



PRESBYTERY
of West Virginia

**Spring Stated Meeting
Campus Christian Center
Marshall University, Huntington
May 21, 2026**

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THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA
Synod of the Trinity – Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Campus Christian Center – Marshall University
Huntington, West Virginia
May 21, 2026

A MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Transformed by the love of Christ, we will be a covenant community of vibrant congregations where everyone is welcomed, loved, and encouraged to discover their purpose and make a difference in their communities, reflecting new life in Christ.

DOCKET

*Indicates “Order of the Day” (To be taken up precisely at the time indicated)

9:00 – 10:00 Registration and time for fellowship and refreshments

*10:00 Call to Order John Bolt, Moderator

Greetings from Marshall UKirk Chris Bailey

Business of the Presbytery

- Welcome of a New Minister Maureen Wright, Stated Clerk
- Seating of Corresponding Member
- Recognition of Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time
- Statement of Quorum
- Approval of Docket
- Presentation of Procedural Matters
- Consent Agenda Moderator
 - o A consent agenda groups together routine items and resolutions under one agenda item. Items included in the consent agenda will not be open for discussion and all are approved in one vote. Opportunity will be given prior to the vote for members to remove items from the consent agenda. Items that are removed will be added to the regular agenda for separate discussion.
- Appointment of Temporary Clerks
- Appointment of Standing Committees
 - o Committee on Bills and Overtures
 - Leadership Team members present

*10:15 Educational Focus *Campus Ministry*
Chris Bailey, Presbyterian Campus Minister, Marshall UKirk
Tanner Capps, Chaplain, Davis & Elkins College
Will Myers, Presbyterian Campus Minister, WVUKirk

11: 20 Announcements:

*11:30 Morning Worship

*12:30 Recess for Lunch

*1:30 Afternoon Prayer Moderator

Report of the Lead Presbyter & Stated Clerk Maureen Wright

Report of the Treasurer Chris Alfred

Report of the Leadership Team Andy Rice

“Good News from the Pews” Moderator
This is a time of sharing good news from churches throughout the presbytery
by Ruling Elder Commissioners only.

Commissioning of General Assembly Commissioners

Report of the Commission on Pastoral Ministry Julie Olt

Report of the Outreach Committee John Nelson

New Business

Completion of Feedback Forms

4:00 Anticipated Time of Adjournment with Charge and Benediction by the Moderator

Printed Reports for Information Only:
Commission on Operations
Committee on Nurture and Relationships

**Additional 2026 Stated Meetings:
August 15 – Bridgeport Presbyterian Church
November 19 – First Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg**

PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

CONSENT AGENDA

May 21,2026

RECOMMENDATIONS:

From the Stated Clerk

1. That the requests for Excused Absences be approved.

From the Committee on Outreach

1. That the offering from the May Presbytery meeting go to the Water Project in support for the water crisis in McDowell County, West Virginia.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF THE STATED CLERK

May 21, 2026

Correspondence was received 2/10/26 through 5/4/26.

1. 3/12/26 A note from the staff of Pittsburg Presbytery celebrating the staff of the Presbytery of West Virginia and prayers for a season of fruitfulness as the Presbytery implements its Strategic Plan.

ACTION: Included in this report to be recorded in the permanent record of the Presbytery.

2. 3/31/24 A thank you note from the Greenbrier Humane Society in recognition of the gift sent in honor of Susan Sharp Campbell and the memorial gift in honor of Benjamin Gurley.

ACTION: Included in this report to be recorded in the permanent record of the Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. (CA) That the requests for Excused Absences be approved.

INFORMATION:

1. The Presbytery Summary Statistical Report for 2025 follows this report.
2. The 2025 Session Records of the following churches have been reviewed: Belington Presbyterian Church; Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church; Bridgeport Presbyterian Church; Community Presbyterian Church; Elk Hills Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar; First Presbyterian Church, Fairmont; First Presbyterian Church, Hinton; First Presbyterian Church, Kenova; First Presbyterian Church, Oak Hill; First Presbyterian Church, Ripley; First Presbyterian Church, St. Albans; First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston; Fleming Memorial Presbyterian Church; Kanawha United Presbyterian Church; Philippi Presbyterian Church; Rock Lake Presbyterian Church; Smithers Presbyterian Church; Teays Valley Presbyterian Church; Village Chapel Presbyterian Church; Waverly-Bethel Presbyterian Church; Winfield Presbyterian Church.
3. The next quarterly in person Session Record Review for 2025 records is August 16, 2026, at 3:00 PM in the Lewisburg area. A Zoom Session record review for 2025 records will be the following evening, August 17, at 7:00 PM. The final in person Session Record Review for 2025 records is October 18, 2026, in the Huntington area. The final Zoom Session Record Review for 2025 records is October 19, 2026.

2025 Presbytery Statistical Report

Presbytery	West Virginia		
Address	PO Box 11720, Charleston, WV 25339		
Phone	304-744-7634	Fax	304-744-7649
Email	office@wvpresbytery.org		
Web Site	www.wvpresbytery.org		



Membership

Prior Active Members	5753	Adjusted membership	5743
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Gains		Losses	
Certificate	27	Certificate	22
Youth Professions	38	Deaths	135
Professions & Reaffirmations	67	Deleted for any Other Reason	139
Total Gains	132	Total Losses	296
Total Ending Active Members	5579		

Baptisms		Average Weekly Worship Attendance	2444
Presented by Others	26	Friends of the Congregation	666
At Confirmation	7	Ruling Elders on Session	452
All Other	18	Do you have Deacons? Yes / No	12 / 53

Age Distribution of Active Members		People with Disabilities	
17 & Under	241	Hearing impairment	276
18 - 25	290	Sight impairment	107
26 - 40	534	Mobility impairment	257
41 - 55	615	Other impairment	196
56 - 70	986		
Over 70	1595		

Total Age Distribution	4261	Gender Distribution	
		Women	2541
		Men	1713
		Non-Binary	3

Youth in Congregation			
Age 4 and under	122	Middle School (6th – 8th grade)	139
Elementary School (K-5th grade)	248	High School (9th – 12th grade)	183
		Total Youth	692

Racial Ethnic			
Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	23	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	0
Black/African American/African	27	White	4355
Middle Eastern/North African	5	Multiracial	36
Hispanic/Latino-a	14		
		Total Racial Ethnic	4460

Budgeted Income	8,824,247		
Budgeted Expense	9,793,842		

Receipts			
Regular Contributions	7,291,761	Bequests	1,120,811
Capital Building Fund	352,466	Other Income	1,939,342
Investment Income	1,913,665	Subsidy or Aid	103,062

Expenditures			
Local Program	7,566,390	Investment Expenditures	745,735
Local Mission	659,296	Per Capital Apprt	159,281
Capital Expenditures	1,702,988	Other Mission	297,007

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

A. Principles of Parliamentary Law

- Courtesy to all
- Majority rule
- Justice for all
- One Item at a time
- Respect the rights of the minority
- Partiality for none

- Usually pro and con speakers will alternate and individual speaking will identify his or her position.
- No one is allowed to speak more than once on a pending question until all wishing to speak have been heard; a person can then speak a second time, but no more than twice (unless the body gives special permission by two-thirds vote for a third speech).

B. Relevant Provisions of Presbytery's Manual (Section III of Manual)

1. "No new business shall be introduced after Presbytery recesses for lunch (unless by two-thirds vote Presbytery sets a different deadline for introduction of new business), and any new business not listed on the docket shall be presented in written form."
2. "...each elder elected as an officer of the Presbytery, Lead Presbyter, or a member of Leadership Team shall be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery for the term of office, whether or not commissioned by his or her session."
3. "The privilege of the floor without vote shall be granted to elected members of Presbytery's committees, to Presbytery staff, if not enrolled as members of the Presbytery, as well as to corresponding members and temporary members of the Presbytery."
4. "The privilege of the floor without vote shall be granted to Certified Christian Educators and other certified church workers serving the churches of Presbytery, if not enrolled as members of the Presbytery. Certified Christian Educators who are ruling elders and serving in an educational ministry under jurisdiction of Presbytery shall have privilege of voice and vote. (G-2.1103b)"

NOTE: The phrase, "privilege of the floor without vote," means that the person has the privilege of speaking on the floor of Presbytery, including debating a motion under consideration, subject to rules and guidelines that govern discussion and debate. However, the person does not have the privilege to make motions or to vote. Those who have "privilege of the floor without vote" are lay members of committees, lay members of Presbytery staff, Recording Clerk, Church Educators, and youth advisory delegates. Those with "voice and vote" privileges are member Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Ruling Elder commissioners, Certified Christian Educators*, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Lead Presbyter, Connectional Presbyter, Treasurer, Moderator, Members of Leadership Team and Presbytery Committee chairs.

C. Procedural Rules for the meeting of Presbytery (approval by two-thirds vote required to adopt #3).

1. Persons wishing to speak to the Presbytery - giving a report, debating a motion, raising questions - will do so by using the microphones.
2. Each speaker, after recognition by the Moderator, will give his or her name and church name (or other relationship to the Presbytery if not pastor or elder commissioner from a session).
3. Limitation of Debate - 30 minutes per main motion, with each individual limited to 3 minutes per speech.
4. A recommendation from a committee or other entity elected by the Presbytery, upon being presented to Presbytery by an elected member of that entity, is considered to be on the floor for Presbytery's debate, amendment, and disposition without the necessity of a motion placing the recommendation on the floor.

