

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Docket for Assembly: May 23, 2024
Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center
Elder Beth Snyder, Moderator
The Rev. Wendy VanderZee, Vice Moderator
Elder Joe Kimmel, Stated Clerk
10:00am ET/9:00am CT

Declaration of Quorum

Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Elder Beth Snyder

Opening Worship

Proclamation of the Word:

The Rev. Manuel Silva-Esterrich, Manager of Call Process Support, Office of the General Assembly

Introductory Business

Welcome

Greetings from the Host Site

Introduction of New Members: Elder Joe Kimmel

Seating of Corresponding Members: Elder Joe Kimmel

Elder Sherri Finke, Presbyterian Foundation

The Rev. Manuel Silva-Esterrich, Office of the General Assembly

Consent Agenda

Minutes of 02.24.24 Assembly; Docket; Stated Clerk's Report; Treasurer's Report

Greetings from the Presbyterian Foundation: Elder Sherri Finke

Report of the Presbytery Council: The Rev. Susan McGhee

For Presbytery Recognition: Dissolution of Bethany Presbyterian Church, Vincennes

Report of the Committee on Ministry: The Rev. Cindy Cushman

For Presbytery Action and Recognition: Retirement of the Rev. Don Summerfield

For Presbytery Recognition: Retirement of Commissioned Pastor Michael Finch

Greetings from Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center: Mr. Mike Davis and the Rev. Molly DeWitt

Report of the Executive Presbyter: The Rev. Susan McGhee

Speak Out Session

New Business

Prayers of the Presbytery

Joys and Concerns

Memorial Moment for the Rev. Frank Hainer

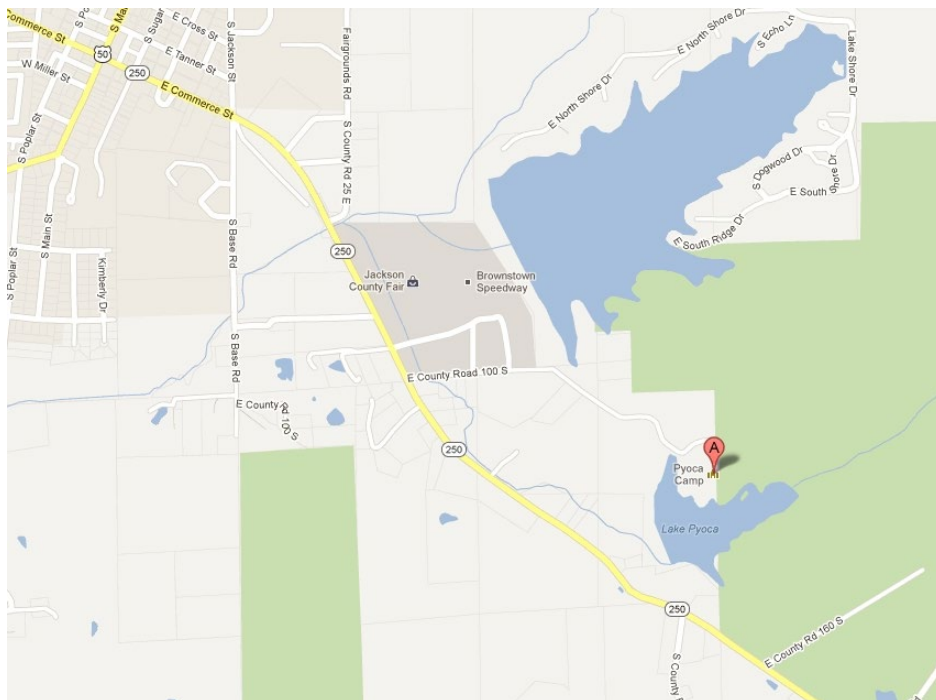
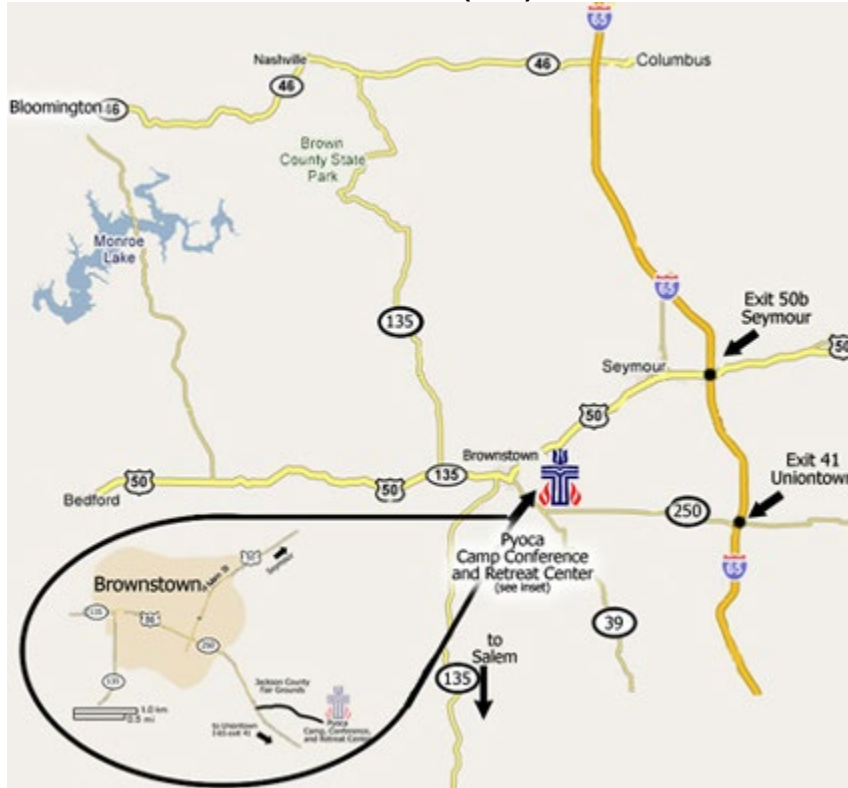
Service of Commissioning for the Rev. Hana Elliott and Elder William Henderson to the 226th General Assembly

