

Happening Around the Presbytery

July 15, 2020

Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

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Office Hours: Mon–Fri, 9:00 am–3:00 pm.

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

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“My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 6:21

Prayers Requested

Pray for those sick with the corona virus, first responders, nurses, doctors, and the families who lost loved ones.

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

Pray for Our Country and those who govern

Please pray for our Churches and those who minister.

Please keep us updated of any prayer concerns you may have

Please pray for our school administrators, parents, teachers and students as they navigate new realities of school during the pandemic.

===== **WEEKLY**

PRAYER FOR UOVP PASTORS. Select one of these pastors and remember him/her in your prayers this week: Margie Zellar, Ginny Zoric, Laurie Armstrong, and Ruth Ellen Bates

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OFFICE UPDATES: PLEASE CHANGE YOUR E-MAIL pattyuov@uovpresby.org to christine@uovpresby.org.

Christine will also continue to use the uovp@uovpresby.org box.

Please send updates for Happenings by **9 am on Wends of that week**. Thank you.



===== **THINKING ABOUT CHRISTIAN MISSION, SAFELY DISTANCED**

This October, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's World Mission Initiative Conference is joining hands with the seminary's McClure Lectures for a month of free, **online**, Wednesday evening presentations. The theme is **Jesus Christ and 'the Dividing Wall': Race and God's**

Mission. <https://www.pts.edu/wmi-conference>

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN announces the cancellation of PW Prayer Retreat that was scheduled for August 15, 2020 due to the resurgence of COVID-19. The May Presbyterian Women's Connecting Link may be found on the [May 2020 Presbyterian Women's Connecting Link](#) on the presbytery webpage.

===== **WEE KIRK RESCHEDULED!**

Wee Kirk planning team voted to postpone the 2020 conference until 2021. They made this decision with a heavy heart. Nevertheless, they say they also recognize that there is a moral responsibility as brothers and sisters in Christ to care for one another. The new date is set for October 11-13, 2021, at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. In the meantime, Wee Kirk has set up a [Facebook page Wee-Kirk-Conference](#) (as a place for connection and fellowship. Wee Kirk team is discussing ways of providing inspiration that will encourage and motivate you this fall. So visit the Wee Kirk website (<https://wee-kirk-ne.org/>) in September and beyond, where we hope to have videos available to you.

INFORMAL PRESBYTERY ZOOM MEETING AUGUST 11

The Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery is hosting another "Informal" Presbytery meeting on August 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm via Zoom. The invitation will be sent out to the email addresses of those that were on the listing for the previous Zoom meeting. The intent for this informal get-together is to refine methods for voting and speaking in preparation of future digital Presbytery meetings. There will be a brief introduction on Zoom functions and how we will use them in a meeting format. We would also like to give those attending a brief opportunity to talk to our group "What God has been doing in your church during this season." Please plan to join us. If your church would like an email invitation sent to different commissioners, please send that information to Christine in our Presbytery Office at Christine@uovpresby.org

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FIRST VIRTUAL NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE, JULY 17-19, 2020. For the first time in its 115-year history, the New Wilmington Mission Conference will meet online, July 17–19...Register for NWMC 2020 to receive the most up-to-date information and invitations to private small group events. Some events will be pre-recorded, some live-streamed, and some will take place through video-conferencing software via private link. There is no cost to attend the Virtual NWMC. To register, visit www.nwmcmission.org/nwmc-2020. "Because we are an international conference bringing people together from around the globe, and because we do not want to put any of our participants at risk, we have made the decision to move to a virtual platform for 2020," said the Rev. Ginny Teitt, director of NWMC and organizing pastor of Concord Presbyterian Church near Columbus, Ohio. "We hope to capture the fun and joy that is often a part of the morning meeting, and we hope to provide opportunities for the meaningful interaction that has made the NWMC dear to so many for so long." Additional information will be available on the NWMC website as it becomes available, nwmcmission.org.

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MALAWI WELL WISHERS MISSION. This is a video about the Malawi prison ministry with the Rev. Stanley Chimesya. Click this link for the video presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mq4ulOOg4EQ>. For more info, contact Karen Byrne at karenbyrne60@yahoo.com.

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PEACEMAKING. During the March 14, 2020, stated meeting of Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, an action was taken to encourage Presbyterians to write letters of encouragement to detainees in camps on our southern border, letters of faith, accompaniment, and support. There are still some detainees who have not had contact with the outside world in long periods of time. These letters have proven to be a lifeline. They can be written in English. In this period of pandemic, this need continues and increases. Please take this as a mission project now in your "sheltering at home time." Place letters in a blank envelope and then another envelope and address and send to St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, % CMDVP, 3809 East Third St., Tucson, AZ 85716. If you have questions, you can call Jackie Hutyera at 740/491-7251.

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IS GOD CALLING YOU TO FURTHER LEADERSHIP?

If you are a Ruling Elder, God might be calling you to preach or become more involved in pastoral service. Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, with four neighboring presbyteries, will be continuing the **Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF)** training program for the preparation of possible "Commissioned Pastors" for the future. New students may begin in the fall of 2020. The program includes both classroom and hands-on experiences, and you will receive training and mentorship that will help you grow as a leader in Christ's Church. If interested, please contact Dee Kovach deekovach@att.net. A list of the Fall 2020, workshops and descriptions, and application booklet for the program can be found under **Items of Interest** on our website. These classes are also great for continuing education as well.

Fall. Presbytery office can also email the registration form and schedule upon request.

The class for the fall of 2020 is New Testament with Skip Noftzger as instructor. The dates for the fall classes are August 22, September 12, October 10, November 14 and December 12 and will be held at the Redstone Presbytery. The New Testament class will be in the morning on these dates and workshops will be offered in the afternoon.

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POGO GOLF TOURNAMENT 2020
24th Annual

August 3
Monday | 2020

Spring Hills Golf Club

State Route 43
East Springfield, OH
45925

REGISTRATION 8:15AM
SHOTGUN START 9:30AM
DINNER & PRIZES AT THE CONCLUSION

\$45 | **\$20**
Per Player | Team Mulligans

Please Foursomes Only
RSVP By July 24
Call First Westminster Presbyterian Church
740-282-4591

Proceeds benefit Cancer Dietary Initiative

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FIRST WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will be hosting the 24th Annual POGO Golf Tournament. August 3, at Spring Hills Golf Club in East Springfield, OH. Foursome teams are requested only. **Please register by July 24 by calling First Westminster Presbyterian Church, 740-282-4591.** \$45.00 per player. Proceeds benefit Cancer Dietary Initiative.

Amy Parikakis firstwestpc@gmail.com, new Director of Marketing and Communications at First Westminster Presbyterian Church can be contacted with any questions as well.