The Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Minutes of Assembly: August 22, 2026 - UNAPPROVED
Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center
Elder Rob Henson, Moderator
The Rev. Cheri Harper, Vice Moderator
The Rev. Dr. Scott Seay, Stated Clerk
10:00am ET/9:00am CT

Call to Order
The Moderator, Elder Rob Henson, called the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley to order with prayer at 10:02 am EDT. The Stated Clerk, the Rev. Dr. Scott Seay, 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**
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	(E)	Member-at-Large
Black, Dawn	(P)	Hanover, Hanover
Blankenbeker, James	(A)	Brownstown, First
Bradney, Ryan	(A)	Jeffersonville, First
Brill, Bob	(A)	Central, Valley City/Laconia, Rehoboth
Brinks, Tyler	(A)	Bloomington, First
Casal, Jose Luis	(E)	Honorably Retired
Clark, Andrew	(A)	Member-at-Large
Colwell, Allen	(A)	New Albany, St John United
Cover, Jeff	(E)	Honorably Retired
Cramer, James	(E)	Honorably Retired
Crittenden, David	(E)	Honorably Retired
Cushman, Cindy	(P)	Corydon, Corydon
Davis, Thomas	(E)	Member-at-Large
Elliott, Hana	(P)	Bloomfield, First
Erickson, Eric	(E)	Honorably Retired
Erickson, John	(P)	Martinsville, First
Erickson, Norie	(E)	Honorably Retired
Flucke, Aaron	(A)	Lexington, Lexington
Fortel, Deborah	(E)	Honorably Retired
Fox, Kathleen	(E)	Honorably Retired

Ministers		Church
FrizLanger, Martha	(E)	Honorably Retired
Frost, Randall	(E)	Honorably Retired
Grimm, Tommy	(E)	Bloomington, First
Harmon, Frank	(E)	Vincennes, Indiana
Harper, Cheri	(P)	GA/Presbyterian Women
Haw, Ann	(E)	Honorably Retired
High, Timm	(P)	Bedford, First
Hong, Sung Soo	(E)	Terre Haute, Unity
Howard, Jeffrey	(E)	Honorably Retired
Hudson, Jay	(E)	Honorably Retired
Hudson, Jill	(E)	Honorably Retired
Hueftle, Keith	(E)	Honorably Retired
Jensen, Mary	(A)	Bloomington, IU Health Bloomington Hospice
Jessen, Timothy	(E)	Retired
Keeney, William	(E)	Honorably Retired
Kendall, Wes	(A)	Greencastle, Greencastle
King, Rick	(E)	Honorably Retired
Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth	(E)	Columbus, Fairlawn
Knight, Jo Ann	(E)	Member-at-Large
Knott, Catherine	(P)	Hanover, Hanover College
Langer, Larry	(P)	Retired
Lasher, Martha	(A)	Indiana National Guard
Lee, David	(E)	Honorably Retired
Lee, Sang Tae	(A)	Bloomington, Korean
Lowery, Janet	(E)	Honorably Retired
Martin, James	(A)	Charlestown, Community
Martinez, Felipe	(E)	Columbus, First
McCandless, MB	(E)	Evansville, First
McDaniel, Mark	(E)	Retired
McDonald Smith, Karen	(P)	Member-at-Large
McGhee, Susan	(P)	Presbytery of Ohio Valley
McGlasson, Paul	(E)	Member-at-Large
McKenney, Sarah	(A)	Bloomington, Stone Belt
McKune, John	(E)	Honorably Retired
Miller, Mark	(E)	Terre Haute, Central
Moore, Gregory	(E)	Member-at-Large
Oh-Howard, Jeongju Grace	(P)	Mount Vernon, First
O'Neill, Shane	(E)	Honorably Retired
Poole-Adams, Vicki	(A)	Member-at-Large
Porter, Mark	(P)	Honorably Retired
Riggins, Mike	(E)	Retired
Robinson, Mark	(E)	Honorably Retired
Roseland, Chris	(E)	Retired

Ministers		**Church**
Safford, Richard	(E)	Honorably Retired
Samsell, Sharon	(A)	Terre Haute, Indiana State University
Seay, Scott	(P)	Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Smith, Sammie	(E)	Evansville, Deaconess Hospital
Stokes, Donald	(E)	Retired
Summerfield, Don	(P)	Retired
Taylor, Veltri	(A)	Member-at-Large
Thiessen, Heather	(P)	
Tracy, Doug	(E)	Honorably Retired
Trigger, Sue	(P)	New Albany, Mount Tabor
Turner, Bob	(E)	Paoli, First
Van Camp, Jerusha	(P)	Evansville, First
VanderPloeg, Karen	(P)	Madison, Madison
VanderZee, John	(P)	Honorably Retired
VanderZee, Wendy	(P)	Honorably Retired
Veliquette, Roger	(E)	Member-at-Large
Walden-Fisher, Beth	(A)	Member-at-Large
Waters, Nancy	(P)	Honorably Retired
Watson, Daniel	(E)	Honorably Retired
Williams, Sharon	(A)	Member-at-Large
Wright, Eric	(A)	Louisville, Amedysis Hospice Agency

Temporary Members of Presbytery		**Church**
Lenz, Edie	(P)	
Reberger, Lee	(A)	Brazil, First

