

# 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 740-381-3074.

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Instead of self-preservation, make a difference in your community, touching people through mission.

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## PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mike Lenno	Karen Edwards	Frank Lewis	Homer Harden
Gene Toot	Ann Varner	Matt Camlin	Debbie Hale
Susan McMannis	Susan Lehosky	R. H. "Mac" McCuen	David Brocklehurst
Linda Turner	Georgia Kurko	Sharon Willits	Cindy Foster
Ruth Ellen Bates	Ronn Moccasin	Simon Looking Elk	Dakota Partnership
Jane Fisher	Philip Keevil	Domasi Partnership	All Service men & women
Art Robinson			

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

Pray for peace and an end to violence and hatred.

Pray for the families of the shooting victims in El Paso and Dayton.

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: Annie Parker, William Popa, Connie Quinn, David Roberts, Ed Rudiger.

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**PRESBYTERIAN PEACE** and Justice Newsletter August, 2019, "Comfort My People," [control+click here](#). A link can also be found on our website: Click on the Mission sidebar then peacemaking.

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**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN** Church, 533 Virginia Ave., East Liverpool, OH, will be having an outdoor **Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 P.M. Former Pastor Allan Drake will be here to lead the singing. All are welcome to come meet & greet Rev. Drake. (In case of rain, it will be held in the church basement.)

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**THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING.** Since 1940, World Communion Sunday is an ecumenical celebration of our oneness in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing churches together in Christian unity. The Peace & Global Witness Offering builds on the Presbyterian Commitment to Peacemaking established in 1980. World Communion Sunday (Oct. 6) is the most common Sunday for receiving the Offering, but many congregations promote the Offering throughout *A Season of Peace* (Sept 1 – Oct. 6). 25% of the Offering stays with local congregations, and 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. 50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe. Ask your session to approve the receipt of the Peace & Global Witness Offering during *A Season of Peace*. Resources for *A Season of Peace* can be found at <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/seasonofpeace>.

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**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES** for Laughlin Chapel: If you would like to donate school supplies--of any kind--please drop them off at the Chapel any time after today. But please call first, 304-232-2630, to make sure Ellen is in the office when you are coming.

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**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN** Church, 4<sup>th</sup> & Hanover Streets, Martins Ferry, OH, is an authorized agency for the Belmont County's Job & Family Service to distribute **back to school clothing vouchers for the children of Belmont County**. The applications are in their church office and also in their Youth Center (410 Hanover Street). If you know of anyone who is a Belmont County resident who could use some assistance, the **deadline to apply is tomorrow, August 8, 2019**. The church office is open today and tomorrow 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Youth Center is open today and tomorrow 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**Their clothing store** is almost finished and they are hoping to have it open within 10 days. (It's a block away from their other buildings.)

**Their Youth Center** continues to grow. They are now feeding over 70 students five days a week. Most are from Martins Ferry; and some come as far as Warwood on their bikes! They've outgrown their current facility on Hanover Street and will

be moving into a new building on Walnut Street soon. The plan is to have the grand opening around October 1<sup>st</sup>. Stay tuned.

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**THE NEW 2019-2021** Book of Order is available for download for free at the PC(USA) Store [here](#). A link can also be found on our website under "Spotlight."

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**LONG'S RUN TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN** Church, East Liverpool, OH, has a new website:  
[www.longsruntrinitypresbychurch.org](http://www.longsruntrinitypresbychurch.org).

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN** Church, 52 Liberty St., Dillonvale, OH, will be holding their **69<sup>th</sup> Annual Peach Social this Friday, August 9, 2019**, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ticket includes cake, ice cream, peaches, and drink. \$5.00 adult and \$3.00 child. Other food items such as pulled pork, nachos, haluski, and sandwiches will be sold a la carte at an additional cost. Please join us at for an evening of fellowship, fun, and food! Music will be provided by Stevie Lynn.

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**SCOTCH RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN** Church, Treadway Road, Martins Ferry, OH 43035, will be celebrating their **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, August 18, 2019**. The worship service will begin at 9:15 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship and celebration from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Snacks, sandwiches, and drinks will be served. If you can't make it to the worship service, please come and join us for a time of fellowship and celebration afterwards. Directions to the church: Just north of Martins Ferry, on State Route 7, turn left on County Road 4. In a short distance, turn right (across a bridge) on County Road 16. About two miles, at the top of a hill, you will see the "Scotch Ridge Presbyterian Church" sign. Turn left by the sign onto Treadway Road. At the top of a hill, turn right onto the church driveway.

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**A RULING ELDER COMMISSIONER** to the **224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly** in Baltimore, MD, June 20 to June 27, 2020, is needed. We still need to elect one ruling elder commissioner and alternate, and one minister commissioner alternate. **E-mail your nominations to the Presbytery Office as soon as possible**. Applications can be found on our website under Items of Interest. Or, if you need a hard copy or more info, contact the Presbytery Office.

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**A YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE** (YAAD) is needed to represent us at the **224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly** in Baltimore, MD, June 20 to June 27, 2020. **E-mail your nominations to the Presbytery Office as soon as possible**. An application form can be found on our website under Items of Interest. For more info, contact Cindy Foster 740-359-2750 or [cjfoster1005@comcast.net](mailto:cjfoster1005@comcast.net).