Invitation to the Offering

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Adjournment with Closing Litany

**Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Driving Directions
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For a map image of the location, use a web browser to navigate to the [POV Churches](#) page and click on the map image, then choose Pyoca from the list.

As a courtesy, the Presbytery attempts to provide driving directions and parking information (when known) to all the members attending the Assembly.

Due to the size of the presbytery, we are unable to include all possible routes to the meeting. The directions we provide begin with major routes into the city/town where the assembly will be held, and include more detailed directions regarding the streets closer to the meeting site. Please use an online source or printed map to find the way from your starting point to the place where these directions begin. The POV website has all church locations marked on Google Maps to assist you.

There may be construction or detours that would affect normal routes of travel. To be prepared for this possibility, it is wise to have a map, Google map printout, or GPS navigation available, just in case. You can also check the Indiana Department of Transportation website for Road Restrictions and Closures: <https://www.in.gov/indot/travel-conditions/restrictionsclosings/>

Pyoca is located in Brownstown, Indiana, approximately 15 miles west of Seymour, IN.

For those traveling on I-65:

- Take US 50 exit west at Seymour.
- Travel west approximately 15 miles on US 50 to Brownstown and turn left (south) on 250.
- Go one mile, and then turn left at the Pyoca sign, immediately past the Jackson County Fairgrounds.
- Continue to follow the drive until you come to the main lodge.

For those traveling east on U.S. 50:

- Upon entering Brownstown, go straight at the red light (where U.S. 50 turns left) You will now be on 250.
- Continue for one mile, and then turn left at the Pyoca sign, immediately past the Jackson County Fairgrounds.
- Continue to follow the drive until you come to the main lodge.

Stated Clerk's Report

Elder Joe Kimmel

A. Churches with 5-Year Anniversaries ---- May-Dec 2024:

Church (alphabetically)	Founded	5-Yr Anniversary
Bedford, First	05/07/1819	205
Bloomington, First	09/25/1819	205
Brownstown, First	08/23/1839	185
Columbus, First	07/03/1824	200
Evansville, Eastminster	08/15/1999	25
Laconia, Rehoboth	08/15/1829	195
New Albany, Mount Tabor	12/13/1914	110

B. **Ministers Dismissed** since February Assembly: Wendelyne McCormick to Scioto Presbytery.

C. **Deaths:** Frank Hainer (1934 – 2024)

D. **Business Entity Reminder:** Clerks of each Session complete/update their Church's Business Entity Reports with the Indiana Secretary of State's website every other year. Please check to see if this is the year for your needed update or if it is past due. To look up a church's status use the following link: <https://bsd.sos.in.gov/publicbusinesssearch>

E. **Remaining Assembly dates for 2024:**

- Saturday, August 24 (in-person)
- Thursday, November 21 (Zoom)