Ministers, Other Denomination		**Church**
Atkins, Corey	(A)	Fort Branch, First
Bower, David	(A)	Roachdale, Roachdale
Flanigan, Lewis	(A)	Boonville, Hemenway Memorial
McKnight, Eric	(A)	Princeton, Fairview
Morris, William	(A)	Patoka, Patoka
Ross, Ronald	(A)	Boonville, Hemenway Memorial
White, Pete	(A)	Vincennes, Upper Indiana

Commissioned Pastors		**Church**
Haddad, Alejandra	(A)	Bloomington, United
Inman, Steve	(A)	Leavenworth, Community
Strohe, Ron	(A)	Spencer, Spencer
Turner, John	(A)	Farmersburg, First

Church	Commissioner	
Bedford, First	Commissioner	(A)
Bloomfield, First	David Holt	(P)
Bloomington, First	Thomas Gardner	(P)
Bloomington, United	Stephanie Worden	(P)
Boonville, Hemenway Memorial	Commissioner	(A)
Brazil, First	Jim Rohe	(P)
Brownstown, First	Commissioner	(A)
Cayuga, Cayuga	Commissioner	(A)
Central, Valley City	Brenda Bliss	(A)
Charlestown, Community	Donna McCreary	(A)
Clinton, United	Jack Fenoglio	(P)
Columbus, Fairlawn	Tom Baugh	(E)
Columbus, First	Zack Ellison	(A)
Corydon, Corydon	Steve Miller	(P)
Dale, Dale	Ron Brummel	(A)
Elizabeth, Church of the Covenant	Richard Goodwin	(A)
Evansville, Eastminster	Commissioner	(A)
Evansville, First	Steve Wylie	(E)
Evansville, First Avenue	David Pfettscher	(A)
Farmersburg, First	James Sharpe	(A)
Fort Branch, First	Commissioner	(A)
Greencastle, Greencastle	Heidi Menzel	(A)
Hanover, Hanover	Janet Lowry	(P)
Henryville, Community	Janet Mullins	(E)
Henryville, Mount Lebanon	Marianna Dietrich	(A)
Jeffersonville, First	Sandy Riggle	(P)
Laconia, Rehoboth	Paula Hensley	(A)
Laconia, United	Paige Baker	(A)
Leavenworth, Community	Sharon Broughton	(A)
Lexington, Lexington	Lisa Conder	(A)
Livonia, Livonia United	Connie Benson	(A)
Madison, Jefferson	Commissioner	(A)
Madison, Madison	Terri Brunner	(P)
Madison, Smyrna-Monroe	Andrea Lichlyter	(A)
Martinsville, First	Susie Goldsboro	(P)
Mitchell, Mitchell	Janet Phillips	(A)
Montezuma, First	Gwendolyn Moore	(P)
Mount Vernon, First	Bill Henderson	(A)
Nabb, Nabb	Roberta Bastian	(A)
Nashville, Brown County Fellowship	Jane Gore	(A)
New Albany, Mount Tabor	Paul Todd	(P)
New Albany, St John United	Karen Goodwell	(A)
New Washington, Trinity United	Ruby Taflinger	(P)

Church	Commissioner	
North Vernon, Graham	Steve Graham	(A)
Paoli, First	Joan Myers	(A)
Patoka, Patoka	Mike White	(A)
Patoka, Union Bethel	Commissioner	(A)
Petersburg, Main Street	Commissioner	(A)
Princeton, Fairview	Herb McCoy	(A)
Princeton, Princeton	Bill Shoulders	(E)
Roachdale, Roachdale	Commissioner	(A)
Rockville, Memorial	Donna Paul	(A)
Salem, Salem	Wendell Brown	(P)
Scottsburg, First	Joyce Bekelheimer	(A)
Seymour, First	George Ernest	(E)
Spencer, Spencer	Commissioner	(A)
Sullivan, First	Craig Hanks	(P)
Terre Haute, Central	Alan Harder	(P)
Terre Haute, Unity	Karen Walker	(A)
Vernon, Vernon	Lou Malcomb	(A)
Vevay, Caledonia	Caren Griffith	(A)
Vincennes, Indiana	Alanna Charlton	(A)
Vincennes, Upper Indiana	Bob Slayton	(A)
Washington, Westminster	Jamie Petty	(A)

Elder Members
By Reason of Office

Brown, Jean	(E)
Ellison, Zack	(A)
Gore, Jane	(A)
Henderson, Bill	(P)
Henderson, Gayle	(P)
Henson, Rob	(P)
Holt, Alicia	(A)
Lowry, Janet	(P)
Snyder, Beth	(P)

Visitors

Jingshu (Cindy) Li	
Susie Russell	Nashville, Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship
Rose Miller	Corydon, Corydon Presbyterian
Trina Brown	Salem, Salem Presbyterian
Paul Fogg	Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center

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

There were no corresponding members that needed to be seated at this assembly.

The Assembly at Worship

Elder Rob Henson called the Assembly to Worship. Worship leaders were Rev. Jerusha Van Camp (pianist), Elder Rob Henson (liturgist), and Rev. Cindy Cushman (preacher).

