

# Happening Around the Presbytery

August 14, 2019

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.

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. –Winston Churchill

## 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.

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: Carol Schoolcraft, Bob Shearer, Kenn Sickie, Lloyd Smith, David Stammerjohn

**THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE will be closed** this Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, and next Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**THANK YOU** all for your prayers and cards of encouragement as I recover from multiple broken body parts following an accident between me and my car. The car seemingly won at first, but through God's power and care and through the skills of His medical team here on earth, the final win will likely be mine. I am blessed and am grateful to you, His family, for your support. Georgia A. Kurko, Ph.D.

**POGO.** The Presbytery extends its sincerest thanks to the organizers and participants of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Presbyterian Open Golf Outing at Spring Hills Golf Club. The golf outing recently took place on August 5 and consisted of 12 teams. Thank you to everyone who came and played in the golf outing! The weather was great, the company was fabulous, and everyone enjoyed the fellowship on the golf course. Special thanks to the First Westminster's Presbyterian Women for a delicious meal. Together, with everyone's support, \$400.00 was raised for the Cancer Dietary Initiative. Mulligans were sold and Mr. George Kuntupis generously provided items to be raffled. One of the teams representing First Westminster Presbyterian Church won first place. The team included: George Kuntupis, Ron Karabaic, Nunzio Veltri, and Tom Silveri. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

**SCOTCH RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN** Church, Treadway Road, Martins Ferry, OH 43035, will be celebrating their **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this 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.

**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN** Church, 533 Virginia Ave., East Liverpool, OH, will be having an outdoor **Ice Cream Social this 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.)

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN** Church, 123 Union St., Mount Pleasant, OH, invites you to a celebration of Christian music, **The Concert on the Hill 2019, Sunday, August 25, 2019,** 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. featuring Risen Witness of St. Clairsville, The Foxx Family of Wheeling, Linda Ross Brown of Pittsburgh, Cornerstone of Wheeling, and Friends of Wintersville. Everything is

held on the lawn behind the church. Bring your lawn chair or a blanket. There will be plenty of snacks and refreshments throughout the day—all free! Come, let the Holy Spirit touch your heart. Visit us on facebook @ [www.facebook.com/presbyterianMtPleasant](http://www.facebook.com/presbyterianMtPleasant).

**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS September 1 - October 6, 2019.** The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world. Download the Leaders Guide: We've put together a variety of materials to help you promote the Peace & Global Witness Offering and share with your members about the work supported by their gifts. This guide will walk you through sharing these materials and some effective ways to participate in and celebrate the Peace & Global Witness Offering. We encourage you to add your own ideas, creativity, and enthusiasm to help increase awareness and giving in your congregation. [Free Download Click Here.](#)

**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. But please call first, 304-232-2630, to make sure Ellen is in the office when you are coming.

**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.

**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).

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY INITIATIVE.** Register today for the 2019 Women in Ministry Conference, **“Leadership in a Time of Division and Fear,”** at Princeton Theological Seminary **Oct. 23-25, 2019.**

The Women in Ministry Initiative of Princeton Theological Seminary is pleased to offer a [conference](#) for women leaders of the church, both clergy and lay, who work within the church and beyond. We will gather to worship, to study, and to encourage one another. Keynote presentations, sermons, informal discussions, and workshops will provide an opportunity to develop and strengthen talents and skills for leadership in the church and world to which we are called. Workshop sessions include: **Developing Your Leadership Muscle: Resilience and Perspective** with Emily Anderson and Laurie Ferguson; **Mindful Ministry: Brain Training for Fun and Prophets** with Elizabeth Perryman; **Back Talk: Women Leaders and Sin** with Cynthia Rigby; **Leadership and Learning to See: An Art Workshop** with Kathy Baker Schorr and Hannah Schorr Hammond; **Leading for Change: Transforming Faith Communities in a Time Such as This** with Jessica Vaughn Lower; **Attending: The Plasticity and Flexibility of Vocation** with Mihee Kim-Kort; **Women and Wellness: Using Film to Cultivate Your Spiritual Journey** with Karen Jackson-Weaver and Aida Grace Weaver. Conference cost is \$195 and includes program, meals (2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner), and a reception. Lodging is not included. [REGISTER](#)

**INTER-PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP FORMATION (IPLF) PRESENTS: FALL 2019 ELDER TRAINING WORKSHOPS.**

Continuing education and life-long learning are hallmarks of Presbyterian leadership and are expected of our congregations' leaders. Elders who are session members, Pastors, and those Commissioned to leadership are reminded and urged to attend one or more of these Saturday afternoon workshops. **Each of these free workshops will be held at** Redstone Presbytery Center, 1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA 15601. **To register or if you have questions,** contact Nancy at Washington Presbytery 724-222-1500 or [office@washingtonpresbytery.org](mailto:office@washingtonpresbytery.org).

**Basics of Church Budgets, Church Finance, and Christian Stewardship.** This workshop will acquaint you with the nuts and bolts of money issues in a local church. Emphasis will be on the budgeting process, rules of thumb for local church finance, and church leaders' roles as stewards. An excellent overview for non-financial persons who are considering a call to congregational leadership. **Saturday, August 17, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Instructor: Rev. Bill Roemer.

**Ethics and Boundaries.** The close relationships between congregational leaders and parishioners can yield fruitful ministries – but also can lead to tempting circumstances and ethical “gray areas.” This workshop will help leaders to blend loving care with prudent cautions. **Saturday, September 14, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Instructor: Rev. Craig Kephart.

**Advanced Scripture Study: Isaiah.** Students will ‘dig deeper’ into the structures, context, and language of this ‘major’ prophetic book, building a foundation for later study, teaching, and preaching. **Saturday, October 12, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Instructor: Rev. Dr. Jerome Creach.

**Nurturing and Forming Elders.** The office of Elder is Presbyterianism's unique contribution to the Church. This workshop will draw upon Scripture, tradition, and current practices to consider how these under-shepherds are grown in grace, knowledge, and service. **Saturday, November 9, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Instructor: TBA

**Preaching Beyond the Lectionary.** The Revised Common Lectionary is not the preacher's only available tool. In this workshop, participants will explore and experiment with other helps that can lend variety, creativity, and freshness to sermon

planning for each year. **Saturday, December 14, 2019**, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Instructor: TBA  
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