

**The Presbytery of Ohio Valley  
 Minutes of Assembly: August 19, 2023  
 Mitchell Presbyterian Church, Mitchell  
 The Rev. Felipe Martinez, Moderator  
 Elder Beth Snyder, Vice Moderator  
 Elder Joe Kimmel, Stated Clerk  
 10:00am EDT/9:00am CDT**

**Call to Order**

The Vice Moderator, Elder Beth Snyder, called the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley to order with prayers at 10:00am EDT. The Stated Clerk, Elder Joe Kimmel, declared that a quorum was present, as indicated by the roll below:

**Formation of the Roll**

The roll was established by written registration. Minister members and Elder Commissioners were present (P), absent (A), or excused (E) as listed below.

**Ministers**

**Church**

Ackerman, Jim	(E)	Honorably Retired
Allen, Rob	(A)	Boonville, Hemenway Memorial
Atkinson, Molly	(A)	Member-at-Large
Ballard, John	(E)	Honorably Retired
Bangert, Byron	(E)	Honorably Retired
Barrett, Carol	(A)	Member-at-Large
Bean, Michael	(E)	Honorably Retired
Black, Andrew	(A)	Terre Haute, Unity
Black, Dawn	(A)	Sullivan, First
Blankenbeker, James	(P)	Brownstown, First
Bradney, Ryan	(E)	Evansville, Eastminster
Brand, Cal	(P)	Honorably Retired
Brill, Bob	(P)	Central, Valley City/Laconia, Rehoboth
Clark, Andrew	(A)	Member-at-Large
Colwell, Allen	(A)	New Albany, St John United
Cover, Jeff	(P)	Honorably Retired
Cramer, James	(E)	Honorably Retired
Crittenden, David	(E)	Honorably Retired
Cushman, Cindy	(P)	Corydon, Corydon
DeWitt, Molly	(P)	Brownstown, Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center
Elliott, Hana	(E)	Bloomfield, First
Erickson, Eric	(E)	Honorably Retired
Erickson, John	(A)	Martinsville, First

**Ministers**

Erickson, Norie  
Finnan, Alan  
Flucke, Aaron  
Fortel, Deborah  
Fox, Kathleen  
FrizLanger, Martha  
Frost, Randall  
Gladney, Eugene  
Grimm, Tommy  
Hainer, Frank  
Harmon, Frank  
Harper, Cheri  
Haw, Ann  
Hookey, Scott  
Howard, Grace  
Hudson, Jay  
Hudson, Jill  
Hueftle, Keith  
Jensen, Mary  
Jepsen, Kelley  
Jessen, Timothy  
Keeney, William  
Kendall, Wes  
King, Rick  
Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth  
Knight, Jo Ann  
Knott, Catherine  
Langer, Larry  
Lasher, Martha  
Lee, David  
Lee, Sang Tae  
Lowery, Janet  
Martinez, Felipe  
McCormick, Wendy  
McDaniel, Mark  
McDonald Smith, Karen  
McGhee, Susan  
McGlasson, Paul  
McKenney, Sarah  
McKune, John  
Montgomery, Cheryl

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Lexington, Lexington  
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Bloomington, First  
Honorably Retired  
Vincennes, Indiana  
Presbyterian Women  
Honorably Retired  
Seymour, First  
Mount Vernon, First  
Honorably Retired  
Honorably Retired  
Honorably Retired  
Bloomington, IU Health Bloomington Hospice  
Bloomington, First  
Member-at-Large  
Honorably Retired  
Greencastle, Greencastle  
Honorably Retired  
Columbus, Fairlawn  
Member-at-Large  
Hanover, Hanover College  
Member-at-Large  
Indiana National Guard  
Honorably Retired  
Bloomington, Korean  
Honorably Retired  
Columbus, First  
Member-at-Large  
Tell City, Evangelical United Church of Christ  
Jeffersonville, First  
Presbytery of Ohio Valley  
Member-at-Large  
Bloomington, Stone Belt  
Honorably Retired  
Bloomington, United

**Ministers**

Moore, Gregory	(E)	Member-at-Large
O'Neill, Shane	(E)	Honorably Retired
Peters, Linda	(E)	Honorably Retired
Poole-Adams, Vicki	(A)	Member-at-Large
Porter, Mark	(E)	Honorably Retired
Riggins, Mike	(E)	Terre Haute, Central
Robinson, Mark	(E)	Honorably Retired
Roseland, Chris	(A)	GA Staff
Rosen, David	(E)	Honorably Retired
Rumsey, William	(E)	Honorably Retired
Safford, Richard	(P)	Honorably Retired
Samsell, Sharon	(A)	Terre Haute, Indiana State University
Scroggins, Gary	(E)	Honorably Retired
Smith, Sammie	(P)	Evansville, Deaconess Hospital
Solether, Scott	(A)	Member-at-Large
Stokes, Donald	(A)	Livonia, Livonia United
Stuart, Irene	(E)	Honorably Retired
Summerfield, Don	(P)	Scottsburg, First
Taylor, Veltri	(A)	Evansville, Asera Care Hospice
Thiessen, Heather	(P)	Validated Ministry for Preaching, Sacraments, and Governance
Thorne, Cheryl	(P)	Washington, Westminster
Tracy, Doug	(E)	Honorably Retired
Trigger, Sue	(P)	New Albany, Mount Tabor
Turner, Bob	(E)	Paoli, First
VanderPloeg, Karen	(P)	Madison, Madison
VanderZee, John	(E)	Honorably Retired
VanderZee, Wendy	(E)	Honorably Retired
Veliquette, Roger	(P)	Hanover, Hanover
von Winckler, Anna	(E)	Evansville, First
Walden-Fisher, Beth	(P)	Member-at-Large
Waters, Nancy	(P)	Honorably Retired
Watson, Daniel	(E)	Honorably Retired
White, Robert	(E)	Honorably Retired
Williams, Sharon	(A)	Member-at-Large
Wright, Eric	(A)	Louisville, Amedysis Hospice Agency