Consent Agenda

Moved and seconded (Seay, Snyder) to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows. ***Carried unanimously***:

1. Minutes of the Assembly May 21, 2026 may be found at http://www.presbyteryov.org/assemblyminutes.htm
2. Docket:
    - Declaration of a Quorum
    - Call to Order
    - Opening Worship and Proclamation of the Word
        - The Rev. Cindy Cushman
        - Pastor, Corydon Presbyterian Church
        - Minister Commissioner to the 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
    - Introductory Business
        - Welcome
        - Greetings from the Host Site: Mr. Paul Fogg
        - Introductions of New Members and Guests
        - Seating of Corresponding Members
        - Consent Agenda
            - Clerk's Report (Appendix A); Minutes of May 21, 2026; Docket; Treasurer's Report (Appendix B)
    - Report of the Presbytery Council
    - 2027 Assembly Dates
    - Per capita recommendation for 2027
    - Report of the Committee on Ministry
    - Retirement of the Rev. Thomas Davis
    - Minimum Compensation Recommendation for 2027
    - Report of the Mission and Witness Resource Committee
    - Celebrating the Monroe City Grant
    - Introducing the new Community Ministry Grant
    - Report of the 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
        - Commissioners Janet Huber Lowry and Cindy Cushman
        - Opportunity for Questions & Answers
    - Lunch
    - Speak Out Session | Good News from the Pews!
    - Report of the Executive Presbyter
    - Greetings from Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center
    - New Business
    - Prayers of the Presbytery
    - Offering
    - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
    - Adjournment with Closing Litany

Greetings from Pyoca

Paul Fogg brought greetings to the Assembly on behalf of Pyoca Camp and Conference Center.

Report of the Presbytery Council

The Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator

For Presbytery's Information

A. The Presbytery Council met July 14, 2026, by videoconference:

1. Elected Rev. Cheri Harper to fill an unexpired term on the Presbytery Personnel Committee
2. Confirmed Guidelines for Assembly Speak-Out Sessions, clarifying that those who may "speak out" during this time are those who have privilege of voice (Minister Members, Commissioned Pastors, Elder Commissioners, other Ruling Elders who serve by virtue of office, and Corresponding Members).
3. Approved a recommendation from the Mission and Witness Resource Committee concerning criteria for the new Community Ministry Grant:
    a. The new Community Ministry Grant will be much like the Monroe City Grant
    b. The maximum grant will be $7,500 and no more than 50% of the total cost.
    c. The grant may be eligible for renewal for up to two years
        i. Year 2: up to 50% of original grant
        ii. Year 3: up to 25% of original grant
    d. There is no minimum grant request.
    e. Costs for personnel or construction are not ordinarily approved, but may be under certain circumstances.
4. Agreed to recommend that 2027 Assemblies be held Saturday, February 27; Thursday, May 20; Saturday, August 21; and Thursday, November 18

B. The Presbytery Council met August 11, 2026, by videoconference:

1. Agreed to recommend that the Presbytery set the 2027 Per Capita at $63.00.

For Presbytery Action:

1. That the following dates be set for 2027 Assemblies:

+ Saturday, February 27
+ Thursday, May 20
+ Saturday, August 21
+ Thursday, November 18

Moved and seconded (Harder, Snyder) to approve the dates for the 2027 Assemblies. ***Carried unanimously.***

2. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley set the 2027 per capita at $63.00.

Moved and seconded (Cushman, Harder) to set the 2027 per capita at $63.00. See Appendix C for more information. ***Carried unanimously.***

Committee on Ministry Report

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

For Information

At the **July 14, 2026**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:

    a. **First Avenue Presbyterian Church** of **Vincennes** and **Larry Sanders** serving as ecumenical supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
04/20/2026 to 12/31/2026	Part time – 16 hrs/wk	$19,396	N/A	Vch. IRS rate-est. $2,600	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	$400	No

    b. **First Presbyterian Church** of **Scottsburg** and **the Rev. Karen McDonald Smith** serving as stated supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
08/16/2026 to 08/15/2027	Part time –50% per quarter	$17,000	$13,000	Vch. IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 weeks incl. 4 Sundays	$1,500	Yes

At the **August 11, 2026**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:

    a. **Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship Church** of **Nashville** and **the Rev. Dr. Scott Seay** serving as stated supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
1/01/2026 to 12/31/2028	Part time – 20 hrs/wk	$30,180.80	N/A	Vch. IRS rate-est. $9,600	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	$1,200	No

    b. **Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship Church** of **Nashville** and **the Rev. Mac Bellnar** serving as assistant pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2026 to 12/31/2026	Part time – 10hrs/wk	$14,000	N/A	Vch. IRS rate-est. $1,000	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 weeks incl. 4 Sundays	$500	No

For Action

1. **Concerning Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Davis.** That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley designate the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Davis as retired, per G-2.0503c. Stated Clerk Scott Seay offered a summary of Rev. Davis's career in both the Church and the academy (See Appendix D). Following this moment of privilege, the presbytery ***voted unanimously*** to designate him as retired. Cindy Cushman and Alan Harder led the presbytery in responsive sentences from scripture, and blessing. These actions were taken *in abenstia* because Rev. Davis's health did not permit him to attend the Assembly.

2. **Concerning 2027 Minimum Compensation Standards.** That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley set the standards listed in Appendix E for 2027 minimum compensation for pastors and commissioned pastors (representing an increase of 3.25%). Included also are increased in honoraria for pulpit supply and for moderating session meetings. Following no discussion, the presbytery ***voted unanimously*** to approve the minimum compensation standards for 2027 as presented.

Mission and Witness Resource Committee Report

Elder Beth Snyder, Moderator

1. **Concerning the Monroe City Grant.** After offering a celebration of the Monroe City Grant, Elder Snyder led the Assembly in a litany of thanksgiving for the mission and ministry of this presbytery supported by the grant. See Appendix F.

