

**MINUTES
OF THE
THE STATED MEETING
MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY
“Gathering for Worshipful Work in the Season of Advent”
Tuesday, December 3, 2013 (9AM—4PM)
The Presbyterian Church of Coshocton
142 N. Fourth Street, Coshocton, OH 43812**



We are a Tree of Life rooted in God's love and grace, growing in faith through Christ; a gathering place providing shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship within our community. Joining together our hands, hearts, minds, and voices, we share the fruit of God's Spirit through worship, preaching, music, and education in ministries of healing and reconciliation by giving of our time, talents, and resources. Therefore, we look to a future where time-tested traditions and tomorrow's dreams are blended in our Christian pilgrimage for all generations spreading God's love and grace in the world.

MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY: OUR VISION

***Journeying with Jesus to touch the world—Empowered by the Spirit
to Make Disciples, Nurture Our Faith, and Serve the Needs of the Community***

“The presbyterian form of government set forth in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is grounded in scripture and built around the marks of the true Church. It is in all things subject to the Lord of the Church. In the power of the Spirit, Jesus Christ draws worshipping communities and individual believers into the sovereign activity of the triune God at all times and places. As the Church seeks reform and fresh direction, it looks to Jesus Christ who goes ahead of us and calls us to follow him....” *PCUSA Book of Order F-1.0401*

Presbytery Moderator and Teaching Elder Jon Carlisle (Coshocton) called the Stated Meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery to order with prayer at 9:15PM at The Presbyterian Church of Coshocton. His prayer included those individuals, congregations and situations offered by commissioners.

The Clerk confirmed that there was a quorum of teaching and ruling elders present, as defined in MVP bylaws, and as verified by the following roll of those who registered their presence:

THE ROLL

(Attendance Key: P = Present; E = Excused)

Presbytery Officers

Moderator: Teaching Elder Jon Carlisle (Coshocton) - P
Vice Moderator: Commissioned Ruling Elder Tim Pollock (Bloomfield) - P
Transitional Stated Clerk: Ruling Elder Paula Lane - P
Treasurer: Ruling Elder Jim Spain - P
Council Moderator: Teaching Elder Dave DeVries (Christ, Canton) - A

Teaching Elders in Active Service

Dennis Allison HR (Trinity, Zanesville) - P	Diana Lantz (US Navy Chaplaincy) - E
Cathleen Arble (John Knox/North Canton) - A	Keith Leach (First, Cambridge) - P
Burnetta Armour (Clark & First, Millersburg) - P	James McCurdy (First, Alliance) - A
Nancy Bacon (Christ Lutheran, Massillon) - A	Burt McGlawn (First, Carrollton) - A
Bruce Ballantine (First, Wooster) - E	Bob Meyer (Wayne, Wooster) - P
Alex Barnes (Milton, Rittman) - P	Linda Morgan Clement (The College of Wooster) - P
Barbara Bartholomew (Christ Lutheran, Austintown) - E	Barbara Morrison (Deerfield & McConnelsville) - P
Carolyn Behrendt (Dennison) - A	Ray Morrison (Central, Zanesville) - P
Mark Behrendt (Walnut Creek UCC) - A	Will Mullins (Muskingum University) - A
Marc van Bulck (First, Seville) - P	Rick Nutt (Muskingum University) - A
Jon Carlisle (The Presbyterian Church of Coshocton) - P	Thomas O'Connor (Beverly) - P
Andries Coetzee (Westminster, Wooster) - E	Michael Parker (First, Ashland) - E
Christopher Cottrell (Congress & West Salem) - A	Alice Phillips (Creston) - E
David DeVries (Christ, Canton) - A	Jackie Pinkowski (First, New Philadelphia) - P
Sue Dixon (Ashland University) - A	Deborah Rundlett (MVP General Presbyter) - E
Ben George (First, Minerva) - E	Lynn Bozich Shetzer (Unity, Cambridge) - P
Andrew Gerhart (Veto) - P	Suellen Skinner (Brighton, Zanesville) - P
Ryan Hale (Stillfork, Augusta & Corinth, Mechanicstown) - A	David Smith (Marietta) - E
Darrell Holmes (Reedurban, North Canton) - P	Christopher Stewart (Hopewell & Shreve) - P
Tom Houston (John Knox, North Canton) - E	James Story (Muskingum & Fazeysburg) - A
Susan Hyland (First, Senecaville) - A	Terry Timson (Roseville & New Lexington) - A
Lawrence Jack (East Union, Cambridge) - A	Ellen Thomas (Westminster, New Concord) - P
Linda Kaufman (Plymouth) - E	Mark Unrue (First, Uhrichsville) - P
Mary Jane Knapp (Interim @ First Presbyterian, Wellsburg, WV) - P	JoAnn Watson (Ashland University) - A
David Krankovich (United, Carrollton & Scroggsfield) - A	William Watt (Covenant, North Canton) - A
Larry Lalama (Central, Massillon) - P	Anne Weirich (College Drive, New Concord) - P
	Richard Wereley HR (Northminster, North Canton) - E
	Karin Wright (Bellville) - E

