

Happening Around the Presbytery

October 14, 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.

God is God: worthy of praise, awesome in creative power, and full of goodness.

Starting in October, we will be sending out Prayer Concerns and Birthday Celebration announcements in a separate communication from Happenings. Please keep prayer concerns and birthdays within church and off Facebook.



REMINDER-The October 17 In Person Reading of the Minutes was cancelled. Please find a partner church or two and complete your minutes review. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

November 9 Minutes Review Due to Presbytery: Forms are on the website. Directories were sent out again this week with contact information for clerk of session. . We have received **12** churches reports already!

November 12 Tentative Docket Times for December Presbytery are due to Stated Clerk

November 16 Tentative Editable emailed Reports for December Presbytery are due at 9 am.

December 12 STATED Meeting of the Presbytery TBD

OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The office is open 9-3, Monday-Friday If you are looking for a form on the website, please look under **items of interest on the website or Spotlight**. The website has some broken links which necessitated the moving of forms. The directories are also on the website, contact the office if you need the login for the directory or pulpit supply.

FACEBOOK UPDATE

The **UOVP Presbytery** has created an official and authorized **Facebook Page The Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery** that is administrated by staff/officers. Please go find it and like it! My Facebook persona is UOVP Christine, if you want to be my friend and I will invite you to the page.



According to the handout from the "Livestreaming Workshop, here are a few facts why **FACEBOOK** matters. Facebook is used by over 70% of adults in the US.

51% of teenagers use Facebook, about the same percentage as people 65+.
 52% of adults get news from Facebook.
 The average user spends 58minutes on Facebook daily.
 Facebook is now ranked the 4th most visited website WORLDWIDE
 The average engagement rate for Facebook posts is 3.6. That engagement rate increases to 6.1% when the post includes video content.
 Facebook pages are public and viewable and to anyone on Facebook. They also show up in Google Search results.
 Facebook groups are used by over 1.4 billion people.

PTS OFFERING ON-LINE CLASSES & EVENTS - Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is offering a schedule of continuing education classes and events this fall and winter. Offerings include: *Claiming Pentecost: New Beginnings in a Post-Pandemic Church*; *Wise Women and Spirituality*; and *Spiritual Writing*. For more information go to <https://www.pts.edu/chronological-schedule>



THERE'S STILL TIME to register yourself and your discussion group for **JESUS CHRIST AND THE DIVIDING WALL: RACE AND GOD'S MISSION**. Excellent help to get started (or make progress) discussing inter-racial tensions, justice, and Christian responsibility. <https://www.pts.edu/wmi-conference>

LEADERFEST 2021 is under review and possible rescheduling. Organizers from Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery and Washington Presbytery will have a firm plan by **November 1**.



TAX EXEMPT CERTIFICATE UPDATE - The State is well behind in getting all the certificates renewed. The State extended the deadline of existing certificates until December 31st. The State has been sending the Synod some of the certificates which they are then forwarding to the churches. You may contact Frank, the [Business Administrator](#), at the Synod office directly to see if your certificate came in. The office emailed the Tax Exempt Certificate, contact the office if you need one.

HAPPENINGS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER ITEMS OF INTEREST. Each issue will be posted for three weeks. Please share what you are doing to grow the Kingdom please send us a blurb! Let us know how you are providing light in your community and within your church!

If you have ideas or thoughts on what we should include on the weekly happenings please reach out!

Updates or News Items are due by 9 am Wednesday for the Happening of the Week.