

**Presbytery of Ohio Valley  
Docket for Assembly  
United Presbyterian Church,  
Bloomington, Indiana  
September 9, 2010**

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| 10:00 a.m. | Call to Worship and to Order<br>Welcome by Host Pastor<br>Declaration of Quorum<br>Consent Agenda - minutes of previous meeting, Report of the Stated Clerk, Treasurer's Report, COM part 1, and CPM part 1, Mission Partnership Report, Lay Pastor Report<br>Introduction of Members and Guests<br>Seating of Corresponding Members | Karen Goodwell<br>David Bremer                 |
| 10:20 a.m. | Proclamation of the Word   | Karen Hahn<br>Cheryl Thorne<br>Krista Phillips |
| 11:00 a.m. | Committee on Preparation for Ministry<br>Candidacy Request for Margaret Coggin<br>and Garrett Schindler  | Mary Jean DeMarr                               |
| 11:20 a.m. | Report from Youth Triennium Adult Leaders  | Rachel Pedersen                                |
| 11:35 a.m. | Form of Government Presentation  | Mark Tammen                                    |
| 12:15 p.m. | Lunch and Table Discussions on the<br>Form of Government   |  |
| 1:15 p.m.  | Questions/Answers about Form of Government   |  |
| 1:45 p.m.  | Report from Moderator  | Karen Goodwell                                 |
| 1:50 p.m.  | Report from Council  | Susan McGhee                                   |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Focus on Cluster Ministry  |  |
| 2:05 p.m.  | Stewardship Work Group   | Andy Holmes                                    |
| 2:20 p.m.  | Olivet Administrative Commission   | Lant Davis                                     |
| 2:30 p.m.  | Committee on Ministry  | Deborah Fortel                                 |
| 2:45 p.m.  | Church Planting Work Group   | Scott Hill                                     |
| 2:55 p.m.  | Trustees Budget 2011<br>Annual Meeting of the Corporation  | Charlie Pye                                    |
| 3:05 p.m.  | Previews of Coming Attractions<br>Transformation through Mission<br>Big Tent   |  |
| 3:10 p.m.  | Lily Grant   | Charlie Pye                                    |
| 3:15 p.m.  | Speak Out Session  |  |
| 3:25 p.m.  | Pyoca  | Rich Swartwood                                 |
| 3:30 p.m.  | New Business<br>Prayers of the Presbytery  | Susan McGhee                                   |
| 3:40 p.m.  | Communion Celebration  |  |
| 4:10 p.m.  | Adjournment and Blessing   |  |

## **Presbytery of Ohio Valley What You May Expect at Assembly September 9, 2010**

### **Form of Government Discussion**

For several years a major revision of the Constitution of the Church has been evolving. It focuses on the way in which direct how we govern ourselves. That revision will be a topic for discussion and education at this meeting. The staff person for the denomination, who worked with the committees working on this issue, will be present to offer insight. That is the Rev. Mark Tammen.

This meeting we will learn more about the proposal, discuss it and raise questions. At another meeting we will actually debate this issue and vote on it as an Overture. The proposal is, in essence, perfected and the vote in December will be “yes or no” for the total package.

If implemented, the new Form of Government will move many decisions to the level of the Presbytery and there will be much more latitude in many decisions. We will move the organization of the church to a place that is less dependent on “the rules” and more dependent on a process that encourages each responsible body to make effective choices.

### **Interpretation of the 219th General Assembly**

Two plus years back the presbytery fell below a membership of 8,000. That meant that we would have one elder and one minister as Commissioners to Assembly, Elder Karen Hahn and Rev. Cheryl Thorne were joined to represent us by Krista Phillips. Krista was our Young Adult Advisory Delegate.

Through worship these folk will interpret the work of the GA in Minneapolis. They will continue after this meeting to help us interpret the Overtures from the Assembly which need the vote of presbyteries. Till the next GA convenes, Cheryl, Krista and Karen remain our Commissioners and our Bills and Overtures Committee.

### **Candidates for Ministry of Word and Sacrament**

There is a two phase level of work toward ordination for students. First they are Inquirers who are received on recommendation of their sessions. After Inquiry, comes a period of Candidacy as the person moves toward ministry of Word and Sacrament. The Assembly affirms Candidacy when the candidate appears before us.

Two people who are currently Inquirers will appear before Assembly to ask for the move to Candidacy. Margaret Coggin and Garret Schindler have background information included in the presbytery packet.

### **A Multi Cultural and International Congregation will Host**

Bloomington United Church is unique for our presbytery in the breadth of appeal across the lines of culture and of national identities. Our hostesses and hosts at United will offer us the richness of this broad level of inclusion. It is just who they are.



Parking is located on the north side of the church (entrance off of Eastside Drive). Due to the proximity of Indiana University, street parking is by permit only. Carpooling is **highly encouraged**. You may enter the building through either the entrance off the parking lot or Eastside Drive.

**From the North:**

Take State Road 37 South to the State Road 45/46 East exit. Follow State Road 45/46 East past Indiana University. At Tenth Street, State Road 45 splits off. Stay on State Road 46 (right lane). At the next light, turn right onto Third Street (CVS is on the corner). At the light, turn left onto High Street (St. Charles Catholic Church is on the corner). At the next light, turn right onto Second Street. United Presbyterian Church is located on the northeast corner of Second Street and Eastside Drive.

**From the Northwest:**

Take State Road 46 East. You will cross over State Road 37 and State Road 45 will join State Road 46. Follow State Road 45/46 East past Indiana University. At Tenth Street, State Road 45 splits off. Stay on State Road 46 (right lane). At the next light, turn right onto Third Street (CVS is on the corner). At the light, turn left onto High Street (St. Charles Catholic Church is on the corner). At the next light, turn right onto Second Street. United Presbyterian Church is located on the northeast corner of Second Street and Eastside Drive.

**From the South:**

Take State Road 37 North to the State Road 45/46 East exit. Follow State Road 45/46 East past Indiana University. At Tenth Street, State Road 45 splits off. Stay on State Road 46 (right lane). At the next light, turn right onto Third Street (CVS is on the corner). At the light, turn left onto High Street (St. Charles Catholic Church is on the corner). At the next light, turn right onto Second Street. United Presbyterian Church is located on the northeast corner of Second Street and Eastside Drive.

**From the Southwest:**

Take State Road 45 East to State Road 37 North. Take State Road 37 North to the State Road 45/46 East exit. Follow State Road 45/46 East past Indiana University. At Tenth Street, State Road 45 splits off. Stay on State Road 46 (right lane). At the next light, turn right onto Third Street (CVS is on the corner). At the light, turn left onto High Street (St. Charles Catholic Church is on the corner). At the next light, turn right onto Second Street. United Presbyterian Church is located on the northeast corner of Second Street and Eastside Drive.

**From the East:**

Take State Road 46 West (becomes Third Street once you are in Bloomington). At the light, turn left onto High Street (St. Charles Catholic Church is on the corner). At the next light, turn right onto Second Street. United Presbyterian Church is located on the northeast corner of Second Street and Eastside Drive.

