

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Minutes of Assembly: November 21, 2024 - UNAPPROVED
Video Conference via Zoom
Elder Beth Snyder, Moderator
The Rev. Wendy VanderZee, Vice Moderator
Elder Joe Kimmel, Stated Clerk
10:00am ET/9:00am CT

Call to Order

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

Formation of the Roll

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

Ministers

Church

Ackerman, Jim	(E)	Honorably Retired
Allen, Rob	(E)	Honorably Retired
Atkinson, Molly	(A)	Member-at-Large
Ballard, John	(E)	Honorably Retired
Bangert, Byron	(E)	Honorably Retired
Barrett, Carol	(A)	Member-at-Large
Black, Andrew	(A)	Terre Haute, Unity
Black, Dawn	(A)	Sullivan, First
Blankenbeker, James	(A)	Brownstown, First
Bradney, Ryan	(P)	Evansville, Eastminster
Brill, Bob	(A)	Central, Valley City/Laconia, Rehoboth
Brinks, Tyler	(A)	Bloomington, First
Clark, Andrew	(A)	Member-at-Large
Colwell, Allen	(P)	New Albany, St John United
Cover, Jeff	(E)	Honorably Retired
Cramer, James	(E)	Honorably Retired
Crittenden, David	(P)	Honorably Retired
Cushman, Cindy	(A)	Corydon, Corydon
DeWitt, Molly	(A)	Member-at-Large
Elliott, Hana	(P)	Bloomfield, First
Erickson, Eric	(E)	Honorably Retired
Erickson, John	(A)	Martinsville, First
Erickson, Norie	(E)	Honorably Retired
Finnan, Alan	(P)	Brazil, First
Flucke, Aaron	(P)	Lexington, Lexington
Fortel, Deborah	(P)	Honorably Retired
Fox, Kathleen	(E)	Honorably Retired
FrizLanger, Martha	(P)	Honorably Retired
Frost, Randall	(E)	Honorably Retired

Ministers

Grimm, Tommy
Harmon, Frank
Harper, Cheri
Haw, Ann
Hookey, Scott
Howard, Jeffrey
Hudson, Jay
Hudson, Jill
Hueftle, Keith
Jensen, Mary
Jepsen, Kelley
Jessen, Timothy
Keeney, William
Kendall, Wes
King, Rick
Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth
Knight, Jo Ann
Knott, Catherine
Langer, Larry
Lasher, Martha
Lee, David
Lee, Sang Tae
Lowery, Janet
Martinez, Felipe
McCandless, Mary Beth
McDaniel, Mark
McDonald Smith, Karen
McGhee, Susan
McGlasson, Paul
McKenney, Sarah
McKune, John
Montgomery, Cheryl
Moore, Gregory
Moorefield, Susan
Oh-Howard, Grace
O'Neill, Shane
Poole-Adams, Vicki
Porter, Mark
Riggins, Mike
Robinson, Mark
Roseland, Chris
Rumsey, William
Safford, Richard
Samsell, Sharon
Scroggins, Gary
Seay, Scott
Smith, Sammie

Church

(A) Bloomington, First
(P) Vincennes, Indiana
(A) GA/Presbyterian Women
(E) Honorably Retired
(P) Seymour, First
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Bloomington, IU Health Bloomington Hospice
(A) Member-at-Large
(P) Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(P) Greencastle, Greencastle
(E) Honorably Retired
(P) Columbus, Fairlawn
(E) Member-at-Large
(E) Hanover, Hanover College
(P) Retired
(A) Indiana National Guard
(P) Honorably Retired
(A) Bloomington, Korean
(P) Honorably Retired
(E) Columbus, First
(P) Evansville, First
(P) Tell City, Evangelical United Church of Christ
(P) Jeffersonville, First
(P) Presbytery of Ohio Valley
(E) Member-at-Large
(A) Bloomington, Stone Belt
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Retired
(E) Member-at-Large
(P) St. Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods
(A) Mount Vernon, First
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Member-at-Large
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Terre Haute, Central
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Terre Haute, Indiana State University
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Nashville, Brown County Fellowship
(P) Evansville, Deaconess Hospital

Ministers

Solether, Scott	(E)	Retired
Stokes, Donald	(A)	Livonia, Livonia United
Summerfield, Don	(E)	Retired
Taylor, Veltri	(A)	Member-at-Large
Thiessen, Heather	(P)	
Thorne, Cheryl	(A)	Member-at-Large
Tracy, Doug	(E)	Honorably Retired
Trigger, Sue	(P)	New Albany, Mount Tabor
Turner, Bob	(E)	Paoli, First
Van Camp, Jerusha	(P)	
VanderPloeg, Karen	(P)	Madison, Madison
VanderZee, John	(P)	Honorably Retired
VanderZee, John	(P)	Bedford, First
VanderZee, Wendy	(P)	Honorably Retired
Veliquette, Roger	(A)	Hanover, Hanover
von Winckler, Anna	(A)	Member-at-Large
Walden-Fisher, Beth	(A)	Member-at-Large
Waters, Nancy	(P)	Honorably Retired
Watson, Daniel	(E)	Honorably Retired
White, Robert	(E)	Honorably Retired
Williams, Sharon	(A)	Member-at-Large
Wright, Eric	(E)	Louisville, Amedysis Hospice Agency

