

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Docket for Assembly: November 20, 2025
Zoom Video Conference
The Rev. Wendy VanderZee, Moderator
Elder Rob Henson, Vice Moderator
Elder Joe Kimmel, Acting Stated Clerk
10:00am ET/9:00am CT

Declaration of Quorum

Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Wendy VanderZee

Introductory Business

Welcome

Introduction of New Members: Joe Kimmel and Susan McGhee

Seating of Corresponding Members: Joe Kimmel

Consent Agenda: Minutes of August 23, 2025; Docket; Stated Clerk's Report;
Treasurer's Report

Report of the Presbytery Council: Susan McGhee

Report of the Election of Elder Rob Henson as Vice-Moderator
2026 Budget

Report of the Committee on Ministry

Retirement of the Rev. Michael Riggins

Report of the Nominating Committee: Deborah Fortel

Annual Meeting of the Corporation: David Crittenden

Report from the Pyoca Board of Directors: Karen Goodwell

Speak Out Session

Report of the Stated Clerk Nominating Committee: David Crittenden

New Business

Proclamation of the Word: Wendy VanderZee

Prayers of the Presbytery

Memorial Moments for the Rev. Dr. Alan Pearson Finnan: Cindy Cushman and Susan McGhee

Invitation to the Offering

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Recognition of Joe Kimmel's Service as Stated Clerk

Recognition of Out-Going Presbytery Leadership

Installation of Presbytery Moderator and Vice-Moderator for 2026

Adjournment with Closing Litany

Stated Clerk's Report

Elder Joe Kimmel

A. Teaching Elder Changes since August Assembly:

Ministers Received:

- None

Ministers Dismissed:

- None

Minister Deaths:

- Alan Finnan - 10/12/2025

B.

Churches with Significant Anniversaries for Nov-Dec 2025:		
Church	Founded	Anniversary
Madison, Madison	11/19/1815	210
Nabb, Nabb	12/05/1885	140
Roachdale, Roachdale	11/22/1890	135
Churches with Significant Anniversaries for 2026:		
Church	Founded	Anniversary
Boonville, Hemenway Memorial	01/01/1866	160
Dale, Dale	05/08/1841	185
Evansville, First	01/01/1821	205
Henryville, Community	04/01/1961	65
Livonia, Livonia United	02/16/1816	210
Madison, Smyrna-Monroe	01/01/1941	85
Martinsville, First	07/23/1841	185
Patoka, Patoka	01/04/1871	155
Petersburg, Main Street	01/01/1821	205
Vincennes, Indiana	01/01/1806	220
Washington, Westminster	01/01/1811	215

C. Annual Session Minutes Review: Please send in any completed reviews.

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. Assembly Dates for 2026:

- Saturday, February 28 (likely by Zoom)
- Thursday, May 21 (in-person)
- Saturday, August 22 (in-person)
- Thursday, November 19 (TBD if by Zoom or in-person)

Treasurer's Report

Jean Brown

Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.
Condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Actual vs Budget)
January 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025

	Jan -Sept 2025	Annual	% of
	Actual	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenue</u>			
Per Capita	\$ 182,165	\$ 237,765	77%
Shared Giving (Unified Mission)	44,694	85,000	53%
Contributions	4,143	17,500	24%
Unrestricted Invest Inc & Trans	12,750	17,000	75%
Restricted Invest Inc & Trans	56,250	75,000	75%
	<u>300,002</u>	<u>432,265</u>	69%
<u>Expense</u>			
Staff Expense	213,475	280,171	76%
Ecclesiastical Expense	54,065	76,532	71%
Meeting Expense	5,025	5,000	101%
Administration & Office Expense	36,112	42,000	86%
Program Expense	20,662	32,500	64%
Total Expense	<u>329,340</u>	<u>436,203</u>	76%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$ (29,338)</u>	<u>\$ (3,938)</u>	