2. **Concerning the New Community Ministry Grant.** Elder Snyder announced the formation of a new Community Ministry Grant, supported by $100,000 transferred from the presbytery's Legacy Funds and $26,140 from the presbytery's portion of the former Peace and Global Witness offering. This grant program offers up to $7,500 in the first year to support the mission and ministry of congregations and is partially renewable for two additional years. (See the report of the presbytery council above). The online application will be available on the presbytery website by September 1. Congregations are especially encouraged to support with these funds ministries of peacemaking and justice.

Report from the 227th General Assembly

The Rev. Cindy Cushman and Elder Janet Huber Lowry, Co-Moderators

During worship, Rev Cindy Cushman reflected on her experience at General Assembly in her sermon, "For the Healing of the Nations," based on the texts that guided the Assembly, Isaiah 55:10-13 and Revelation 22:1-5. Elder Janet Huber Lowry offered her personal reflections in a verbal report. These Commissioners, Executive Presbyter Susan McGhee, and Stated Clerk Scott Seay offered a written report of Assembly action included here as Appendix G. There was no discussion or questions from the floor.

Speak-Out Session

Members of the assembly shared news and announcements. Appendix H includes a list of upcoming Presbytery Prayer Partners.

Lunch

Members and friends of the assembly shared in a lunch provided by the staff of the Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center.

Report of the Executive Presbyter

The Rev. Susan McGhee

Rev. Susan McGhee offered a brief report of for work as Executive Presbyter since the last assembly meeting. She highlighted her continued work with mid-council leaders and expressed appreciation for the work of the presbytery's committees.

Greetings from Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center

Executive Director, Paul Fogg

Paul Fogg offered a brief report of the work of Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center. He highlighted the successes of this summer's camp programs and updated the assembly on several renovation projects on the main building, the chapel, and housing. He stressed the opportunities for clergy and other church leaders to make use of the facilities for retreats, meetings, and other activities of mission and ministry.

New Business

Stated Clerk Scott Seay confirmed that there was no new business before the presbytery.

Prayers and Offering

The Rev. Susan McGhee led the presbytery in prayer for its concerns and joys. Following prayer, she led in receiving the offering.

Adjournment with Closing Litany

Moderator Rob Henson adjourned the meeting at 2:16 pm following the responsive closing sentences.

The next Assembly of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley will be Thursday, November 19, 2026, by Zoom video conference.

Respectfully Submitted,



The Rev. Dr. Scott Seay, Stated Clerk

Appendix A

Stated Clerk's Report

The Rev. Dr. Scott Seay

I. Constitutional Matters

Since the last stated meeting on May 21, 2026, 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

Additional records of **one dissolved congregation** have been reviewed and sent to the Presbyterian Historical Society: Bethany Presbyterian Church, Spencer, Indiana – Founded: March 20, 1820. Dissolved: December 15, 2021.

B. Review of Session Records

If you have not already done so, 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: Sung Soo Hong by ordination on May 22, 2026
2. Dismissed: Cheryl Montgomery to Presbytery of Florida on July 14, 2026
3. Status changes: Thomas Davis by reinstatement on August 11, 2026
4. Deaths: None Reported

B. Commissioned Pastors / Ruling Elders

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

IV. Congregational and Pastoral Matters

A. Churches with Significant Anniversaries Upcoming

Church	Founded	Anniversary
Boonville, Hemenway Memorial	01 Jan 1866	160
Dale, Dale	08 May 1841	185
Evansville, First	01 Jan 1821	205
Henryville, Community	01 Apr 1961	65
Livonia, Livonia United	16 Feb 1816	210
Madison, Smyrna-Monroe	01 Jan 1941	85
Martinsville, First	23 Jul 1841	185
Patoka, Patoka	04 Jan 1871	155
Petersburg, Main Street	01 Jan 1821	205
Vincennes, Indiana	01 Jan 1806	220
Washington, Westminster	01 Jan 1811	215

V. Judicial Matters

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

VI. Reminders

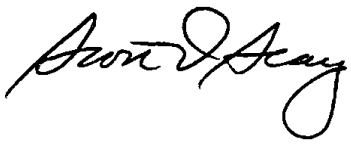
A. Remaining Assembly Dates for 2026

1. November 19 (by Zoom)

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.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Dr. Scott D. Seay, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of Ohio Valley
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Appendix B

Treasurer's Report

Jean Brown

Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.
Condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Actual vs Budget)
January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026

	Jan -June 2026 Actual	Annual Budget	% of Budget
Revenue			
Per Capita	$ 159,552	$ 253,638	63%
Shared Giving (Unified Mission)	52,251	85,000	61%
Contributions	1,991	17,750	11%
Unrestricted Invest Inc & Trans	8,500	17,000	50%
Restricted Invest Inc & Trans	37,500	75,000	50%
	259,794	448,388	58%
Expense			
Staff Expense	149,087	296,660	50%
Ecclesiastical Expense	33,663	77,011	44%
Meeting Expense	812	5,000	16%
Administration & Office Expense	25,946	42,000	62%
Program Expense	12,192	31,750	38%
Total Expense	221,700	452,421	49%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	$ 38,094	$ (4,033)	

Fund Balances	
As of June 30, 2026	
Church Legacy Funds	934,229
Monroe City Fund	571
Restricted Funds (Specific Use)	32,860
Undesignated Net Assets	2,027,840
	$ 2,995,500