Motion Basics

STEPS OF THE MOTION

1. *Commissioner* rises and addresses the Moderator.
2. *Moderator* recognizes commissioner and grants the floor.
3. *Commissioner* makes motion. (Commissioner may not debate before the motion is seconded.)
4. *Another commissioner* seconds the motion without recognition from the moderator.
5. *Moderator* states the motion.
6. *Moderator* calls for debate. (Maker of the motion has the privilege of first debate.) All speakers must address the moderator and be recognized by the moderator.
7. *Moderator* states the motion.
8. *Moderator* takes the vote and announces the vote and the results of the vote.
9. *Moderator* states the next order of business.

SEVEN USEFUL MOTIONS

1. **Amend.** There are *only* three forms of simple amendment.
 - a. to delete or strike out
 - b. to add or insert
 - c. to strike out and insert

The words proposed for deletion or addition *must be consecutive words*. When the amendment does not involve consecutive words or is longer than a paragraph, the motions "to substitute" (a form of amendment) is used. This is a difficult motion and should *never* be used when the simple form of amendment can be used.

2. **Commit or Refer.** To commit or refer back to committee for further study and amendment allows the consultative process to be used in greater depth. When this motion is made, it needs to state clearly what committee; appointment of the committee, if necessary; the task of the committee; and report time.
3. **Postpone to a Particular Time.** This motion takes precedence over the preceding two and has the power to grant additional time to a particular member or committee or do further study or consultation. It should always be used in preference to "table" because it permits debate on the propriety of postponement.
4. **Limits on Debate.** The assembly always has the power, and the moderator the right of suggestion, to limit debate to a particular hour, or extend or shorten speeches according to the necessity of the moment. Limits on the length of speeches are advisable in instances where the issue before the assembly is highly divisive and many members wish to speak.
5. **Previous Question.** The maker of the motion "to move the previous question" (close debate and immediately take the vote) must be recognized by the moderator and the motion must receive a second. *It is never in order when called from the floor.* This motion should never be considered when it is used to prevent legitimate debate.
6. **Lay on the Table.** This motion is seldom necessary. The motion "to postpone" is always preferable because of its lower rank and its debatability. Misuse of this subsidiary motion can be a strategy that seriously abridges the rights of the assembly because of its high rank and its adoption by a majority vote without debate. The moderator is obliged to explain carefully to the assembly the implications of this motion should it be made.
7. **Consideration by Paragraph or Seriatim.** Consideration by paragraph or seriatim is an incidental motion that may be suggested by the moderator or any two members of the assembly, allowing for orderly consideration of a complex proposal with several different parts, clarifying for the assembly the controversial aspects of the proposal. Each paragraph of the proposal can be amended without finally adopting the new wording until the final action on the main motion as amended.

(Adapted from *Parliamentary Procedures in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* by Marianne L. Wolfe, P.R.P.)

PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Chris Alfred
May 21,2026

INFORMATION:

1. The Presbytery received requests for grant monies from seven (7) churches to help cover the Board of Pensions' cost of dependent medical coverage for pastors from the following Churches:
 - a. First, Charleston
 - b. First, Hinton
 - c. First, Parkersburg
 - d. First, Williamson
 - e. First, Williamstown
 - f. Village Chapel

The grants will be disbursed in two (2) payments, the first in May and the second in September. If your church qualifies or would like to see if they do, please contact the treasurer.

2. In 2025 the Presbytery disbursed a total of \$72,498.93 in grant monies to churches and organizations in the following grant categories:
 - a. Hunger Grants – \$36,800
 - b. Mission Grants – \$ 11,000
 - c. Cluster Support – \$1,000
 - d. New Life Congregational Grants – \$ 11,992
 - e. 2025 Dependent Medical Coverage Grants – \$11,706.93
3. In 2025 a total of \$7,921.05 was given out in various scholarship grants:
 - a. Scholarship Fund Grants – \$ 1,024.98
 - b. Association of Partners in Christian Education Scholarships – \$1,896.07
 - c. Bush Fund Scholarship – \$5,000

Presbytery of West Virginia
Statement of Financial Position
As of March 31 2026

	03/31/26	03/31/25
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
CHECKING/SAVINGS		
Petty Cash	133.93	133.93
Payroll - WesBanco Bank	2,810.86	2,654.58
Huntington Bank Money Market	123,064.96	0.00
Huntinton Bank Checking	129,454.74	0.00
Cash - United Bank Checking	59,718.89	183,923.12
WV Federal Credit Union	243,832.07	240,204.15
New Life Fund - WesBanco Bank	341,414.97	370,313.02
Total Cash/Checking	900,430.42	797,228.80
Investments		
Mission Development Fund	1,890,487.07	1,826,851.58
Multi Us Funds		
Kay Long Memorial Fund	12,303.59	10,781.83
Molly Gant Scholarship Fund	19,853.30	17,397.34
Kenya Partnership	1,575.19	2,880.35
Presbyterian Hunger Program	12,871.90	52,469.33
Pack Endowment Fund	255,034.16	223,490.24
Multi Us Funds	301,638.14	307,019.09
Scholarship Funds		
Reiner Fund	117,474.98	104,536.60
Bush Fund	326,636.10	294,873.08
Scholarship Fund	11,497.03	11,101.25
Seminary Fund	59,837.32	53,239.36
Dickinson Fund	90,462.43	80,487.60
PEPS Fund	3,557.95	4,016.32
Slaughter Fund	2,608.46	2,320.84
Scholarship Funds	612,074.27	550,575.05
Midland Memorial Fund	123,550.55	112,095.81
New Church Development	275,618.26	245,104.95
Small Church Fund	1,397,732.88	1,460,467.15
Rachel McClintic Fund	1,862,586.80	1,665,220.62
Funds of the Presbytery		
Funds of the Presbytery	454,185.08	527,934.55
Building Sale Proceeds	473,351.29	465,144.95
Funds of the Presbytery	927,536.37	993,079.50
Total INVESTMENTS	7,391,224.34	7,160,413.75
TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS	8,291,654.76	7,957,642.55

Presbytery of West Virginia
Statement of Financial Position
As of March 31 2026

	03/31/26	03/31/25
Accounts Receivable	-1,256.00	-1,316.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-1,256.00	-1,316.00
 Other Current Assets		
Notes Receivable MDF	43,687.75	48,864.31
Notes Receivable Riner	3,415.04	3,415.04
Notes Receivable R. McClintic	70,134.95	82,106.67
Workers Comp Deposit	247.09	247.09
Total Other Current Assets	117,484.83	134,633.11
Total Current Assets	8,407,883.59	8,090,959.66
Fixed Assets		
Land	0.00	0.00
Building & Grounds	0.00	0.00
Furniture & Fixtures	0.00	0.00
Capital Equipment	16,456.11	16,456.11
Software	669.51	669.51
Accumulated Depreciation	-17,126.05	-17,126.05
Total Fixed Assets	-0.43	-0.43
TOTAL ASSETS	8,407,883.16	8,090,959.23
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Benevolence Receipts Payable	0.00	0.00
Payroll Liabilities	11,778.19	13,198.52
Total Other Current Liabilities	11,778.19	13,198.52
Deferred Revenue	40,392.05	40,392.05
Total Liabilities	52,170.24	53,590.57

PRESBYTERY of WEST VIRGINIA
Budget vs. Actual
YTD March 31 2026

COMPOSITE BY COMMITTEE

Committee	YTD 3/31/26	Budget	%	Restricted Fund Support
OPERATIONS	121,089.53	698,818	17.3%	207,100
LEADERSHIP	135.54	17,500	0.8%	11,000
PASTORAL MINISTRY	4,821.13	38,200	12.6%	25,000
OUTREACH	8,875.00	49,500	17.9%	30,000
NURTURE & RELATIONSHIPS	(1,001.48)	66,125	-1.5%	40,500
PJC	0.00	200	0.0%	
REPRESENTATION	0.00	200	0.0%	
TOTAL	\$ 133,919.72	870,543	15.4%	\$ 313,600
SHARED MISSION (net)	32,440.45	268,430	12.1%	
PER CAPITA (net)	21,115.13	111,263	19.0%	
PREV. YR BENEV./PER CAPITA	6,420.06	10,000	64.2%	
OUTSIDE FUNDING	0.00	40,000	0.0%	
INTEREST & GIFTS	2,367.35	11,000	21.5%	
Building Sale Proceeds	0.00	115,963	0.0%	
RESTRICTED FUND SUPPORT	71,576.73	313,887	22.8%	
TOTAL	\$ 133,919.72	\$ 870,543	15.4%	