Temporary Minister Members (G-2.0506)

Peter Mathewson (Bakersville & Fresno) - P
David Kampulis (Duncan Falls) - A

Dr. Joel Soza (Waynesburg) - A

Teaching Elders Members-at-Large

Matthew Skolnik - A

Frances Williams-Neal - A

Teaching Elders Corresponding Members

None

Honorably Retired Teaching Elders (Excused unless attendance is indicated)

Wayne Barnard

Stuart Barr

Edward Barrett

Donald Bartow

James Bean

Hugh Berry

Virginia Birks

William Briggs

Keith Brown - P

James Collier

Joanne Cox

Charles Cureton

Jack Dawson

John Dryer

Dudley Field

Ralph Fogal

Ross Gooch

Ralph Green

Richard Greenwood

David Kearns-Preston

Harold Keesee

Cloyd Kress

John Lane - P

William McClelland

Robert Millspaugh - P

C. David Morgan

Roger Naftzger

Reford Nash

Douglas Patton

James Rila

John Russell

Richard Scherpenisse

Sue Ann Schmidt - P

James Schumacher - P

Jerry Snyder

Floyd Starr

Rollin Steele

Elizabeth Sykes

Gordon Tait

Eldon Trubee

Jack Visser

James Watt

William Yoder

Commissioned Ruling Elders (in service)

Kathy Adams (East Hills, Mansfield) - A

Thomas Allmon (Bethesda & Hanoverton) - A

Jim Gibson (Cumberland Buffalo & Rix Mills) - P

Rick Hastings (Barlow & Belpre Pioneer) - A

James McConnell (Fresno & Nottingham) - A

Ann Melick (First, Alliance) - P

Tim Pollock (Bloomfield) - P

Jack Sharp (Savannah) - A

Kathleen Walkerow (Loudonville & Perrysburg) - P

Merlin Wentworth (Antrim & Old Washington) - P

Ron Walker (CRE Training) - A

Ruling Elder Commissioners

Alliance, First

Antrim - Gary Hayes

Ashland, First

Augusta, Stillfork

Bakersville

Barlow

Bellville

Belpre, Pioneer – Sue Denes

McConnelsville, First

Mechanicstown, Corinth

Millersburg, First

Minerva, First

Muskingum

Nankin Federated

New Concord, College Drive

New Concord, Westminster

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Ruling Elder Commissioners, cont.

Beverly
Bloomfield
Caldwell, First
Cambridge, East Union
Cambridge, First - Connie Humphrey
Cambridge, Mount Hermon
Cambridge, Unity
Canton, Calvary
Canton, Christ
Canton, Reedurban
Carrollton, First - Sam Ralston
Carrollton, United
Clark Community
Congress Federated
Coshocton - Becky Lerch
Creston
Cumberland Buffalo
Dalton
Dennison, First
Dresden Madison
Duncan Falls - Tim Schenke
Fazeysburg
Fresno
Hanoverton
Hanoverton, Bethesda
High Hill
Hopewell - Pat Young
Lexington
Loudonville, First
Malta, Deerfield
Mansfield, East Hills
Mansfield, Linden Road
Marietta, First – Cathy Pierkarski
Massillon, Central

New Harrisburg
New Lexington
New Philadelphia, First – Ruth Campbell
North Canton, Covenant
North Canton, John Knox
North Canton, Northminster
North Salem
Norwich
Nottingham
Old Washington
Orrville, First
Perrysville, First
Plymouth, First
Rittman, Milton
Rix Mills
Roseville
Savannah
Scroggsfield
Senecaville
Seville
Sharon
Shreve
Veto
Warsaw, First
Watertown
Waynesburg, First United
Wooster, First
Wooster, Wayne - Larry Amstutz
Wooster, Westminster
Zanesville, Brighton
Zanesville, Central - Susan Calvin
Zanesville, Putnam
Zanesville, Trinity

Council Elders (if not previously registered)

Joan Brode – The Presbyterian Church of Coshocton (MVP Treasurer-elect)

Parish Elders (if not previously registered)

Donna Westfall - Coshocton Parish

Enrolled Inquirers and Candidates

Ben Behrendt (C) - E
Cheryl Khylllep (C) - E

Visitors

Cynthia Krause – Unity, Cambridge

Nancy Umberger – Unity Cambridge

The Moderator welcomed:

Teaching Elder Anne Weirich, installed at College Drive, New Concord, by MVP on November 3rd, and

Ruling Elder Ann Melick, commissioned at First, Alliance, by MVP on November 3rd.