Fund Balances

As of September 30, 2025

Church Legacy Funds	940,690
Monroe City Fund	107,571
Charlie Pye Fund for Excellence in Ministry	94,460
Restricted Funds (Specific Use)	30,262
Undesignated Net Assets	<u>2,076,248</u>
	<u>\$ 3,249,232</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

2025 Per Capita 55

			2025	Received	%
		Members	Per Capita	as of	Paid
				10/31/2025	
Bedford	First	87	4,785	4,000	83.6%
Bloomfield	First	50	2,750	2,750	100.0%
Bloomington	First	332	18,260	18,260	100.0%
Bloomington	United	47	2,585	2,585	100.0%
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial	70	3,850	3,850	100.0%
Brazil	First	140	7,700	5,578	72.4%
Brownstown	Brownstown	31	1,705	1,705	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	2,870	153.5%
Columbus	Fairlawn	83	4,565	4,565	100.0%
Columbus	First	434	23,870	23,870	100.0%
Corydon	Corydon	69	3,795	3,795	100.0%
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	12,760	100.0%
Evansville	First	282	15,510	12,925	83.3%
Evansville	First Avenue	32	1,760		0.0%
Farmersburg	First	9	495	495	100.0%
Fort Branch	First	53	2,915		0.0%
Greencastle	Greencastle	103	5,665	5,665	100.0%
Hanover	Hanover	45	2,475	2,475	100.0%
Henryville	Community	31	1,705	1,705	100.0%
Henryville	Mount Lebanon	19	1,045	1,045	100.0%
Jeffersonville	First	155	8,525	6,394	75.0%
Laconia	Rehoboth	48	2,640	2,640	100.0%
Laconia	United	13	715	715	100.0%
Leavenworth	Community	40	2,200		0.0%
Lexington	Lexington	68	3,740	3,740	100.0%
Livonia	United	32	1,870	1,760	94.1%
Madison	Madison	120	6,600	6,600	100.0%
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe	5	275	275	100.0%
Martinsville	First	62	3,410	3,410	100.0%
Mitchell	Mitchell	43	2,365		0.0%
Montezuma	First	12	660	660	100.0%
Mount Vernon	First	45	2,475	2,475	100.0%
Nabb	Nabb	11	605	605	100.0%
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship	45	2,475	2,475	100.0%
New Albany	Mount Tabor	74	4,070	4,070	100.0%
New Albany	St. John United	162	8,910		0.0%
New Washington	Trinity United	15	825	495	60.0%
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	48	2,640	2,640	100.0%
Princeton	Fairview	44	2,420	2,420	100.0%
Princeton	Princeton	67	3,685	3,685	100.0%
Roachdale	Roachdale	27	1,485	1,485	100.0%
Rockville	Memorial	10	550	550	100.0%

2025 Per Capita 55		Received as of 10/31/2025			
		Members	2025 Per Capita		% Paid
Salem	Salem	40	2,200	2,200	100.0%
Scipio	Scipio	18	990		0.0%
Scottsburg	First	36	1,980	1,980	100.0%
Seymour	First	103	5,665	5,665	100.0%
Spencer	Spencer	63	3,465		0.0%
Sullivan	First	52	2,860		0.0%
Terre Haute	Central	178	9,790	9,790	100.0%
Terre Haute	Unity	50	2,750	3,750	136.4%
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	385	100.0%
Vincennes	Upper Indiana	57	3,135	3,135	100.0%
Washington	Westminster	53	2,915	2,186	75.0%
		4,323	\$ 237,875	\$ 201,188	84.6%

Shared Mission 2025

		Pledged	Received as of October 31, 2025			
			GA	Synod	POV	Total
Bedford	First					0
Bloomfield	First		210	35	455	700
Bloomington	First				3,600	3,600
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		225	37	488	750
Columbus	Fairlawn		1,418	236	3,071	4,725
Columbus	First		13,205	1,367	17,776	32,348
Corydon	Corydon					0
Dale	Dale					0
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant					0
Evansville	Eastminster					0
Evansville	First		1,190	198	2,577	3,965
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		900	300	3,300	4,500
Laconia	Rehoboth		150	25	325	500