## **Clerk's Report**

Rev. Lawrence Jackman

### **Allegations Have Been Filed against a Minister of Word and Sacrament and Member of the Presbytery.**

The provisions of D.10 have been initiated following receipt of an allegation on August 14, 2010. The Moderator has completed the appointment of an Investigating Committee. The committee consists of Elders Diane Farrar (Columbus First) and Ed McClellan (Bloomington First) Revs, Norrie Erickson, Donald Kinloch and David Young.

### **Amendments to the Constitution Coming from the 219th General Assembly**

|       |   |       |
|-------|---|-------|
| 10-A. | Gifts and Requirements—On Amending G-6.0106b .....  | 06-09 |
| 10-B. | Removing Stated Clerk or Clerk of Session—On Amending G-9.0203b.....                                      | 05-14 |
| 10-C. | Requiring Sexual Misconduct Policy—On Amending G-9.0404e.....   | 03-26 |
| 10-D. | Nominating Committees—On Amending G-9.0801a .....   | 05-06 |
| 10-E. | Presbytery Rolls and Registers—On Amending G-11.0407 .....  | 05-04 |
| 10-F. | Certified Christian Educators—On Amending G-11.0407 and G-14.0730.....                                    | 06-01 |
| 10-G. | Synod Function—On Amending G-12.0100.....   | 04-01 |
| 10-H. | Nominations Process—On Amending G-13.0108, G-13.0111a, and G-13.0202b .....                               | 05-05 |
| 10-I. | Prayer Added to Ordination and Installation Services—<br>On Amending W-4.4003, W-4.4004 and W-4.4006..... | 16-02 |
| 10-J. | Stay of Enforcement—On Amending D-6.0103 .....  | 05-26 |
| 10-K. | Preliminary Questions—On Amending D-6.0306, D-8.0302,<br>and D-13.0302.....                               | 05-25 |
| 10-L. | Reviewing Work of Investigating Committee—On Amending D-10.0202 .....                                     | 05-20 |
| 10-M. | Time Limit—On Amending D-10.0401 .....  | 05-25 |
| 10-N. | Appeal of “Not Guilty” Verdict—On Amending D-13.0102 and D-13.0106 .....                                  | 05-02 |
| 10-O. | Decision of Permanent Judicial Commission—On Amending D-13.0404.....                                      | 05-25 |

Amendments are available in detail and are posted at:

[www.pcusa.org/oga/constitution.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/oga/constitution.htm)

## Dismissal of Commission

A commission to install Anne C.S. Marshall met and fulfilled its commission on Saturday August 14, 2010. That commission was dismissed and dissolved with the benediction at the close of the service of installation. Rev. Casteel moderated the commission and asked the constitutional questions. The Presbytery expresses thanks to Elder Karen Hahn, Elder Warren Whaley, Rev. Donald Kinloch, Rev. Peggy Casteel and Rev. Susan McGhee.

## Administrative Commission to Assist in the Dissolution of First Presbyterian Church in Cynthiana, Indiana

The following persons have expressed a willingness to serve on an Administrative Commission to work with the session of the congregation as the ministry of that congregation ends.

The clerk recommends election of the following commission to act for the presbytery in all matters related to the welfare of members of the congregation, the closing, disposition of property, and any other matters normally associated with the dissolution of a congregation.

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|---------------------|--|
| Rev. Larry Langer   | Elder Barbara Snyder, Indiana, Vincennes |
| Rev. David Brookman | Elder Richard Kitchen, First, Cynthiana  |
| Rev. Cheryl Thorne  | Elder Pam Lentz, Eastminster, Evansville |
|                     | Elder Bob Bartlow, First Vincennes       |

## New Church Development Administrative Commission for the Korean Fellowship at Bloomington First Church

The clerk recommends that Elder Min Seo of Central Church in Terre Haute be added to the commission.

## Treasurer's Report

Elder Jean Brown

### Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc. Condensed Statement of Revenues & Expenses (Actual and Budget) January 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010

|                                 | Jan - Jul 10<br>Actual | Jan-Jul 10<br>Budget | 2010<br>Budget |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                  |                        |                      |                |
| Per Capita                      | \$ 159,164             | \$ 147,000           | \$ 207,223     |
| Shared Giving (Unified Mission) | 68,419                 | 68,000               | 114,000        |
| Contributions                   | 2,815                  | 7,500                | 13,000         |
| Unrestricted Invest Inc & Trans | 18,000                 | 18,000               | 36,000         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>            | <b>248,398</b>         | <b>240,500</b>       | <b>370,223</b> |

|  |                  |                 |                    |
|--|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Expense</b>                             |                  |                 |                    |
| <b>Staff Expense</b>                       | 111,917          | 116,139         | 199,425            |
| <b>Ecclesial Expense</b>                   | 59,090           | 61,767          | 80,521             |
| <b>Meeting Expense</b>                     | 4,800            | 7,054           | 12,650             |
| <b>Administration &amp; Office Expense</b> | 15,348           | 25,083          | 43,000             |
| <b>Program Expense</b>                     | 18,271           | 19,386          | 33,233             |
| <b>Cluster Expense</b>                     | 892              | 3,500           | 6,000              |
| <b>Task Force Funding</b>                  | 1,190            | 3,500           | 6,000              |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                       | <u>211,509</u>   | <u>236,429</u>  | <u>380,829</u>     |
| <b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>               | <u>\$ 36,889</u> | <u>\$ 4,071</u> | <u>\$ (10,606)</u> |

**Fund Balances  
As of July 31, 2010**

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| <b>Church Legacy Funds</b>                         | \$ 631,892         |
| <b>Brown Trust</b>                                 | 298,005            |
| <b>Special Designations - Ezekiel, peacemaking</b> | 26,949             |
| <b>Undesignated Net Assets</b>                     | <u>1,012,853</u>   |
|  | <u>\$1,969,699</u> |

If you would like a detailed statement or any other additional information, please contact Jean Brown at (866) 344-7853 or at [accounting@povpc.org](mailto:accounting@povpc.org)

**Committee on Ministry**

Rev. Deborah Fortel

1. On August 28, 2010, during the meeting of the Committee on Ministry CLP Greg Gibson was re-commissioned to the Leavenworth Church.

**2. The Contract Report was approved, as follows:**

**A. First Presbyterian Church of Vincennes, Indiana and Dr. George F. Ford serving as CLP Temporary Supply Pastor.**

Duties include: 1. Conduct weekly services of worship. 2. Participate in and encourage congregational participation in the life of the Presbytery. 3. Complete mentoring and 16 hours of continuing education annually as required by COM. 4. Funerals, Bible studies, weddings. 5. Minister to the congregation.

| Period             | Hrs./wk | Salary      | Housing | Auto Mi.       | Study L            | Pd.Vac                | Cont.Ed. | Pension       |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|
| 1/1/11 to 12/31/11 | 20+     | \$32,098.07 | \$      | Vch.IRS rate – | 2 wks<br>2 Sundays | 2 Months<br>8 Sundays | \$ 2,000 | Full BOP Paid |

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FICA paid by church.