PRESBYTERY of WEST VIRGINIA
Budget vs. Actual
YTD March 31 2026

	YTD 3.31.26	Budget	%	Restricted Fund Support
<u>Commission on Operations</u>				
OFFICE EXPENSES				
				39100 Mission Develop
Postage	173.19			
Supplies	641.82			
Publications & Subscriptions	890.09			
Presbytery Directory				
Rent	525.00			
Equipment				
Equipment Maintenance	1,612.00			
Staff Expenses	1,633.39			
Insurance - Property	6,444.75			
Web Site Maintenance	100.00			
Internet Service	180.00			
Bank service fees	443.23			
Background Check Fees	(36.00)			
Miscellaneous				
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSE	12,607.47	39,100	32.2%	
Annual Review	0.00	12,000	0.0%	12000 PWV Funds
SALARY & PERSONNEL EXPENSE				
All Salaries (including housing & utilities)	60,929.91	340,580	17.9%	
Pension Expense	4,994.31	17,132	29.2%	
Medical Insurance Expense	13,877.28	90,668	15.3%	
Payroll Taxes	3,950.56	23,088	17.1%	
Workers' Compensation	460.00	1,000	46.0%	
Continuing Education & Professional Expense	1,603.79	14,000	11.5%	
Travel Expense	4,177.96	25,000	16.7%	
Moving Expenses	6,663.33	40,000.00		
Total Salary & Personnel Expense	89,994	551,468	16.3%	99000 52.5K Small Church, 20K MDF, 26.5 PWV
COMMITTEE EXPENSE				
Staff Development	0.00	1,000	0.0%	1,000 Mission Development Fund
Committee Meetings	0.00	500	0.0%	
TOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSE	0.00	1,500	0.0%	
Bluestone Support				
Bluestone Staffing	18,488.25	77,750	23.8%	56K MDF
Insurance-Bluestone		17,000	0.0%	38K Building Sale Proceeds
Total Bluestone Support	18,488.25	94,750.00	19.5%	
Total Commission on Operations	\$ 121,089.53	\$ 698,818.00	17.3%	77,963 Building Sale Proceeds
<u>LEADERSHIP TEAM</u>				
Presbytery Meetings		3,000	0.0%	
Moderator Expenses		1,000	0.0%	
General Assembly		6,000	0.0%	6,000 MDF
Denomination Resources				
Legal Consultation		5,000	0.0%	5,000 Funds of PWV
Presbyter Search Committee	102.36			
Leadership Team Committee Expenses	33.18	2,500	1.3%	
	\$ 135.54	\$ 17,500	0.8%	

PRESBYTERY of WEST VIRGINIA
Budget vs. Actual
YTD March 31 2026

	YTD 3.31.26	Budget	%	Restricted Fund Support
<u>Commission on Pastoral Ministry</u>				
Care of Candidates		500	0.0%	
Career Counseling		2,000	0.0%	
Scholarships		5,000	0.0%	5,000 Bush Fund
Conferences		500	0.0%	
ALP/CP Preparation Program	4,478.44	12,000	37.3%	12,000 Rachel Mcclintic
Support of ALP/CP		4,000	0.0%	1,000 Funds of PWV
New Preacher Studio		1,000	0.0%	
1,001 New Worshipping Comm.		500	0.0%	500 Small Church Fund
Small Church Conf.		500	0.0%	500 Small Church Fund
CRE Training (Cont. Ed.)		500	0.0%	500 Small Church Fund
Ministry Training		500	0.0%	500 PEPS
Professional Development		3,000	0.0%	3,000 Small Church Fund
Church Professional Orientation		1,000	0.0%	
COM Resources		500	0.0%	
Congregational Care Travel	292.69	500	58.5%	
Memorials	50.00	500	10.0%	500 Funds of PWV - COM Disc.
Emergency Church Assistance		1,500	0.0%	1,500 Small Church Fund
Vaildated Ministry Dinners		1,200	0.0%	
Committee Meetings		3,000	0.0%	
	\$ 4,821.13	\$ 38,200	12.6%	
<u>Committee on Outreach</u>				
INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS				
Davis & Elkins College	312.50	1,250	25.0%	
Davis-Stuart	312.50	1,250	25.0%	
Covenant House, Inc	312.50	1,250	25.0%	
Westminster Foundation	312.50	1,250	25.0%	
MISSION PARTNERSHIPS				
Kenya Partnership		500	0.0%	1,000 Kenya Partnership
The Shack NH Support	2,250.00	9,000	25.0%	12,000 Mission Dev. Fund
Tyrand Coop. Ministry Support	625.00	2,500	25.0%	2,500 Midland Memorial
WVMAW	3,750.00	15,000	25.0%	15,000 Mission Dev. Fund
WVVOAD	750.00	3,000	25.0%	3,000 MDF
Children on the Spectrum	250.00	1,000	25.0%	
MISSION GRANTS				
Older Adult Ministry		11,000	0.0%	
Older Adult Ministry		1,000	0.0%	
Peacemaker Support		1,000	0.0%	1,000 Mission Dev. Fund
Committee Meetings		500	0.0%	
	\$ 8,875.00	\$ 49,500	17.9%	

PRESBYTERY of WEST VIRGINIA
Budget vs. Actual
YTD March 31 2026

	YTD 3.31.26	Budget	%	
<u>Committee on Nurture and Relationships</u>				
CHRISTIAN NURTURE & WORSHIP				
Resource Ctr Acquisitions		500	0.0%	
Resource Ctr. - Supplies/Equip.			0.0%	
Resource Ctr. - Catalog Program		800	0.0%	
Video License		325	0.0%	
Festival of Faith	(1,164.62)	2,500	-46.6%	
Church Educators Support	163.14	200	81.6%	
Educator/Clergy/ALP/CP Retreat		0	0.0%	
Children's Retreat		2,000	0.0%	2,000 Rachel McClintic Fund
Spring Youth Retreat		2,000	0.0%	2,000 Rachel McClintic Fund
Fall Youth Retreat		5,000	0.0%	5,000 Rachel McClintic Fund
HS Youth Conf. Mission Trip		5,000	0.0%	5,000 Rachel McClintic Fund
Youth Council		500	0.0%	500 Rachel McClintic Fund
Adult Spiritual Development		1,000	0.0%	1,000 Mission Dev. Fund
Scholarships		1,000	0.0%	1,000 PEPS
Presbytery Worship		200	0.0%	
Miscellaneous		200	0.0%	
APCE Membership		400	0.0%	
Leadership Development Program		2,500	0.0%	2,500 Small Church Fund
Summer Camp		35,000	0.0%	15,000 Mission Dev. Fund
CIT Support		4,500	0.0%	4,500 Rachel McClintic Fund
Relationship Development		2,000	0.0%	2,000 Small Church Fund
Committee Meetings		500	0.0%	
	\$ (1,001.48)	\$ 66,125	-1.5%	
<u>PJC</u>				
Permanent Judicial Commission		200	0.0%	
<u>REPRESENTATION</u>				
Committee on Representation		200	0.0%	
TOTAL	\$ 133,919.72	\$ 870,543.00	15.4%	

REVENUE IN SUPPORT of BUDGET	Budget	
Shared Mission (net of GA & Synod support)	32,440.45	268,430
Per Capita (net of GA & Synod support)	21,115.13	111,263
Previous Year Shared Mission & Per Capita	6,420.06	10,000
Outside Funding (Presby. Housing & PHP)	0.00	40,000
Interest & Gifts	2,367.35	11,000
Building Sale Proceeds	0.00	115,963
Restricted Fund Support	71,576.73	313,887
TOTAL	133,919.72	\$ 870,543

Presbytery of West Virginia
Benevolence Statement
YTD March 2026

Per Capita	Jan	Feb	march	1st Qrt
Presbytery *	2246.01	8735.96	11413.22	22,395
General Assembly	1307.67	5017.62	6583.91	12,909
Synod of the Trinity	278.72	1087.11	1419	2,785
				\$ 38,089
Shared Mission				
Presbytery *	1298.5	21548.24	14733.71	37,580
General Assembly	224.44	3798.57	2547.75	6,571
Synod of the Trinity	80.14	1334.06	909.54	2,324
				\$ 46,475

PCUSA Program Giving				
Special Offerings				
One Great Hour of Sharing			100	100
World Communion				0
Christmas Joy	105	1325	783	2,213
				\$ 2,313

Presbytervian Disater Assistance				
PDA- General			300	300
PDA-Wildfires				0
PDA-Flooding				
				\$ 300

Cents-Ability				
Presbytery	59.68	852.55	338.45	1,251
General Assmebly	29.84	426.27	169.25	625
Total Cents-Ability				\$ 1,876
Global Ecumenical Partnerships	100	425	387.5	913
Hunger Unified		250		250
Total To PCUSA Programs				\$ 5,652

Presbytery Partners				
Davis Stuart		250	20	270
Theological Education Fund		83.37	208.33	292
Bluestone	100			100
Friends of Bluestone	500		125	625
Marshal Ukirk				0
Westminster Foundation			125	125
WVMAW				0
Total to Presbytery Partners				\$ 1,412