Charlie Pye Fund for Excellence in Ministry	$ 88,461
Supporting Hoosier Churches Grant	$ 343,114

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

2026 Per Capita	61				
		Members	2026 Per Capita	Received as of 8/6/2026	% Paid
Bedford	First	83	5,063	3,085	60.9%
Bloomfield	First	48	2,928	2,928	100.0%
Bloomington	First	326	19,886	9,943	50.0%
Bloomington	United	46	2,806		0.0%
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial	70	4,270	4,270	100.0%
Brazil	First	140	8,540	4,270	50.0%
Brownstown	Brownstown	39	2,379	2,379	100.0%
Canaan	Jefferson	6	366		0.0%
Cayuga	Cayuga	19	1,159	1,159	100.0%
Central	Valley City	14	854	854	100.0%
Charlestown	Community	18	1,098		0.0%
Clinton	United	16	976	976	100.0%
Columbus	Fairlawn	77	4,697	4,697	100.0%
Columbus	First	433	26,413	26,413	100.0%
Corydon	Corydon	68	4,148	4,148	100.0%
Dale	Dale	35	2,135	2,135	100.0%
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant	28	1,708	1,708	100.0%
Evansville	Eastminster	232	14,152	7,076	50.0%
Evansville	First	274	16,714	9,750	58.3%
Evansville	First Avenue	32	1,952		0.0%
Farmersburg	First	9	549	549	100.0%
Fort Branch	First	53	3,233		0.0%
Greencastle	Greencastle	105	6,405	6,405	100.0%
Hanover	Hanover	43	2,623	2,623	100.0%
Henryville	Community	24	1,464	1,464	100.0%
Henryville	Mount Lebanon	19	1,159	1,159	100.0%
Jeffersonville	First	150	9,150	4,575	50.0%
Laconia	Rehoboth	47	2,867	2,867	100.0%
Laconia	United	13	793	793	100.0%
Leavenworth	Community	40	2,440		0.0%
Lexington	Lexington	68	4,148	4,148	100.0%
Livonia	United	30	1,830	1,830	100.0%
Madison	Madison	135	8,235		0.0%
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe	5	305		0.0%
Martinsville	First	63	3,843	3,843	100.0%
Mitchell	Mitchell	43	2,623		0.0%
Montezuma	First	12	732	732	100.0%
Mount Vernon	First	48	2,928	2,928	100.0%
Nabb	Nabb	11	671	671	100.0%
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship	38	2,318	2,318	100.0%
New Albany	Mount Tabor	73	4,453	4,453	100.0%
New Albany	St. John United	93	5,673		0.0%
New Washington	Trinity United	15	915	532	58.1%
North Vernon	Graham	19	1,159	1,159	100.0%
Paoli	First	46	2,806	1,155	41.2%
Patoka	Patoka	28	1,708	1,708	100.0%
Patoka	Union Bethel	10	610	610	100.0%

2026 Per Capita	61				
		Members	2026 Per Capita	Received as of 8/6/2026	% Paid
Petersburg	Main Street	47	2,867	2,867	100.0%
Princeton	Fairview	45	2,745	2,745	100.0%
Princeton	Princeton	63	3,843		0.0%
Roachdale	Roachdale	27	1,647		0.0%
Rockville	Memorial	9	549		0.0%
Salem	Salem	37	2,257	751	33.3%
Scipio	Scipio	18	1,098	1,098	100.0%
Scottsburg	First	33	2,013	2,196	109.1%
Seymour	First	103	6,283	6,283	100.0%
Spencer	Spencer	70	4,270	4,270	100.0%
Sullivan	First	41	2,501		0.0%
Terre Haute	Central	170	10,370	10,370	100.0%
Terre Haute	Unity	52	3,172	2,989	94.2%
Vernon	Vernon	7	427		0.0%
Vevay	Caledonia	4	244		0.0%
Vincennes	Indiana	95	5,795	3,000	51.8%
Vincennes	Upper Indiana	57	3,477	3,477	100.0%
Washington	Westminster	53	3,233	2,217	68.6%
		4,175	$ 254,675	$ 174,575	68.5%

Shared Mission 2026

			Received as of August 6, 2026			
		Pledged	GA	Synod	POV	Total
Bedford	First					0
Bloomfield	First		210	35	455	700
Bloomington	First				1,800	1,800
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		250	56	469	775
Columbus	Fairlawn		960	160	2,080	3,200
Columbus	First		9,243	957	12,443	22,644
Corydon	Corydon					0
Dale	Dale					0
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant					0
Evansville	Eastminster					0
Evansville	First		563	94	1,219	1,875
Evansville	First Avenue					0
Farmersburg	First					0
Fort Branch	First					0