**Church****Temporary Minister  
of Presbytery**

Seay, Scott	(P)	<b><u>Church</u></b> Nashville, Brown County Fellowship
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**Ministers,**

**Other Denomination**

**Church**

Artis, Amy	(A)	Scipio, Scipio
Atkins, Corey	(A)	Fort Branch, First
Bower, David	(A)	Roachdale, Roachdale
Feagan, Gene	(A)	Evansville, First Avenue
Morris, William	(A)	Patoka, Patoka
White, Pete	(A)	Vincennes, Upper Indiana

**Commissioned**

**Pastors**

**Church**

Clark, Richard	(P)	Salem, Salem
Doll, Larry	(A)	Vincennes, South Side
Finch, Mick	(P)	Southern Hills Parish
Turner, John	(A)	Farmersburg, First

**Church**

**Commissioner**

**Church**

Bedford, First	Commissioner	(A)
Bloomfield, First	David Holt	(P)
Bloomington, First	Karen Hahn	(P)
Bloomington, United	Bob Hammel	(A)
Boonville, Hemenway Memorial	Peggy Collins	(A)
Brazil, First	Vanita Moore	(A)
Brownstown, First	Commissioner	(A)
Cayuga, Cayuga	Commissioner	(A)
Central, Valley City	Brenda Bliss	(P)
Charlestown, Community	Donna McCreary	(A)
Clinton, United	Jack Fenoglio	(E)
Columbus, Fairlawn	Linda Brown	(A)
Columbus, First	Luther Pierson	(P)
Corydon, Corydon	Charles Eckart	(P)
Dale, Dale	Ellen Rexing	(A)
Elizabeth, Church of the Covenant	Richard Goodwin	(A)
Evansville, Eastminster	Shannon Irmscher	(A)
Evansville, First	Gerald Morris	(P)
Evansville, First Avenue	David Pfettscher	(A)
Farmersburg, First	James Sharpe	(A)
Fort Branch, First	Commissioner	(A)
Greencastle, Greencastle	Lynne Ayres	(A)
Hanover, Hanover	Janet Lowry	(P)
Henryville, Community	Janet Mullins	(P)
Henryville, Mount Lebanon	Marianna Dietrich	(P)

<b><u>Church</u></b>	<b><u>Commissioner</u></b>	<b><u>Church</u></b>
Jeffersonville, First	Becky Herald	(P)
Laconia, Rehoboth	Paula Hensley	(A)
Laconia, United	Paige Baker	(A)
Leavenworth, Community	John Stutzman	(A)
Lexington, Lexington	Lisa Conder	(A)
Lexington, Lexington	George Hill	(A)
Livonia, Livonia United	Pat King	(A)
Madison, Jefferson	Commissioner	(A)
Madison, Madison	Terri Brunner	(P)
Madison, Smyrna-Monroe	Teresa Lichlyter	(A)
Martinsville, First	Mike Stiver	(P)
Mitchell, Mitchell	Janet Phillips	(A)
Montezuma, First	Gwendolyn Moore	(P)
Mount Vernon, First	Commissioner	(A)
Nabb, Nabb	Roberta Bastian	(P)
Nashville, Brown County Fellowship	Jane Gore	(P)
New Albany, Mount Tabor	Carol Traister	(P)
New Albany, St John United	Rudy Owen	(A)
New Washington, Trinity United	Ruby Taflinger	(P)
North Vernon, Graham	Steve Graham	(P)
Paoli, First	Joan Myers	(A)
Patoka, Patoka	Lori Racine	(A)
Patoka, Union Bethel	Gerald Bane	(A)
Petersburg, Main Street	Kathy Hoppes	(A)
Princeton, Fairview	Commissioner	(A)
Princeton, Princeton	Bill Shoulders	(P)
Roachdale, Roachdale	John Boruff	(A)
Rockville, Memorial	Donna Paul	(A)
Salem, Salem	Norma Eisert	(P)
Scipio, Scipio	Bill Gerhard	(P)
Scottsburg, First	Brian Nowling	(P)
Seymour, First	George Ernest	(A)
Spencer, Spencer	Buck Johnson	(P)
Sullivan, First	Jim Exline	(A)
Terre Haute, Central	Alan Harder	(P)
Terre Haute, Unity	Karen Walker	(P)
Vernon, Vernon	Beth Gosman	(A)
Vernon, Vernon	Sandra Bussell	(A)
Vevay, Caledonia	Caren Griffith	(A)
Vincennes, Bethany	Donald Opell	(A)
Vincennes, Indiana	Alanna Charlton	(A)

**Church**

Vincennes, South Side  
Vincennes, Upper Indiana  
Washington, Westminster

**Commissioner**

Allison Doll  
Bob Slayton  
Jamie Petty

**Church**

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**Elder Members**

**By Reason of Office**

Brown, Jean (E)  
Ellison, Zack (E)  
Henderson, Bill (P)  
Henson, Rob (A)  
Holt, Alicia (A)  
Kimmel, Joe (P)  
Lowry, Janet (P)  
McClellan, Mary (P)  
Snyder, Beth (P)  
Walker, Karen (P)

**Visitors**

Jeff Howard	New Castle Presbytery	Anne Marten	Nashville, Brown County Fell.
Nan Johnson	Spencer, Spencer	Lynn Shoulders	Princeton, Princeton
Jan Finch	Southern Hills Parish	Mary Frederickson	Nashville, Brown County Fell.
Susie Russell	Nashville, Brown County Fell.	Sung Park	Presbyterian Loan & Investment
Diane Burnett	Nashville, Brown County Fell.		