Church**Ministers,****Other Denomination**

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

Church**Commissioned****Pastors**

Clark, Richard	(A)	Salem, Salem
Henson, Rob	(P)	Petersburg, Main Street
Inman, Steve	(A)	Leavenworth, Community
Turner, John	(A)	Farmersburg, First

Church**Other****Pastoral Roles**

Buker, Byron	(A)	Mitchell, Mitchell
Miller, Emily	(A)	Cayuga, Cayuga
Strohe, Ron	(P)	Spencer, Spencer

Church

Church

Bedford, First
Bloomfield, First
Bloomington, First
Bloomington, United
Boonville, Hemenway Memorial
Brazil, First
Brownstown, First
Cayuga, Cayuga
Central, Valley City
Charlestown, Community
Clinton, United
Columbus, Fairlawn
Columbus, First
Corydon, Corydon
Dale, Dale
Elizabeth, Church of the Covenant
Evansville, Eastminster
Evansville, First
Evansville, First
Evansville, First Avenue
Farmersburg, First
Fort Branch, First
Greencastle, Greencastle
Hanover, Hanover
Henryville, Community
Henryville, Mount Lebanon
Jeffersonville, First
Laconia, Rehoboth
Laconia, United
Leavenworth, Community
Lexington, Lexington
Livonia, Livonia United
Madison, Jefferson
Madison, Madison
Madison, Smyrna-Monroe
Martinsville, First
Mitchell, Mitchell
Montezuma, First
Mount Vernon, First
Nabb, Nabb
Nashville, Brown County Fellowship
New Albany, Mount Tabor
New Albany, St John United
New Washington, Trinity United
North Vernon, Graham
Paoli, First
Patoka, Patoka

Commissioner

Commissioner (A)
David Holt (P)
Karen Hahn (A)
Don Root (A)
Peggy Collins (A)
Jim Rohe (P)
Commissioner (A)
Commissioner (A)
Brenda Bliss (A)
Donna McCreary (P)
Jack Fenoglio (P)
David Doup (A)
Vern Jorck (P)
Charles Eckart (A)
Ellen Rexing (A)
Richard Goodwin (A)
Shannon Irmischer (A)
Gary Morris (A)
Gerald Morris (A)
David Pfettscher (A)
James Sharpe (A)
Commissioner (A)
Heidi Menzel (A)
Janet Lowry (P)
Janet Mullins (A)
Marianna Dietrich (A)
Sandy Riggle (P)
Paula Hensley (A)
Paige Baker (A)
John Stutzman (A)
Lisa Conder (A)
Pat King (A)
Commissioner (A)
Terri Brunner (P)
Andrea Lichlyter (A)
Mike Stiver (P)
Janet Phillips (A)
Gwendolyn Moore (P)
Bill Henderson (P)
Brad Bastian (A)
Jane Gore (A)
Tom McCarty (P)
Commissioner (A)
Ruby Taflinger (A)
Steve Graham (A)
Joan Myers (A)
Lori Racine (A)

Church

Patoka, Union Bethel
Petersburg, Main Street
Princeton, Fairview
Princeton, Princeton
Roachdale, Roachdale
Rockville, Memorial
Salem, Salem
Scipio, Scipio
Scottsburg, First
Scottsburg, First
Seymour, First
Spencer, Spencer
Sullivan, First
Terre Haute, Central
Terre Haute, Unity
Vernon, Vernon
Vevay, Caledonia
Vincennes, Indiana
Vincennes, Upper Indiana
Washington, Westminster

Commissioner

Gerald Bane (A)
Roger Stuckey (A)
Herb McCoy (P)
Bill Shoulders (A)
John Boruff (A)
Donna Paul (P)
Norma Eisert (A)
Bill Gerhard (P)
Brian Nowling (E)
Yvonne Satow (E)
George Ernest (A)
Sylvia Dyer (P)
Jim Exline (P)
Commissioner (A)
Karen Walker (A)
Lou Malcomb (A)
Caren Griffith (A)
Alanna Charlton (A)
Bob Slayton (A)
Jamie Petty (A)

Elder Members

By Reason of Office

Brown, Jean (P)
Crow, Gary (A)
Ellison, Zack (P)
Henson, Rob (P)
Holt, Alicia (P)
Kimmel, Joe (P)
Lowry, Janet (P)
Snyder, Beth (P)
Walker, Karen (P)

Visitors

Mike Davis Brownstown, Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center
Becky Herald Jeffersonville, First
Krystal McIntosh Spencer, Spencer
Lee Reberger
Lauren Rogers PC(USA) - Ministry Engagement & Support

Introductions of New Members, Guests

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

Seating of Corresponding Members

The Rev. Lee Reberger, pastor-elect of the Brazil Presbyterian Church a minister in the United Church of Christ, was seated as a corresponding member.