*these funds are part of the presbyterys operating budget

1st Qrt

Amount Received	\$ 91,627
Total Disbursed	\$ 91,627

**2026 BENEVOLENCE PLEDGING
and PER CAPITA REPORT**

	2026 Pledge	2026 Giving at 3/31/2026		2024 Membership	2026 Per Capita (\$33/mbr)	2026 Per Capita Rec'd at 3/31/26
Alexander Memorial	290			7	231.00	231
Anderson Memorial				22	726.00	
Arthurdale - Community	1500			25	825.00	
Bates Memorial				54	1,782.00	448
Baxter	300			5	165.00	
Beckley	12000	1333.3		139	4,587.00	1,172
Beechwood	400			36	1,188.00	
Belington	720	180		18	594.00	147
Belle				4	132.00	
Bethlehem				8	264.00	
Beverly				19	627.00	627
Big Spring				10	330.00	
Bluefield-First		1350		57	1,881.00	404
Bradley	0			17	561.00	264
Bramwell				17	561.00	
Bream Memorial	1500			85	2,805.00	
Bridgeport (all PWV)		554		122	4,026.00	507
Buckhannon-First	1500	1500		9	297.00	297
Canyon Community				5	165.00	
Centerville	5500			23	759.00	
Ch. of the Covenant- Grafton				28	924.00	
Charleston-First (all PWV)		6666.66		697	23,001.00	3,828
Church of Our Saviour				7	231.00	
Clarksburg-First				130	4,290.00	
Clear Creek		300		18	594.00	594
Clifton	3000	250		54	1,782.00	547
Clothier				9	297.00	
Colcord-First				24	792.00	
Comfort				15	495.00	
Davis Mem. - Elkins	12676	2112.66		138	4,554.00	759
Davis Mem. - Gassaway				11	363.00	
Dunbar-First	800	133.34		40	1,320.00	220
Dupont City				10	330.00	
Edgewood	3600			49	1,617.00	
Eleanor				12	396.00	
Elk Hills	1000	166.66		36	1,188.00	198

**2026 BENEVOLENCE PLEDGING
and PER CAPITA REPORT**

Enslow Park				80	2,640.00	
Fairmont-First	5000	833.5		121	3,993.00	666
Falls View	264			8	264.00	
Fayetteville	12541	1670		77	2,541.00	424
Fleming Memorial	2700			27	891.00	
Frankford	3100			19	627.00	627
Gilbert				45	1,485.00	
Glenville	4600			19	627.00	
Grace Covenant				15	495.00	
Harman				9	297.00	
Highlawn Huntington	15000			141	4,653.00	
Highlawn St. Albans	2000	470		47	1,551.00	376
Hinton-First	2200			29	957.00	
Hughes River - Cairo				8	264.00	
Huntington Second				15	495.00	
Huntington-First				242	7,986.00	
Kanawha United	16000			151	4,983.00	
Keller				7	231.00	
Kenova-First				30	990.00	300
Kesler Memorial				27	891.00	
Kingwood-First	825			25	825.00	206
Kuhn Memorial				79	2,607.00	
Liberty				17	561.00	
Logan-First	10000	1666.67		71	2,343.00	1,172
Mannington-First				20	660.00	
Marlinton				69	2,277.00	
Marsh Fork				13	429.00	429
Mill Creek	5000	1250		19	627.00	627
Milton	660			20	660.00	
Mingo				16	528.00	
Morgantown-First		3250		217	7,161.00	1,815
Mount Hope				8	264.00	242
Nitro-First				75	2,475.00	
Oak Grove				60	1,980.00	
Oak Hill-First				27	891.00	
Old Stone				202	6,666.00	6,666
Parkersburg-First				107	3,531.00	883
Parsons				16	528.00	
Philippi				7	231.00	
Pineville				35	1,155.00	265

**2026 BENEVOLENCE PLEDGING
and PER CAPITA REPORT**

Pt. Pleasant			71	2,343.00	
Ravenswood-First	4700	4700	17	561.00	561
Ripley-First		330	10	330.00	330
Riverlawn		500	78	2,574.00	429
Rock Forge			12	396.00	
Rock Lake	2700		84	2,772.00	
Rome	189		4	132.00	
Ronceverte		800	73	2,409.00	575
Salem			13	429.00	
Smithers	1000	100	16	528.00	146
South Charleston-First			123	4,059.00	430
South Park			27	891.00	
Spencer			8	264.00	
Spring Creek	1300	1300	40	1,320.00	1,320
Spring Valley			54	1,782.00	
St. Albans-First			111	3,663.00	
St. Andrew			34	1,122.00	
Sugar Grove			11	363.00	
Summerlee	240		6	198.00	
Summersville	1600	266.66	55	1,815.00	587
Teays Valley	0		85	2,805.00	
Thomas-First	462	132	14	462.00	116
Trinity			7	231.00	
Tygarts Valley			30	990.00	
Union	1600		21	693.00	
Upper Glade	1200		35	1,155.00	
Valley Bend		600	31	1,023.00	256
Village Chapel	7107	1184.5	171	5,643.00	941
Waverly-Bethel	1700		13	429.00	
Westminster-Vienna	5700	1425	92	3,036.00	759
Weston-First			9	297.00	
White Sulphur Springs-First	500		14	462.00	490
Whitesville-First	0		10	330.00	
Williamson-First			51	1,683.00	
Williamstown-First	7000	7000	77	2,541.00	2,541
Winfield	996		12	396.00	
Zion	730		34	1,122.00	
TOTALS	\$163,400	\$42,025	5,733.00	\$189,189	34,418.34

Bluestone Conference Center Inc.
Financial Report 3.31.26

INCOME	2026 Actual	2026 Budget			Balance Sheet	
Grant Subsidy - McClintic Fund	-				03/31/26	03/31/25
Retreats - Bluestone Events		5,500	0.0%		ASSETS	
Retreats - Presbyterian		5,500	0.0%		Current Assets	\$ 9,772.64 \$ 32,233.19
Retreats - Non - Presbyterian	500.00	57,000	0.9%	Property & Equip. (net of depr.)	143,121.82	143,121.82
Summer Camp Registrations	4,835.00	28,000	17.3%		TOTAL ASSETS	
PWV Summer Camp Support		25,000	0.0%		\$ 152,894.46	\$ 175,355
RV/Tent Camping		2,000	0.0%			
Donations	250.00	9,000	2.8%		LIABILITIES	
Friends of Bluestone		60,000	0.0%		Current Liabilities	\$ 2,056.77 \$ 2,101.94
MDF-Line of credit		0			Long Term Debt	66,936.95 72,727.56
Hinton Account		0			TOTAL LIABILITIES	
Reserves		0			\$ 68,993.72	\$ 74,830
Interest	0.45	0				
Miscellaneous		-				
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 5,585	\$ 192,000	2.9%			
EXPENSES	2026 Actual	2026 Budget				
Salaries & Personnel	\$ 5,933	\$ 61,346	9.7%			
Office & Administration	2,549	16,851	15.1%			
Plant & Operation	2,885.58	67,477	4.3%			
Special Expenses		0	0.0%			
Special Projects		4,000	0.0%			
Planned Expenses		0	0.0%			
Summer Camp Registration Exp	342	2,500	13.7%		*NOTE* - Presbytery 2026 Budget Support	
Summer Staff & Salary		19,400	0.0%		Bluestone Staffing	\$ 77,750
Summer Program		1,100	0.0%		Insurance	17,000
Summer Camp Trips		2,000	0.0%			
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 11,709	\$ 174,674	6.7%		94,750	
NET GAIN/(LOSS)	\$ (6,124)	\$ 17,326				

PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

REPORT OF THE LEADERDHIP TEAM

Andy Rice, Leadership Team Chair

May 21, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Leadership Team recommends the creation of a single Administrative Commission to dissolve churches. The Commission shall be comprised of three members, divided into three classes. The Presbytery moderator will appoint two ruling elders for each church that enters the dissolution process, ordinarily one of whom is a member of the church. These appointed members will assist the members of the Administrative Commission for the work pertaining to the specific church working through the dissolution process. The appointment of these ruling elders will cease when that church is officially dissolved.

Rationale: Over the past several years, the Presbytery has frequently had as many as six Administrative Commissions (ACs) operating simultaneously for the purpose of dissolving churches. Filling and managing so many ACs has placed a great burden on the leadership of the Presbytery. Additionally, there are distinct skill sets that are critical to have on an AC, and those skill sets are often in short supply. Streamlining and consolidating the AC process into a single group would drastically reduce the number of individuals who need to be recruited to fill these roles and make scheduling those meetings much easier. As a result, the process could move much more quickly. Lastly, recruiting two ruling elders, one of whom should be from the particular church in question, would still give churches that are seeking to dissolve a strong voice in the process.

INFORMATION:

1. The Leadership Team (LT) continues to focus on overseeing the implementation of the Strategic Plan. In the last quarter, all the new Commissions and Committees have met and have started their work. Additionally, the restructuring of the Presbytery staff has been completed. The LT asks that all those serving in the new structure familiarize themselves with the Strategic Plan, specifically focusing on the parts of the plan that touch on the areas in which they serve. The LT welcomes any feedback or questions as we all live together into this new formation of God's church in the PWV.
2. The LT conducted regular meetings on March 18th and April 23rd. Committee chairs were welcomed to attend the meeting on April 23rd in accordance with the previously stated

goal of improving communications between the LT and the other committees and commissions of the Presbytery.