**The Assembly at Worship**

The Rev. Susan McGhee called the Assembly to Worship.

The Rev. Dr. Grace Howard read the Old Testament passage, Genesis 9:8-17. The Rev. Sue Trigger read the Gospel passage, Mark 1:9-15. The Rev. Susan McGhee preached the Word, "Always We Begin Again." The hymns were accompanied by Dr. Benjamin Watkins.

**Introductions of New Members, Guests**

New minister members of the Presbytery, first time elder attendees, and guests were introduced and welcomed by the Stated Clerk and the Assembly.

**The Seating of Corresponding Members**

The Assembly seated the following corresponding members:

- The Rev. Dr. Sung-Joo Park from the Eastern Korean American Presbytery, Regional Director of the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program, Inc.
- The Rev. Jeff Howard, member of the New Castle Presbytery

## **Consent Agenda**

It was m/s/c to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

1. Minutes of the Assembly May 25, 2023, may be found at <http://www.presbyteryov.org/assemblyminutes.htm>
2. Docket:
  - Call to Order
  - Declaration of Quorum
  - Opening Worship and Proclamation of the Word
  - Introductory Business
    - Welcome
    - Introductions of New Members and Guests
      - The Rev. Susan Trigger – Mt Tabor, New Albany
      - The Rev. Dr. Jeongju Grace Oh-Howard – First, Mt. Vernon
    - Seating of Corresponding Members
      - The Rev. Dr. Sung-Joo Park, Eastern Korean American Presbytery
      - Regional Relationship Manager, Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program, Inc.
    - Consent Agenda
      - Clerk's Report; Minutes of May 25, 2023; Docket; Treasurer's Report
  - Greetings from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program: The Rev. Dr. Sung-Joo Park
  - Report of the Committee on Ministry
  - Examination of the Rev. Dr. Scott D. Seay for the transfer of ecclesiastical credentials from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
  - Retirement Recognition of the Rev. Larry Langer and the Rev. Chris Roseland
  - Minimum Compensation Recommendation for 2024
  - Report of the Presbytery Council
    - 2024 Assembly Dates
    - Per capita recommendation for 2024
  - Lunch
  - Greetings from Pyoca
  - Speak Out Session | Good News from the Pews!
  - Report of the Executive Presbyter
  - New Business
  - Prayers of the Presbytery
  - Offering
  - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
  - Adjournment with Closing Litany
3. **Stated Clerk's Report**  
Elder Joe Kimmel
  - 1) **Ministers Received:**
    - a) The Rev. Susan Kae Trigger, Pastor of Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, New Albany, effective August 1, 2023, from the Heartland Presbytery.

- b) The Rev. Dr. Jeonju Grace Oh-Howard (Grace Howard), Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, effective August 15, 2023, from the National Capital Presbytery.

**2) Installations:**

- a) An administrative commission installed the Rev. Karen VanderPloeg as Pastor of Madison Presbyterian Church at 4PM ET on Sunday, August 6, 2023. Members of the administrative commission were: Elder Beth Snyder (moderator), the Rev. Susan McGhee, Elder Rick LaCour, the Rev. Deborah Fortel, and the Rev. Catherine Knott.

**3) Churches with 5-Year Anniversaries in 2023:**

<b>5-Yr Anniversary</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Founded</b>
5	Princeton, Princeton	12/31/2018
55	Charlestown, Community	11/03/1968
60	Columbus, Fairlawn	04/28/1963
145	Central, Valley City	01/01/1878
165	Brazil, First	04/18/1858
170	Henryville, Mount Lebanon	05/22/1853
175	Leavenworth, Community	01/01/1848
190	New Washington, Trinity United	01/01/1833
190	Bloomington, United	09/07/1833
195	Terre Haute, Central	05/17/1828
195	Fort Branch, First	01/01/1828
200	Bloomfield, First	08/09/1823
200	Cayuga, Cayuga	01/01/1823
205	Madison, Jefferson	10/18/1818
205	Lexington, Lexington	01/01/1818

**4) Remaining 2023 Council Meetings (all at 12:30pm ET / 11:30am CT)**

- 9/12/23  
10/31/23  
12/5/23

**5) Remaining Presbytery Assemblies for 2023**

Thursday, November 16, 2023



4. **Treasurer's Report**  
Elder Jean Brown

Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.  
Condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Actual vs Budget)  
January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023

	Jan -June 2023 Actual	Annual Budget	% of Budget
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Per Capita	\$ 148,625	\$ 232,345	64%
Shared Giving (Unified Mission)	32,780	85,000	39%
Contributions	1,617	17,500	9%
Unrestricted Invest Inc & Trans	6,000	12,000	50%
Restricted Invest Inc & Trans	35,175	70,349	50%
	224,197	417,194	54%
<b><u>Expense</u></b>			
Staff Expense	135,391	274,910	49%
Ecclesiastical Expense	33,415	73,637	45%
Meeting Expense	843	4,050	21%
Administration & Office Expense	20,786	36,500	57%
Program Expense	15,024	32,500	46%
Total Expense	205,458	421,597	49%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 18,739	\$ (4,403)	

**Fund Balances**

As of June 30, 2023

Church Legacy Funds	932,481
Monroe City Fund	162,892
Brown Trust	2,675
Charlie Pye Fund for Excellence in Ministry	109,336
Restricted Funds (Specific Use)	48,012
Undesignated Net Assets	1,142,623
	\$ 2,398,019