Lauren W. Rogers, Ministry Engagement Advisor, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was seated as a guest of the presbytery.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes of the Assembly August 24, 2024, may be found at <http://www.presbyteryov.org/assemblyminutes.htm>
2. Docket:
 - Declaration of Quorum
 - Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Beth Snyder
 - Introductory Business
 - Welcome
 - Introduction of New Members: Joe Kimmel and Susan McGhee
 - Seating of Corresponding Members: Joe Kimmel
 - Consent Agenda: Minutes of August 24, 2024; Docket; Stated Clerk's Report; Treasurer's Report
 - Greetings from Lauren W. Rogers, Ministry Engagement Advisor, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 - Report of the Presbytery Council: Susan McGhee
 - Recognition of South Side Presbyterian Church
 - 2025 Budget
 - Report of the Committee on Ministry: Alan Finnan
 - Presentation of Ruling Elder Ron Strohe to be examined for commissioning to particular pastoral service in and for the Spencer Presbyterian Church
 - Report of the Nominating Committee: Deborah Fortel
 - Annual Meeting of the Corporation: David Crittenden
 - Greetings from Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center: Mike Davis
 - Speak Out Session
 - Report of the Executive Presbyter
 - New Business
 - Prayers of the Presbytery
 - Memorial Moments for the Rev. D. Calvert Brand
 - Invitation to the Offering
 - Proclamation of the Word: Beth Snyder
 - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 - Recognition of Out-Going Presbytery Leadership
 - Installation of Presbytery Moderator and Vice-Moderator for 2025
 - Adjournment with Closing Litany

3. Stated Clerk's Report

Elder Joe Kimmel

A. Teaching Elder Changes since August Assembly:

- Ministers Received:
Mary Beth McCandless – Maumee Valley Presbytery
- Ministers Dismissed:
Linda Peters – Chicago Presbytery
- Minister Deaths:
Cal Brand – 11/03/24

B. Churches with 5-Year Anniversaries ---- Dec 2024:

Church	Founded	Anniversary
New Albany, Mount Tabor	12/13/1914	110

C. 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>

D. Assembly Dates for 2025:

- Saturday, February 8, 2025 (likely by Zoom)
- Thursday, May 22, 2025 (Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center)
- Saturday, August 23, 2025 (likely *in-person*)
- Thursday, November 20, 2025 (likely by Zoom)

4. Treasurer's Report

Elder Jean Brown

Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.
Condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Actual vs Budget)
January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024

	<u>Jan-Sept 2024</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>% of</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Revenue</u>			
Per Capita	\$ 188,835	\$ 238,590	79%
Shared Giving (Unified Mission)	44,521	85,000	52%
Contributions	3,936	17,500	22%
Unrestricted Invest Inc & Trans	9,000	12,000	75%
Restricted Invest Inc & Trans	56,250	75,000	75%
	302,542	428,090	71%

Expense

Staff Expense	218,610	281,829	78%
Ecclesiastical Expense	57,196	71,590	80%
Meeting Expense	3,024	4,000	76%
Administration & Office Expense	31,223	40,000	78%
Program Expense	20,627	32,000	64%
Total Expense	<u>330,679</u>	<u>429,419</u>	77%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$ (28,137)</u>	<u>\$ (1,329)</u>	

Fund Balances

As of September 30, 2024

Church Legacy Funds	961,911
Monroe City Fund	115,071
Charlie Pye Fund for Excellence in Ministry	100,310
Restricted Funds (Specific Use)	29,521
Undesignated Net Assets	<u>1,530,934</u>
	<u>\$ 2,737,747</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 11/7/2024	% Paid
Bedford	First	87	4,785	4,785	100.0%
Bloomfield	First	53	2,915	2,915	100.0%
Bloomington	First	319	17,545	13,159	75.0%
Bloomington	United	48	2,640	2,640	100.0%
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial	78	4,290	4,290	100.0%
Brazil	First	219	12,045	6,023	50.0%
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	770	100.0%
Charlestown	Community	20	1,100	1,100	100.0%
Clinton	United	34	1,870	1,870	100.0%
Columbus	Fairlawn	79	4,345	2,173	50.0%
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	6,125	48.0%
Evansville	First	293	16,115	13,429	83.3%
Evansville	First Avenue	32	1,760		0.0%
Farmersburg	First	12	660	660	100.0%
Fort Branch	First	53	2,915	84	2.9%
Greencastle	Greencastle	102	5,610	5,610	100.0%
Hanover	Hanover	49	2,695	2,695	100.0%
Henryville	Community	32	1,760	1,760	100.0%

2024 Per Capita 55

		<u>Members</u>	<u>2024 Per Capita</u>	<u>Received as of 11/7/2024</u>	<u>% Paid</u>
Henryville	Mount Lebanon	20	1,100	1,100	100.0%
Jeffersonville	First	170	9,350	9,350	100.0%
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	4,125	100.0%
New Albany	St. John United	162	8,910	2,295	25.8%
New Washington	Trinity United	15	825	385	46.7%
North Vernon	Graham	16	880	880	100.0%
Paoli	First	42	2,310	1,155	50.0%
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%
Princeton	Fairview	44	2,420	2,420	100.0%
Princeton	Princeton	67	3,685	3,685	100.0%
Roachdale	Roachdale	32	1,760	1,760	100.0%
Rockville	Memorial	8	440	440	100.0%
Salem	Salem	43	2,365	2,365	100.0%
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	2,860	100.0%
Terre Haute	Central	202	11,110	11,110	100.0%
Terre Haute	Unity	52	2,860	2,860	100.0%
Vernon	Vernon	7	385	385	100.0%
Vevay	Caledonia	4	220		0.0%
Vincennes	Bethany	12	660	660	100.0%
Vincennes	Indiana	95	5,225	2,500	47.8%
Vincennes	South Side	7	385		0.0%
Vincennes	Upper Indiana	56	3,080	3,080	100.0%
Washington	Westminster	56	3,080	2,310	75.0%
		4,500	\$ 247,700	\$ 199,842	80.7%

