

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Docket for Assembly: February 28, 2026
Zoom Video Conference
Elder Rob Henson, Moderator
The Rev. Cheri Harper, Vice Moderator
The Rev. Dr. Scott Seay, Stated Clerk
10:00am ET/9:00am CT

Declaration of Quorum

Call to Order: Rob Henson

Morning Prayer

Introductory Business

 Welcome

 Technology Review: Rhonda Seymour

 Introduction of New Members: Scott Seay

 Seating of Corresponding Members: Scott Seay

 Consent Agenda

 Minutes of 11.20.2025; Assembly; Docket; Treasurer's Report

Report of the Stated Clerk: Scott Seay

Report of the Presbytery Council: Susan McGhee

 Nominations to the Presbytery Nominating Committee

 Overview of Presbytery Standing Committees

 + Board of Trustees: Bill Henderson

 + Committee on Ministry: Cindy Cushman & Alan Harder

 + Committee on Preparation for Ministry: Sue Trigger

 + Mission and Witness Resource Committee: Beth Snyder

 + Nominating Committee: Wendy VanderZee

 + Personnel Committee: David Crittenden

 + Stewardship Committee: Janet Huber Lowry

Report of the Committee on Ministry

Greetings from Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center: Mike Davis

Greetings from the Presbyterian Historical Society: David Staniunas, Records Archivist

Speak Out Session

New Business

Prayers of the Presbytery

 Memorial Moments for the Rev. Dr. Scott Solether and the Rev. Dr. Robert White

 Joys and Concerns

Adjournment with Closing Litany

Treasurer's Report

Jean Brown

Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.
Condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Actual vs Budget)
January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

	<u>Jan -Dec 2025</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>% of</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Revenue</u>			
Per Capita	\$ 216,766	\$ 237,765	91%
Shared Giving (Unified Mission)	61,081	85,000	72%
Contributions	4,714	17,500	27%
Unrestricted Invest Inc & Trans	17,000	17,000	100%
Restricted Invest Inc & Trans	75,000	75,000	100%
	<u>374,561</u>	<u>432,265</u>	87%
<u>Expense</u>			
Staff Expense	300,792	280,171	107%
Ecclesiastical Expense	75,416	76,532	99%
Meeting Expense	5,994	5,000	120%
Administration & Office Expense	50,504	42,000	120%
Program Expense	27,257	32,500	84%
Total Expense	<u>459,963</u>	<u>436,203</u>	105%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$ (85,402)</u>	<u>\$ (3,938)</u>	

Fund Balances

As of December 31, 2025

Church Legacy Funds	1,238,312
Monroe City Fund	571
Charlie Pye Fund for Excellence in Ministry	89,495
Restricted Funds (Specific Use)	32,860
Undesignated Net Assets	1,758,218
	<u>\$ 3,119,456</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

		Members	2025 Per Capita	Received as of 12/31/2025	% Paid
Bedford	First	87	4,785	4,785	100.0%
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	7,700	100.0%
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	8,525	100.0%
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	332	3.7%
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%

2025 Per Capita 55

		<u>Members</u>	<u>2025 Per Capita</u>	<u>Received as of 12/31/2025</u>	<u>% Paid</u>
Rockville	Memorial	10	550	550	100.0%
Salem	Salem	40	2,200	2,200	100.0%
Scipio	Scipio	18	990	990	100.0%
Scottsburg	First	36	1,980	1,980	100.0%
Seymour	First	103	5,665	5,665	100.0%
Spencer	Spencer	63	3,465	3,465	100.0%
Sullivan	First	52	2,860		0.0%
Terre Haute	Central	178	9,790	9,790	100.0%
Terre Haute	Unity	50	2,750	2,750	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	385	100.0%
Vincennes	Upper Indiana	57	3,135	3,135	100.0%
Washington	Westminster	53	2,915	2,915	100.0%
		4,323	\$ 237,875	\$ 210,742	88.6%

Shared Mission 2025

		<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Received as of December 31, 2025</u>			
			<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>POV</u>	<u>Total</u>
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		450	112	938	1,500
Columbus	Fairlawn		1,418	236	3,071	4,725
Columbus	First		15,845	1,641	21,332	38,818
Corydon	Corydon					0
Dale	Dale					0
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant					0
Evansville	Eastminster					0
Evansville	First		1,500	250	3,250	5,000
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

Shared Mission 2025

		<u>Received as of December 31, 2025</u>				
		<u>Pledged</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>POV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Henryville	Mount Lebanon					0
Jeffersonville	First		1,200	400	4,400	6,000
Laconia	Rehoboth		150	25	325	500
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		600	100	1,300	2,000
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		300	50	650	1,000
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		5,850	1,650	7,500	15,000
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		2,160	350	4,680	7,190
		0	34,908	6,072	61,569	102,549

Stated Clerk's Report

The Rev. Dr. Scott Seay

I. Constitutional Matters

Since the last stated meeting on November 20, 2025, the Stated Clerk has carried out routine duties under authority granted by G-3.03 of the *Book of Order* and by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley. **No constitutional irregularities** requiring Presbytery action are reported.