**B. Upper Indiana Presbyterian Church of Vincennes, Indiana and Dr. George F. Ford serving as CLP Temporary Supply Pastor.**

Duties include: 1. Conduct weekly services of worship. 2. Participate in and encourage congregational participation in the life of the Presbytery. 3. Complete mentoring and 16 hours of

continuing education annually as required by COM. 4. Funerals, Bible studies, weddings. 5. Minister to the congregation.

| Period             | Hrs./wk | Salary | Housing     | Auto Mi.       | Study L            | Pd.Vac                | Cont.Ed. | Pension       |
|--------------------|---------|--------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|
| 1/1/11 to 12/31/11 | 20+     | \$     | \$39,397.52 | Vch.IRS rate – | 2 wks<br>2 Sundays | 2 Months<br>8 Sundays | \$ 1,000 | Full BOP Paid |

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FICA paid by church.

***C. Laconia United Presbyterian Church of Laconia, Indiana and Sharon Kutz-Mellen serving as CLP Temporary Supply Pastor.***

Duties include: 1. Conduct services of worship for the congregation. 2. Participate in and encourage congregational participation in the life of the Presbytery. 3. Complete mentoring and 16 hours continuing education annually as required by COM.

| Period              | Hrs./wk | Salary | Housing             | Auto Mi.       | Study L             | Pd.Vac             | Cont.Ed.           | Pension |
|---------------------|---------|--------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 9/17/10 to 12/31/10 | 10      | \$     | \$672.50<br>Monthly | Vch.IRS rate – | 2Weeks<br>2 Sundays | 1 Week<br>1 Sunday | \$150 cum<br>3yrs. | N/A     |

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***D. Valley City Presbyterian Church of Central, Indiana and Sharon Kutz-Mellen serving as CLP Temporary Supply Pastor.***

Duties include: 1. Conduct weekly services of worship, including children's message, bulletins, help w/ Sunday School when necessary. 2. Participate in and encourage congregational participation in the life of the Presbytery. 3. Conduct elder/deacon/new member instruction. 4. Moderate Session and congregational meetings. 5. Conduct weddings, funerals, & pastoral visitation when possible.

| Period             | Hrs./wk | Salary | Housing  | Auto Mi.          | Study L           | Pd.Vac             | Cont.Ed.            | Pension |
|--------------------|---------|--------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------|
| 9/1/10 to 12/31/10 | 10-12   | \$     | \$110/Wk | \$45/wk<br>(flat) | 1 week<br>1Sunday | 1 week<br>1 Sunday | \$100 cum<br>3 yrs. | N/A     |

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***E. Nabb Presbyterian Church of Nabb, Indiana and Michael E. Beaver serving as CLP Temporary Supply Pastor.***

Duties include: 1. Conduct services of worship for the congregation. 2. Participate in and encourage congregational participation in the life of the Presbytery. 3. Provide Sacraments -- weddings are n/a students & elders; communion by elders only by COM auth. 4. If CLP: Participate in mentoring, 16 hours continuing education annually, and annual report to COM. 5. Moderate Session.

| Period             | Hrs./wk | Salary   | Housing | Auto Mi.       | Study L            | Pd.Vac               | Cont.Ed. | Pension |
|--------------------|---------|----------|---------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------|---------|
| 7/22/10 to 7/21/11 | 20      | \$17,661 | \$      | Vch.IRS rate – | 2 wks<br>2 Sundays | 1 Month<br>4 Sundays | \$ 600   | N/A     |

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***F. Salem Presbyterian Church of Salem, Indiana and Rev. Sara J. Shields serving as Temporary Supply -Minister of Other Denomination.***

Duties include: 1. Conduct worship services/preach. 2. Participate in and encourage congregational participation in the life of the Presbytery. 3. Moderate Session. 4. Partner in church ministries led by Session elders. 5. Provide for Session Elders to initiate and actively lead Church Ministries— including Building and Grounds, Worship & Music, Stewardship, Green Team, etc.

| Period            | Hrs./wk | Salary  | Housing  | Auto Mi.       | Study L            | Pd.Vac               | Cont.Ed.             | Pension   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 3/1/10 to 2/28/11 | 20      | \$5,625 | \$15,000 | Vch.IRS rate – | 2 wks<br>2 Sundays | 1 Month<br>4 Sundays | \$600 cum.<br>3 yrs. | See below |

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Also SECA (\$1,578), books (\$500), pension of \$4,000 through CC (DOC) and tax-deferred annuity of \$4,137.50.

**G. Mount Lebanon Presbyterian Church of Henryville, Indiana and James William Holmes serving as Candidate/Inquirer Temporary Supply Pastor.**

Duties include: 1. Conduct weekly services of worship. 2. Participate in and encourage congregational participation in the life of the Presbytery. 3. Prepare and facilitate a Sunday School class. 4. Visit members in local hospitals and nursing homes. 5. Attend church Session meetings monthly.

| Period           | Hrs./wk | Salary                      | Housing | Auto Mi.          | Study L            | Pd.Vac               | Cont.Ed. | Pension |
|------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------|---------|
| 6/6/10 to 6/5/11 | 15      | \$1,100/Mo.<br>\$13,200/Yr. | \$      | Vch.IRS<br>rate – | 2 wks<br>2 Sundays | 1 month<br>4 Sundays | \$       | N/A     |

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**H. Cayuga Presbyterian Church of Cayuga, Indiana and Hana Johnson serving as Candidate/Inquirer Temporary Supply Pastor.**

Duties include: 1. Conduct weekly services of worship. 2. Participate in and encourage congregational participation in the life of the Presbytery. 3. On Sundays following worship, to make pastoral visits to members of the congregation and/or to meet briefly with members of the Session to guide them in long-range planning and development of a mission statement. 4. To join in occasional fellowship opportunities with the congregation. 5. Encourage the congregation in mission and evangelism outreach, and represent Christ and the Church in the community. 6. Upon commissioning by COM, administer sacraments of communion.

| Period           | Hrs./wk | Salary                  | Housing | Auto Mi.          | Study L            | Pd.Vac              | Cont.Ed. | Pension |
|------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| 8/2/10 to 2/1/11 | 15      | \$13,364<br>(see below) | \$      | Vch.IRS<br>rate – | 1 week<br>1 Sunday | 2 weeks<br>2Sundays | \$       | N/A     |

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Note: salary is to be prorated and paid weekly; study leave and vacation amounts are for the period of this contract only.