Shared Mission 2024

		<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Received as of November 7, 2024</u>			
			<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>POV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bedford	First					0
Bloomfield	First		210	35	455	700

Shared Mission 2024

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		<u>Pledged</u>			
				<u>POV</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>POV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bloomington	First			2,700	2,700
Bloomington	Korean				0
Bloomington	United				0
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial				0
Brazil	First				0
Brownstown	Brownstown				0
Canaan	Jefferson				0
Cayuga	Cayuga				0
Central	Valley City				0
Charlestown	Community				0
Clinton	United				0
Columbus	Fairlawn	473	158	945	1,575
Columbus	First	12,705	1,284	16,693	30,682
Corydon	Corydon				0
Dale	Dale				0
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant				0
Evansville	Eastminster				0
Evansville	First	1,800	400	3,800	6,000
Evansville	First Avenue				0
Farmersburg	First				0
Fort Branch	First				0
Greencastle	Greencastle				0
Hanover	Hanover	550	250	1,200	2,000
Henryville	Community				0
Henryville	Mount Lebanon				0
Jeffersonville	First	825	300	3,375	4,500
Laconia	Rehoboth	150	25	325	500
Laconia	United				0
Leavenworth	Community				0
Lexington	Lexington				0
Livonia	United	1,500	423	1,923	3,845
Madison	Madison	150	25	325	500
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe	90	15	195	300
Martinsville	First				0
Mitchell	Mitchell				0
Montezuma	First	150	25	325	500
Mount Vernon	First	300	50	650	1,000
Nabb	Nabb	30	5	65	100
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship	1,500	250	3,250	5,000
New Albany	Mount Tabor				0
New Albany	St. John United				0
New Washington	Trinity United				0
North Vernon	Graham				0
Paoli	First				0
Patoka	Patoka				0
Patoka	Union Bethel				0
Petersburg	Main Street	600	100	1,300	2,000
Princeton	Fairview				0
Princeton	Princeton	300	50	650	1,000
Roachdale	Roachdale				0

Shared Mission 2024

		Received as of November 7, 2024				
		Pledged	GA	Synod	POV	Total
Rockville	Memorial					0
Salem	Salem					0
Scipio	Scipio					0
Scottsburg	First		200	100	2,000	2,300
Seymour	First					0
Spencer	Spencer					0
Sullivan	First					0
Terre Haute	Central		4,875	1,375	6,250	12,500
Terre Haute	Unity					0
Vernon	Vernon		195	55	250	500
Vevay	Caledonia					0
Vincennes	Bethany					0
Vincennes	Indiana					0
Vincennes	Southside					0
Vincennes	Upper Indiana					0
Washington	Westminster		1,800	330	3,870	6,000
		0	28,402	5,255	50,546	84,202

Report of the Presbytery Council

The Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator

For Presbytery's Information

The Presbytery Council conducted an electronic vote August 14, 2024

- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, commissioned Ruling Elder Joe Kimmel to serve as Moderator of Session of Livonia United Presbyterian Church, effective 08/15/24

The Presbytery Council conducted an electronic vote August 15, 2024

- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, adopted the attached resolution to act on matters pertaining to the dissolution of the South Side Presbyterian Church

The Presbytery Council conducted an electronic vote September 22, 2024

- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, appointed John VanderZee to serve as Moderator of Session of First Presbyterian Church, Bedford
- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, appointed Susan Moorefield to serve as Moderator of Session of Cayuga Presbyterian Church
- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, approved the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the Presbytery Convocation on September 16, 2024

The Presbytery Council conducted an electronic vote October 17, 2024

- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, appointed Susan McGhee to serve as Moderator of Session of Patoka Presbyterian Church

The Presbytery Council met by Zoom Videoconference October 30, 2024

- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, received and approved a request from First Presbyterian Church, Fort Branch, for an exemption to G-2.0404, which limits the service of a ruling elder or deacon to six consecutive years, pending approval of the congregation.
- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, received and approved a request from Nabb Presbyterian Church for an exemption to G-2.0404, which limits the service of a ruling elder or deacon to six consecutive years, pending approval of the congregation.
- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, appointed Jerusha Van Camp as Moderator of Session of Patoka Presbyterian Church, effective 11/01/24
- Appointed Jerusha Van Camp to serve as Registrar for the 2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium
- Appointed **David Crittenden** (Board of Trustees President); **Jean Brown** (Treasurer), **Bill Henderson** (216th GA Commissioner & Member of GA Funding Resources Committee); **Rob Henson** (Financial Development Specialist & Member of Stewardship Committee); **Alan Finnan** (COM Co-Moderator & Member of Personnel Committee); **Wendy VanderZee** (2025 Presbytery Moderator); and **Susan McGhee** (Executive Presbyter & Moderator of Council) as members of a Funding Review Task Force to explore the financial resources of the Presbytery, consider a variety of funding models, and develop a strategy for the use of our resources to support our congregations as they seek to bear witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world and serve as communities of faith, hope, love, and witness.