II. Records Review

A. Dissolved Congregations

The records of **two congregations** recently dissolved have been reviewed, culled, and sent to the Presbyterian Historical Society:

1. South Side Presbyterian Church – Founded: August 4, 1832. Dissolved: May 22, 2025.
2. Scipio Presbyterian Church – Founded: March 31, 1912. Dissolved: August 3, 2024.

B. Review of Session Records

Please return completed **Session Records Review** forms for 2025 to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley office to the attention of the Stated Clerk.

III. Ministerial and Membership Changes

The following **changes to the rolls** of presbytery are reported:

A. Teaching Elders

1. Received: None
2. Dismissed: Susan Moorefield to Transylvania Presbytery (October 2, 2025); Scott Hookey to Redstone Presbytery (November 22, 2025)
3. Status changes: None
4. Deaths: Rev. Dr. Scott Solether, HR (December 13, 2025); Rev. Dr. Robert White, HR (December 13, 2025)

B. Commissioned Pastors / Ruling Elders

1. Received: None
2. Dismissed: None
3. Status changes: None
4. Deaths: None

IV. Congregational and Pastoral Matters

A. Churches with Significant Anniversaries Upcoming

Church	Founded	Anniversary
Booneville, Hemenway Memorial	1 Jan 1866	160
Dale, Dale	8 May 1841	185
Evansville, First	1 Jan 1821	205
Henryville, Community	1 Apr 1961	65
Livonia, Livonia United	16 Feb 1816	210
Madison, Smyrna-Monroe	1 Jan 1941	85
Martinsville, First	23 Jul 1841	185
Patoka, Patoka	4 Jan 1871	155
Petersburg, Main Street	1 Jan 1821	205
Vincennes, Indiana	1 Jan 1806	220
Washington, Westminster	1 Jan 1811	215

B. Annual Reports

Instructions for completing the **required annual report** have been sent by U.S. mail to the clerks of session. The deadline for these reports is **March 31, 2026**.

C. *Per Capita*

Pursuant to G-3.0204a, Sessions are urged to **update the membership rolls** of their congregations by the end of every calendar year. *Per capita* payments are based on the number of active members reported, made effective in the *following* calendar year. (For example: an active membership of 44 reported by December 2025 for 2026 will be used to calculate *per capita* for 2027).

D. Unclaimed Property

Clerks of Session are urged to check to see whether their congregations have **unclaimed property** registered with the Attorney General of the State of Indiana. They can do so by visiting <https://www.indianaunclaimed.gov> and filing a claim to receive any such property.

E. Insurance

Sessions are reminded that the Presbytery of Ohio Valley should be listed as an **“additional insured”** on any property insurance issued to the congregation.

V. Judicial Matters

There are **no judicial cases** pending before the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.

VI. Reminders

A. Remaining Assembly Dates for 2026

1. May 21 (in-person, Pyoca)
2. August 22 (in-person)
3. November 19 (in-person or Zoom, TBD)

B. Contacting the Stated Clerk

You are warmly invited to contact the Stated Clerk with questions and concerns. Please do so by using the contact information in the signature line below or by scheduling a Zoom consultation through the Stated Clerk page on the Presbytery website:

<https://www.presbyteryov.org/clerk.htm>.

Rev. Dr. Scott D. Seay, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of Ohio Valley
(866) 344-7853, ext. 2 or (317) 701-0207 (cell)
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Report of the Presbytery Council

The Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator

For Presbytery's Information

The Presbytery Council met December 9, 2025, by videoconference:

1. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, appointed the following to serve as Session Moderators:
Unity, Terre Haute: John VanderZee
Central, Terre Haute: John VanderZee
Westminster, Washington: Jerusha Van Camp
United, Clinton: Tim Jessen
Memorial, Rockville: Tim Jessen
First, Montezuma: Tim Jessen
First, Sullivan: Susan McGhee
Dale: Mary Beth McCandless
2. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, authorized David Crittenden, Bill Henderson, Beth Snyder, and Susan McGhee to review and act on a restitution agreement with James Exline: First, Sullivan; and the Presbytery.
3. Agreed to recommend and compensate a consultant to assist the congregation of the Dale Presbyterian Church in a discernment process.

The Presbytery Council met January 13, 2026, by videoconference:

1. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, elected Ruling Elder Joe Kimmel to serve as a member of the Committee on Ministry.
2. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, authorized the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Stated Clerk and Moderator of Special Administrative Review Committee to oversee execution of the restitution agreement with James Exline.
3. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, approved a request from Salem Presbyterian Church for an exemption to G-2.0404, which limits the service of a ruling elder or deacon to six consecutive years, pending request of the congregation.

The Presbytery Council conducted an electronic vote February 2, 2026

1. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, approved a request from Nabb Presbyterian Church an exemption from G-2.0404, which limits the service of a Ruling Elder or Deacon to six consecutive years, pending the request of the congregation.