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**THE FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY** is pleased to announce Darrell Guder as one of the key presenters at both The Pastors' Gathering and The Theology Conference this Fall. One of the key voices in the missional conversation of the last several decades, Guder will walk attendees through critical theological questions and how they impact our roles as church leaders today. For more information check out The Fellowship Community webpage [here](#). **The Pastor's Gathering is Monday, Oct. 14 – Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019**. Cost: \$100. **The Theology Conference is Wednesday, Oct. 16 – Friday, Oct. 18, 2019**. Cost: \$100. Both conferences at [First Presbyterian Church, San Diego](#). [Register Here](#)

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**PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. Allies in Faith: Encouraging Hospitality to Immigrants:** More than 20,000 immigrants from all across the globe have moved to Southwest Pennsylvania in the past decade. Is your congregation prepared to welcome your newest neighbors? What kind of outreach would best meet the needs of your community? Join the Seminary and Christian Associates of Southwest PA **Sept. 11-12 for Allies in Faith**, a two-day learning experience for clergy and religious leaders. Led by a team of clergy, community experts, and recent immigrants, Allies in Faith will empower you to: articulate a theology of welcome, hearing the call to hospitality in Jewish and Christian scriptures; deepen your understanding of the immigrant experience, in local and national contexts; delve into local resources, meeting representatives from nearly a dozen agencies and organizations that support immigrants; conduct a congregational and neighborhood assessment to determine how your church can best partner with immigrant communities; and plan a project, supported by ongoing networks, that will actively connect your congregation with your newest neighbors. Following the closing session, ongoing webinar and social media support will continue while participants work on assessment, planning, and project implementation. This event is by application only. Deadline is Aug. 25. [Learn more online.](#)

**Upcoming Continuing Education Online Classes.** The Seminary will offer three online continuing education courses this academic year. Plan to join us for one or all three of these self-paced classes! James Downey, the Seminary's vice president for planning and institutional effectiveness, will lead "**Successful Strategic Planning and Implementation for Churches,**" **Sept. 23-Oct. 18**. This course will help participants understand the ways your church's or organization's culture deeply influences planning success or failure; that attention to plan implementation is at least as important as planning itself; and the ways you can create a compelling vision that is achievable by carefully answering two key questions—how and why? Registration deadline is Sept. 5. [Learn more online.](#)

Jonathan Callard, writer, editor, and teacher, will lead "**Spiritual Writing,**" Jan. 6-Feb. 9, 2020. This class will ask what, if anything, can make nonfiction writing "spiritual." Participants will read selections from essays and memoirs in the spiritual writing genre and try composing their own versions of this material. The course will provide tips and inspiration for getting started, gathering material, and revising their work for publication. Writers from all backgrounds and faiths are welcome.

Registration deadline is Dec. 11. [Learn more online.](#)

Barbara Blodgett, associate dean for academic programs and assessment at PTS, will lead **“Collective Decision Making: Beyond Robert's Rules,” March 9-April 3, 2020.** Do you tire of church meetings where decision making is tedious or contentious? Have you ever wished to try a different way? In this course, students will learn decision methods that are at the same time slower and wiser, respectful and goal-oriented. Experiment with consensus processes, prayerful processes, and more. Churches will register as “one person” and send two representatives (ideally, a clergy leader and a lay leader).

[Learn more online.](#)

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**COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.** Here are the latest offerings from the Center for Lifelong Learning--for pastors, leaders, congregations, peers. The Center for Lifelong Learning provides church leaders with opportunities for personal and professional growth. Our peer-learning courses and programs equip church professionals and lay people to be forerunners in discipleship.

**Spiritual Direction: An Introduction, September 19-22, 2019.** Curious about Spiritual Direction? This course introduces the ancient Christian practice of spiritual guidance. It answers questions about the difference between spiritual direction and other helping professions and introduces foundational principles and spiritual practices. The course may be helpful for those considering entering a spiritual direction relationship or discerning formal training as a spiritual director. To learn more about this course, click [here](#).

**Leadership in Ministry Atlanta, November 11-13, 2019 and March 16-18, 2020.** The Leadership in Ministry Workshops are on-going, twice-a-year peer-based clergy leadership development programs meeting at the Center for Lifelong Learning. Each annual workshop meets for two sessions (fall and spring). Interested? Click [here](#) to register for the Atlanta location workshop.

**The Coaching Institute, Fall 2019 and January-June, 2020.** “The work of coaching helps pastors and leaders claim their vision along with crafting strategies to live it. The work happens in the coaching conversations that are meaningful and focused on the outcomes the leader identifies.” -Laurie J Ferguson. The Coaching Institute at Columbia Theological Seminary has two upcoming coaching opportunities, **1)** TCI@CTS Mentor Coaching (Online) Fall 2019; and **2)** the TCI@CTS Coaching Cohort beginning January 2020. To learn more about these opportunities, click [here](#).

**The Disciple-Making Church: To Grow the Future We Visit the Past, April 21-24, 2020.** There's a new movement sweeping the church that lays a foundation for growing churches in North America: the “Disciple-Making Church.” This model of Congregational formation will be explored and extended in the Thompson Scholars Cohort to include more liberating models of a disciple-making church. Participants will explore what it means to develop mature disciples of Jesus Christ who make a real difference in the world by actively seeking the love, justice, freedom, and peace of God. To apply for the 2019 Thompson Scholars Cohort, click [here](#). Applications accepted through December 2019.

Check [here](#) to access and register for the **full list** of CLL courses and programs! The Center for Lifelong Learning, 404-687-4577, [lifelonglearning@ctsnet.edu](mailto:lifelonglearning@ctsnet.edu)

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