Shared Mission 2025

		Received as of October 31, 2025				
		<u>Pledged</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>POV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Laconia	United					0
Leavenworth	Community					0
Lexington	Lexington					0
Livonia	United		1,410	398	1,808	3,616
Madison	Madison					0
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe		90	15	195	300
Martinsville	First					0
Mitchell	Mitchell					0
Montezuma	First		150	25	325	500
Mount Vernon	First					0
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		150	25	325	500
Roachdale	Roachdale					0
Rockville	Memorial					0
Salem	Salem					0
Scipio	Scipio					0
Scottsburg	First		550	100	1,350	2,000
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	South Side					0
Vincennes	Upper Indiana					0
Washington	Westminster		1,800	300	3,900	6,000
		<u>0</u>	<u>29,197</u>	<u>5,097</u>	<u>51,811</u>	<u>86,104</u>

Report of the Presbytery Council

The Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator

For Presbytery's Information

The Presbytery Council conducted an electronic vote September 10, 2025:

Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, received the resignation of Ruling Elder James Exline as Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, effective immediately.

The Presbytery Council conducted an electronic vote September 15, 2025:

Approved the use of up to \$3,500 of Legacy Funds to support a Church Renewal Workshop with the Rev. Dr. Edie Lenz on October 30 at First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington

The Presbytery Council met September 30, 2025, by videoconference:

1. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, approved a request from the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Sullivan, that the Presbytery conduct a special administrative review of the Church, as provided in G-3.0108b, including but not limited to matters concerning the church's finances, and appointed Rev. David Crittenden, Ruling Elder Beth Snyder, and Ruling Elder William Henderson to serve on the committee.
2. Received and approved a recommendation from the Stated Clerk Nominating Committee to adopt the attached position description for a new stated clerk.
3. Made a special ministry grant to the Salem Presbyterian Church to allow it to continue to offer space for a warming center and feeding program while it participates in a discernment process for the use of church facilities.

The Presbytery Council conducted an electronic vote October 6, 2025:

Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, appointed Susan McGhee as temporary moderator of session for churches served by Alan Finnan: Central Presbyterian Church, Terre Haute; Unity Presbyterian Church, Terre Haute; First Presbyterian Church, Sullivan; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Washington; United Presbyterian Church, Clinton; Memorial Presbyterian Church, Rockville; and First Presbyterian Church, Montezuma.

The Presbytery Council conducted an electronic vote October 8, 2025:

Appointed Wendy VanderZee to serve on the Smock Foundation Board of Directors in Alan Finnan's place

The Presbytery Council conducted an electronic vote October 13, 2025:

Approved a \$4,000 Disaster Assistance Grant for an individual in the presbytery suffering storm damage

The Presbytery Council met November 4, 2025, by videoconference:

1. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, elected Ruling Elder Rob Henson to serve as Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley through the end of 2025.
2. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, elected Mary Beth McCandless to serve Alan Finnan's unexpired term on the Committee on Ministry
3. Recommended the Proposed 2026 Presbytery Budget for Assembly consideration (attached)
4. Approved Emergency Food Assistance Grants for congregations from Monroe City Funds of up to \$2,500

5. Approved \$500 scholarships for pastoral leaders to attend the Luminosity Conference in Orlando, Florida, March 9-11, 2026
6. Approved a Grant to Corydon Presbyterian Church of \$2,937.50 (½ of Corydon's \$5,875.00 match) for a Center for Congregations Branding and Messaging Resource Grant
7. Received a charitable donation from Mark and Karen Robinson of \$1,000 in memory of their 48-year-old son, Matthew Alan Robinson, who entered the Church Triumphant on July 5, 2025, to be used by the Executive Presbyter, "in her sole discretion, for such acts of ministry and service as she deems appropriate"

Presbytery of Ohio Valley Stated Clerk Position Description

Purpose of the Position: To fulfill the functions of the Stated Clerk of Presbytery as set forth in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and other specific responsibilities as assigned by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.