Treasurer's Report

Elder Jean Brown

Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.
Condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Actual vs Budget)
January 1, 2023 through May 9, 2024

	Jan -Mar 2024	Annual	% of
	Actual	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenue</u>			
Per Capita	\$ 125,614	\$ 238,590	53%
Shared Giving (Unified Mission)	10,937	85,000	13%
Contributions	1,636	17,500	9%
Unrestricted Invest Inc & Trans	3,000	12,000	25%
Restricted Invest Inc & Trans	18,750	75,000	25%
	<u>159,937</u>	<u>428,090</u>	37%
<u>Expense</u>			
Staff Expense	67,750	281,829	24%
Ecclesiastical Expense	17,774	71,590	25%
Meeting Expense	200	4,000	5%
Administration & Office Expense	9,451	40,000	24%
Program Expense	7,200	32,000	23%
Total Expense	<u>102,375</u>	<u>429,419</u>	24%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$ 57,562</u>	<u>\$ (1,329)</u>	

Fund Balances

As of March 31, 2024

Church Legacy Funds	999,429
Monroe City Fund	129,571
Charlie Pye Fund for Excellence in Ministry	106,060
Restricted Funds (Specific Use)	29,521
Undesignated Net Assets	<u>1,399,624</u>
	<u>\$ 2,664,205</u>

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

2024 Per Capita 55

		Members	2024 Per Capita	Received as of 05/09/2024	% Paid
Bedford	First	87	4,785		0.0%
Bloomfield	First	53	2,915	2,915	100.0%
Bloomington	First	319	17,545		0.0%
Bloomington	United	48	2,640		0.0%
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial	78	4,290	4,290	100.0%
Brazil	First	219	12,045	2,783	23.1%
Brownstown	Brownstown	32	1,760	1,760	100.0%
Canaan	Jefferson	6	330		0.0%
Cayuga	Cayuga	20	1,100	1,100	100.0%
Central	Valley City	14	770		0.0%
Charlestown	Community	20	1,100	1,100	100.0%
Clinton	United	34	1,870		0.0%
Columbus	Fairlawn	79	4,345	1,086	25.0%
Columbus	First	434	23,870	23,870	100.0%
Corydon	Corydon	72	3,960		0.0%
Dale	Dale	35	1,925	1,925	100.0%
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant	28	1,540	1,540	100.0%
Evansville	Eastminster	232	12,760		0.0%
Evansville	First	293	16,115	4,029	25.0%
Evansville	First Avenue	32	1,760		0.0%
Farmersburg	First	12	660	660	100.0%
Fort Branch	First	53	2,915		0.0%
Greencastle	Greencastle	102	5,610		0.0%
Hanover	Hanover	49	2,695	2,695	100.0%
Henryville	Community	32	1,760	1,760	100.0%
Henryville	Mount Lebanon	20	1,100	1,100	100.0%
Jeffersonville	First	170	9,350	2,338	25.0%
Laconia	Rehoboth	47	2,585	2,585	100.0%
Laconia	United	13	715	715	100.0%
Leavenworth	Community	40	2,200		0.0%
Lexington	Lexington	69	3,795	3,795	100.0%
Livonia	United	34	2,070	1,870	90.3%
Madison	Madison	122	6,710	6,710	100.0%
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe	7	385	385	100.0%
Martinsville	First	58	3,190	3,190	100.0%
Mitchell	Mitchell	43	2,365		0.0%
Montezuma	First	15	825	825	100.0%
Mount Vernon	First	55	3,025	3,025	100.0%
Nabb	Nabb	11	605	605	100.0%
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship	43	2,365	2,365	100.0%
New Albany	Mount Tabor	75	4,125		0.0%
New Albany	St. John United	162	8,910		0.0%
New Washington	Trinity United	15	825		0.0%
North Vernon	Graham	16	880	880	100.0%
Paoli	First	42	2,310		0.0%
Patoka	Patoka	28	1,540	1,540	100.0%
Patoka	Union Bethel	10	550	550	100.0%
Petersburg	Main Street	51	2,805	2,805	100.0%