The Presbytery Council met by Zoom Videoconference November 12, 2024

- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, appointed Susan McGhee as Moderator of Session for Scipio Presbyterian Church
- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, authorized the Committee on Ministry Leadership (COM Moderator(s), Executive Presbyter, and Stated Clerk) to respond to vacancies in the position of moderator of session by appointing a moderator of session pro tempore to serve until a new moderator is identified, elected, and deployed.
- Transfer the \$23,876.36 remaining in the “Synod Transformation Grant” to a new holdover account “Small Church Connections, Governance, and Mission,” to provide resources – including the use of contract staff – to help strengthen the connection between the presbytery and its smaller congregations, particularly those being served by an outside moderator of session.

For Presbytery Action:

1. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley celebrate the ministry and legacy of the South Side Presbyterian Church

The Assembly joined in recognizing the ministry of the Southside Presbyterian Church, Vincennes, as Bill Henderson and Susan McGhee led in a prayer of thanksgiving for its ministry.

2. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley approve the attached budget for 2025

Susan moved on behalf of Council that the 2025 Presbytery Budget be approved. Following presentation by Elder Jean Brown and discussion, the Assembly APPROVED the 2025 Budget.

**Resolution for the Dissolution of the
South Side Presbyterian Church, Vincennes,
Indiana, by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley**

WHEREAS, the Session of the South Side Presbyterian Church, Vincennes, Indiana, in a called meeting with Executive Presbyter Susan McGhee on August 3, 2024, requested that the Presbytery of Ohio Valley work with it to bring about the dissolution of the Congregation, effective September 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Congregation, at a duly called meeting on August 11, 2024, voted unanimously to concur with the Session’s request; and

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

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

Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, by means of its Presbytery Council, dissolve the Congregation of the South Side Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Vincennes, Indiana, effective September 1, 2024, with gratitude for its faithful ministry as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons be appointed to serve as the Administrative Commission for the South Side Presbyterian Church: Ruling Elder William Henderson (Moderator), the Rev. Alan Finnan (Vice-Moderator), Ruling Elder Jean Brown, and the Rev. David Crittenden; and given the authority to work with the Officers of the Presbytery

1. to act on all matters pertaining to the dissolution of the Congregation,
2. to act on all matters pertaining the disposition of property and other assets,
3. to assist in matters pertaining to the dissolution of the South Side Presbyterian Church, Inc., and
4. to make regular reports to the Presbytery Council and a final report to the Presbytery; and

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

Adopted this 15th Day of August, 2024, by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, through its Presbytery Council.
Attest:

Susan C. McGhee
Moderator, Presbytery Council
Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Ohio Valley
C.E.O., Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.

E. Joseph Kimmel, Jr.
Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Secretary, Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.

Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Proposed Budget Summary
January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Description	Proposed 2025 Budget	Change From 2024 Budget	Per Capita	Mission	2024 Budget
INCOME					
Income From All Sources	\$ 432,265	\$ 4,175	\$ 237,765	\$ 194,500	\$ 428,090
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 432,265	\$ 4,175	\$ 237,765	\$ 194,500	\$ 428,090
EXPENSES					
Staff and Office Expense	\$ 322,171	\$ 342	\$ 165,359	\$ 156,813	\$ 321,829
Other Administrative Costs	\$ 76,532	\$ 4,942	\$ 76,532	\$ -	\$ 71,590
Meetings & Committees	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,625	\$ 1,375	\$ 4,000
Presbytery Programs	\$ 32,500	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	\$ 29,500	\$ 32,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 436,203	\$ 6,784	\$ 248,516	\$ 187,688	\$ 429,419
SURPLUS (GAP)	\$ (3,938)	\$ (2,609)	\$ (10,751)	\$ 6,812	\$ (1,329)
Per Capita	\$ 55.00	\$ 0.00			\$ 55.00

**Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Proposed Budget
January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025**