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

**2023 Per Capita 50.15**

		<b>Members</b>	<b>2023 Per Capita</b>	<b>Received as of 6/30/2023</b>	<b>% Paid</b>
Bedford	First	87	4,363.05	2,000.00	45.8%
Bloomfield	First	54	2,708.10	2,708.10	100.0%
Bloomington	First	329	16,499.35		0.0%
Bloomington	United	49	2,457.35	2,457.35	100.0%
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial	78	3,911.70	3,911.70	100.0%
Brazil	First	222	11,133.30	5,567.30	50.0%
Brownstown	Brownstown	32	1,604.80	1,604.80	100.0%
Canaan	Jefferson	12	601.80		0.0%
Cayuga	Cayuga	25	1,253.75	1,053.15	84.0%
Central	Valley City	24	1,203.60		0.0%
Charlestown	Community	21	1,053.15	1,053.15	100.0%
Clinton	United	34	1,705.10		0.0%
Columbus	Fairlawn	83	4,162.45	2,081.22	50.0%
Columbus	First	433	21,714.95	21,714.95	100.0%
Corydon	Corydon	76	3,811.40		0.0%
Dale	Dale	35	1,755.25	1,755.25	100.0%
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant	37	1,855.55	1,855.55	100.0%
Evansville	Eastminster	234	11,735.10	2,625.00	22.4%
Evansville	First	296	14,844.40	7,422.40	50.0%
Evansville	First Avenue	32	1,604.80	200.00	12.5%
Farmersburg	First	12	601.80	552.00	91.7%
Fort Branch	First	50	2,507.50		0.0%
Greencastle	Greencastle	105	5,265.75	2,632.50	50.0%
Hanover	Hanover	49	2,457.35	2,457.35	100.0%
Henryville	Community	37	1,855.55	1,855.55	100.0%
Henryville	Mount Lebanon	21	1,053.15	1,053.15	100.0%
Jeffersonville	First	173	8,675.95	4,337.98	50.0%
Laconia	Rehoboth	52	2,607.80	2,607.80	100.0%
Laconia	United	14	702.10	702.10	100.0%
Leavenworth	Community	45	2,256.75	700.00	31.0%
Lexington	Lexington	66	3,309.90	3,309.90	100.0%
Livonia	United	38	1,905.70	1,905.70	100.0%
Madison	Madison	117	5,867.55	5,867.55	100.0%
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe	8	401.20	401.20	100.0%
Martinsville	First	50	2,507.50	2,507.50	100.0%
Mitchell	Mitchell	45	2,256.75		0.0%
Montezuma	First	18	902.70	902.70	100.0%
Mount Vernon	First	55	2,758.25	2,756.25	99.9%
Nabb	Nabb	12	601.80	601.80	100.0%
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship	42	2,106.30	2,106.30	100.0%
New Albany	Mount Tabor	79	3,961.85	3,961.85	100.0%
New Albany	St. John United	162	8,124.30		0.0%
New Washington	Trinity United	22	1,103.30	551.90	50.0%
North Vernon	Graham	16	802.40	802.40	100.0%
Paoli	First	40	2,006.00	500.00	24.9%
Patoka	Patoka	16	802.40	802.40	100.0%
Patoka	Union Bethel	10	501.50	501.50	100.0%
Petersburg	Main Street	52	2,607.80	2,607.80	100.0%

**2023 Per Capita 50.15**

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Princeton	Fairview	42	2,106.30	2,106.30	100.0%
Princeton	Princeton	72	3,610.80	3,610.80	100.0%
Roachdale	Roachdale	33	1,654.95	1,654.95	100.0%
Rockville	Memorial	18	902.70	702.70	77.8%
Salem	Salem	60	3,009.00	3,009.00	100.0%
Scipio	Scipio	17	852.55	852.55	100.0%
Scottsburg	First	40	2,006.00	2,006.00	100.0%
Seymour	First	108	5,416.20	5,416.20	100.0%
Spencer	Spencer	63	3,159.45	3,159.45	100.0%
Sullivan	First	53	2,657.95		0.0%
Terre Haute	Central	201	10,080.15	10,080.15	100.0%
Terre Haute	Unity	51	2,557.65	2,557.65	100.0%
Vernon	Vernon	11	551.65	515.65	93.5%
Vevay	Caledonia	4	200.60		0.0%
Vincennes	Bethany	12	601.80		0.0%
Vincennes	Indiana	95	4,764.25	2,500.00	52.5%
Vincennes	South Side	7	351.05		0.0%
Vincennes	Upper Indiana	90	4,513.50	1,454.35	32.2%
Washington	Westminster	57	2,858.55	714.64	25.0%
		4,633	232,344.95	145,335.49	62.6%

**Shared Mission 2023**

		<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Received as of June 30, 2023</u>			
			<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>POV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bedford	First					0
Bloomfield	First		210	70	420	700
Bloomington	First				1,775	1,775
Bloomington	Korean					0
Bloomington	United					0
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial					0
Brazil	First					0
Brownstown	Brownstown					0
Canaan	Jefferson					0
Cayuga	Cayuga					0
Central	Valley City					0
Charlestown	Community					0
Clinton	United					0
Columbus	Fairlawn		473	158	945	1,575
Columbus	First		6,223	1,741	10,446	18,410
Corydon	Corydon					0
Dale	Dale					0
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant					0
Evansville	Eastminster		263	88	525	875
Evansville	First		1,050	350	2,100	3,500
Evansville	First Avenue					0
Farmersburg	First					0