2024 Per Capita 55

		<u>Members</u>	<u>2024 Per Capita</u>	<u>Received as of 05/09/2024</u>	<u>% Paid</u>
Princeton	Fairview	44	2,420	2,420	100.0%
Princeton	Princeton	67	3,685		0.0%
Roachdale	Roachdale	32	1,760	1,760	100.0%
Rockville	Memorial	8	440	440	100.0%
Salem	Salem	43	2,365		0.0%
Scipio	Scipio	18	990	990	100.0%
Scottsburg	First	40	2,200	2,200	100.0%
Seymour	First	113	6,215	6,215	100.0%
Spencer	Spencer	63	3,465	3,465	100.0%
Sullivan	First	52	2,860	2,658	92.9%
Terre Haute	Central	202	11,110	11,110	100.0%
Terre Haute	Unity	52	2,860	2,860	100.0%
Vernon	Vernon	7	385		0.0%
Vevay	Caledonia	4	220		0.0%
Vincennes	Bethany	12	660		0.0%
Vincennes	Indiana	95	5,225	2,500	47.8%
Vincennes	South Side	7	385		0.0%
Vincennes	Upper Indiana	56	3,080	1,540	50.0%
Washington	Westminster	56	3,080		0.0%
		4,500	\$ 247,700	\$ 124,954	50.4%

Shared Mission 2024

		<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Received as of May 9, 2024</u>			<u>Total</u>
			<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>POV</u>	
Bedford	First					0
Bloomfield	First					0
Bloomington	First					0
Bloomington	Korean					0
Bloomington	United					0
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial					0
Brazil	First					0
Brownstown	Brownstown					0
Canaan	Jefferson					0
Cayuga	Cayuga					0
Central	Valley City					0
Charlestown	Community					0
Clinton	United					0
Columbus	Fairlawn		235	79	473	787
Columbus	First		3,041	257	3,339	6,636
Corydon	Corydon					0
Dale	Dale					0
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant					0
Evansville	Eastminster					0
Evansville	First		900	250	1,850	3,000
Evansville	First Avenue					0
Farmersburg	First					0

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Fort Branch	First					0
Greencastle	Greencastle					0
Hanover	Hanover					0
Henryville	Community					0
Henryville	Mount Lebanon					0
Jeffersonville	First		275	100	1,125	1,500
Laconia	Rehoboth					0
Laconia	United					0
Leavenworth	Community					0
Lexington	Lexington					0
Livonia	United		750	211	961	1,923
Madison	Madison					0
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe					0
Martinsville	First					0
Mitchell	Mitchell					0
Montezuma	First					0
Mount Vernon	First					0
Nabb	Nabb		30	5	65	100
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship					0
New Albany	Mount Tabor					0
New Albany	St. John United					0
New Washington	Trinity United					0
North Vernon	Graham					0
Paoli	First					0
Patoka	Patoka					0
Patoka	Union Bethel					0
Petersburg	Main Street					0
Princeton	Fairview					0
Princeton	Princeton					0
Roachdale	Roachdale					0
Rockville	Memorial					0
Salem	Salem					0
Scipio	Scipio					0
Scottsburg	First		50	25	500	575
Seymour	First					0
Spencer	Spencer					0
Sullivan	First					0
Terre Haute	Central		1,463	413	1,875	3,750
Terre Haute	Unity					0
Vernon	Vernon					0
Vevay	Caledonia					0
Vincennes	Bethany					0
Vincennes	Indiana					0
Vincennes	Southside					0
Vincennes	Upper Indiana					0
Washington	Westminster					0
		<u>0</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>1,200</u>
		0	7,103	1,430	10,937	19,470

Report of the Presbytery Council

The Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator

For Presbytery's Information:

The Presbytery Council met May 14, 2024, by videoconference and took the following actions:

1. Acting as a Commission of the Presbytery, appointed Rev. Karen McDonald Smith as Moderator of Session for First Presbyterian Church, Scottsburg, effective 07.08.24
2. Acting as a Commission of the Presbytery, appointed Rev. Deborah Fortel as Moderator of Session for Nabb Presbyterian Church, Henryville Community Presbyterian Church, and Mt. Lebanon Presbyterian Church, effective 06.01.24
3. Approved a \$1,000 Monroe City Grant to Madison Presbyterian Church to help support a "Kid's Closet" for the public school.
4. Approved a \$6,500 Monroe City Grant to Madison Presbyterian Church to help address homelessness and housing insecurity in the surrounding community.
5. Received a report from Administrative Commission for Bethany Presbyterian Church, Vincennes, (Alan Finnan, Bill Henderson, Jean Brown, and Dave Crittenden) that the church building was sold in April for \$35,000, and that the Commission, acting with the authority granted to it, has adopted a resolution (see below) to dissolve the congregation "with gratitude for its faithful ministry as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)."