3. The LT discussed the importance of maintaining and improving upon the Presbytery directory and transforming the directory into a more comprehensive database. Such a database would facilitate the activities of the committees, as well as aiding the Committee on Representation in finding new members to serve.
4. The LT reviewed a grant proposal for the Synod Fit for the Future Grant. The grant has been submitted, and the LT is hopeful that approved funds will be used for several items including the training of visiting teams, as called for in the Strategic Plan, a redesigned Presbytery website, a new logo for the Presbytery, and a new database (noted above).
5. The LT extensively discussed the issue of hybrid meetings of the Presbytery, and how those meetings were conducted when and where possible. Given the present challenges, the LT has decided to suspend the practice of conducting hybrid meetings for an indefinite period. Meetings will still be streamed for viewing where possible. The LT will seek to revisit the issue by investigating what it would take in terms of technology and expertise for the Presbytery to conduct a hybrid meeting.
6. The LT reviewed feedback forms from the February meeting of Presbytery.
7. The LT heard proposals from Connectional Presbyter Sarah Sanderson-Doughty on how she plans to implement connectional ministries within the PWV.
8. The LT discussed the implementation of the Transitional Plan for Bluestone. The Bluestone Transitional Board met on April 30th and was joined by a board coach from Run River Enterprises. The LT has also appointed Paul Emerson to serve as Chair of the Transitional Board, until such time as that board decides to elect a new chair from amongst the appointed members. The next meeting of the Bluestone Transitional Board is May 13.
9. The LT discussed sending representatives of the PWV to join the 2026 Mid Council Property Cohort, administered by the Office of Innovation. An application to join the cohort will be submitted.

Commissioning of General Assembly Commissioners and Theological Student Advisory Delegate

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Moderator: We, who are many, are one body in Christ,
and individually we are members one of another.

**People: We have gifts that differ
according to the grace given to us:
prophecy, in proportion to faith;
ministry, in ministering;
the teacher, in teaching;
the exhorter, in exhortation;
the giver, in generosity;
the leader, in diligence;
the compassionate, in cheerfulness.**

Moderator: Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
making every effort to maintain
the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**People: There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.**

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Moderator: We are called by God
to be the church of Jesus Christ,
a sign in the world today
of what God intends for all humankind.

**People: The great ends of the Church are
the proclamation of the gospel
for the salvation of humankind;
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship
of the children of God;**

**the maintenance of divine worship;
the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven
to the world.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESBYTERY

Do we, members of the Presbytery of West Virginia, accept Bill Myers and Kari Preslar as commissioners and Austyn Long as a Theological Student Advisory Delegate to the 227th General Assembly, chosen by God through the voice of the Presbytery, to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do we? **We do.**

Do we promise to support and encourage them as they seek to fulfill their responsibilities in this ministry? Do we? **We do.**

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

Moderator: Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading Bill, Kari, and Austyn to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to who with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Be with members of the General Assembly. Help them to welcome new things you are doing in the world and to respect old things you keep and use. In their deliberation, bring about what is best for us and for all people. As they meet, let your Spirit guide so that the whole church may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

CHARGE

PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON PASTORAL MINISTRY

Julie Olt, Chair

May 21, 2026

INFORMATION:

1. Approved the transfer of minister Lisa Hermann from Middle Tennessee Presbytery. Her biographical statement and statement of faith immediately follow this report.
2. Approved the Validated Ministry of Lisa Hermann as a chaplain and granted permission for her to celebrate the sacraments within in context of her work.
3. Approved the following liaisons for work with churches in transition.
 - Davis Memorial, Elkins – Dave Lee
 - First, Fairmont – Becky Alvaro
 - Oak Hill – Charles McNeel
4. Approved the Stated Supply Covenant Renewals for the following. The terms of the covenant are available upon request.
 - Belle Presbyterian Church – Denny Dodson
 - Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Gasaway – James Riggs
 - Fayetteville Presbyterian Church – John Holland
 - First Presbyterian Church, White Sulphur – Frank Naglic
 - First Presbyterian Church, Ripley – Boyd Purcell
 - Rome Presbyterian Church – Peter Barclay
 - Spring Creek Presbyterian Church – Stephen Cort
 - Union Presbyterian Church – Schuyler Olt
 - Valley Bend Presbyterian Church – Ann Fretwell
 - Winfield Presbyterian Church – David Bush
5. Approved the Interim Pastor Covenant Renewal between Kanawha United Presbyterian Church and Dawn Adamy. The terms of the covenants are available upon request.
6. Approved the Commissioned Pastor Covenant Renewals for the following. The terms of the covenants are available upon request.
 - Comfort Presbyterian Church – Roger Eskins
 - Baxter, Liberty, and Alexander Memorial Presbyterian Church – Rick Mclaughlin
 - First Presbyterian Church, Colcord – Erica Layton
 - First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar – Kari Preslar
 - First Presbyterian Church Kenova – Pat Collier
 - Union Presbyterian Church – Nancy Nemitz
7. Approved the Lay Supply Covenant Renewals for the following. The terms of the covenants are available upon request.

- Kesler Memorial Presbyterian Church – James Dempsey
 - Smithers Presbyterian Church – James Dempsey
 - Hughes River Presbyterian Church – Gail Rymer
8. Reviewed and approved 2026 Terms of Call/Pastor Compensation reports for the following churches and pastors:
 - First Presbyterian Church, Logan – Mykola “Nick” Koretskyy
 - First Presbyterian Church, Williamstown – Elizabeth Campbell Maleke
 - Edgewood Presbyterian Church – Kristi Moore
 - First Presbyterian Church, Hinton – Isaiah Kim
 - First Presbyterian Church, Williamson – Garland Cary
 - Glenville Presbyterian Church – Elizabeth Lewis
 - First Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg – Annie McMillan
 9. Appointed the following minister to serve as Moderator of a church without an installed pastor:
 - First Presbyterian Church, Bluefield – Susan Sharp Campbell
 - First Presbyterian Church, Oak Hill – John Holland
 - Harman Presbyterian Church – Peter Vial
 10. Approved Schuyler Olt as a mentor for Commissioned Pastor for Nancy Nemitz who serves the Union Presbyterian Church.
 11. Approved the match between Elk Hills Presbyterian Church, and Robert Bane, CP.
 12. Approved the Commissioned Pastor Covenant between Elk Hills Presbyterian Church and Robert Bane from May 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027. The information provided met the standards of the Presbytery. It is on file with the Presbytery and may be reviewed. Mentor: David Lee.
 13. The Presbytery will commission Robert Bane to Elk Hills Presbyterian Church, immediately following this report.
 14. Approved the election of a joint Pastor Nomination Committee for First Presbyterian Church, St. Albans, and Teays Valley Presbyterian Church.
 15. Approved the following for pulpit supply:
 - Chris Bailey
 - Tanner Capps (Chaplain at Davis & Elkins)
 - Emily Harden
 - Lisa Hermann
 - David Lee
 - Bob Randolph
 16. Approved a recommendation to the Leadership Team for an Administrative Commission to dissolve the Spring Valley Presbyterian Church at their request.
 17. Approved the transfer of Forrest R. “Rick” Johnson to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.
 18. Created a Task Force to explore experience of first call clergy, particularly female, in the Presbytery.

19. Approved the Terms of Dissolution between First Presbyterian Church, Bluefield, and Victoria Krebs.
20. Sent a memorial gift in honor of minister member, Ben Gurley's wife, Benjamin Gurley.
21. Approved the Stated Supply Covenant between Union Presbyterian Church and Schuyler Olt. The terms of the covenant are available upon request.
22. Heard that the keynote presenter at the Authorized Lay Preacher/Commissioned Pastor Retreat will be Matthew Skinner of Working Preacher and Luther Seminary, St, Paul Minnesota.
23. Reviewed the exit interviews Schuyler Olt and First Presbyterian Church, Oak Hill, Rock Lake Presbyterian Church session, and David Lee and Marlinton Presbyterian Church.
24. Reviewed the six-month check in conversations with Mark Boyd, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Huntington, and the session of First Presbyterian Church.

My faith journey has been one of preparation for teaching and life-long learning. It has been the formation for a ministry of caregiving and advocacy for the most vulnerable of God's Children, and engaging in healthy curiosity to know others. I am called to a ministry of presence and interfaith accompaniment of God's people across generations. This accompaniment and a ministry of BEING more so than DOING has taken me places that I would not have gone on my own, but where God had already been and doing some amazing things. God took me outside of my comfort zone and continues to do so to achieve his goals of relationship with me, and utilizing my gifts for God's purposes. God chose me long before I chose God. My faith journey is one of individual highlights, but also community and relationship. I didn't get here alone.

In 1978, my parents stood on the steps of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC and had me baptized. I was welcomed into the household of God. Their faith became mine. That same day the congregation promised to surround and nurture me, and that they did for 27 years. Through that church I grew to know God and God's presence in my life. I attended Sunday school. With my father as one of my teachers, scripture lessons leapt off the pages through interactive lessons. Thirty-three years later I help do the same thing for others across generations and circumstance.

In 1996 I went to Newberry College in South Carolina. I wanted to be a high school Social Studies Teacher and a soccer coach. Entering my senior year I was able to suppress a small voice that was leading me away from the traditional classroom because I had not had very much exposure to a pastorate lead by a female. I spent 5 years as a high school teacher and soccer coach after graduation. It was in teaching and being challenged by young people's inquisitive nature that I too found myself having questions and not enough answers. During that five years I was ordained as a ruling elder and took on larger roles in my local congregation. I kept wondering is there something more God would have me do. In May of 2004, I resigned my teaching position and coaching role to serve in the PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer Program (YAV) in Guatemala.