**I. Graham Presbyterian Church of N. Vernon, Indiana and Rev. Michael E. Bean serving as Temporary Stated Supply Pastor.**

Duties include: 1. Conduct services of worship for the congregation. 2. Participate in and encourage congregational participation in the life of the Presbytery. 3. Administer Sacraments. 4. Moderate Session. 5. Pastoral calling.

| Period             | Hrs./wk | Salary     | Housing    | Auto Mi.          | Study L            | Pd.Vac               | Cont.Ed.            | Pension |
|--------------------|---------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------|
| 1/1/10 to 12/31/10 | 20      | \$3,658.00 | \$6,000.00 | Vch.IRS<br>rate – | 2 wks<br>2 Sundays | 1 Month<br>4 Sundays | \$250 cum<br>3 yrs. | Yes     |

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Also, 403b (\$2,400)

**Already Approved by E-vote since May 6, 2010, COM Mtg:**

**J. Following a May 18, 2010 request, approved the renewal of the Martinsville Church's Interim agreement with Rev. Donald Kinloch:**

Duties include those specified in standard Interim Agreement.

| Period           | Hrs./wk   | Salary   | Housing & Utilities | Auto Mi.        | Study L            | Pd.Vac               | Cont.Ed.            | Pension |
|------------------|-----------|----------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------|
| 5/8/10 to 5/7/11 | Full-time | \$15,328 | \$8,000             | Vch.IRS<br>rate | 2 wks<br>2 Sundays | 1 month<br>4 Sundays | \$2,000cum.<br>3yrs | Yes     |

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|  |  |  |  | Budget:<br>\$1,000 |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--------------------|--|--|--|--|

Also, \$4,000 Utilities Allowance; \$6,403 Supplemental Travel Commute; \$7,000 Additional Medical; \$1,000 for Books and Other Professional Expenses.

**K. Following a June 2, 2010 request, approved the contract between First Presbyterian Church of Seymour, Indiana and Rev. Larry Jackman serving as Temporary Supply Pastor.**

Duties include: 1. Conduct weekly services of worship. 2. Participate and encourage congregational participation in the life of the Presbytery.

| Period                    | Hrs./wk              | Salary   | Housing | Auto Mi.          | Study L | Pd.Vac | Cont.Ed. | Pension |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------|---------|-------------------|---------|--------|----------|---------|
| 5/16/10<br>to<br>11/15/10 | Part-time<br>4hrs/wk | \$150/wk | \$0.00  | Vch.IRS<br>rate – |         |        | \$0.00   | n/a     |

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3. The Triennial Visit Report with the Spencer-Bethany Church and CLP Dick Poff was received.

4. The Dissolution Covenant between Rev. Veltri Taylor and the Patoka congregation, effective August 21, 2010 was approved.

5. COM Electronic Votes Report – May 6, 2010 to August 28, 2010:

A. On Tuesday, April 13, 2010, COM members received a request for an E-Vote to approve the renewal of the Martinsville Church's Interim agreement with Rev. Donald Kinloch: The vote was affirmative.

*B. On Wednesday, June 2, 2010, COM members received a request for an E-vote to: 1. Approve the formation of the Trinity Parish by the three congregations of First Presbyterian Church of Montezuma, United Presbyterian Church of Clinton, and Memorial Presbyterian Church of Rockville. 2. Approve the CIF for the Trinity Parish. These approvals were granted.*

*C. Also on Wednesday, June 2, 2010, COM members received a request for an E-vote: to approve Seymour Church's Temporary Supply Contract with Rev. Larry Jackman. The contract was approved.*

D. On Saturday, July 24, 2010, COM members received a request for an E-Vote: to approve CIF for First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville, IN. The approval was granted.

6. Moderators were appointed, as follows: CLP Dr. George Ford for Patoka; Rev. David Brookman for Evansville –Westminster. Moderators were dismissed with thanks, as follows: Elder Joe Kimmel and Rev. Alan Colwell.

7. The CIF for Hanover was approved.

8. Upon the request of Rev. Bill Rumsey, it was approved to move Rev. Rumsey to Honorably Retired status as of October 1, 2010.

## **Mission Partnership Report**

Elder Jo Lucas

Churches for Middle East Peace, held its national gathering in June. PCUSA is one of 26 denominations who are part of CMEP. David Dietrich attended and reported to us. Warren Clark heads the work of CMEP and all are urged to go to [www.cmep.org](http://www.cmep.org) and sign up to receive regular reports of the work. This offers us a view of the middle east that is often missing in news reporting in this country.

The Partnership of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley and the International Center of Bethlehem has two new developments.

The Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, Pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church and head of the work of the International Center of Bethlehem will speak in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley March 26, 2011. Mark your calendars now and be in Columbus for this 2 P.M. Lecture. The Laws Lecture will host Mitri Raheb.

Since September of 2009, efforts have been made to raise funds to complete the Dar al-Kalima College Building in Bethlehem. These efforts, to date, have produced over \$61,000 for the completion of the College. The Presbytery, two foundations, five congregations and twenty-eight people among us have made gifts. Gifts are encouraged and welcome. They can be sent directly to Bright Stars of Bethlehem, 6957 Olde Creek Rd, Suite 2300, Rockford, Illinois 61114, or to The Presbytery of Ohio Valley Office, with Bethlehem on the notation line, at 1701 Second St., Suite 100, Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

The Presbytery is served in Mission Partnership work by June Rogers, David Brookman, David Dietrich, Shane O'Neill, Bob Ivy, Eric Erickson, Jane Warren, Frank Hainer, Beth Walden-Fisher, Scott Hill, Jo Lucas, Susan McGhee.

## **Lay Pastor Committee Report**

Elder Barbara Snyder

The Lay Pastor Committee met at Camp Pyoca on July 17, 2010. We had no items of business requiring presbytery approval, but the following items of information are provided:

- I-1 The final class of the 2010 Lay Academy will be held at Pyoca on September 17-18. Exit interviews will take place in late October, and graduates will be recognized at the December POV Assembly.
- I-2 The Lay Pastor Committee is already beginning to plan for the next Academy.
  - Begin thinking about those in your congregation who might benefit from this additional education, whether or not they might decide to become CLPs.
  - Enrollment is limited to ordained elders, whether presently active or not.
  - Please send names of those who may be interested to any member of the committee. A list of potential students has already been started.

I-3 The tentative start date for the next Academy will be January, 2012. Application information and publicity will be ready to in the spring of 2011, with applications due by late summer and entrance interviews in the fall of 2011.

The Lay Pastor Committee will hold its next meeting at 9 am (Eastern) at Mitchell on November 18, 2010.

### **Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report**

Elder Mary Jean DeMarr

#### **Action items:**

**1. Motion: that Inquirer Garrett Schindler, having satisfied the requirements for the Inquiry phase, be enrolled by the Presbytery as a Candidate, with the official beginning date of his year of Candidacy being recorded as 25 June 2010, the date on which he was approved by CPM, as established by Presbytery policy.**

Comments: The Committee, having ascertained that he had fulfilled the requirements of the earlier phase, examined him on his sense of call, theology, experience in work for the church, and his papers presented to the Committee for this examination. Having done so, the Committee voted unanimously to support his moving forward at this time.

**2. Motion: that Inquirer Margaret Coggin, having satisfied the requirements for the Inquiry phase, be enrolled by the Presbytery as a Candidate, with the official beginning date of her year of Candidacy being recorded as 25 June 2010, the date on which she was approved by CPM, as established by Presbytery policy.**

Comments: The Committee, having ascertained that she had fulfilled the requirements of the earlier phase, examined her on her sense of call, her hopes for the Clinical Pastoral Education which she was about to undertake, her very articulate faith statement, and other paper work. Having done this, the Committee voted unanimously to support her moving forward at this time.

