

# Happening Around the Presbytery

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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 740-381-3074.

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“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: ‘What are you doing for others?’”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

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

Mike Lenno	Karen Edwards	Frank Lewis	Homer Harden
Gene Toot	Ann Varner	Wally Jancura	Vickie Whinnery
Alice Lucarelli	Susan Lehosky	R. H. “Mac” McCuen	Don Thompson
Jack Visser	Cristy Zimmerman	Sharon Willits	Debbie Hale
Ruth Ellen Bates	David Brocklehurst	Simon Looking Elk	Ronn Moccasin
Dakota Partnership	Domasi Partnership	All service men & women	

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.

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**PRAYER FOR UOVP PASTORS.** Select one of these pastors and remember him/her in your prayers this week: Mary Anne Frischkorn, Bob Gracey, Colleen Griffith, Frank Haas, Barry Hall.

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**THANK YOU.** On behalf of the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, we would like to express our sincere thanks to Calvary Presbyterian Church, St. Clairsville, for hosting the January Presbytery meeting. We would like to thank the Rev. Terry Lucarelli and the congregation members who went out of their way to share sincere hospitality and kindness. The homemade soup was delicious! Thanks again for your willingness to share the love of Christ with your brothers and sisters in the Presbytery. Rev. Jason Elliott, Moderator

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**THANK YOU.** On behalf of the students enrolled in Laughlin Memorial Chapel's Afterschool Jam program, thank you to every congregation member and church staff leader for the financial and prayer support we received consistently in 2018. Your help is what makes our mission team strong. You are making a positive difference in many lives through your support. If your congregation would welcome an update from our Executive Director Dr. Georgia Kurko, please contact us and we'll schedule her visit. She would be happy to provide a mission update, a mission message, or to simply come and fellowship with your congregation sometime in the New Year. Call us at (304)232-2630 or send an email: [laughlinchapel@wvdsi.net](mailto:laughlinchapel@wvdsi.net).

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**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE SENDS YOU A THANK YOU.** Your gifts extend welcome to those who have been crushed by disaster or the ravages of violence. Your generosity offers balm to those who weep as their lives are upended by catastrophe. Your attention to the forgotten ones make room at the inn for those who have lost shelter or fled in fear of their lives. Once, long ago, the angel visited ordinary people with hope and a vision of a future where God’s care and compassion would bring peace to all people. We thank you for being a tangible expression of the angel’s blessing, laying your treasure before those vulnerable ones through whose eyes the Child Christ now looks upon our hurting, yet hopeful world. With peace, the Rev. Dr. Laurie A. Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

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**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 for this meeting, please send an email of your intent to our Stated Clerk [scuovp@gmail.com](mailto:scuovp@gmail.com).

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**ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT.** Clerks of session [or their helpers], please submit your Statistical Report as soon as possible. Deadline has been extended to **Thursday, February 14, 2019.** [Please note: There may be many clerks trying to login to GA. If internet is slow, or you cannot get in, try very early in the morning, or very late at night.] If you cannot file by this date or have questions about filing the report electronically, please call our Stated Clerk. GA’s statistics page: <http://oga.pcusa.org/stats>.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** to presbytery can be mailed to the presbytery office. These reports may be folded and mailed in a #10

envelope for \$.55.

**THANK YOU** to all clerks who have already submitted your reports!

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**CHURCH OFFICER TRAINING** for new and seasoned Ruling Elders and Deacons will be held this **Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 9:00 AM to Noon, at Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church, 905 National Road, Wheeling, WV 26003. Come in the back door marked UOVP Office, second floor, Potter Chapel. All new and continuing ruling elders and deacons are encouraged to attend. Some who have been church officers for many years have found this training very helpful. New officers have enjoyed the experience and found it provides a very valuable introduction to their calling. **New this year: How to preside over the celebration of Our Lord's Supper.** If the weather is bad, call Cindy Foster 740-359-2750 to make sure the event has not been postponed. This is sponsored by UOVP's Training & Development Committee.

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**PCUSA STORE.** Explore Brueggemann's Newest Book about the Joy of Singing. "To know why we sing may bring to us a deeper delight in our singing and a strengthened resolve to sing without calculation before the God who is 'enthroned on the praises of Israel' (Ps. 22:3)." —from the preface to [A Glad Obedience](#), by Walter Brueggemann. **[Read an Excerpt.](#)** Beyond examining what we as Christians sing in our congregations each week, Walter Brueggemann also seeks to explain why we sing in his latest book, *A Glad Obedience*. This new book is not only perfect for worship leaders and musicians who are invested in every song that is sung and note that is played. It will also enlighten those of you who sing from the pews, whether softly or with great volume, as you explore the importance of hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs in your worship. The first section of *A Glad Obedience* examines the Psalms, and Brueggemann shows how they provide an explanation for why songs and singing have always been such an integral part of the Christian tradition. The second section looks to fifteen popular hymns, both classic and contemporary, in such a way that the experience of these hymns will be richer and readers will gain skills to be able to look more deeply at the hymns they encounter each week. Not only ideal for individuals and adult study groups, a congregation-wide program with this book will allow the times of music in the church to be more joyous and revered. This newest book from Walter Brueggemann has been added to other favorites by the esteemed author to create our [Brueggemann Top Ten](#) list. Whether you or your church is interested in why we sing or you find another engaging topic in our best-of list, you can browse by clicking one of the buttons below! [Learn More about A Glad Obedience.](#) [Browse the Brueggemann Top Ten List.](#)

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**PCUSA NEWS.**

**So, you want to volunteer in a disaster area? Here's how.** *Rich Copley | Presbyterian News Service.* Presbyterian Disaster Assistance offers one-stop shopping for scheduling mission trips, work and lodging.

**A limping dog and a caring community.** *Mike Ferguson | Presbyterian News Service.* Lutheran pastor, scholar preaches during Christian unity service.

**The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Sundance Film Festival.** *Rich Copley | Presbyterian News Service.* Almost-completed documentary about Flint water crisis will be shown to some festival attendees.

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**PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. Ministry and Context - An Online Class: Grow your skill set and knowledge at a convenient pace!** Dear Ministry Colleagues, Ministry always happens in a specific time and place, and learning how to read context is crucial for the practice of effective ministry. Drawing on resources from sociology and theology, participants will learn basic skills for reading context and discerning the impact ministry and communities can have on each other. This class will address context for lay and ordained community leaders in urban, suburban, and rural settings. Instructor: R. Drew Smith, Professor of Urban Ministry, PTS. The class will be self-paced and available for participants to engage with the instruction at their own convenience, i.e., offered asynchronously. *Co-sponsored with the [Metro-Urban Institute](#), PTS.* Questions? E-mail [ConEd@pts.edu](mailto:ConEd@pts.edu) or call 412-924-1345.

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