I would spend the year team teaching first graders under an aluminum carport, in Spanish. We did math lessons with mangoes that fell from the trees, and we read discarded food labels to improve literacy. What I found myself doing was being a teacher again, but my classroom was more like Little House on the Prairie than Saved by the Bell. I was called to Guatemala to build community. I discovered what it meant to go and BE more so than DO. It was my first taste of mission done in partnership. I learned that building houses was important, but to build the house you must first build the relationship.

In May of 2005 the relationships I had built came full circle as I found myself on my knees in a cornfield when I learned my father had died. Then there they were, my Guatemalan host family. The voice that followed said "*I don't know what to say my child, but we are here.*" I was so mad at God I shook my fists. My dad wasn't supposed to die. I didn't want much else to do with God at that point, but God wasn't done with me. Sitting on this side of that experience I am able to see that God was using my host family to teach me about accompaniment and spiritual care, before I even understood what it was. They demonstrated the art of BEING. They cultivated new skills in me not by giving me things, but by staying with me until I could do things for myself. Their ministry was empowering. I learned to care for others in their most profound moments by having it modeled for me.

I took a year off after returning home, working for Charleston County EMS, and then went to Louisville Seminary. I was offered my job teaching social studies again, but I declined. God wasn't done with me yet. I felt called to the pastorate. Through my course work and field education experiences at Louisville Seminary I realized that I appreciated serving as both a pastor and a chaplain. When I was at the hospital I missed the church, and when I was in the church I missed the hospital. Then there was CPE – Clinical Pastoral Education. I did my first unit because the CPM said I had too, I did the other three because I wanted too. Then I let the action reflection action process that is quintessential to developing self-awareness get inside of me. Through trauma rooms and children's hospitals I honed the skills of caring, being a less anxious presence, reflective listening, and having none of the answers, but all the right questions. I journey with others and am privileged to be invited into the sacred moments of their lives.

That led me to serve a second YAV year in 2010-11, high in the Andes Mountains of Peru. I traveled to the countryside with an interdisciplinary team of Peruvians to help the Quechua tell their stories of the Civil War of the 1980s. It was there I received a call from a large medical center in Greenville, NC. They were looking for a bilingual chaplain. I began the job upon returning to the States in September. I learned quickly about drawing healthy boundaries, built a creative puppet ministry, and offered spiritual care to the residents (patients, families and staff) of NC living east of I-95. While working in this 901 bed medical center I realized, as I had in my classroom in

2004, this is great, but is there was something more? To find that something more, I went to the Presbyterian Church in Kinston, NC. There I found a growing congregation, and a pastor who invited me to serve as a Parish Associate. My split call in the hospital and the church was created and flourished. That split call and being closer to my family lead me back home to the Palmetto State in October 2015 where I continued my ministry and growing in my faith serving as a chaplain at Providence Health until there was a reduction in force and I found myself touching that thread of discernment that has always existed inside my brain and heart. Unemployment and an opportunity in a cold weather climate known as Wisconsin lead me to John Knox Presbytery and a Staff Chaplain position at UW Health and the American Family Children's Hospital. This was outside my comfort zone, but my family encouraged me to go. I went to the Heartland, where my father Thomas was from, and discovered mid-western hospitality was not much different from that of the south. I did discover that institutionally the way a chaplain was viewed and underutilized was going to be an uphill climb.

I learned to drive in the snow, live in sub-zero temperatures, developed an affinity for great cheese, and connected with my aunt and uncle who still live in Wisconsin. Most of all I continued to learn and grow as spiritual care provider through training like completing the Pediatric Chaplain's Institute, and being encouraged by colleagues and hospital leadership.

In January of 2020 hearing my mom who said "go," for the first time in 40 years saying I wish you were closer, and growing weary of winter weather, and the onset of a global pandemic I moved back south and as close as I could get to SC at the time and still be a pediatric chaplain.. I began circulating my PIF and my resume. In July of 2020, I found myself with God's help moving in a pandemic to Nashville, TN and for the past 5.5 years serving as a staff chaplain at the Monroe Carell, Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. My main areas were serving as the Transport Chaplain, Acute Care, and the Peds Heart Institute of the CCICU and Cardiac step-down unit. Monroe Carell, Jr Hospital has been imperfect, but held the promise and hopes of being a good move closer to my family of origin, and an organization that had opportunities for independence and collaboration. I mentored Chaplains in training with the CPE program, and found myself completing my recertification as a Board Certified Chaplain after 10 years. While in Nashville I was a member of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee where I offered pulpit supply to local congregations and was a member of the CPM and then tapped to chair the committee until my departure in February. Again, I was accompanying people across generations, this time those preparing for ministry in the PC(USA). For the past year my accompaniment of others spiritually and emotionally came full circle as I was able to hold my mother Julia a retired nurse in life and death, advocating for her comfort as she was reclaimed by God who created her, She died in September 2026 with dignity and with my brother and I at her bedside.

Monroe Carell, Jr Children's at Vanderbilt was always a good fit, but not a great fit. In March of 2025 with new leadership taking the helm as my direct report retired after 42 years, I began discerning this might be the time to seek another call.

At the end of November, the discernment process that began in March came full circle and I took a chance and began interviewing with several hospital systems. One of which was WVU Medicine and the Golisano Children's Hospital as they sought to hire the next Staff Chaplain at Golisano Children's. By January my employment at Monroe Carell, Jr Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt had ended and I was invited into this new opportunity in Morgantown, WV to continue accompanying God's people across generations this time at WVU Medicine and Golisano Children's Hospital with my primary area of care being the Children's Hospital, although I also see big people too when called upon. So now I find myself a Mountaineer and seek to move my membership to the Presbytery of West Virginia.

Reformed theology is marked by a recognition that our Christian faith needs to be confessed, as in Psalm 107:2 “Let the redeemed of the LORD say so.” The best way to confess my faith is to describe for you the three ways we encounter God, one God in three persons; God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

The first way we encounter the divine, is through God. I am not able to tell you how God looks, but I can tell you what God is like as it is revealed to me in Scripture. Scripture that is inspired by God, serves as a tool to teach me and I use it to teach others, and is filled with images that reveal to us the nature of God from “I am the beginning and the end” to “steadfast, slow to anger, and omnipresent.” When I want to know more about what God is like I remember God created us in God’s image and the hope that we will be in right relationship. When our sins separate us from God, grace brings us back. There are two sacraments that God gives us, and the first is baptism. Through its healing waters we are accepted and claimed as God’s own. Much like the baptism of God’s son, Jesus Christ, I believe that God looks upon us, and says “this is my beloved and with him I am well pleased.” I was baptized as an infant and God entrusted my parents and a community of faith to teach and guide me. It reminds me that my journey of faith is not made alone.

I do not make my journey of faith alone because of Jesus Christ, the second way we encounter God. Jesus Christ is the son of God, and both fully divine and fully human. Jesus existed with God long before he became human and dwelled among us. Sending Jesus in human form to dwell among us, was God’s ultimate act of reclaiming the right relationship God desired with creation. On the last night of his life we were given the second sacrament in the Lord’s Supper. Here we encounter God’s grace the first time, but also every time we come to the Lord’s Table in the bread broken and the cup poured as visible signs of God’s grace. In Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection Jesus Christ is victorious. In our death and resurrection we are reunited with God who created us. Together the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper remind me, as do our confessional statements, that “In life and in death I belong to God.”

The final way we encounter God is the Holy Spirit, the presence of God left here on earth as Christ ascended to heaven. I believe the Holy Spirit is God’s way of working in and amongst us, and that sustains us until God comes again. I cannot see the Holy Spirit, but God promised it would be here, and it is an exercise of my faith to confess it. My faith by which I am justified, not my works, allow me to receive God’s redemptive love and encounter one God in three persons. It is belief in the Trinity, the observance of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, the resurrection, Scripture, Confessional documents, and justification by faith that are the cornerstones of the faith which I confess.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

REPORT OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

John Nelson, Committee Chair

May 15, 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **(CA)** That the offering from the May Presbytery meeting go to the Water Project in support for the water crisis in McDowell County, West Virginia.
2. That the Presbytery of West Virginia not renew the covenant with Nyeri Presbytery.

Rationale – The partnership was up for renewal. The committee felt that participation and support from the churches of the Presbytery of West Virginia seemed to have waned over the past several years. In an effort to determine the vitality of the partnership, the committee sent out a survey to all the churches of the Presbytery. The committee received 23 responses, and almost all those who responded have had little to no participation or support for the Nyeri Presbytery over the past several years. The committee believes it would be better not to renew the relationship but to let the few churches that are actively involved continue their relationships directly with Nyeri Presbytery.

3. That the Presbytery of West Virginia celebrate the historical covenant between the Presbytery of West Virginia and the Presbytery of Nyeri and blesses any new congregational covenants with the Nyeri Presbytery at the 2026 Fall Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

Rationale: The committee believes that the covenant between the Presbytery of West Virginia and the Presbytery of Nyeri has been very significant during its long history of outreach, mission, and relationship with our brothers and sisters of the Nyeri Presbytery and in recognition of this that there should be a time of recognition and celebration.