#### **Information items:**

1. At its annual retreat, held at Laws Lodge, Louisville Seminary, 25-26 June 2010, the Committee presented workshops on pastoral authority, boundaries, and power/vulnerability, these being themes that had arisen recently in discussion with Inquirers and Candidates. A workshop on financial and tax issues was considered particularly useful by those attending it.

2. The Committee met with Garrett Schindler and Margaret Coggin, as indicated above. Both were also given growth goals and objectives for the near future.

3. Annual consultations were held separately with Hana Johnson and Kathy Wolf Reed, both of whom are now circulating their PIFs, having completed their required work with CPM.

4. The annual consultation was held with Inquirer Martha Lasher, and appropriate growth goals and objectives were assigned her.

5. J.C. Blankenkemper, a member of the Brownstown Church, was interviewed; it was agreed that he should be enrolled as an Inquirer when the way become clear (during the meeting it was realized that he had not yet been a member of the local congregation for the required six months). The Committee agreed to ask the session to reaffirm his status with him when the necessary time has elapsed).

7. At its regular meeting of 21 August 2010, having received word of the reaffirmation of J. C. Blankenkemper's status the Committee voted unanimously that he be enrolled as an Inquirer by the Presbytery.

8. On 21 August, the Committee heard some information about a potential Inquirer from the Korean New Church Development and discussed some difficulties which may arise since that body currently does not have an active commission. The Committee agreed to wait until the situation with the NCD is regularized before taking any action.

9. At the meeting of 21 August, the Committee met with Inquirer Sarah VanderZee, affirmed her work at Columbia Seminary, and assigned her some growth goals and objectives.

10. The Committee voted unanimously to establish the policy of routinely doing reference checks for all persons coming under care. It was also decided to apply this policy to our latest new Inquirer but not to all those already approved at least a year.

11. The Committee is currently looking into instituting a policy of doing criminal background checks, including ascertaining cost and determining the appropriate level of check for our situation.

12. The Committee also discussed the disposition of Candidate's files upon their completion of the process. Currently the Candidates' official files are deposited with the Stated Clerk of Presbytery and all other files (those held by members of the Committee) are shredded by those members. This policy was felt to be adequate and was reaffirmed.

## **Garrett Schindler – Bio**

My name is Garrett Schindler. I am 27 years old and was raised in New Washington, IN. I am the third of four children having 2 older brothers and a younger sister. My mom is a high school math teacher and my dad runs his own construction business. As a child I enjoyed working on my grandpa's farm, playing with toy tractors, playing baseball, and going to church. As I started school, my grandpa lost his farm. I still played with my toy tractors to keep my memories of the farm alive, but as I grew older, I began to focus on playing sports. By the time I was in high school I played at the varsity level in baseball, basketball, and tennis. I was not the best athlete in my class, but I learned that through hard work and persistence a lot can be achieved.

I worked in the summers when I was not in sports practice. One summer I did construction with my uncle. The rest of my summers I worked on farms. I enjoyed farm work as it helped me build muscle and reminded me of my grandpa's farm. I also learned a lot about life on the farm. I learned death is inevitable and life does not always go as planned. Most importantly, I learned how to have gratitude for the many blessings in my life. Farm work is difficult and I am fortunate to have the mind, muscle, and limbs to be able to do this work. In addition, I am grateful that I experienced the dedication, love, and compassion that it takes to care for God's creation.

I was very active in church my whole life, but in college my continued desire to attend church demonstrated the significance of church to my life. At church I felt like I was home. Church was a sanctuary that offered me a community of safety and love in which I could sift through the bad things of the world to find new meaning and hope. I wanted to share this feeling with others. I was able to do so at a community center that I volunteered and worked at for four years. At this community center, I worked with kids that came from under-privileged households. I tutored, lead Bible studies, and played games with the children and adolescents. I spent time with them and ate dinner with them. I laughed with them in the good times. I cried with them during the bad times. Most of all, I shared my life with them. In sharing my life with these kids, I was also modeling my understanding of church. Through this experience, my definition of church expanded as I discovered the expansiveness of church as the entire and diverse body of Christ.

Currently, I live in Louisville, KY where I am a student at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (LPTS). I am beginning my final year. During this year I am a Student Worship Coordinator for the chapel services at LPTS.

My home church since 2007 is Community Presbyterian Church in Charlestown, IN. Community Presbyterian Church has helped me clarify my call to ministry. They offer me continued love and support that has been vital to my time at seminary.

I look forward to seeing where this faith journey will lead me.

## **Garrett Schindler – Statement of Faith**

I believe in the one living, eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, wise, kind, merciful, just, true, triune God who is manifested as three persons and of the same substance: *God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit.*

God is the maker of all things in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen. God created us for a personal relationship that we might respond to God's love. God expressed this love for all humankind by covenanting with Israel and showing them unfailing love and faithfulness. And out of Israel God rose up Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus was fully human and fully God. Jesus proclaimed and lived this proclamation, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19 NRSV) Jesus, though tempted in every way, lived a sinless life. Jesus gave freely of himself for all, accepting the judgment for all, and was crucified, died, and buried. On the third day God raised Jesus from the dead, signifying that Jesus is the Messiah and Lord. This act was God's act of love reconciling all humankind to God and to one another. Jesus is the risen Christ, the head of the church, the savior, and the judge of all.

The Holy Spirit sanctifies and regenerates us. The Holy Spirit's work brings us to all truth. The Spirit is the Counselor/Comforter/Helper Jesus spoke of in John 15:26 who bears witness to him. The Holy Spirit brings us God's forgiveness, budes us to respond to God's forgiveness in faith, repentance, and obedience.

I believe the church is catholic, comprised of all those who belong to Jesus; and apostolic, those who bear witness to who Jesus is and those who are joined with God in Jesus' reconciling and healing work. The church is in continuity with both God's eternal work with Israel and with the apostles by faithful obedience to God's call. The church exists for worship and service to God. And the church is to stand up in the face of evil and proclaim the Word of God.

I believe the Holy Scriptures are inspired by God and "useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work." (2Timothy 3:16-17 NRSV) The Holy Scriptures' are "the witness without parallel" (BOC 9.27) to Jesus Christ.

I believe in two sacraments, baptism and communion. I believe that through baptism we signify our connection with the body of Christ. Baptism represents our being cleansed of our sins and our dying and rising with Christ. As circumcision was an outward sign for the Israelites of God's covenant with them so is baptism for us. I believe that through communion we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us and proclaim his death until he comes again. Baptism directs us to our redemption despite our sins. Communion attends to God's presence among us despite our sins. Both baptism and communion signify that God shows us grace and mercy.

## **Margaret Coggin – Bio**

I was raised in a Christian home and have been very active in Church my entire life. Most of my spiritual formation as a child occurred at First Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Indiana. That is where I took confirmation class and was baptized by my father in 2000. In high school my faith was central to whom I was and the decisions I made. I became a student leader for Youth for Christ Ministries and had the awesome and humbling opportunity to pray with my peers that wanted to accept Jesus Christ. This experience was probably the first time I felt I had a calling toward ministry. The second experience, when I felt my call to ministry was confirmed, was at my father's installation and ordination service for Scipio Presbyterian. At the service I sang in the contemporary choir and we sang a song by Ray Boltz called "Thank You", which we dedicated to my father. The chorus of this song told the story of a man who went to Heaven and had different people from his past coming up to him there and telling him how much his life and touched them and that he was the reason they were in Heaven. I was again re-energized with a sense of passion for ministering to others and dedicating my life to serving, and sharing the love of Christ with others. Initially, I felt it was almost a selfish ambition that I wanted others to say they knew Christ because of me. The few times this had happened to me it was such an energizing and humbling experience. I felt such blessing and joy from my Christian walk that I wanted others to also experience the love of Christ.