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		<u>Pledged</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>POV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fort Branch	First					0
Greencastle	Greencastle					0
Hanover	Hanover		550	250	1,200	2,000
Henryville	Community					0
Henryville	Mount Lebanon					0
Jeffersonville	First		725	275	2,000	3,000
Laconia	Rehoboth					0
Laconia	United					0
Leavenworth	Community			50	100	150
Lexington	Lexington					0
Livonia	United		1,864	526	2,390	4,780
Madison	Madison					0
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe					0
Martinsville	First					0
Mitchell	Mitchell					0
Montezuma	First					0
Mount Vernon	First		210	70	420	700
Nabb	Nabb		25	25	50	100
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship		1,500	500	3,000	5,000
New Albany	Mount Tabor					0
New Albany	St. John United					0
New Washington	Trinity United					0
North Vernon	Graham					0
Paoli	First					0
Patoka	Patoka					0
Patoka	Union Bethel					0
Petersburg	Main Street					0
Princeton	Fairview					0
Princeton	Princeton					0
Roachdale	Roachdale					0
Rockville	Memorial					0
Salem	Salem					0
Scipio	Scipio					0
Scottsburg	First		100	50	1,000	1,150
Seymour	First					0
Spencer	Spencer					0
Sullivan	First					0
Terre Haute	Central		2,925	825	3,750	7,500
Terre Haute	Unity					0
Vernon	Vernon					0
Vevay	Caledonia					0
Vincennes	Bethany					0
Vincennes	Indiana					0
Vincennes	Southside					0
Vincennes	Upper Indiana					0
Washington	Westminster					0
		<u>0</u>	<u>1,080</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>2,160</u>	<u>3,600</u>
		0	17,197	5,337	32,281	54,815

## **Greetings from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program**

The Rev. Dr. Sung-Joo Park brought greetings from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP). He spoke of how accounts can be created, accessed, used, and blessed. Also, he spoke of how monies may be borrowed from the PILP at good interest rates.

## **Committee on Ministry Report**

Elder Mary McClellan and the Rev. Alan Finnan, Co-Moderators

Elder Mary McClellan presented the report, as follows:

Summary of COM actions, **May 3, 2023**, through **August 8, 2023**.

## **FOR INFORMATION**

At the **July 11, 2023**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:

a. **First Presbyterian Church of Jeffersonville and the Rev. Karen McDonald Smith**  
serving as Bridge Pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
07/01/2023 to 06/30/2024	Full-time	\$33,000	\$25,000	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 weeks incl. 4 Sundays	\$2,000	Yes

b. **First Presbyterian Church of Bloomington and the Rev. Kelley Jepsen** serving as  
Transitional Associate Pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
07/17/2023 to 07/16/2024	Full-time	\$62,000	\$18,000	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 weeks incl. 4 Sundays	\$2,600	Yes

c. **Southern Hills Parish (Community Presbyterian Church of Henryville, Mt. Lebanon Presbyterian Church of Henryville, and Nabb Presbyterian Church of Nabb)** and **Elder Mick Finch** serving as Commissioned Pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
06/01/2023 to 05/31/2024	30hrs/wk	\$40,153*	N/A*	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	No

\*Division between salary and housing TBD

d. **Mitchell Presbyterian Church of Mitchell and Chaplain Byron Buker** serving as  
Extended Pulpit Supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
07/11/2023 to 12/31/2023	N/A	\$125/wk*	N/A*	Vch.IRS rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	No

\*Includes mileage

2. Actions taken regarding **the Rev. Susan Trigger** as Pastor for **Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church of New Albany**:
  - a. Approved goodness of fit, and the PNC’s choice, of Susan Trigger as Pastor
  - b. Authorize the Mt. Tabor, New Albany session to call a congregational meeting to act on the PNC’s nomination of Susan Trigger for the position of Pastor
  - c. Approved establishing the pastoral relationship, effective first date of service
  
3. Actions taken regarding **the Rev. Jeongju Grace Oh-Howard (Grace Howard)** as Pastor for **First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Vernon**:
  - a. Approved goodness of fit, and the PNC’s choice, of Grace Howard as Pastor
  - b. Authorize the First, Mt. Vernon session to call a congregational meeting to act on the PNC’s nomination of Grace Howard for the position of Pastor
  - c. Approved establishing the pastoral relationship, effective first date of service
  
4. Approved **the Rev. Larry Langer’s** request to be designated by the Presbytery as Retired as of August 31, 2023

At the **August 8, 2023**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:
  - a. **Dale Presbyterian Church of Dale and Gonwo Tyndale Dahnweih** serving as Extended Pulpit Supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
08/01/2023 to 07/31/2024	20-24 hrs/wk	\$575/wk	N/A	Vch.IRS rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	No

- b. **First Presbyterian Church of Brazil and the Rev. Alan Finnan** serving as Bridge Pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
09/01/2023 to 08/31/2024	3/4-time	\$30,000	\$15,000	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 weeks incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	Yes

- c. **Community Presbyterian Church of Leavenworth) and Elder Steve Inman** serving as Ruling Elder for Preaching and Pastoral Care

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
07/01/2023 to 12/31/2023		\$12,000	N/A	Vch.IRS rate	N/A	N/A	\$1,200	No

2. Approved **the Rev. Chris Roseland’s** request to be designated by the Presbytery as Retired as of August 31, 2023

## FOR ACTION

1. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley examine the Rev. Dr. Scott D. Seay for transfer of his ecclesiastical credits from the Christ Church (Disciples of Christ) to the Presbyterian Church

(U.S.A.) and that Scott give positive answers to the Constitutional questions, and that Scott be seated as a minister member of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley. Rev. Cindy Cushman moderated the examination of Scott. The examination was sustained, and the **motion was m/c.**

2. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley grant the status of Retired to the Rev. Larry Langer, effective August 31, 2023. **Motion was m/c.**
3. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley grant the status of Retired to the Rev. Chris Roseland, effective August 31, 2023. **Motion was m/c.**
4. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley set minimum compensation standards for 2024 as attached. (See appendix A) **Motion was m/c.**

### *Statement of Faith*

*Scott D. Seay*

The life of faith is one of expectant hope in the loving activity of the triune God: Creator, Redeemer, and Renewer of all things and all people.