4. That the Presbytery of West Virginia renew its relationship with WVVOAD and send Stephen Baldwin to serve on their board, serve on their Unmet Needs Committee, and serve as liaison between WVVOAD and the Presbytery of West Virginia.

Rationale: West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (WVVOAD) reached out recently about re-engaging with the Presbytery. The Presbytery of West Virginia previously had a very productive and meaningful ministry relationship with WVVOAD in disaster response, particularly after floods. WVVOAD has requested that the Presbytery send a representative both to serve on their board and to be part of their Unmet Needs Committee, which raises and distributes funds for disaster survivors. The committee felt this would be a great way to re-engage with this ministry.

INFORMATION:

1. The committee met via Zoom on 2/23/26.
2. The committee met with Robert McCutcheon to discuss the Nyeri/PWV Covenant Agreement. The committee made plans to reach out via electronic mailing to the churches of the PWV, to see how they have been involved with the partnership and communicating with their sister churches in the Nyeri Presbytery.
3. The committee reviewed and approved two New Life Congregational Grant applications.
 - Whitesville Presbyterian Church in the amount of \$5,000 to help with replacement of furnace pump.
 - First Presbyterian Church of Saint Albans in the amount of \$5,000 to help with installing a new parking lot at Hezekiah House (a local recovery house for men).
4. The committee discussed a request to make “a statement from the WV Presbytery about vaccinations that could be distributed to legislators and possibly the media (along with statements from other denominations that we already have).” After reviewing and discussing a 2021 statement from Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II, former Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the committee decided that a statement from the denomination has already been put in place.
5. The committee received an email from Terri DeVincenzo, Co-Chair of Mission Committee, First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, Princeton Junction, NJ. The email was regarding a “60 Minutes” segment regarding some of the conditions and needs in McDowell County, WV. The email asked to know how the First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck could possibly help. Susan Sharp Campbell pointed out a resource she had gotten from Joan Stewart, former director of WVMMAW. Joan mentioned “Praying Pelican Missions” which is based out of Michigan. It was decided to share contact information with one of Praying Pelican’s local representatives, who happens to live in McDowell County, with Terri.
6. The committee met via Zoom on 3/24/26.
7. The committee discussed their objectives and responsibilities, specifically the way the committee can help with churches that are looking for ways to do ministry.
8. The committee discussed some of the guidelines of the grant applications, especially the Innovation Grant. The guidelines of the Innovation Grant indicate that grant monies are not meant for Brick-and-Mortar projects.
9. The committee discussed the results of a questionnaire that was sent out concerning the Nyeri Presbytery covenant and the involvement of churches to support the covenant.
10. The committee approved a recommendation to the Presbytery that the Covenant with Nyeri Presbytery not be renewed.
11. The committee encourages the creation of a congregational covenant between Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Nyeri.
12. The committee approved a recommendation to the Presbytery to celebrate the historical covenant between the Presbytery of West Virginia and the Presbytery of Nyeri and bless

any new congregational covenants with the Nyeri Presbytery at the 2026 Fall Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

13. The committee approved a recommendation that the offering from the May Presbytery meeting go to support the water crisis in the Coalfields area of West Virginia.
14. The committee continued discussion from the last meeting about the water crisis in the Coalfields area of West Virginia. Plans were made to contact Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to discover whether PDA is currently working to combat the water crisis in the coalfields, and if they are not, how they can help us do so.
15. The committee met via Zoom on 4/28/26.
16. The committee discussed its recommendations about the Presbytery of West Virginia and Nyeri Covenant with Robert McCutcheon.
17. Reviewed a Hunger Grant from Oakwood Terrace. The grant was declined until the committee can get the previous year's report and a session endorsement per the grant guidelines. Committee chair, John Nelson, will talk with one of the applicants.
18. Reviewed an Innovation Grant from the New Life Congregation Grant fund for First Parkersburg for a Liturgical Library. The grant of \$2,000 was approved.
19. Discussed ways to get involved in helping with the water crisis problem in Southern West Virginia. Authorized Sarah Sanderson-Doughty and Isaiah Saul to investigate obtaining a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance grant.
20. Discussed the relationship between the Presbytery and West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (WVVOAD). Approved a motion to recommend Stephen Baldwin to serve on their board, serve on their Unmet Needs Committee, and serve as liaison between WVVOAD and the Presbytery of West Virginia.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON OPERATIONS

Senta M. Goudy, Chair

May 21, 2026

INFORMATION:

1. The commission heard the recommendation of the Administrative Commission to dissolve the Rock Forge Presbyterian Church to sell the property for \$525,000 which is above the appraised value. The commission approved a recommendation to concur with the sale.
2. As allowed by the Presbytery's Manual of Operations, page seven (section III, letter B) chair of the Commission on Operations, Senta Goudy, met on April 23, 2026, with Moderator, John Bolt, Leadership Team chair, Andy Rice, and Lead Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Maureen Wright, to present the recommendation of the Trustees through the Commission on Operations to approve the sale of the property of Rock Forge Presbyterian Church to Jessica Maroulis for the amount of \$525,000. The recommendation was approved unanimously.
3. The commission heard the concerns of the Stated Clerk regarding the number of Administrative Commissions to dissolve congregations. The Presbytery historically has approved a commission for each congregation, but with the rise in dissolutions this is not sustainable. The team heard the Stated Clerk's suggestion for a single commission.
4. Following concerns raised by the Trustees, the commission discussed the need for a more clear policy regarding the process of dissolving congregations, particularly the sale of property and use of funds. There is an opportunity to apply to participate in a program of the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Office of Innovation, the 2026 Mid Council Property Cohort, that assists mid councils in developing policy. The commission will share the opportunity with the Leadership Team.
5. The commission made plans to begin the development of the 2027 budget. The budget will be presented at the August Presbytery meeting for review.
6. The commission discussed the offer from Benny Harper of the Shady Spring Pentecostal Holiness Church to purchase the Trinity Presbyterian Church property in Shady Spring for \$65,000. This amount reflects the need for repairs to the building.
7. As allowed by the Presbytery's Manual of Operations, page seven (section III, letter B) chair of the Commission on Operations, Senta Goudy, met on February 26, 2026, with Moderator, John Bolt, Leadership Team chair, Andy Rice, and Lead Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Maureen Wright, to present the recommendation of the Trustees through the Commission on Operations to approve the sale of the property of Trinity Presbyterian

Church, Shady Spring, to Rev. Benny Harper for the amount of \$65,000. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

8. The commission discussed the offer from Masonic Lodge No. 6, Clarksburg, to purchase the property of the Church of our Saviour, Clarksburg, for \$180,500. This sale price is higher than the appraised value.
9. As allowed by the Presbytery's Manual of Operations, page seven (section III, letter B) chair of the Commission on Operations, Senta Goudy, met on February 26, 2026, with Moderator, John Bolt, Leadership Team chair, Andy Rice, and Lead Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Maureen Wright, to present the recommendation of the Trustees through the Commission on Operations to approve the sale of the property of the Church of our Saviour, Clarksburg, to Masonic Lodge No. 6, for \$180,500. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

REPORT OF THE NURTURE AND RELATIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

Kari Preslar, Committee Chair

Date: May 21, 2026

INFORMATION:

1. The Nurture and Relationships Committee met for the first time on April 7, 2026.
2. The committee reviewed the responsibilities assigned to them.
3. The Resource Center needed to be moved from Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church due to the sale of the church property. The resources are being stored at First Presbyterian, Charleston for the time being. A decision will be made about the future of the center. Resources are not currently available for check out.
4. Due to lack of interest and available participants, the trip to the Montreat Youth Conference in June is cancelled. The lodging reserved for the trip will also be cancelled.
5. Kari Preslar, Nick Blaine, and Sarah Sanderson-Doughty will collaborate on Presbytery worship planning.
6. Sarah Sanderson-Doughty let the team know of the likelihood of several connectional events to be offered before the end of the year with which this team's assistance might be helpful.

FEEDBACK

We want to hear from you!

1. What part of today's meeting was meaningful to you?
2. Please share ways that we can improve the meeting.
3. How can Presbytery help your congregation? (Please include your name and church in answer.)
4. Would you be willing to help with worship at a future Presbytery meeting? If yes, please share your name and contact information here:
5. Did you attend the orientation zoom for the meeting? If so, did you find it helpful and is there anything you wish had been included in it that wasn't?
6. Did you experience any issues with accessibility and the meeting? Do you know anyone who did not attend today's meeting due to accessibility?
7. Additional comments:

OPTIONAL: Your name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Put in basket at exit doors at the end of the meeting, or mail to:
Presbytery of West Virginia, P.O. Box 11720, Charleston, WV 25339



Worship

Bulletin

**Worship for the Presbytery of West Virginia
Gathered at Marshall University
May 21, 2026, 11 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day,
**To hear a new word
To sing a new song
To be transformed.**

We gather this day,
**To seek the peace that passes all understanding
To find rest for our souls
To be renewed.**

We gather this day,
**To pray
To listen
To learn.**

We gather this day,
To lift up our voices
To be still and know
To be made new. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

God, we doubt, we waiver, we falter. Yet, You still believe in us.
You still hold strong to us. You remain with and for us.
As we sing, pray, listen, and proclaim,
we do so in faith, bold and wavering, yet You still call.
May we hear You call us today.