In college, at Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana, I majored in Theology because of the fact that my faith had been so central to me all my life. I also got a minor in Psychology because I was considering counseling. My time in college was formative for me in that it was the first time I really had to flesh out what I believe for myself. I had a deep passion for one-on-one relationships with people, and specifically ministering to youth. I took a year off between Hanover and starting seminary at Louisville Presbyterian so that I could serve as a youth pastor. I was grateful for this experience and really enjoyed ministering to these teenagers. My last year of college I wrote my senior thesis on "What makes youth ministry successful" and it was here that I began to develop a strong passion for the ministry to youth, seeing them not simply as the future of the church but an important part of the church's life today.

During my time in Seminary I was able to experience two field education placements. For two years I served as a student minister at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian. This experience was monumental for me in helping me challenge and grow into my own personal and pastoral identities. I am particularly about taking the church out into the world and not just waiting for people to come find the church. In my final year of seminary I served at Bellewood Presbyterian Homes for Children. After this placement, my theology also began to stress an element of social justice and the importance of modeling Jesus's concern for the poor, marginalized, or oppressed in our society. As the church we are called to give a voice to those that are so often overlooked. In all of these experiences, I still have a strong passion for working with children.

I graduated from Seminary with a Masters of Divinity degree this past May. I am currently doing a year-long chaplain residency at Greenville Hospital Systems in Greenville, South Carolina. I'm excited about where I am now; continuing to follow this path God has put me on. My goal wherever God places me is simply to share the love of Christ.

## **Margaret Coggin – Statement of Faith**

I trust in God as not only Creator, but also Redeemer, and Sustainer. God not only set the world in motion, but God who is still active in daily life creating and having a deep desire to draw every human into a personal relationship. Experience is important to my faith because it is through my own experience that I am able to see the traces of God's presence in my life. I experience God through the work of the Trinity- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I see each element of the Trinity as an active presence in my life but also as an example I strive to implement in my own life. The inner relationship of the three persons of the Trinity, the love and complementary nature of the Trinity, teaches me how to have proper relationships with God and others.

Love and service are the two greatest elements of my faith. If I could only choose one characteristic to describe God it would be that God is love. God created all things, creatures and people, in God's own image and chose to send Jesus Christ to redeem out of love. God loves each human being infinitely and desires a relationship with them. My experience with God has been as a loving parent that knows the "numbers of hairs on my head" and has great plans "to prosper and not to harm me, to give me hope and a future." Even though my fleshly desires get in the way and I fall short of living up to God's commands, God is always there to forgive and to welcome me, and all people, back with mercy and forgiveness.

I know that God sent his son, Jesus Christ, into the world to reconcile us to God's self and to make us new. Christ was both fully human and fully divine. It was important for Christ to be human so that Christ could be a representative for the human race and our need for forgiveness and reconciliation. It is also important for Christ to be fully divine so that Christ's death can have saving power. Through repentance and a profession of faith at baptism Christ's righteousness is imputed onto us so that we can be forgiven of sins. Christ's death gave us the hope of eternal life. We receive salvation not because of any work or merit we can accomplish on our own but solely because of the free gift of God's grace. It is important for me to highlight the communal nature of the topic, that Christ died for all and not just for me. Thus the shift to an inclusive 'we' language is important to me and is intentional.

Jesus' life and ministry, as recorded in the Scriptures, gives us a model of how to live as faithful disciples of God in the world. The Bible is our guide to who God is and how God wants us to live. Without being plugged in to daily reading of God's word it is impossible to discern God's will for life. The Word of God, illumined by the Holy Spirit, is the primary guide for how to live the Christian life.

Jesus Christ teaches and guides us in faith and in how to be servants of God to the world, and it is the Holy Spirit that reminds us of these teachings. The Holy Spirit is the "still small voice" within that guides and empowers us to be a faithful witness to Christ in the world. The gifts of the Spirit are to cleanse us with forgiveness, illumine the Scriptures and give us understanding, give us power over sin and give courage to take a stand for Christ.

As I said above, love and service are two of the greatest components of my faith. God engages us out of love, and service is one form of our response to God. It is a crucial component of the Christian life that we are engaged in service in the church and in the world. What we believe is just as important as how we are living our faith out in the world. Part of being the body of Christ means literally being the hands and feet of Jesus alive in the world today. Being the church involves worshipping God, celebrating thanksgiving for God's blessings, proclaiming the gospel, loving and serving others, and seeking justice. To live as the body of Christ means being passionate about the things that Christ was passionate about in Christ's earthly ministry- like

caring for the widow and the orphan and seeing justice for those that are marginalized and oppressed by society. We go to worship not simply as consumers. We are encouraged and filled up with the love of God in order to then go out and share that love with others.

God has a will for each person's life and for the church. God calls us to live not as isolated Christians but as a part of a community of faith. It is this community that encourages, sustains, and holds us accountable in the Christian journey. The church should always be aware of whether or not they are speaking the language of the culture, that we do not become isolated in the church that we are irrelevant and unable to be Christ's body in the culture. It is important to stay faithful to the leading of the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit, but the church also must stretch itself to remain relevant to the culture so that it can reach out to all people. The church leadership must consider ways that they can attract a large age range of people, whether that be through inclusion of contemporary hymns or allowing worship to be an experience of multiple senses and intelligences.

In our Christian walk we should always be growing and becoming. My concept of "Jesus loves me" is not the same as when I was a child. We should always striving to have a better understanding of our faith and of God's will for life. We must recognize when trials and tribulations have been placed before us as a way to stretch us to an even deeper reliance on God, knowing "testing of faith produces perseverance." God is present in all areas of life, both in the good times and the struggles. Even if God does not take away all forms of suffering when one becomes a Christian, this should not cause doubt that God is absolutely present in the midst of hardship.

When we sin, it is a human tendency to move away from God. Jesus Christ, however, teaches us the proper life to strive for, a life without sin, and in proper relationship with the Father. We will never live a perfectly sinless and sanctified life, although we strive to live a more holy life daily. God has a will and a purpose for life and desires us to be engaged in God's work in the world. We are able to get in touch with God's will for life through involvement in a community of faith and reading of God's word.

In the context of worship in the community of faith the word should be proclaimed, in biblically-based messages, and that the two sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, should be administered. Both of these acts are important for helping to focus on Christ, to focus on God's will for life and to remember God's promises. In Baptism, we are welcomed as a member of the church, cleansed of sins and promised new life, and renewed and refreshed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Similarly, the Lord's Supper is a sign through which we are also cleansed of sins, reminded of God's promises and the gift of Christ, and re-energized to live out God's will in the world.

