



Happening Around the Presbytery

November 28, 2018

Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

907 National Road

Wheeling, WV 26003

304-232-3490

Visit us at www.uovpresby.org

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

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

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

UOVP PEACEMAKING SUBCOMMITTEE: www.peacemakingthroughthearts.org

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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| Mike Lenno | Karen Edwards | Frank Lewis | Homer Harden |
| Gene Toot | 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 | Ruth Ellen Bates |
| Susan Lehosky | David Brocklehurst | Karen Gaines | Don Thompson |
| Deborah Messham | Cristy Zimmerman | for Heather & her mother | All service men & women |
| 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 in your prayers this week: Gene Toot, Kurt Turner, Jack Visser, Pete Walburn, Bill Webster.

THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE will be closed tomorrow, Nov. 29. In an emergency, call Frank Lewis 304-266-8154.

PRESBYTERIAN PEACE and Justice Newsletter November, 2018, “Connecting the church to the global stage | Presbyterian Peace & Justice Focus,” [control+click here.](#)

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE. Support those affected by the California wildfires with your prayers and monetary gifts. Memo your check: “DR000165--U.S. Wildfires,” payable to UOVP, and mail it to the Presbytery Office. We will forward it on to PDA. Thank you for your support.

MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION. As we are thinking of all the things we could be thankful for this season we want to pause and extend a special thank you to you for your partnership with MBF. Through your generous support we have been able to launch the LifeSavers clinic network that will expand the medical and financial capabilities of 12 clinics in Malawi. Financial support has been provided by way of scholarships to nursing students in Haiti, Malawi, DR Congo, and Kenya. Earlier this month, 19 students graduated from MBF nursing school partner FSIL in Haiti; the valedictorian of that graduating class being an MBF scholarship recipient! Saline Process trainings have taken place in Malawi and Kenya teaching medical staff how to share the Gospel to their patients while also treating their physical illnesses. These things would not have been possible without your generous support and for that we are deeply thankful this season! We wish you and your family blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays!

DARKNESS TO LIGHT'S “STEWARDS OF CHILDREN” workshop to empower adults to prevent sexual abuse of children will be held **Wednesday, January 16, 2019**, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery/Potter Chapel, Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church. Workbooks, \$10.00 each paid by attendees at the door, will be available. RSVP by Wednesday, January 2nd, to the Presbytery Office 304-232-3490 or uovp@uovpresby.org. Presenter: Cheryl Kaczor,

Extension Agent, Family & Counseling Sciences, Marshall County WVU Extension Services. This class qualifies as continuing ed. Sponsored by UOVP Training & Development Committee.

TAKE A PHOTO of your congregation's Christmas event and e-mail it along with the name of your church to uovp@uovpresby.org for our website.

PCUSA STORE CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE: We've been looking through our books on PC(USA) Store and put together some lists to help you shop for the [children](#) and [adults](#) in your life this Christmas. These books make perfect gifts because many of them will be used throughout the year, some even every day. They truly are the gifts that keep on giving! And make sure you order by December 12th to ensure delivery before Christmas with standard shipping. Children will ask each night to read again the one about the [mustard seed](#) or the one about [words](#) or "just one more" story from their [story Bible](#). And every Christmas for years to come the family will sit together to read Barbara Brown Taylor's [Home by Another Way: A Christmas Story](#). And best of all, all of these children's books are 35% off, which is like getting every third book you buy for free! And we haven't forgotten about the adults on your list (including the [pastors](#) and [musicians](#)). We have devotionals from [Walter Brueggemann](#), [William Barclay](#), [Kathleen Long Bostrom](#), [Dietrich Bonhoeffer](#), [Don McKim](#), and more! We've also included inspirational [adult coloring books](#) that provide solace and joy throughout the year. And with prices starting at \$6.50, we have something for every budget. While you might want to keep a few of these books for yourself, we're pretty sure you'll find the perfect one for a friend or family member. Click on one of these buttons to start checking off your list: [Browse Gift Books for Adults](#); [Browse Gift Books for Children](#); [Show Me Everything!](#)

PCUSA NEWS.

Transforming gratitude into actions. *Mari Graham Evans | Presbyterian News Service.* Gratefully, a clogged inbox includes messages of thanks.

'How can we be the change?' *Mike Ferguson | Presbyterian News Service.* National Climate Assessment identifies a dozen challenges — but there's hope.

Registration for 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium nearing launch. *Paul Seebeck | Presbyterian News Service.* July 16-20 event has increased funding for delegations.

What do Presbyterian Native Americans really think about Thanksgiving? *Danelle Crawford-McKinney | Presbyterians Today.* A time to celebrate a harvest of memories.

The Second Coming. *Charles Wiley.* Anticipation of Christ's return inspires faithful service.

Groups work to avoid Puerto Rico land grab. *Mike Ferguson | Presbyterian News Service.* Three PC(USA) ministries will travel to San Juan in December.

2018 CHRISTMAS AT THE CHAPEL. If you can help us, please send your check payable to Laughlin Memorial Chapel to P.O. Box 6195, Wheeling, WV 26003 and memo line "Christmas project." We will wrap the gifts and present them in Jesus' name--from His people--to the Chapel's youngsters. If you have any questions, please call and ask! Our phone number is 304-232-2630. *[Note: While money for Mattel toys and gift cards is an easy way for you to do your Christmas shopping, if you prefer to purchase gifts for the kids, we will gladly and gratefully accept them. The children have always had a special Christmas because of your generosity.]* **Deadline for checks and toys: Monday, December 10, 2018. Thank you for your generosity and support!**

BETHLEHEM UNITED Presbyterian Church, 45 Chapel Road, Wheeling, WV, is searching for a Music Director. If you are interested, please contact Mike Moore at 304-281-7986 or email mmoore59@comcast.net.

A HOST CHURCH is needed for the April 23, 2019, stated meeting of presbytery. 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 you will be available.

THE 2019 LITURGICAL COLORS CALENDAR can be found on our website under Items of Interest.

A COMMUNITY CHORUS from the Ohio Valley will be performing *The Messiah* on Sunday, December 23rd, at 3:00 pm at Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church. All are welcome to attend. Seating is limited at a first come first serve basis.