Book of Order Responsibilities:

Rolls and Records

- Record the transactions of the council
- Keep rolls of membership & attendance
- Maintain required registers (Certified Christian Educators, Associate Christian Educators, Commissioned Pastors)
- Preserve the council's records
- Furnish verified extracts when required by another council
- Recommend the safekeeping of the records
- Review, annually or biennially, council's proceedings & actions
 - Presbytery review of sessions
 - Synod review of Presbytery
 - GA review of Synod

Judicial Process

- Receive written allegations, requests
- Send requests, communication
- Report decisions of cases to council
- Provide materials pertaining to cases

Receiving

- Letters of Renunciation G-2.0509
- Notification of Certifications G-2.1101
- Written Protests G-3.0105
- Administrative Commission Reports G-3.0109b

Reporting

- Renunciations G-2.0509
- Ordinations G-2.0704
- Certifications G-2.1101
- Votes on Proposed Amendments G-6.04d
- Presbytery changes (Synods: dividing, uniting, combining, creating) G-3.0403

Other Specific Responsibilities *per Presbytery of Ohio Valley policy:*

- Provide guidance and assistance for Presbytery Assemblies
 - Work with the Executive Presbyter and others to plan Presbytery Assemblies, including recommending dates and securing locations.
 - Work with the Executive Presbyter to prepare the docket
 - Assist and support the Presbytery Moderator in the performance of his/her duties
 - Serve as parliamentarian
 - Provide for a recording clerk, and check minutes for accuracy
 - Report the actions of the Presbytery as appropriate
- Serve as recording clerk and as a member ex officio, with vote, of the Presbytery Council
- Serve as recording clerk and as a member ex officio, without vote, of the Board of Trustees
- Serve as secretary of The Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.
- Provide guidance, as needed and requested, on matters pertaining to the Book of Order, Presbytery policies, judicial process, and parliamentary procedure
- Report to the General Assembly and to the Synod of Lincoln Trails as needed and required
- Attest Personal Discernment Profiles through the Church Leadership Connection in consultation with the Executive Presbyter
- Assist the work of the Committees on Ministry and Preparation for Ministry by performing criminal background checks as requested
- Provide guidance to clerks of session
- Consult with Executive Presbyter and other Presbytery staff as needed and requested

Qualifications:

- Vibrant commitment to Jesus Christ
- Strong faith within the Reformed tradition
- Demonstrated knowledge of the polity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Demonstrated service to the Church at and beyond the congregational level
- Ordination as either a Ruling Elder or a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Eligible for membership in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley
- Bachelor's degree or its equivalent (a Master's degree, or its equivalent, is preferred)
- Successful completion of a criminal background check

Relationships and Accountability:

- Is accountable to the Presbytery through the Council, and to the Executive Presbyter as Head of Staff
- Works in a cooperative and collegial relationship with the Executive Presbyter
- Is available to other staff of Presbytery, committees of Presbytery and pastors and clerks of session as needed or requested

Compensation, Review and Term:

- Compensation shall be set by the Presbytery upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee and Council. Should a disciplinary or remedial case go to trial, the Presbytery Council will, in consultation with the Stated Clerk, provide for a means to negotiate the staffing and compensation for individual elements of that work. In addition, Council shall negotiate staffing and compensation for matters related to the dissolution of congregations and the sale of church property from the proceeds of such property.
- An annual review shall be conducted by the Personnel Committee in consultation with the Executive Presbyter.
- Election to this position is for a term of three years, which may be renewed

Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Proposed Budget Summary
January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