Through God's love and mercy, God consistently invites us back into God's own loving embrace despite our human tendency to not live the holy life God desires for us. Out of love, God sent Jesus Christ to die on the cross so that we might have opportunity for a relationship with the Father and a chance at eternal life. The Kingdom of Heaven is what Jesus gave us a glimpse of in Christ's earthly ministry. This Kingdom of perfection is in eternal life but should also be exhibited in the here and now. We reveal the Kingdom of Heaven when we strive for love, peace, and justice in the world. Through a personal profession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior we can promise ourselves that we will be welcomed in the Kingdom of Heaven by Jesus Christ, our advocate. In the meantime I strive to share with others the love of Christ that I have felt so prominently in my life.

# Report of Council

By Susan McGhee

## For Presbytery's Information

### **Council Meeting: August 19, 2010**

Council met at the Mitchell Presbyterian Church, and took the following actions:

1. Reaffirmed our Vision and Mission.
2. Received reports of Presbytery officers, staff, committees, work groups, and other entities.
3. Elected Linda Runden to serve as a member of the Coaching Oversight Work Group.
4. Approved the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the Lay Academy Class on September 18, 2010
5. Approved an increase in the maximum amount that churches may charge for lunch at Assembly from \$6.00 to \$8.00 per person
6. Voted to include in Services of Installation and Ordinations within the Presbytery an invitation to Ministers of the Word and Sacrament to vest and process with the Commission.
7. Authorized the Stated Clerk and Presbyter for Common Life to confer with leaders from the Wabash Valley Presbytery and Whitewater Valley Presbytery to make arrangements for a Tri-Valley Presbytery Meeting, with Elder Cynthia Bolbach, Moderator of the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to provide leadership
8. Established a Youth Ministry Work Group of Council, named Rev. Rachel Pederson as moderator, and authorized the Work Group Moderator and Council Moderator to name additional members.
9. Approved the payment of the registration fees for those who wish to attend The Big Tent, held in Indianapolis, June 30 – July 2, 2011.
10. Set the following schedule be set for Presbytery deliberation and action on items referred by the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly:

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| December, 2010 | New Form of Government                             |
| March, 2011    | All other proposed amendments to the Book of Order |
| June, 2011     | Belhar Confession                                  |

## **For Presbytery Action**

**1. Set the following schedule for 2011 Presbytery Assemblies:**

- Saturday, March 5
- Thursday, June 2
- Saturday, September 10
- Thursday, December 1

**2. Extend the transitional structure of the Presbytery Council through Dec. 31, 2011.**

**PRESBYTERY OF OHIO VALLEY**  
**2011 REQUIRED MINIMUM ANNUAL COMPENSATION STANDARDS**

Recommended by COM—August 28, 2010  
 Approved by Assembly-- \_\_\_\_\_ 2010

|                                   | <b>Without Manse: Cash Salary—including Housing Allocation<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>With Manse: Cash Salary &amp; Manse Value at 30%<sup>2</sup></b> |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Salary For Ordained Clergy</b> | <b>41,444</b>  | <b>31,880 &amp; 9,564</b>   |
| <b>Salary For CLPs (75%)</b>      | <b>31,083</b>  | <b>23,910 &amp; 7,173</b>   |

<sup>1</sup> Housing allowance must be determined in advance and the amount shown in the terms of call or other contract and recorded in the minutes of session or congregation.

<sup>2</sup>To calculate Cash Salary portion of a 30% Manse Value, divide Total Cash Salary including Manse amount (above example for ordained clergy being \$41,444) by 1.3 to get the Cash Salary portion.

Congregations are encouraged to designate 7.65% of total effective salary as SECA offset.

PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES

The following amounts will be made available to the minister, for reimbursement of professional expenses through the presentation of vouchers.

- Vouchered Auto Mileage – Reimbursed at current IRS rate (Note: Sept 2010, value is **\$0.50/mi**)
- Continuing Education (cumulative over 3 years to sum of annual amounts)  
 Minimum required for full-time pastor: **\$800** (ordained clergy and CLPs); however it is strongly recommended that up to **\$2,000** be offered to cover 2 weeks of tuition, room and board, travel.

VACATION, LEAVE, HOLIDAYS Accruals per year

- Vacation **One month including 4 Sundays**
- Sick **10 days** (cumulative up to 120 days; lost at end of employment)
- Study Leave **Two weeks including 2 Sundays** (cumulative to 6 weeks over 3 years)
- Holidays **New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and Two personal holidays**

BOARD OF PENSIONS (BOP) BENEFIT PLAN

Employing organizations will pay regularly in advance to the board responsible for benefits a sum equal to that requisite percent of effective salary (salary + housing or 30+% of salary, utilities, and any deferred compensation) which may be fixed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) including pension, medical coverage, and death and disability benefits. **As of August 28, 2010, this rate for 2010 is unchanged at 31.5% for a full time pastor.** [Note: for part-time pastors of 20 hrs or more, BOP contributions will vary between 31.5% and 50%.] For pastors working over 20 hours per week, who are not members of the Board of Pensions, a comparable amount will be paid to their denomination’s plan or other mutually-agreed-upon retirement program.

OTHER MINIMUM COMPENSATION

- Occasional pulpit supply – for approved *Ordained MOWs, CLPs, Seminary Students, & Elders:*
  - Congregations of 100 members or more **\$150 plus mileage**
  - Congregations under 100 members **\$100 plus mileage**
  - Additional Services on same day **\$ 40**
- Moderating a session or congregation by invitation: **\$ 40 plus mileage**
- Wedding: **\$150 plus mileage**
- Funeral **\$125 plus mileage**

## **PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS**

### **October through December 2010**

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley encourages all our congregations to pray for each other throughout the year. Over a two-year period, a week will be designated for each of our churches and other organizations. Each church is invited to tell us a little about itself and to share specific joys and concerns. Those listed below have been sent to us from the churches and organizations on our prayer list for the weeks shown. Sharing prayers with each other works!

**Note: The person who prepares your worship bulletins and/or church newsletters may request this information in a Word document from [bbsnyder@bestonline.net](mailto:bbsnyder@bestonline.net).**

**Cluster Codes: NC = North Central, NW = North West, SC = South Central  
SE = South East, SW = South West, WC = West Central**

**Week of October 3                      First, Jasper (SW)                      Rev. Larry Langer**

We at First Presbyterian in Jasper are trying something new this year for which we need prayers! Rather than a "Vacation Bible School" time, we are going to hold a "Fall Family Fun Festival" at the end of September. Plans are to make it a Block Party, with a Bluegrass Concert to conclude an afternoon of biblical puppet shows, fun crafts, pop corn and train rides. We hope to attract Hispanics from a congregation down the street, as well as all of the folks in the surrounding neighborhood. Please pray for the outreach of God's hand to draw folks to this celebration.

Also, pray that this outreach will have an impact on our own congregation. It has been said that when a group of church people get together, there should always be an empty chair in the room so that a guest will have a place to sit. WE have 75 empty seats on a Sunday morning. Please pray that each one will be sat in on any given Sunday morning!