	Proposed 2025 Budget	Change From '24 Budget	Per Capita	Mission	2024 Budget	Comment on Changes
INCOME						
Per Capita Giving	237,765	(825)	237,765	-	238,590	Approved by Assembly
Shared Giving from Churches	85,000	-	-	85,000	85,000	
Undesignated Funds Including Int. & Div.	17,000	5,000	-	17,000	12,000	Based on projected increase in unrealized earn
First Vincennes Mineral Rights Proceeds	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000	
Legacy Funds	70,000	-	-	70,000	70,000	
Returned Reimbursements	500	-	-	500	500	
Individual Contributions	15,000	-	-	15,000	15,000	
Assembly Offerings	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000	
TOTAL INCOME	432,265	4,175	237,765	194,500	428,090	
EXPENSES						
Staff, Office, & Administrative						
EP Salary & Housing	106,801	4,108	53,401	53,401	102,693	Recommended by Personnel
EP Benefits	27,697	(9,640)	13,849	13,848	37,337	Based on health insurance savings
EP Continuing Education	5,000	-	2,500	2,500	5,000	
EP Professional Expense	3,000	-	1,500	1,500	3,000	
EP Travel	15,000	-	7,500	7,500	15,000	
Stated Clerk Salary & Housing	20,234	778	20,234	-	19,456	Recommended by Personnel
Stated Clerk Cont Ed	1,200	-	1,200	-	1,200	
Stated Clerk Professional Expenses	750	-	750	-	750	
Stated Clerk Travel	3,000	-	3,000	-	3,000	
Contract Staff	7,500	-	-	7,500	7,500	
Consulting & Coaching	8,500	-	-	8,500	8,500	
Administrative Associates Salary & Benefits	58,408	2,246	29,204	29,204	56,162	Recommended by Personnel
Treasurer Salary	14,923	574	14,923	-	14,349	Recommended by Personnel
Treasurer Travel	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	
Payroll Tax Expense	7,158	276	5,798	1,360	6,882	Based on Salaries
Office & Administrative Expense	42,000	2,000	10,500	31,500	40,000	Based on activity and current costs
Total Staff and Office Expense	322,171	342	165,359	156,813	321,829	
Ecclesiastical Expenses						
GA Expense	-	(250)	-	-	250	No GA in 2025
Moderator's Expense	750	-	750	-	750	
Insurance	5,000	500	5,000	-	4,500	Based on projected insurance cost increases
GA Per Capita	46,861	4,349	46,861	-	42,512	Per GA
Synod Per Capita	16,471	(57)	16,471	-	16,528	Per Synod
Permanent Judicial Commission	500	-	500	-	500	
Commissions	750	-	750	-	750	

Outside Accounting Services	6,200	400	6,200		5,800	Based on activity and current costs
Total Other Administrative Costs	76,532	4,942	76,532	-	71,590	
Presbytery Meetings & Committees						
Presbytery Assembly	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000	
Council	750	-	375	375	750	
Preparation for Ministry	500	-	500		500	
Committee on Ministry	750	-	750		750	
Mission & Witness Resource Committee	750	750		750	-	New committee
Stewardship	250	250		250	-	Based on projected needs
Nominating Committee	-	-	-	-	-	
Trustees	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Meetings & Committees	5,000	1,000	3,625	1,375	4,000	
Presbytery Programs						
Council Program Expenses	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,500	
CPM Program Expenses	1,500	-	1,500		1,500	
COM Program Expenses	2,500	-	1,500	1,000	2,500	
Resource Center Purchases	250	-	-	250	250	
Mission & Witness Resource Committee	500	500	-	500	-	New committee
Stewardship	250	-	-	250	250	
Clergy Career Development & C/E						
Scholarships	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000	
Camp Pyoca	24,000	-	-	24,000	24,000	
Total Presbytery Program	32,500	500	3,000	29,500	32,000	

Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Per Capita Calculations
January 1, 2025- December 31, 2025

Description	2025 Per Capita	Change	2024 Per Capita
Per Capita Amounts			
Presbytery - Base 2024 Amount, increased by unpaid per capita	\$ 41.39	\$ 3.88	\$ 37.51
Partial Increase due to lost membership and unpaid per capita	\$ (1.04)	\$ (4.92)	\$ 3.88
Synod	\$ 3.81	\$ -	\$ 3.81
General Assembly	\$ 10.84	\$ 1.04	\$ 9.80
Total Per Capita	\$ 55.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 55.00
POV Members	\$ 4,323	\$ (15)	\$ 4,338
Income from Per Capita	\$ 237,765	\$ (825)	\$ 238,590
Per Capita Expense	\$ 248,516	\$ (1,645)	\$ 250,162
Surplus (GAP)	\$ (10,751)	\$ 820	\$ (11,572)

Note: In 2023, 17 churches failed to pay all or part of their Per Capita.
 Unpaid Per Capita raises the Per Capita expense for all the other churches in the Presbytery.
 For 2025, the effect of unpaid Per Capita has been projected as part of the budget process.

Committee on Ministry Report

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

Summary of COM actions, **July 31, 2024**, through **November 12, 2024**.

FOR INFORMATION

At the **October 8, 2024**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following action:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:

a. **Hanover Presbyterian Church of Hanover and the Rev. Roger Veliquette** serving as transitional pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
09/12/2024 to 09/11/2025	Full time	\$36,784	\$20,000	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$2,000	Yes

b. **Patoka Presbyterian Church of Patoka and the Rev. William Morris** serving as ecumenical supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025	Part time – approx. 10hrs/wk	N/A	\$12,556	Vch.IRS rate – est. \$5,000	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	No

At the **November 12, 2024**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following action:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreement:

a. **First Presbyterian Church of Seymour and the Rev. Jose Luis Casal** serving as stated supply pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
11/15/2024 to 11/14/2025	Part time – approx. 15-19 hrs/wk	\$2,600/ month*	N/A	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	No

*includes housing

2. Took the following actions regarding **Ruling Elder Ron Strohe**:

- a. Received a report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry that Ruling Elder Ron Strohe has satisfied the requirements of G-2.1002 to be certified to receive a commission to particular pastoral service
- b. Received a request from the Session of the Spencer Presbyterian Church, that he be commissioned to particular pastoral service in and for that congregation.
- c. Approved the match between Elder Strohe and the Spencer Presbyterian Church, and agreed to present him to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley at its November 21 Assembly for examination and commissioning (if the way be clear)

FOR ACTION

1. That Ruling Elder Ron Strohe be examined by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley and commissioned to particular pastoral service in and for the Spencer Presbyterian Church, Spencer, Indiana.