I trust in God, who in sovereign power freely created the world and all that inhabits it. All creation remains dependent on the goodness of God, who continues to give generously to ensure its flourishing. Despite its apparent contingencies and limitations, creation nonetheless moves purposefully according to God's design. God calls and equips us all to respect, protect, and carefully steward God's good creation.

All people are created in the image of God. We are free within the limits that the Creator has set for us; we are interdependent with one another and all creation; we are called to loving service of God and one another; and we possess inalienable worth and dignity. Inevitably, we all fall into disobedience, arrogance, and selfishness. Our personal sin, left unchecked, often enlarges into durable systems that deny the image of God in ourselves and one another. Our best efforts to live as God intends always fall short and we deserve God's condemnation.

God elected and covenanted with Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants to constitute a chosen people, through whom all people of the earth are blessed. Time and again, God acts in the history of the People of Israel to reveal God's essential character as steadfast love and faithfulness: delivering them from Egyptian slavery; giving them the Law; fashioning them into a priestly kingdom and a holy nation; and sending prophets to call them back to covenant faithfulness when they stray. God's gifts and calling to the People of Israel are irrevocable.

I trust in Jesus of Nazareth, the long-promised Messiah, the Son of the living God, and the Savior of the world. Fully human and fully divine, his incarnation is the fullness of God's self-revelation. In his life and ministry Jesus proclaimed the nearness of the Kingdom of God; challenged religious arrogance and denounced hypocrisy; called all he encountered to repent and follow him; and modelled full love for God and neighbor. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and treason, he was crucified and died. God raised the beloved Son from the dead.

In the death and resurrection of Jesus, God opens the possibility of new life for all people. The Bible, tradition, and our experiences depict this new life in various ways: victory over the powers of evil; an enlarged covenant; cleansing from personal sin and guilt; reconciliation with God and one another; divine solidarity with outcasts and sinners; liberation for the oppressed; and a grateful habit of self-giving love for others. This new life is expressed fully and finally as living eternally in the presence of God.

I trust in the Holy Spirit, who draws us personally into God's work of redemption and reconciliation, empowers us to live holy and joyful lives, joins us together in communities of faith and mission, helps us find peace and comfort no matter the circumstances we face, and awakens in us a restlessness to work toward God's liberation and justice for all people. The Holy Spirit directs our vocations, our lives in Christ, as we mature in knowledge, prayer, loving service, gratitude to God, and compassionate solidarity with the whole human family.

The Bible is for me an indispensable and fully trustworthy record of God's self-revelation in the life of the People of Israel, in Jesus Christ, and in the life of the earliest Church. The Bible is infallible; it will never fail to reveal to us the essential character of the triune God. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the confessions of the universal Church, and faithful scholarship, we all have the right and the responsibility to study the Bible as the principal source of our knowledge of God and our faith.

God calls the Church into being to bear witness to the creating, redeeming, and renewing work of the triune God. The Church proclaims and lives the Word of God, experiences assurance of faith in baptism and the Lord's Supper, and maintains a disciplined community committed to love, peace, justice, and service. Gifted by the Holy Spirit, we combine our various skills to fulfill the ministry and mission of the Church. Though the Church as community may take many forms, the local congregation is its principal expression. God calls the Church to continual self-reflection, prayer, and openness to the reforming power of the Holy Spirit so that its witness remains good news for all creation in all times and places.

The Bible, tradition, and our experiences depict our life of expectant hope in various ways: as a sumptuous banquet for all at God's table, the Second Coming of Jesus, the resurrection of the dead, a day of God's judgment, and the reward of heaven and punishment of hell. Authentic hope is not grounded principally in our own achievements and potential, but in the promises and unwavering faithfulness of God. Hope invites us all to trust that ultimately God's love will triumph over hate, God's freedom over bondage, God's community over alienation, and God's life over death.

To the triune God be all praise, and honor, and glory forever!



**Appendix A**

**PRESBYTERY OF OHIO VALLEY  
2024 MINIMUM ANNUAL COMPENSATION STANDARDS**

Recommended by COM—August 8, 2023

Approved by Assembly—

<b><i>2024 Standards</i></b>	<b>Without Manse: Cash Salary— includes 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>\$55,130</b>	<b>\$42,408 &amp; \$12,722</b>
<b>Salary For Commissioned Pastors (75%)</b>	<b>\$41,358</b>	<b>\$31,814 &amp; \$ 9,544</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 \$55,130) by 1.3 to get the Cash Salary portion.

*In addition, congregations are encouraged to add a SECA (self-employment tax) offset of 7.65% of total effective salary.*

**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: As of January 1, 2023, value is **65.5 cents/mi**)
- Continuing Education (cumulative over 3 years to sum of annual amounts): **\$1200** (ordained clergy and commissioned pastors); 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. **The total BOP totals 39% for a full time pastor (\$21,501) or Commissioned Pastor (\$16,130).**

[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 *Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, Commissioned Pastors, Seminary Students, & Ruling Elders:*
  - Congregations of 100 members or more **\$175 plus mileage**
  - Congregations under 100 members **\$150 plus mileage**
  - Additional Services on same day **\$ 50**
- Moderating a session or congregation by invitation: **\$100 plus mileage**
- Wedding: **\$150 plus mileage**
- Funeral **\$125 plus mileage**