Resolution for the Dissolution of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Vincennes, Indiana, by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, acting through its Council, appointed the following persons to serve on an administrative commission for the Bethany Presbyterian Church of Vincennes, Indiana: the Rev. Alan Finnan (Moderator), Elder William Henderson (Vice-Moderator), the Rev. David Crittenden, and Elder Jean Brown, giving to it the power and authority to consider and conclude all matters referred to it by this Presbytery, including the assumption of original jurisdiction, the dissolution of the congregation; the sale of property, and the completion of any ecclesiastical and corporate affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Commission has determined that now is the appropriate time to accomplish the dissolution of the congregation:

Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, by means of this Administrative Commission, dissolve the congregation of the Bethany Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Vincennes, Indiana, effective April 29, 2024, with gratitude for its faithful ministry as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrative Commission continue to work within the authority granted to it to take all necessary and appropriate steps to satisfy any remaining ecclesiastical, corporate, and civil obligations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Presbytery of Ohio Valley offer prayers for the members of the Bethany Presbyterian Church as they continue in Christian witness, service, and fellowship in other congregations.

Attest this 27th day of April, 2024.

Committee on Ministry Report

The Rev. Alan Finnan and the Rev. Cindy Cushman, Co-Moderators

Summary of COM actions, **February 8, 2024**, through **May 15, 2024**.

FOR INFORMATION

At the **March 5, 2024**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the request of the Session of United Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, to elect a pastor nominating committee.

On **April 10, 2024**, the Committee on Ministry electronically approved the following pastoral agreement:

- a. **Spencer Presbyterian Church of Spencer and Elder Ron Strohe** serving as Ruling Elder for Preaching and Pastoral Care

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
04/10/2024 to 04/09/2025	N/A	\$200/ service	N/A	Vch.IRS rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	No

At the **May 15, 2024**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:
 - a. **United Presbyterian Church of Bloomington and the Rev. Cheryl Montgomery** serving as Extended Pulpit Supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
05/01/2024 to 04/30/2025	Full-time	\$34,000	\$22,660	Vch.IRS rate - \$1,500 est	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	One month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	Yes

- b. **Cayuga Presbyterian Church of Cayuga and Emily Miller** serving as Extended Pulpit Supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
04/01/2024 to 03/31/2025	N/A	\$175/week + mileage	N/A	Vch.IRS rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	No

2. Approved **the Rev. Don Summerfield's** request to be designated by the Presbytery as Retired as of July 8, 2024

FOR ACTION

1. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley grant the status of Retired to the Rev. Don Summerfield, effective July 8, 2024.

2024 PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley encourages all our congregations to pray for each other over a two-year span. Sharing prayers with each other works! Here's how you can help:

By the tenth of the month preceding the month for your church (i.e., by January 10 for churches listed for February), please send a paragraph or two telling a little about your church or organization – size and activities, location and neighborhood, special programs, history, and anything else that would help others in the presbytery get a better sense of who and where you are. Also send us any joys you'd like to share or prayer requests for your church activities or programs. **If your church is in a parish, we'd also appreciate information on the benefits you feel parish membership has brought to the parish churches.**

Email your information to office@presbyteryov.org. Call 866-344-7853 for more information.

May 26	Corydon	September 15	First, Fort Branch
June 2	Center for Congregations	September 22	Retired Ministers living in POV
June 9	Churches Searching for Pastoral Leadership	September 29	Greencastle
June 16	Commissioners to PC(USA) General Assembly, Salt Lake City, Utah	October 6	Hanover
June 23	PCUSA 226 th General Assembly	October 13	First, Jeffersonville
June 30	Dale	October 20	Rehoboth, Laconia
July 7	Church of the Covenant, Elizabeth	October 27	United, Laconia
July 14	Eastminster, Evansville	November 3	Community, Leavenworth
July 21	First, Evansville	November 10	Presbytery of Ohio Valley Staff
July 28	First Avenue, Evansville	November 17	Lexington
August 4	<i>Southern Hills Parish*</i>	November 24	Livonia
August 11	*Community, Henryville	December 1	Madison
August 18	*Mt. Lebanon, Henryville	December 8	Hanover College
August 25	*Nabb	December 15	POV Chaplains and others in Specialized Ministries
September 1	First, Farmersburg	December 22	4 th Advent (Christmas anticipated)
September 8	Disaster Assistance	December 29	Peace on Earth