Shared Mission 2026

			Received as of August 6, 2026			
		Pledged	GA	Synod	POV	Total
Greencastle	Greencastle					0
Hanover	Hanover					0
Henryville	Community					0
Henryville	Mount Lebanon					0
Jeffersonville	First		600	200	2,200	3,000
Laconia	Rehoboth		150	25	325	500
Laconia	United					0
Leavenworth	Community					0
Lexington	Lexington					0
Livonia	United		1,413	399	1,812	3,623
Madison	Madison		150	25	325	500
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe					0
Martinsville	First					0
Mitchell	Mitchell					0
Montezuma	First		300	50	650	1,000
Mount Vernon	First					0
Nabb	Nabb					0
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship					0
New Albany	Mount Tabor					0
New Albany	St. John United					0
New Washington	Trinity United					0
North Vernon	Graham					0
Paoli	First					0
Patoka	Patoka					0
Patoka	Union Bethel					0
Petersburg	Main Street					0
Princeton	Fairview					0
Princeton	Princeton					0
Roachdale	Roachdale					0
Rockville	Memorial		165	28	358	550
Salem	Salem					0
Scipio	Scipio				25,000	25,000
Scottsburg	First		150	75	1,125	1,350
Seymour	First					0
Spencer	Spencer					0
Sullivan	First					0
Terre Haute	Central		3,413	963	4,375	8,750
Terre Haute	Unity					0
Vernon	Vernon					0
Vevay	Caledonia					0
Vincennes	Indiana					0
Vincennes	Upper Indiana					0
Washington	Westminster		1,080	180	2,340	3,600
		0	18,646	3,245	56,975	78,867

Appendix C
2027 Recommended Per Capita: $63.00

Background: Presbyterians have a form of government built upon shared authority and mutual accountability as we seek together to find and represent the mind of Christ. Per Capita dollars provide the primary means for elected members to gather at Presbytery assemblies, Synod assemblies, and the biennial General Assembly. In addition, Per Capita funds the constitutionally required functions of each body.

The following items comprise the presbytery's "per capita budget":

Stated Clerk	100% of cost
Treasurer	100% of cost
Ecclesial Expenses	100% of cost
Insurance	
Outside Accounting	
General Assembly Expense	
Moderator's Expense	
Assembly Expenses	
Presbytery Council	
Committee on Ministry	
Committee on Preparation for Ministry	
General Assembly per capita ($13.04 - an increase of $1.78)	
Synod of Lincoln Trails per capita ($3.81 – no increase reported as of yet)	
Commissions	
Office & Admin Expenses	25% of cost
Admin Associates	40% of cost
Executive Presbyter	50% of cost
Estimated 2027 per capita budget	$263,535.00

A per capita of $63.00 will result in a gap of $11,220. Factors that contribute to this gap include: an increase in expenses, a decrease in membership (usually from churches reviewing their rolls), and congregations that do not pay their per capita in full or in part (in 2025, eleven churches fell into this category).

The Presbytery Council has chosen not to recommend a per capita amount that would close this gap. Rather, we have made a commitment to explore other funding models and consider ways to strengthen stewardship efforts across the presbytery, which is part of what our recent Lilly grant is intended to help us address.

We bring this recommendation to the Assembly for its consideration, and encourage good conversation about money and funding, and are grateful for Presbytery's consideration.

Appendix D
Honoring Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Davis

On the occasion of his retirement from service in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, we give thanks to God for the faithful ministry of the Rev. Thomas J. Davis, ordained on August 15, 1982 as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Throughout his distinguished career, Tom has brought together scholarship, faith, and service to the church. He has served as Professor of Religious Studies and Professor of Philanthropic Studies at the Indiana University School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI in Indianapolis. Since 1989, he has also served as Managing Editor of Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation, contributing to the ongoing study and understanding of religion in American life. He retired fully from his academic career in 2018.

A prolific writer, Tom has shared his gifts with both academic and general audiences. His work includes *By the Waters of Babylon: One Family's Faith-Journey through Illness* and *God in My Grief: The Music of Grace When Loss Lives On*, as well as significant scholarly works on John Calvin, Reformed theology, and the Eucharist. He has also edited and contributed to important volumes exploring Calvin's American legacy and the relationship between religion and philanthropy. Through books, articles, chapters, reviews, and other writings, he has helped readers and students engage more deeply with faith and its place in the world.

As the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, however, we give particular thanks for Tom's faithful service as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Through his work in interim ministry and pulpit supply, he has generously shared his gifts with congregations in times of transition and need. He has proclaimed the Word, offered pastoral leadership, and helped congregations discern God's presence and direction for their future. He last served as Stated Supply at the Roachdale Presbyterian Church, stepping down for reasons of health in 2015. Despite serving many other places and now living outside our bounds, Tom has asked specifically to be retired in this presbytery.

Tom's first time celebrating the Lord's Supper was certainly one to remember. His field supervisor, the renowned preacher and liturgist David Buttrick, served alongside him. In the middle of the service, the sleeve of Buttrick's robe somehow caught fire. The young seminarian sprang into action. The resource at hand was a copy of Buttrick's own book of liturgies, which Tom used to beat out the flames. He quite literally beat his supervisor with his own liturgical wisdom. The fire was extinguished, and Buttrick continued as if nothing had happened. Those who were there said that David Buttrick was truly "on fire" that Sunday.

As Tom retires, we celebrate a ministry of intellectual depth, theological faithfulness, pastoral generosity, and a deep commitment to the church. We give thanks for all that he has shared with the congregations and people of this presbytery, and we offer our gratitude, prayers, and blessings as he enters this new season of life and ministry.

Appendix E

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO VALLEY
2027 MINIMUM ANNUAL COMPENSATION STANDARDS
Recommended by COM—August 11, 2026
Approved by Assembly—

2027 Standards	Without Manse: Cash Salary—includes Housing Allocation[1]	With Manse: Cash Salary & Manse Value at 30%[2]
Salary For Ordained Ministers	**$60,387**	**$46,451 & $13,936**
Salary For Commissioned Pastors (75%)	**$45,290**	**$34,839 & $10,451**

[1] Housing allowance must be determined in advance and the amount shown in the terms of call or other contract and recorded in the minutes of session or congregation.
[2]To calculate Cash Salary portion of a 30% Manse Value, divide Total Cash Salary including Manse amount (above example for ordained clergy being $60,387) by 1.3 to get the Cash Salary portion.