*OPENING SONG *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, we enter this space fully human and fully imperfect.
God calls us to lay down our egos
and confess the ways we let distractions distance
and reroute us from the Word.
Let us come together now as a people of prayer
to confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow,

**the world we live in has hurt and fear,
but Your love shines with peace, support, and community.
Too often we cast a shadow by blocking Your gift of love.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.
In Your mercy, we ask for forgiveness and renewal
so that we may instead use our gifts in the ways You have intended. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Friends, remember there is nothing you can do
to make God love you anymore
and there is nothing you can do
to make God love you any less.
The God of Love loves you exactly as you are.
With that knowledge, know you are forgiven and be at peace.
Alleluia. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Blessed Be Your Name, v. 1 and refrain*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The gift of forgiving grace brings with it peace that passes all understanding. We most fully receive this gift when we find a way to live it out with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share signs of Christ's peace.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

<i>Breathe in</i>	Come Holy Spirit
<i>Breathe out</i>	Ignite our hearts.
<i>Breathe in</i>	Come Holy Spirit.
<i>Breathe out</i>	Open our minds.
<i>Breathe in</i>	Come Holy Spirit.
<i>Breathe out</i>	Relax our bodies.
<i>Breathe in</i>	Come Holy Spirit.
<i>Breathe out</i>	Speak to us.
<i>Breathe in</i>	Come Holy Spirit.
<i>Breathe out</i>	We are listening.

SCRIPTURE READING AND PROCLAMATION

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

Proverbs 24:1-4

A Reading from the 2nd Letter to Timothy

2 Timothy 2:20-26

Sermon

Rodrigo Almeida

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith (PC(USA) 1983)*

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

we trust in the one triune God,

the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image,

male and female, of every race and people,

to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments.

We violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation,

yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

MINUTE FOR MISSION- The Water Project

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

We receive the offering today in honor of the ministry of Whittico Memorial Presbyterian Church, located in the county where the Water Project is operating, as they are in the process of dissolving. We give thanks for the opportunity to support ministry in their county through the Water Project and give thanks for their many years of faithful ministry. Please give as you are able.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**May all your children have access to clean water.
May these gifts be a blessing.
May justice flow like waters.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

OFFERTORY *Goodness of God*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Friends, in the fullness of who you are,
you are welcome here.
Whether this is your first time here, or you're here every week,
you are welcome here.
Whether all the things on this table look familiar
or you have no idea what is going on,
you are welcome here.
Whether your faith feels strong and solid,
or you don't know what to believe in,
or if you even believe at all,
you are welcome here.
In the fullness of who you are, come to this table,
Embraced by welcome.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Love be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to the God of Love.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God, we come to You with gratitude and joy
as we release our expectations and embrace our identity
as beloved children of God.
We join our stories with the generations
who have gathered around this meal and meals like it
to embrace Your welcome
and find ourselves in Your presence and grace.

Jesus reminds us that we bring the fullness of our humanity here.
Our hurts, our joys, our scars, our recoveries.
Jesus came into the world and challenged systems,
encountered the broken, and showed us radical world-changing love.

He was murdered by an unjust system but the Spirit would not be silenced.
Through his resurrection we find a ground-shaking,
unfiltered love that wakes us up out of our complacency
and calls us into New Life.

The Spirit journeys with us still,
shaking the dust from our weary bones
and enlivening our overburdened hearts.
She makes us new each morning,
reminding us of who we are called to be,
and how She is already immersed in the world,
calling for us to lift our eyes and take notice.
She is poured upon these gifts of bread and cup,
uniting us in the Body of Christ.

Particular prayers of the day are lifted up.

...And now with the confidence of the children of God we pray...

Let this bread and cup, these ordinary pieces of extraordinary grace,
ground us and inspire us to move into this world
with abundant love and world changing faith. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Savior Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread,
and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,
“This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying,
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim Christ’s death until he comes.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of grace and love, thank You for this meal, this time,
this community. May these gifts of bread and cup
call us into the world to be surprised where You are already at work,
and to hear the call where we are being invited to join. Amen.**

SENDING

SONG *Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone*

CHARGE

Look backward to see where you came from. God was there.
Look down to see where you are. God is here.
Look forward to where you are going. God will be there.
So in your comings and your goings,
Rest in the assurance that you are not alone.
Rest assured that you are welcomed by Christ,
And that you are sent out with Christ.

BLESSING

May the revelation of Divine Love Endlessly dwell in your soul,
Protect you in all things,
Guide you in all ways,
And wisely save and keep you in love.

POSTLUDE

Thank you to today's worship leaders.

Musicians: Nick Blaine, First Presbyterian Huntington, Rodrigo Almeida,
Commissioned Pastor (CP) Enslow Park, Sarah Sanderson-Doughty,
Connectional Presbyter

Liturgists: Kaden Fields, Marshall University Student and Shelly Steff, Davis
& Elkins Student

Preacher: Rodrigo Almeida, CP, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church

Minute for Mission: Susan Perry, CP, Gilbert Presbyterian Church

Communion Celebrants: Chris Bailey, Campus Minister Marshall University
and Sharon Bell, Pastor at Highlawn Presbyterian Church

Much of the liturgy was derived from resources prepared for UKirk Worship.

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Flyers & Information



POST-SECONDARY LOANS and GRANTS AVAILABLE THROUGH **THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**



(Grants and Loans are available for students in
academic or vocational courses of study.)



THE RINER FUND provides loans for Presbyterian Church (USA) students in the Presbytery of West Virginia, with preference for those attending Presbyterian Colleges. Loans are available for academic or vocational courses of study. The maximum amount of a loan is \$1000 per year. Loans may be renewed up to four years, if so requested. Loans are to be repaid beginning six months after graduation or termination of studies, unless a deferment is requested during graduate studies.

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND is used for grants for the education of dependent students in West Virginia, with preference given to those whose legal residence is Boone County. While the maximum amount per grant is \$500, the ability to offer these, and their amounts, varies each year

Information, including an application form, will be found at www.wvpresbytery.org

Applications and Requests for Renewals must be received in the Presbytery Office no later than June 15th 2026 for the next academic year.

Questions? Contact email info@wvpresbytery.org or a member of the Nurture & Relationship Committee

Connections: Journey with the Word

A Retreat for Commissioned Pastors & Authorized Lay Preachers in the Presbytery of West Virginia

Jackson's Mill

Why Attend:

At this retreat, you'll find opportunities:

- to connect and reconnect with other Commissioned Pastors and Authorized Lay Preachers serving in the presbytery;
- to learn more about preaching;
- to hear what's happening within the presbytery;
- to join in a time of fellowship and renewal!

Facility and Cost:

- We will be meeting at Jackson's Mill in motel-style lodging. Sheets and towels are provided.
- The only cost for the retreat is for lodging; the cost per room is \$80, and may be split with a roommate.
- We will eat our meals together in the Dining Hall.
- Bring: a Bible, comfortable walking shoes, toiletries, paper and a writing utensil, a flashlight and snacks to share during the social time on Friday.



Matthew L. Skinner is the Asher O. and Carrie Nasby Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary. He has been a member of the faculty there since 2002.

His books include Acts: An Interpretation Bible Commentary, Acts: Catching up with the Spirit, Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel: Encountering the Divine in the Book of Acts, Matthew: The Gospel of Promised Blessings, Voices of Advent: The Bible's Insights for a Season of Hope, and A Companion to the New Testament (3 volumes).

Motivated by an interest in helping people explore the Bible's connections to faith and life, he has contributed to a number of commentaries, encyclopedias, and other print and online resources to assist pastors, teachers, and students in their study of Christian scripture. Every week he co-hosts the Sermon Brainwave podcast produced by the Working Preacher website. Ordained as a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Matt teaches frequently in congregations and at conferences.

For questions or more information, please contact connectional presbyter, [Sarah Sanderson-Doughty](#).

**Friday, July 24- Saturday, July 25
Spouses are welcome!**



Summer 2026

Camp Registration is Open!

Week 1: June 21 - 27

Week 2: June 28 - July 4

bluestonecamp.org

Register Online Now!

Family Camps

Half-Week #1: June 24-27

Half-Week # 2: July 1-4

Summer Send-Off Retreat:

July 3-5

Contact Mark
for more details!

Scholarships are available!

Need more info?

Web: bluestonecamp.org

Email: mark@bluestonecamp.org

Phone: call (304) 397-5050 and
leave a voicemail



Summer 2026

Volunteers Needed!

Camp Nurses:

We need one for each week of camp

Key Leaders:

We need one or two each week of camp to lead Bible-Curriculum studies

Craft & Program Support:

We need one or two each week of camp

We can also use kitchen help, grounds & maintenance help, photo/media tech support, extra counselor support, etc.

Additional Info:

Visit our website:

bluestonecamp.org/volunteer

Interested?

Contact Mark!

Email: mark@bluestonecamp.org

Phone: call (304) 397-5050 and leave a voicemail



Summer 2026

Now Hiring Counselor Staff

Available Positions

Resident Counselor:

- High School Graduates
- Ages 17+

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