Description	Proposed 2026 Budget	Change From 2025 Budget	Per Capita	Mission	2025 Budget
INCOME					
Income From All Sources	\$ 448,388	\$ 16,123	\$ 253,638	\$ 194,750	\$ 432,265
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 448,388	\$ 16,123	\$ 253,638	\$ 194,750	\$ 432,265
EXPENSES					
Staff and Office Expense	\$ 338,660	\$ 16,489	\$ 169,085	\$ 169,575	\$ 322,171
Other Administrative Costs	\$ 77,011	\$ 479	\$ 77,011	\$ -	\$ 76,532
Meetings & Committees	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000
Presbytery Programs	\$ 31,750	\$ (750)	\$ 4,000	\$ 27,750	\$ 32,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 452,421	\$ 16,218	\$ 254,096	\$ 198,325	\$ 436,203
SURPLUS (GAP)	<u>\$ (4,033)</u>	<u>\$ (95)</u>	<u>\$ (458)</u>	<u>\$ (3,575)</u>	<u>\$ (3,938)</u>
Per Capita	\$ 61.00	\$ 6.00			\$ 55.00

Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Proposed Budget
January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

	Proposed 2026 Budget	Change From '25 Budget	Per Capita	Mission	2025 Budget	Comment on Changes
INCOME						
Per Capita Giving	253,638	15,873	253,638	-	237,765	Approved by Assembly
Shared Giving from Churches	85,000	-	-	85,000	85,000	
Undesignated Funds Including Interest & Dividends	17,000	-	-	17,000	17,000	
First Vincennes Mineral Rights Proceeds	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000	
Legacy Funds	70,000	-	-	70,000	70,000	
Returned Reimbursements	750	250	-	750	500	Based on activity
Individual Contributions	15,000	-	-	15,000	15,000	
Assembly Offerings	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000	
TOTAL INCOME	448,388	16,123	253,638	194,750	432,265	
EXPENSES						
Staff, Office, & Administrative						
EP Salary & Housing	112,141	5,340	56,071	56,070	106,801	Personnel recommendation
EP Benefits	29,560	1,863	14,780	14,780	27,697	Personnel recommendation
EP Continuing Education	5,000	-	2,500	2,500	5,000	
EP Professional Expense	3,000	-	1,500	1,500	3,000	
EP Travel	20,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	Based on activity and current costs
Stated Clerk Salary & Housing	21,246	1,012	21,246	-	20,234	Personnel recommendation
Stated Clerk Cont Ed	1,200	-	1,200	-	1,200	
Stated Clerk Professional Expenses	1,000	250	1,000	-	750	Based on activity and current costs
Stated Clerk Travel	3,000	-	3,000	-	3,000	
Contract Staff	5,000	(2,500)	-	5,000	7,500	Based on activity
Consulting & Coaching	10,000	1,500	-	10,000	8,500	Based on activity and current costs
Administrative Associates Salary & Benefits	61,328	2,920	24,531	36,797	58,408	Personnel recommendation
Treasurer Salary	15,669	746	15,669	-	14,923	Personnel recommendation
Treasurer Travel	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	
Payroll Tax Expense	7,516	358	6,088	1,428	7,158	Based on Salaries
Office & Administrative Expense	42,000	-	10,500	31,500	42,000	
Total Staff and Office Expense	338,660	16,489	169,085	169,575	322,171	
Ecclesiastical Expenses						
GA Expense	500	500	500	-	-	GA in 2026
Moderator's Expense	750	-	750	-	750	
Insurance	5,500	500	5,500	-	5,000	Based on projected insurance cost increase
GA Per Capita	46,819	(42)	46,819	-	46,861	Per GA
Synod Per Capita	15,842	(629)	15,842	-	16,471	Per Synod
Permanent Judicial Commission	500	-	500	-	500	
Commissions	750	-	750	-	750	
Outside Accounting Services	6,350	150	6,350	-	6,200	Based on activity and current costs