## **Report of the Presbytery Council**

The Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator

### **For Presbytery's Information**

**The Presbytery Council met July 11, 2023, by videoconference and took the following actions:**

1. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, and upon the request of the Committee on Ministry, commissioned Ruling Elder Harold Medsker to celebrate the sacraments for the congregations of the Trinity Parish (First, Montezuma; Memorial, Rockville; United, Clinton)

**The Presbytery Council met August 8, 2023, by videoconference and took the following actions:**

1. Granted financial support from Legacy Funds for consultant-led mission studies at Dale Presbyterian Church and Scipio Presbyterian Church
2. Agreed to recommend that 2024 Assemblies be held Saturday, February 24; Thursday, May 23; Saturday, August 24; and Thursday, November 21.
3. Agreed to recommend that per capita for 2024 be set at \$55.00
4. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, approved a resolution for an Administrative Commission for the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Vincennes

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### **Resolution for the Appointment of an Administrative Commission for the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Vincennes, Indiana, by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley**

**WHEREAS**, the Session and Congregation of the Bethany Presbyterian Church has informed the Officers of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley that it is no longer able to hold services of worship, that there are not enough persons able and willing to serve on the Session, and that it wishes to be dissolved as a Congregation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Session of the Bethany Presbyterian Church has informed the Officers of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley that it is no longer able to manage the affairs of the church; and

**WHEREAS**, in a meeting with Executive Presbyter Susan McGhee and Committee on Ministry Co-Moderator Alana Finnan (serving as the Moderator of Session), on July 18, 2023, the remaining members of Session formally requested that the Presbytery of Ohio Valley assume the responsibilities of the Session to wind up its affairs and move toward the dissolution of the Congregation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Revs. McGhee and Finnan expressed gratitude to those who have served the church and community faithfully through the years, and promised to work with them to celebrate the legacy of the congregation; and

**WHEREAS**, under such circumstances, the Book of Order authorizes the Presbytery to appoint an administrative commission and assume original jurisdiction for the Bethany Presbyterian Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the following persons have each indicated willingness to serve if so appointed to an administrative commission for the Bethany Presbyterian Church: Ruling Elder Jean Brown, the Rev. David Crittenden, the Rev. Alan Finnan, and Ruling Elder William Henderson; and

**WHEREAS**, Alan Finnan has indicated his willingness to serve as Moderator and William Henderson has indicated his willingness to serve as Vice-Moderator of the Administrative Commission:

Now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following persons are appointed to serve on an administrative commission for the Bethany Presbyterian Church of Vincennes, Indiana: The Rev. Alan Finnan (Moderator), Elder William Henderson (Vice-Moderator), the Rev. David Crittenden, and Elder Jean Brown; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Administrative Commission shall be empowered to consider and conclude all matters referred to it by this Presbytery, including specifically the following charge:

1. To assume original jurisdiction over all affairs of the Bethany Presbyterian Church of Vincennes, Indiana, acting in place of and replacing the session of said congregation, which shall cease to act as session unless or until directed otherwise by the presbytery;
2. To work with the congregational leaders to obtain any records, documents, books, minutes, reports, accounts, bylaws, corporate documents, or other information of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, including but not limited to the church, its property, and finances;
3. To act with and exercise the full responsibilities and authority of a session for the Bethany Presbyterian Church;
4. To work with the Officers of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley to accomplish the dissolution of the congregation; the sale of property, and the completion of any ecclesiastical and corporate affairs;
5. To work with leaders in the congregation to plan and carry out a final service of worship to celebrate the history, ministry, and legacy of the Bethany Presbyterian Church;
6. To consult with attorneys for the Presbytery and to be assisted by the Presbytery's attorneys in carrying out its charges;
7. To consult with accountants, realtors, or other professional advisors to the Presbytery and to be assisted by them in carrying out its charges;
8. To make regular reports and submit its record to the Presbytery and the Presbytery Council and officers (G-3.0109);

9. To conduct and fulfill such additional responsibilities that may be assigned to it as a commission or as a committee by the Presbytery or the Presbytery Council; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Administrative Commission may inform the Presbytery or the Presbytery Council if it determines that any additional powers should be granted to it.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2023, by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, through its Council.

**For Presbytery Action:**

**1. That the following dates be set for 2024 Assemblies:**

- a. Saturday, February 24
- b. Thursday, May 23
- c. Saturday, August 24
- d. Thursday, November 21

**It was m/s/c to approve the dates.**

**2. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley set the 2024 per capita at \$55.00**

Background: Presbyterians have a form of government built upon shared authority and mutual accountability as we seek together to find and represent the mind of Christ. Per Capita dollars provide the primary means for elected members to gather at Presbytery assemblies, Synod assemblies, and the biennial General Assembly. In addition, Per Capita funds the constitutionally required functions of each body.

The Presbytery Council recommends that the 2024 Per Capita Giving be set at \$55.00. Of that total amount, \$3.81 goes to the Synod of Lincoln Trails, \$9.80 goes to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and \$41.39 is retained by the Presbytery.

Besides providing for the means for us to gather to discern the mind of Christ, Per Capita in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley supports: 100% of the compensation for the Treasurer and Stated Clerk, 75% of the compensation for the Administrative Associate for IT Support, 50% of the compensation for the Administrative Associate for Office Support, 50% of the compensation for the Executive Presbyter, 25% of administrative and office expenses, and 100% of ecclesiastical expenses (including expenses for assemblies, administrative commissions, and entities such as the Trustees, Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry that perform constitutionally required work).

While the \$55.00 recommended Per Capita amount does not fund all the constitutionally required functions of the Presbytery, the Presbytery Council believes the recommended amount is an important step towards fully funding the constitutionally required functions of the Presbytery.