In another outreach to the community, God has blessed us with the funds to pray "Prayers for the Headlines" three days a week on our local radio station. May these prayers continue to help the folks in Dubois and the surrounding counties. Also, may our outreach grow with these prayers and scripture readings and sermons being available on-line. May our outreach to retirement and nursing homes also continue to bless the people of God.

**Week of October 10                      Hanover (SE)                      Rev. Beth Walden-Fisher**

**Week of October 17                      Community, Henryville (SE)                      Rev. Dale Jackson**

As a small church, Henryville Community appreciates prayers for our continued ministry. We are also undergoing renovation on our building so prayers are appreciated.

**Week of October 24                      Mt. Lebanon, Henryville (SE)                      J. William Holmes**

Mount Lebanon Church is a rural church located between Henryville and Charlestown, Indiana. Our congregation dates back to 1853. We would like for God to allow us to worship together for at least 150 more years. We are a caring, loving congregation that is served by

Student Pastor Bill Holmes and ask that you keep him in your prayers as he provides for our spiritual needs and we provide love and support to him. One of our missions is with Student Pastors from the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. Our Church Moderator is Rev. Dale Jackson. We thank God for his leadership.

At this time we have six young people from our congregation enrolled in colleges and ask that you keep these young people in your prayers.

Our Sunday School children have joined the Henryville Community in Bible School for several years. The Bible School is a joint effort of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Mount Lebanon Churches with all area children welcome. This summer the Sunday School Children joined Henryville Presbyterian Church in forming a Children's Hand-bell Choir, ringing the bells in praise of God!!

One of our local missions is the local Henryville Food Pantry located at the Baptist Church. We donate food items and financial support monthly.

We pray that we become such complete disciples of Christ that we will discover God's will for our church and that we will do it. Amen.

**Week of October 31**

**Howesville, Jasonville (NW)**

**John Turner, CLP**

Howesville is a small country church with strong feelings about their community. We just celebrated a quiet 140 years of service with Susan delivering the sermon and talking to them after the service.

We are blessed with loyal members and talented organ and piano players, but eventually we'll be facing problems with age and failing health. Please pray that we will continue to seek God's will for us in this community.

**Week of November 7**

**First, Jeffersonville (SC)**

**Rev. Don Summerfield**

First Presbyterian Church celebrated its 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 22, 2010 and has been located on the same corner in downtown Jeffersonville for 150 years. We are thankful for the partnerships in ministry that we share with other congregations in the POV, our Southeast Cluster and our downtown neighborhood churches (Episcopal, Catholic, UCC and UMC), along with the Field Education program at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. Don Summerfield and the staff of 1<sup>st</sup> Prez welcome the Presbytery's prayers for the continued and growing fruitfulness of our congregation's common life, worship and mission and for God's ongoing provision of the resources (human, spiritual and material) we need for this ministry.

**Week of November 14**

**Rehoboth, Laconia (SC)**

**Rev. Frank Hainer**

"So he called it Rehoboth, saying, 'Now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land'" Genesis 26:22

Rehoboth Presbyterian Church was established August 15, 1829, by the Rev. Alexander Williamson who served as pastor until 1838. The mailing address is Laconia, but it is a true country church, (49 on the roll), just off route 11 between Elizabeth and Laconia and south of Corydon. The name Rehoboth is taken from the Bible where it appears four times: Genesis 10:11-12; 26:17-22; 36:37; and 1 Chronicles 1:48. The Hebrew root means broad places, open spaces, freedom, spacious.

Rehoboth is the second oldest church in Harrison County maintaining a continuous, active existence. The oldest Presbyterian Church in the United States with an unbroken, continuous

existence is also named Rehoboth and is in Rehoboth, Maryland where it was established in 1683.

The cemetery next to the church is very old. The first person buried there was John Bennet, who fought in the Revolutionary War.

The present church building is the third in Rehoboth's history. The Fellowship Hall, built in the early nineties, replaced the Ladies Aid Hall, which had been the school for this area. The world-class barbeque pits, in the pavilion next to the Hall, are used for the famous Rehoboth Memorial Day Chicken BBQ, which serves over 900 meals each Memorial Day. Rehoboth is part of a Care Web of churches, including Church of the Covenant, Laconia United, and Valley City. The pastor for the last 17 years has been Dr. Frank Hainer. The Clerk of Session is Jeff Brown.

We ask for your prayers as we enter our 182<sup>nd</sup> year of serving the Lord Jesus Christ by trying to live out the great ends of the church. We give thanks for all those saints who have gone before us, upon whose shoulders we stand. We follow the words of the great Yogi Berra, who said "When you come to a fork in the road, take it," which we take to mean, when you come to a difficult decision or choice, don't just moan and dither but DO something; show some courage; live out your faith. This we have been trying to do, for these many years.

**Week of November 21**

**United, Laconia (SC)**

**Sharon Kutz-Mellem, CLP**

Laconia United Presbyterian church was established to the Glory of God in 1874. It is located in Laconia on the Ohio River in the South Central Cluster of our presbytery. The small, but very dedicated, congregation continues to worship together and to witness to God's great love in their families and in the community at large. Please pray for their continued good works in service to our Lord.

**Week of November 28**

**Commissioners to Presbytery Assembly**

Please pray for our churches' pastors and elder commissioners as they begin considering the recommendations of this year's General Assembly.

**Week of December 5**

**Community, Leavenworth (SC)**

**Greg Gibson, CLP**

The Leavenworth Community Presbyterian Church was formed in 1937. The 1937 Flood left both the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches of Leavenworth IN destroyed. Neither Church had the resources necessary to rebuild. The American Red Cross, which was helping the town move "up on the hill," encouraged the two churches to combine into one. The people decided to become Presbyterians because the Presbytery would help finance the new church. Thus was born the Leavenworth Community Presbyterian Church. The new church building was dedicated in the fall of 1937. No more services in a tent! The Church has been a vital part of the community ever since. Leavenworth High School held school plays and Baccalaureate services in the church. Scout and 4-H groups have also used the church facilities thru the years.

Our congregation strives to provide mission and ministry to all of Crawford County by providing support to the local food pantry and visiting the residents of Todd Dickey Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on a regular basis. We appreciate prayers for our continued work in these areas, as well as for our young people in our youth outreach programs.

**Week of December 12      Lexington (SE)**

Our church sponsors the Good News Club in our schools. Last year, we had over 400 children participate in this program in the county schools. Please pray that this would flourish and Bibles will find their way into more homes.

Once again we are purchasing shoes for the kindergarten students at Lexington Elementary to "Step Out For God." Please pray for these little ones who receive the shoes.

Because of the economic problems in the country, we have become involved with another church, Lexington Christian, a local grocery, LeRoy's, and a local business, M & C Treasurers, in making the not for profit Angelfood available in Scott County. This is the only distribution location in the county. Pray that no one goes hungry.

And last but not least, although we haven't had a full time pastor for a few days, (!!!), we have continued to do God's work; but it would be wonderful to have guidance from God's Pastor. Please pray for our full time pastor to find us. Thank you and God Bless.

**Week of December 19      Bethlehem International Center and Peace on Earth**

**Week of December 26      Hanover College      Laura Arico, Chaplain**