info.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY RUN:

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE. 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 US. Initial assessment suggests catastrophic destruction, but the full scope of the damage will not be known for many months. The storm's path cut across areas still recovering from Hurricane Matthew (2016). 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 payable to Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery and we will forward it on. Memo line: DR000169—Florence.

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:

[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.

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 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.

www.d365.org is an interdenominational daily website for junior and senior high school and college age young people. 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.

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).

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.