In addition, congregations are encouraged to add a SECA (self-employment tax) offset of 7.65% of total effective salary.

PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES
The following amounts will be made available to the minister, for reimbursement of professional expenses through the presentation of vouchers.

- Vouchered Auto Mileage – Reimbursed at current IRS rate (Note: As of July 1, 2026, value is **76.0 cents/mi**)
- Continuing Education (cumulative over 3 years to sum of annual amounts): **$1200** (ordained clergy and commissioned pastors); however, it is strongly recommended that up to **$2,000** be offered to cover 2 weeks of tuition, room and board, travel

VACATION, LEAVE, HOLIDAYS Accruals per year

- Vacation — **One month including 4 Sundays**
- Sick — **10 days** (cumulative up to 120 days; lost at end of employment)
- Study Leave — **Two weeks including 2 Sundays** (cumulative to 6 weeks over 3 years)
- Holidays — **New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and two personal holidays**

BOARD OF PENSIONS (BOP) BENEFIT PLAN
Employing organizations will pay regularly in advance to the board responsible for benefits a sum equal to that requisite percent of effective salary (salary + housing or 30+% of salary, utilities, and any deferred compensation) which may be fixed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) including pension, medical coverage, and death and disability benefits. For pastors working over 20 hours per week, who are not members of the Board of Pensions, a comparable amount will be paid to their denomination's plan or other mutually-agreed-upon retirement program.

The Board of Pensions has adopted a new benefits plan, beginning in 2025, that no longer requires congregations served by installed pastors to cover health insurance for spouses and children. A more flexible plan is being offered that gives congregations the option to offer family coverage, although coverage may be more costly. For more information, visit the Board of Pensions website at: https://seasonofrebuilding.pensions.org/2025-plan-changes/dues-packages

Medical coverage for pastors and their families continues to be both a value and an expectation for congregations served by installed pastors, as well as those whose pastors are serving in non-installed positions for at least 20 hours a week. *Minimum pastoral compensation in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley includes health insurance*

coverage for pastors and families, to be paid by the congregation. Terms of call for installed pastors and pastoral agreements for temporary pastors will include a statement indicating how this coverage will be provided. Possibilities may include insurance provided by a spouse's employment or purchased through the market place.

It is not the intent of this policy to create a hardship for congregations or pastors. The Presbytery, working through its Committee on Ministry and Presbytery Staff, is committed to helping congregations and pastors navigate these changes.

OTHER MINIMIUM COMPENSATION

- Occasional pulpit supply – for approved *Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, Commissioned Pastors, Seminary Students, & Ruling Elders:*
  - Congregations of 100 members or more **$200 plus mileage**
  - Congregations under 100 members **$175 plus mileage**
  - Additional Services on same day **$ 50**
- Moderating a session or congregation by invitation: **$150 plus mileage**
- Wedding: **$150 plus mileage**
- Funeral **$125 plus mileage**

Appendix F
Celebration of the Monroe City Grant

Following the dissolution of the New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Monroe City, the Presbytery Council created the Monroe City Fund in 2013 with the remaining assets. The purpose of this fund has been to honor the legacy of this particular congregation by strengthening the mission and ministry of other congregations throughout the presbytery.

For the past thirteen years, Monroe City Funds supported a wide range of congregational and community ministries, making grants to food pantries and community meal programs, diaper ministries and baby fairs, daycare ministries, congregational mission and vitality initiatives, community gardens, addiction recovery programs, support groups, and improvements to facilities and equipment used for outreach.

During this time, 103 grants have been awarded, with a grand total of $355,759. Grants have ranged from relatively modest assistance for small projects to awards of $7,500 for larger ministry initiatives, allowing congregations both large and small to respond creatively to needs in their communities.

Included in this amount are eighteen emergency grants totaling $36,000 made during the COVID-19 pandemic, assisting congregations and ministries responding to food insecurity and other urgent community needs. Also included in this amount are the emergency food assistance grants awarded last fall. The Presbytery Council used Monroe City monies to offer up to $2,500 to any congregation who applied. Forty-six grants, totaling $112,000, were made to our congregations, helping to feed countless individuals and families throughout our presbytery's geographical bounds.

It was always the Council's intention to spend every penny of this fund. And 355,739 dollars later, we can now report that we have done so! We give thanks for the remarkable legacy of this congregation whose final gift has been transformed into more than a decade of faithful ministry, strengthening churches, serving neighbors, and bearing witness to Christ throughout the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.

Appendix G
Report on the 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
June 27–July 2, 2026

The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), meeting in Milwaukee under the theme "Persevering Toward Wholeness," combined worship, legislative action, public witness, and fellowship. The Scripture lesson that guided the Assembly in its work was "and the leaves of the tree shall be for the healing of the nations" (Revelation 22:2). Stated Clerk Jihyun Oh called commissioners to approach contentious issues—including Israel-Palestine, Christian nationalism, and denominational change—with prayerful discernment while preserving the spirit of mutual respect that characterized the previous Assembly.

Before the in-person Assembly convened in Milwaukee, commissioners met by Zoom videoconference from June 22–24 in eleven committees to consider and refine the business that would come before the full Assembly. Our presbytery was represented on two of these committees: the Rev. Cindy Cushman served on the Climate and Environmental Justice Committee, and Elder Janet Huber Lowry served on the General Assembly Operations Committee. These committees met over lunch in-person on the 26th before the Assembly business sessions began.