Rev. Finnan presented Elder Strohe to the Assembly for examination. Following Elder Strohe's short introduction of himself, Rev. Finnan asked the first several questions, then opened the floor to further questions. Following these, it was m/s/c that the examination be sustained and that Elder Strohe be commissioned. Following discussion, the Assembly voted to **APPROVE** Elder Strohe's Commissioning to Particular Pastoral Service in and for the Spencer Presbyterian Church. Moderator Beth Snyder proceeded to commission him.

Ron Strohe Statement of Faith

I believe that there is only one God, but three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That God created the heavens and the earth and all living things, seen and unseen.

Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus Christ suffered and died for my sins and the sins of all mankind. After three days He rose from the grave, giving eternal life to all who believe in Him. That He ascended to Heaven and sits on the right hand of God, our Father. He will return to take all who believe in Him, to be with Him eternally.

That the Holy Spirit, was given to us upon our confession of Jesus Christ, as our Savior. The Holy Spirit which resides in every believer, guides, counsels, and speaks to us, according to the Father's Will.

I believe that all Scripture is the inspired Word of God. That by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, men wrote the words spoken to them. Scripture is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training people into leading a righteous life before God.

The church is the body of Jesus Christ and He is the head of the church. Taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the world is the church's mission. The church is not a building but each member is the church, the body of Christ.

I believe that through the Sacraments we come to a oneness with God. As in the Sacrament of Baptism, we receive the redeeming Grace of God. In baptism we are made one with Jesus Christ, leading to a new life.

The Lord's Supper provides God's grace to all believers. We are reminded of the great sacrifice Jesus endured for all mankind. The bread and juice are elements that represent the body of Jesus broken for us and the juice represents His blood shed for us. This for our sake so that we can be made righteous and Holy before God.

Even though marriage is considered a covenant, I believe it is an important part of the church. For marriage is the gift from God in developing a family. It involves a loving commitment in front of God and witnesses. Traditionally this relationship is between a man and woman, this union creates the family which is the core to our society.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Rev. Deborah Fortel, Moderator

*denotes second term

Part One: Service to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley

Presbytery Moderator: Rev. Wendy VanderZee

Presbytery Vice Moderator: Elder Jim Exline (First, Sullivan)

Presbytery Council At-Large Members:

Class of 2025: Rev. Karen McDonald Smith *

Class of 2027: Elder Gayle Henderson (First, Mt. Vernon)

Board of Trustees:

President: Rev. David Crittenden

Class of 2026: Elder Jane Gore (Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship, Nashville)

Class of 2027: Elder William Henderson (First, Mt. Vernon)

Committee on Ministry:

Co-Moderators: Rev. Alan Finnan
Rev. Cindy Cushman

Class of 2027: Rev. Karen McDonald Smith *
Elder Mary McClellan (First, Bloomington)
Rev. Karen VanderPloeg
Rev. Cindy Cushman *

Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

Moderator: Elder Gary Crow (First, Bloomington)

Vice-Moderator: Elder Deborah Prince (St. John, New Albany)

Class of 2025: Elder Deborah Prince (St. John, New Albany) *

Class of 2026: Elder Zack Ellison (First, Columbus)
Rev. Molly Atkinson

Class of 2027: Elder Alejandra Haddad (United, Bloomington)
Rev. Susan Trigger

Stewardship Committee:

Moderator: Elder Janet Huber Lowry (Hanover)

Class of 2025: Rev. Jerusha Van Camp

Class of 2026: Elder Rob Henson (First, Evansville)

Class of 2027: Elder Janet Huber Lowry (Hanover)

Mission and Witness Resource Committee:

Moderator: Elder Beth Snyder (First, Jeffersonville)

Class of 2025: Rev. Dawn Black

Rev. James Blankenkober
Class of 2026: Elder Charles Eckert (Corydon)
Rev. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick
Class of 2027: Elder Beth Snyder (First, Jeffersonville)
Rev. Hana Elliott

Permanent Judicial Commission:

Class of 2027: Rev. Catherine Knott (already elected - realignment of class)
Elder Kay Williams (already elected - realignment of class)
Class of 2028: Rev. Jeff Howard
Elder Mark Hassler (First, Brazil)
Class of 2030: Elder Luther Pierson (First, Columbus)
Elder Karen Goodwell (St. John, New Albany)

Personnel Committee Moderator:

Class of 2027: Rev. Scott Seay

Part Two: Service to the Larger Church

Commissioner to the Synod of Lincoln Trails Class of 2027

Minister Principal: Rev. Susan Moorefield

Nominees to the Pyoca Board of Directors (for its election):

Class of 2027: Elder Becky Herald (First, Jeffersonville)
Elder Jim Railing (First, Scottsburg)

Rev. Fortel moved that the nominations from the Nominating Committee be elected. The Moderator asked if there were any nominations from the floor and if there was any discussion. There were none. The Moderator put the slate to a vote and the Assembly ELECTED the slate as presented.