The 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly took actions that it hopes will provide new funding models for the church that are more sustainable moving forward, and the Council shares in this hope.

The Council welcomes conversation from pastors and sessions about funding ministry and mission.

**It was m/s/c to approve the per capita at \$55.00.**

### **Lunch**

Vice Moderator Snyder recessed the meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley for lunch.

### **Presbytery of Ohio Valley Reconvened**

Vice Moderator Snyder reconvened the stated meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.

### **Greetings from Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center**

The Rev. Molly DeWitt, Program Director

Molly brought a report of the summer programs. One of the themes was based on the “Fruits of the Spirit.” Molly also spoke of many other camps and programs for all ages.

### **Speak-Out Session**

Members and friends of the assembly shared news and announcements.

### **Report of the Executive Presbyter**

The Rev. Susan McGhee

Susan reminded the Assembly of her 14 years in the POV. She spoke of Clergy Renewal Grants of \$2000 to pastors and chaplains. She spoke of new ways for handling pastoral vacancies and new searches through the CLC. She spoke of coordinating efforts with the two other Indiana presbyteries and the Synod. Susan encouraged us that God is still doing good things among us.

### **New Business**

#### **Motion:**

That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley request the Session of Brownstown Presbyterian Church:

1. to authorize the baptism of Grant Ralph Burkhardt (born March 3, 2023), son of David Burkhardt and the Rev. Molly DeWitt, at a worship service to be held at Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center on Sunday, September 3, 2023, with the Rev. Chelsea Benham, a minister member of the Mid- Kentucky Presbytery, officiating.
2. to place Grant Burkhardt as on the baptized roll of the congregation.

## Background:

The Rev. Molly DeWitt, Program Director of Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center, contacted me about her and David's desire to present their son Grant for baptism at a worship service to be held at Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center on September 3, as part of its "Weekend at the Lake."

While the Pyoca Board's Executive Committee has approved Molly's request to include Grant's baptism that day, it is not a council of the church and therefore cannot officially authorize the sacrament. Per W-3.0403, baptisms are authorized by the session of a congregation. In the case of a young child, this would typically be the session of the congregation in which one of the child's parents is a member. Neither of Grant's parents, however, is a member of a congregation. (Molly is a member of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley in her validated ministry, and David is not a member of a church).

Fulfilling my pastoral role in the presbytery, I counseled by with Molly and David about Grant's baptism, including these special circumstances. I suggested that a motion be brought to the August 19 presbytery assembly to make the above request of the Brownstown session. The three of us agreed that Brownstown would be a good choice, because of its proximity to and relationship with Pyoca. Brownstown's pastor, the Rev. James Blankenkemper, polled the members of the session about this possibility, and they indicated that they would be pleased to respond positively to the presbytery's request.

W-3.0403 gives the session the authority to authorize a baptism "in certain situations beyond the congregational setting, such as hospitals, prisons, schools, military bases, or other ministry settings." Clearly, Pyoca would fall into the category of "other ministry settings." Pastor James, I, and members of the Brownstown congregation will be present for the baptism at Pyoca.

While sorting through this "constitutional conundrum" required a number of consultations [including with a PC(USA) constitutional expert], it was a pure joy to revisit our theology and polity of Baptism. (Directory for Worship 3.0403 in its entirety can be found on the back of this item of business). In addition, by involving three communities of faith - the Brownstown Presbyterian Church; the Pyoca board, staff and extended family; and the Presbytery of Ohio Valley - our young friend Grant and his parents are thrice blessed!

Glory to God in the church and in Christ Jesus, from generation to generation, forever!  
Amen. (Ephesians 3:21)

### W-3.0403 Responsibility for Baptism

Baptism shall be authorized by the session and administered by a minister of the Word and Sacrament. The session's responsibilities for Baptism include: encouraging parents (or those exercising parental responsibility) to present their children for Baptism without undue haste or undue delay; encouraging new believers to be baptized; examining candidates for Baptism, or their parents, and instructing them in the significance of the Sacrament; enrolling those who are baptized as members of the congregation; and providing for their ongoing nurture and formation for baptismal life in the world. The congregation as a whole, on behalf of the universal Church, is responsible for nurturing baptized persons in Christian life. The session may designate certain members of the congregation as sponsors or mentors for those who are baptized or for their parents.

When a young child is presented for Baptism at least one parent (or person exercising parental responsibility) should be an active member of a Christian church, normally the congregation in which the baptism takes place. The session may consider a request to baptize a child whose parent is an active member of another church. If the session approves such a request, it should communicate with the council of the other congregation and notify them when the Sacrament has been administered. Those presenting children for Baptism will promise to nurture and guide them until they are ready to make a personal profession of faith and assume the responsibility of active church membership.

A council may authorize a Baptism, to be administered by a minister of the Word and Sacrament, in certain situations beyond the congregational setting, such as hospitals, prisons, schools, military bases, or other ministry settings. In these cases, the minister of the Word and Sacrament is responsible for ensuring that the name of the newly baptized person is placed on the appropriate roll of a council.

### **Prayers of the Presbytery**

The Rev. Deborah Fortel received the prayer requests of the Assembly and led the pastoral prayer.

### **Minute for Ministry**

Janet Huber Lowry spoke of October being Global Mission Month and how Presbyterians can respond.

### **Offering**

Janet Huber Lowry led the offertory prayer.

### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

The Rev. Molly DeWitt and the Rev. James Blankenkemper celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**Adjournment with Closing Litany**

The Vice Moderator adjourned the meeting at 1:50pm EDT with the closing sentences of prayer.

The next Assembly of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley will be Thursday, November 16, 2023, held by Zoom videoconference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elder Joe Kimmel, Stated Clerk  
The Rev. Larry Langer, Recording Clerk