The Assembly opened with an expanded Community Day designed to build relationships among commissioners, advisory delegates, congregations, and ministry partners. Participants visited ministry exhibits, attended educational events, and joined a public "Healing Not Harm" march against gun violence through downtown Milwaukee. Organizers also highlighted multilingual accessibility through expanded Spanish and Korean interpretation and celebrated the completion of the denomination's four-year unification of the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency into Presbyterian Life & Witness. Rev. Felipe Martinez, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, served as co-moderator of the Unification Commission throughout this process.

Sunday offered opportunities for worship throughout Milwaukee-area congregations and public witness. Stories highlighted congregations welcoming visitors, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship events on war and peace, ministries to senior adults, and the continuing vitality of local churches. Historical reflections recalled Milwaukee's role in Presbyterian history, including the election of the first woman elder in 1930 at Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church and Lois Stair as the first woman GA moderator in 1971. The Assembly also responded to humanitarian needs by announcing Presbyterian Disaster Assistance relief efforts following devastating earthquakes in Venezuela. Technical problems during one evening plenary required commissioners to vote by show of hands rather than electronically, but business proceeded efficiently.

On Monday, Rev. CeCe Armstrong and Rev. Tony Larson, co-moderators, began skillfully and efficiently leading the Assembly through an unusually heavy docket of business that occupied the next four days. Commissioners approved an optional Church Leadership Connection feature allowing congregations to indicate openness to calling LGBTQIA+ pastors and authorized a broad new study of sexuality and family. They adopted measures strengthening the church's response to racism and white supremacy, approved support for gender-affirming health care, and received a report from the Stated Clerk on the restructuring and dissolution of Presbyterian World Mission. The Assembly also honored the Rev. J. Oscar McCloud, celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the Jinishian Memorial Program, encouraged Young Adult Advisory Delegates in their calling, and heard Robert P. Jones call church leaders to confront Christian nationalism with both urgency and hope.

Tuesday continued the Assembly's focus on worship and discernment. An ecumenical service led by the Rev. Dr. Kevin Vandiver, an ELCA pastor and faculty member at Virginia Theological Seminary, called Presbyterians to become agents of reconciliation in a divided world, while the biennial Women of Faith Breakfast honored Blanca Estrella Otaño-Rivera, Selma Jackson, and Adele Langworthy for lives of justice, compassion, and faithful service. Meanwhile, commissioners continued lengthy deliberations over the future of World Mission and other major policy matters. A video tribute honored Rev. Margaret Towner, who in 1956 became the first woman ordained in the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, one of the predecessor denominations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

By Wednesday, the Assembly had devoted extensive attention to the future of Presbyterian World Mission. Commissioners approved the creation of a seven-member commission to review the restructuring process and recommend improvements for governance and accountability. A report from the commission is due to the 229th General Assembly in 2030. The action reflected the Assembly's desire both to acknowledge the pain surrounding the restructuring and to provide an independent review before determining further steps. The necrology report honored Ministers of the Word and Sacrament who joined the Church Triumphant since the last Assembly, including a video tribute to Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly from 1996 to 2008, who eventually retired in the bounds of our presbytery.

The final day of the Assembly brought the church's major business to a close. Commissioners adopted a $90.5 million budget for 2027 and a $97.9 million budget for 2028, with additional appropriations approved for actions taken during the Assembly. They also voted to return to a fully in-person General Assembly in 2030, while directing Presbyterian Life & Witness to study future assembly formats and report recommendations in 2028. Significantly they overwhelmingly selected San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the site of the 228th General Assembly in 2028. Before concluding its work, the Assembly elected the Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero and the Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer as its new co-moderators on the first ballot, and they will serve through the end of the 228th General Assembly. Significantly, Rev. Sue Trigger, pastor of Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, New Albany, was elected to serve as co-moderator of the General Assembly's Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.

Throughout the week, recurring themes included worship as the foundation for governance, racial justice, reconciliation, Christian unity, public witness against violence, hospitality, and the conviction that faithful discernment requires both honest disagreement and a continuing commitment to remain one church.

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley will receive a report from our commissioners at the August 22 Assembly. An online educational session reviewing the major actions of the General Assembly will be offered in early 2027. Following that opportunity for study and discussion, the presbytery will consider and act on the Assembly's constitutional amendments and other items requiring presbytery approval at its February 2027 Assembly.

Rev. Susan McGhee, Executive Presbyter
Rev. Dr. Scott D. Seay, Stated Clerk
Rev. Cindy Cushman, Commissioner
Dr. Janet Huber Lowry, Commissioner

Appendix H

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.

August 23	Nabb *	November 1	Community, Leavenworth
August 30	First, Farmersburg	November 8	Presbytery of Ohio Valley Staff
September 6	First, Fort Branch	November 15	Lexington
September 13	Disaster Assistance	November 22	Livonia
September 20	Greencastle	November 29	Madison
September 27	Retired Ministers living in POV	December 6	Hanover College
October 4	Hanover	December 13	POV Chaplains and others in Specialized Ministries
October 11	First, Jeffersonville	December 20	4th Advent (Christmas anticipated)
October 18	Rehoboth, Laconia	December 27	Peace on Earth
October 25	United, Laconia		

** Southern Hills Parish*