First-time Elder Commissioners were then introduced and welcomed. **The Docket was approved by consensus.**

Teaching Elder Bob Meyer (Wayne) reported for the Ministry Discernment Team. The Team's call is to lead individuals throughout the presbytery in a process of discernment so they can recognize God's call to serve in those positions of presbytery leadership consistent with their individual spiritual gifts and passion. This is a very different process followed by a traditional nominating committee that is concerned with filling slots. **In keeping with this vision of leadership discernment, Bob presented the following individuals for election as presbytery leaders:**

General Assembly (2014) MVP Commissioners

**Teaching Elders: Dries Coetzee (Westminster/Wooster)
Andy Gerhart (Veto)**

**Ruling Elders: Yvonne Williams (First, Wooster)
Tim Pollock (Bloomfield)**

**MVP Moderator (2014): Commissioned Ruling Elder Tim Pollock
(Bloomfield)**

**MVP Calling Commission: Teaching Elder Jon Carlisle (Coshocton)
Teaching Elder Will Mullins
(Muskingum University)
Teaching Elder Mike Parker (Ashland)
Ruling Elder Cathy Piekarski (Marietta) –
initial commission convenor
Ruling Elder Ron Walker
(CRE Training Program)**

All of the above were elected by consensus. The Equipping Commission and the Serving in Mission Commission will be elected at the MVP stated meeting on February 25, 2014, at First Presbyterian Church, Wooster.

Teaching Elder Chris Stewart (Hopewell/Shreve) reported on behalf of the Committee on Ministry. He called forward Teaching Elder James Schumacher HR and advised that the congregation of Trinity United Presbyterian voted to honor Dr. Schumacher as Pastor Emeritus on September 29, 2013. The presbytery affirmed this action by consensus. Chris then called forward Teaching Elder Darrell Holmes, pastor of the Reedurban church in North Canton, and on behalf of the presbytery congratulated him on his upcoming retirement on December 31, 2013.

The Moderator reported on behalf of the Mission Council and presented the **2014 MVP Meeting schedule which was approved by consensus (Appendix A). The minutes of the MVP meeting on September 17, 2013, at JIM's Place in New Philadelphia, were approved by consensus.** The proposed revised MVP Bylaws and Standing Rules were presented for a first reading (appendix B) with vote scheduled for the February 25, 2014, presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian, Wooster.

Ruling Elder Jim Spain, MVP Treasurer, and Teaching Elder Andy Gerhart, chair of Administration, gave a second reading of **the 2014 MVP budget and it was approved unanimously as presented on vote by the Commissioners present (Appendix C). The MVP financial report for November 2013 was approved as presented by consensus (also in Appendix C).**

Transitional Stated Clerk Elder Paula Lane presented the minutes of the MVP Stated Meeting on September 17, 2013, and **following amendment of the Council's Omnibus Motion to read: "to approve the purchase of the Seventh Day Adventist Church...for such use as is determined by the church" the amended minutes were approved by consensus.**

She presented for a second reading of requests for concurrence on overtures already submitted to the 221st GA (2014):

Detroit Presbytery: amend G-3.0106 to Allow Presbyteries to
Limit Payments of Per Capita -- **MVP concurrence approved by consensus;** and

Grace Presbytery: Engaging Presbyterians to Witness for
Palestinian Human Rights and for Ending the Occupation of Palestine –
following discussion **a vote by ballot was requested and resulted in
approval of concurrence (21 yes, 17 no, 2 abstentions)**

Following approval the Mission Council, Two Cents-a-Meal grants totaling
\$3,175 for 2013 (as detailed in Appendix D) were announced and presented
to representatives of the following churches:

Presbyterian Church, Bellville

Central Presbyterian Church, Zanesville (Fellowship of Christ's
Community)