Total Other Administrative Costs	77,011	479	77,011	-	76,532	
Presbytery Meetings & Committees						
Presbytery Assembly	2,500	500	2,500	-	2,000	Based on activity and current costs
Council	500	(250)	250	250	750	Based on activity
Preparation for Ministry	500	-	500		500	
Committee on Ministry	750	-	750		750	
Mission & Witness Resource Committee	500	(250)		500	750	Based on activity
Stewardship	250	-		250	250	
Nominating Committee	-	-	-	-	-	
Trustees	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Meetings & Committees	5,000	-	4,000	1,000	5,000	
Presbytery Programs						
Council Program Expenses	750	(750)	-	750	1,500	Based on activity
CPM Program Expenses	1,500	-	1,500		1,500	
COM Program Expenses	2,500	-	2,500	-	2,500	
Resource Center Purchases	250	-	-	250	250	
Mission & Witness Resource Committee	500	-	-	500	500	
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	31,750	(750)	4,000	27,750	32,500	

Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Per Capita Calculations
January 1, 2026- December 31, 2026

Description	2026 Per Capita	Change	2025 Per Capita
Per Capita Amounts			
Presbytery - Base 2024 Amount, increased by unpaid per capita	\$ 41.39	\$ -	\$ 41.39
Partial Increase due to lost membership and unpaid per capita	\$ 4.54	\$ 5.58	\$ (1.04)
Synod	\$ 3.81	\$ -	\$ 3.81
General Assembly	\$ 11.26	\$ 0.42	\$ 10.84
Total Per Capita	\$ 61.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 55.00
POV Members	\$ 4,158	(165)	\$ 4,323
Income from Per Capita	\$ 253,638	\$ 15,873	\$ 237,765
Per Capita Expense	\$ 254,096	\$ 5,580	\$ 248,516
Surplus (GAP)	\$ (458)	\$ 10,293	\$ (10,751)

Note: In 2024, 11 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 2026, 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, **August 13, 2025**, through **November 10, 2025**.

FOR INFORMATION

At the **September 30, 2025**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:

- a. **First Presbyterian Church of Greene County of Bloomfield and the Rev. Hana Elliott** serving as stated supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
09/03/2025 to 09/02/2026	Part time – approx. 30hr/wk	\$17,588	\$25,000	Vch. IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	5 weeks incl. 5 Sundays	\$2,000	Yes

- b. **Salem Presbyterian Church of Salem and Elder Richard Clark** serving as commissioned pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
09/01/2025 to 08/31/2026	Part time – approx. 10hr/wk	\$6,039.50	\$6,039.50	Vch. IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$300	No

At the **November 4, 2025**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:

- a. **Rehoboth Presbyterian Church of Laconia and the Rev. Bob Brill** serving as stated supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
10/19/2025 to 10/19/2026	Part time – approx. 10hr/wk	\$12,000	N/A	Vch. IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	N/A	No

- 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
01/01/2026 to 12/31/2026	Part time – approx. 10hr/wk	N/A	\$13,076	Vch. IRS rate – est. \$5,500	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	No

By e-vote on **November 10, 2025**, the Committee on Ministry took the following action:

1. Approved **the Rev. Mike Riggins'** request to be designated by the Presbytery as Retired as of November 20, 2025

FOR ACTION

1. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley grant the status of Retired to the Rev. Mike Riggins, effective November 20, 2025

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Rev. Deborah Fortel, Moderator

*denotes second term

Part One: Service to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley

Presbytery Moderator: Elder Rob Henson (First, Evansville)

Presbytery Vice Moderator: Rev. Cheri Harper

Presbytery Council At-Large Members:

Class of 2028: Rev. Deborah Fortel

Board of Trustees:

President: Elder William Henderson (First, Mt. Vernon)

Class of 2028: Rev. Roger Veliquette

Committee on Ministry:

Co-Moderators: Elder Alan Harder

Rev. Cindy Cushman

Class of 2028: Rev. Heather Thiessen *

Rev. Richard Safford

Elder Alan Harder (Central, Terre Haute)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

Moderator: Rev. Sue Trigger

Class of 2027: Rev. Sue Trigger

Class of 2028: Elder Harold Medsker (First, Sullivan)