Recess for the Annual Meeting of the Corporation

Moderator Snyder recessed the meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley to the Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.

Meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.

The Rev. David Crittenden, President

President Crittenden opened the meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc. with prayer.

The minutes of the last Corporation meeting were included in the minutes of the November 16, 2023, meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley Presbytery.

President Crittenden presented the slate of officers for 2025 for the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc., as follows:

President: David Crittenden

Secretary: Joe Kimmel (by virtue of office as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery)

Treasurer: Jean Brown (by virtue of office as Treasurer of the Presbytery)

Chief Executive Officer: Susan McGhee (by virtue of office as Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery)

Following discussion, the Corporation elected the presented slate of officers.

President Crittenden entertained a motion that all actions of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley since the last meeting of the Corporation be considered as actions of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc. It was moved and seconded.

The Corporation approved the motion.

President Crittenden entertained a motion that the Officers and Board of Directors of the Corporation be authorized to review, correct and approve the minutes of this meeting of the Corporation. It was moved and seconded.

The Corporation approved the motion.

President Crittenden adjourned the meeting of the Corporation with prayer.

Presbytery of Ohio Valley Reconvened

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

Greetings from Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center

Mike Davis, Director

Mike reported that a Fall Retreat was being held at the Camp. He shared concern and caution that the annual road race in and around the Camp was being held during deer season this year on Dec. 7, and shared that caution was being urged. The Camp is prepared to show its Christian hospitality to the runners.

Other fall programming has gone well.

Summer preparation is beginning and the applications for workers and campers will begin soon.

Importantly, the search for a new Program director is on-going.

Speak-Out Session

Members and friends of the assembly shared news and announcements.

Report of the Executive Presbyter

The Rev. Susan McGhee

Susan expressed gratitude for her 15 years with the Presbytery of Ohio Valley and her belief that the Presbytery and its churches are making a difference within the contexts they are working. She once again reminded us of a very cogent question: If our particular Presbyterian Church in our particular community ceased to exist today, would it be missed tomorrow?

Susan then reminded us of the Season of Thanksgiving in which we are and proclaimed “Now Thank We All Our God!”

New Business

Stated Clerk, Elder Joe Kimmel, presented a motion which had properly come in under new business from Rev. Larry Langer:

“I move that the voting on the overtures from the General Assembly be done during an in-person meeting of the Presbytery only.”

Following discussion, the motion was APPROVED.

It was noted by Susan on behalf of Council that the overtures would most likely be voted on at the May 22, 2025 assembly at Pyoca.

The Stated Clerk then invited Rev. Langer to present his second motion which had also been appropriately presented as new business:

“I move that sometime prior to the assembly meeting to vote on the overtures, the Presbytery Council provide an opportunity for people to gather for information, interpretation and discussion of the overtures and what their approvals and/or disapprovals could mean, especially for the ordination of Pastors, Elders, and Deacons for service to the Church.”

Following discussion, the motion was APPROVED.

It was noted by Susan on behalf of Council that this informational time would probably be by zoom and would not be a time of debating the issues. This would be a time of information sharing; the debating would come at the May meeting.

Prayers

The Rev. Susan McGhee led the pastoral prayer, welcoming prayer requests from the Assembly. Of particular note is that a time of sharing Memorial Moments for the life and ministry of Rev. D. Calvert Brand who had died on November 3, 2024 was held.

Offering

Rev. McGhee led the invitation to the offering and the offertory prayer.

The Assembly at Worship

The Moderator, Elder Beth Snyder, led the Assembly in Worship and gave the sermon.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. McGhee celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Installation of Moderator and Vice-Moderator

The moderator invited the Rev. Wendy Vanderzee and Elder Jim Exline to be installed as the moderator and the vice-moderator, respectively, for the Presbytery of Ohio Valley for 2025. The current moderator, Elder Beth Snyder, asked of Wendy the questions of installation for presbytery leaders, to which she answered in affirmative. The Assembly also answered the questions of its acceptance of Wendy as moderator. Elder Jim Exline will be installed at a later time by the Council due to his absence at the Assembly.

Recognition of Outgoing Moderator

The Rev. Susan McGhee and Elder Joe Kimmel gave thanks for the service of Elder Beth Snyder as the moderator of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley for 2024. The Presbytery "waved their hands" in recognition of Beth's service.

Adjournment with Closing Litany

The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 12:21pm with prayer.

The next Assembly of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley will be Saturday, February 8, 2025, held by Zoom videoconference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elder Joe Kimmel, Stated Clerk

The Rev. Larry Langer, Recording Clerk

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.

November 3	Community, Leavenworth	December 1	Madison
November 10	Presbytery of Ohio Valley Staff	December 8	Hanover College
November 17	Lexington	December 15	POV Chaplains and others in Specialized Ministries
November 24	Livonia	December 22	4 th Advent (Christmas anticipated)
		December 29	Peace on Earth