Christ Presbyterian Church, Canton

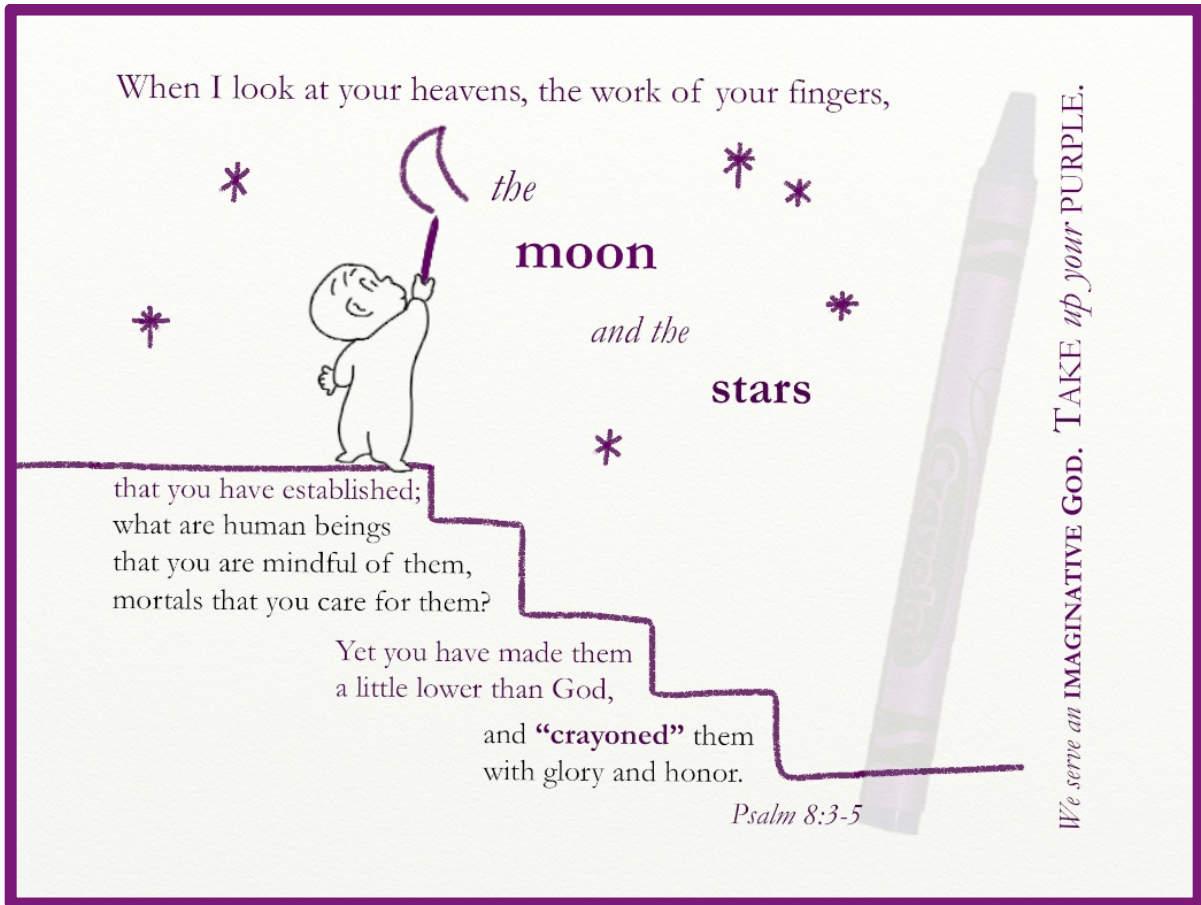
The Presbyterian Church of Coshocton

First Presbyterian Church, McConnelsville, and Deerfield Presbyterian
Church (Second Harvest Food Bank of SE Ohio for Morgan
County Ecumenical United Ministries Food Pantry)

The Moderator presented a video record of “2013—The Year in Review” and
encouraged commissioners to keep count of the people they recognized and
knew by name and commit in 2014 to meeting MVP Commissioners they do
not know.

After a short break the commissioners were called to participate in the
Advent Worship service that included the installation of Commissioned
Ruling Elder Tim Pollock (Bloomfield) as MVP Moderator for 2014.

The Moderator's sermon was entitled: "Imagination and Faith" with scriptural texts from Psalm 8:3-5 and Mark 10:14-16 and references to the beloved book for children (and adults!), Harold and the Purple Crayon, by Crockett Johnson (1955). The cover of the worship bulletin from that book:



The next Stated Meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery will be held on February 25, 2014, from 9AM-4PM at First Presbyterian Church, 621 College Avenue, Wooster.

These minutes were prepared by Transitional Stated Clerk Paula Lane.