Rev. Tyler Brinks

Mission and Witness Resource Committee:

Moderator: Elder Beth Snyder (First, Jeffersonville)

Class of 2028: Rev. Dawn Black *

Rev. James Blankenbaker *

Stewardship Committee:

Moderator: Elder Janet Huber Lowry (Hanover)

Class of 2028: Rev. Jerusha Van Camp *

Permanent Judicial Commission:

Class of 2026: All 2026 members are a realignment of class

Rev. Catherine Knott

Elder Kay Williams (Hanover)

Rev. Don Summerfield

Class of 2028: Elder Janet Lowe (First, Martinsville)

Class of 2030: Rev. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick

Part Two: Service to the Larger Church

Commissioner to the 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Minister Principal: Rev. Cindy Cushman

Elder Principal: Elder Janet Huber Lowry (Hanover)

YAAD Principal: Lynne Thissen (First, Evansville)

Minister Alternate: Rev. Richard Safford

Elder Alternate: Elder David Holt (First, Greene County)

Commissioner to the Synod of Lincoln Trails Class of 2027

Minister Principal: Rev. Jerusha Van Camp

Commissioner to the Synod of Lincoln Trails Class of 2028

Elder Principal: Elder David Holt (First, Greene County)

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

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

Report of the Stated Clerk Nominating Committee

The Rev. David Crittenden, Moderator

The committee to conduct the search for the next Stated Clerk was elected by the August 23rd Assembly. Its members are:

Rev. David Crittenden (Former Stated Clerk and President of the Board of Trustees)
Rev. Wendy VanderZee (Moderator of the Presbytery)
Rev. Deborah Fortel (Moderator of the Presbytery Nominating Committee)
Ruling Elder William Henderson (Representative from the Committee on Ministry)
Ruling Elder Karen Walker (At-large Member of the Presbytery Council)
Rev. Susan McGhee, Advisory Member (without vote)

The committee is pleased to present the **Rev. Dr. Scott D. Seay** as its nominee for Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, effective January 1, 2026.

Scott has been pastor of the Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship in Nashville, Indiana, for the past eighteen years. In that role he has preached weekly, moderated Session, offered pastoral care, and taught two Bible studies each week. Further, he has served on the faculty of Christian Theological Seminary for twenty-one years and currently occupies the William G. Irwin Chair in Church History. In this role, he regularly offers courses in Reformed history, theology, polity, and worship and sacraments. He is co-director of the Doctor of Ministry degree program at CTS and also leads a team of five professionals as Director of Library and Information Services.

After more than twenty years of ministry with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in 2023 he met all requirements to become a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He earned a BA at Wabash Colleges, an MA in New Testament and early Christian literature from the University of Chicago Divinity School, an MDiv from Christian Theological Seminary, and an MA and PhD in history from Vanderbilt University. Most recently, he completed an MS in Library and Information Science at Indiana University, specializing in archives and special collections management. He lives in Greenwood, where he shares his home with his Shetland Sheepdog, Mr. Holmes, and his Chihuahua, Miss Roni.

The committee makes the following recommendations to the November 20th Assembly:

1. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley elect the Rev. Dr. Scott D. Seay to the position of Stated Clerk, effective January 1, 2026, for a term of three years, to fulfill the duties as outlined in the position description as approved by the Presbytery Council, with financial terms set per the 2026 Presbytery budget.
2. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley designate the Rev. Dr. Scott D. Seay as Stated Clerk Elect, effective December 1, 2025, and that compensation for his work as Stated Clerk Elect will be contracted at an hourly rate in consultation with the Personnel Committee.

2025 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 23	Presbytery of Ohio Valley Staff	December 14	POV Validated Ministries
November 30	Hanover College	December 21	All serving in the military
December 7	Agencies of the PC(USA)	December 28	Peace on Earth

The 2026 Prayer Partners Calendar will be published and posted December 15, 2025.