The Presbytery Council met February 10, 2026, by videoconference:

1. Agreed to nominate the following persons at the February 28 Assembly to serve on the Presbytery

Nominating Committee:

Class of 2027: Elder Gwen Moore (1st Montezuma)

Class of 2028: Rev. Grace Oh Howard

Elder Joe Kimmel (1st Paoli)

Rev. Wendy VanderZee – Moderator

2. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, appointed Susan McGhee as Moderator of Session for United, Bloomington, effective March 1, 2026.
3. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, appointed Mary Beth McCandless as Moderator of Session for Main Street, Petersburg, effective March 28, 2026.

For Presbytery Action

1. That the following persons be elected to serve on the Presbytery Nominating Committee:

Class of 2027: Elder Gwen Moore (First, Montezuma)
Elder Joe Kimmel (First, Paoli)

Class of 2028: Rev. Grace Oh-Howard
Rev. Wendy VanderZee – Moderator

Committee on Ministry Report

The Rev. Cindy Cushman and Elder Alan Harder, Co-Moderators

FOR INFORMATION

At the **December 9, 2025**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:

a. **Community Presbyterian Church of Leavenworth and Elder Steve Inman** serving as commissioned pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
08/24/2025 to 08/23/2026	Part time – approx. 10-15hr/wk	\$12,804	N/A	Vch. IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	No

b. **First Presbyterian Church of Bedford and the Rev. Timm High** serving as transitional pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2026 to 12/31/2026	Full time	\$59,000	\$*	Vch. IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$2,000	Yes

*Included in salary

c. **Hemenway Memorial Presbyterian Church of Boonville and Dr. Ronald Ross** serving as extended pulpit supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
12/01/2025 to 11/30/2026	26 Sundays per year	\$160 per Sunday	N/A	Vch. IRS rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	No

d. **Hemenway Memorial Presbyterian Church of Boonville and Lewis Flanagan** serving as extended pulpit supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
12/01/2025 to 11/30/2026	26 Sundays per year	\$160 per Sunday	N/A	Vch. IRS rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	No

At the **January 13, 2026**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:

a. **Mitchell Presbyterian Church of Mitchell and Byron Buker** serving as extended pulpit supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2026 to 12/31/2026	Every week as available	\$200/week	N/A	Vch. IRS rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	No

b. **Main Street Presbyterian Church of Petersburg and Elder Rob Henson** serving as commissioned pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2026 to 12/31/2026	Full time	\$48,503.88	\$30,000	Vch. IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$2,100	Yes

At the **February 10, 2026**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Confirmed the following E-vote taken since the last meeting:

a. **Central Presbyterian Church of Terre Haute and the Rev. Mark McDaniel** serving as stated supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
02/01/2026 to 01/31/2027	Part time – approx. 18hr/wk	\$21,600	\$14,400	Vch. IRS rate – est. \$3,000	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,500*	Yes

*Includes professional expenses

2. Approved the following pastoral agreement:

a. **First Presbyterian Church of Fort Branch and the Rev. Corey Atkins** 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. 20hr/wk	\$34,000	\$*	Vch. IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$600	No

*Included in salary

2026 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.

January 4	POV Committees	July 5	Church of the Covenant, Elizabeth
January 11	First, Bedford	July 12	Eastminster, Evansville
January 18	Mitchell	July 19	First, Evansville
January 25	First, Greene County (Bloomfield)	July 26	First Avenue, Evansville
February 1	First, Bloomington	August 2	College & Young Adult Sunday
February 8	Souper Bowl of Caring (Hunger)	August 9	Community, Henryville *
February 15	Korean, Bloomington	August 16	Mt. Lebanon, Henryville *
February 22	Commissioners to POV Assembly	August 23	Nabb *
March 1	United, Bloomington	August 30	First, Farmersburg
March 8	Presbyterian Women in the POV	September 6	First, Fort Branch
March 15	Hemenway Memorial, Boonville	September 13	Disaster Assistance
March 22	First, Brazil	September 20	Greencastle
March 29	Brownstown	September 27	Retired Ministers living in POV
April 5	(Easter) Your own congregation	October 4	Hanover
April 12	United, Cayuga	October 11	First, Jeffersonville
April 19	Valley City, Central	October 18	Rehobeth, Laconia
April 26	Community, Charlestown	October 25	United, Laconia
May 3	Fairlawn, Columbus	November 1	Community, Leavenworth
May 10	First, Columbus	November 8	Presbytery of Ohio Valley Staff
May 17	Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center	November 15	Lexington
May 24	Corydon	November 22	Livonia
May 31	Center for Congregations	November 29	Madison
June 7	Dale	December 6	Hanover College
June 14	Churches Searching for Pastoral Leadership	December 13	POV Chaplains and others in Specialized Ministries
June 21	Commissioners to PC(USA) General Assembly, Milwaukee, Wisconsin	December 20	4 th Advent (Christmas anticipated)
June 28	PCUSA 227 th General Assembly	December 27	Peace on Earth

* Southern Hills Parish