

Friends Leaving for New Adventures

As you all know too well, the pandemic has dramatically changed our lives forever. But God has a plan that keeps moving forward, even if we are all locked down. Today, we want to thank four of our clergy friends whom God has called to new places and new adventures.

Garrett and Marena Vittorio-Schindler first came to PSV in October 2012. Together they have brought some of the Presbyterian churches in southern Delaware county as well as local United Methodist churches, into greater fellowship with God and each other. Garrett has been instrumental in helping to update the PSV web site and has served as Chair of the Nominating Committee. Marena has shared her considerable spiritual and musical talents with COM, her congregations, and with others in ministry. Now they are moving home to Indiana to be with family and friends and to discern God's future call.

Mark Piedmonte joined PSV in 2011 and has served the Gilbertsville-Garrettsville churches. He has served on the Nurture Commission and most recently on the CPM (now the CCLeF). Mark was instrumental in opening up learning possibilities among Gilbertsville senior citizens and has been very active with the Youth Triennium for 2013, 2016, and 2019, traveling with the SVP delegation and sharing his spiritual leadership, humor, and energy with youth and adult leaders alike. He and Aimee will be moving to the Maryland shore. We will miss his gentle leadership and love for God's people.

Parrish Bridges has been a member of PSV on two separate occasions, serving United Presbyterian in Owego for 11 years, returning in 2018 after a stint in San Diego, to shepherd Walton Presbyterian as their interim pastor. Parrish has served PSV in many ways over his 14 years with us and now moves on to West Virginia to a new call.

Please join the COM in wishing them all well as they move forward to new lives and new ministries. May God bless them in all that they do, and give them grace to bless those they will lead.

With love and hope,

The PSV Commission on Ministry

Numbers 6:24-26 May the LORD bless you and stand guard over you. May the LORD make his face shine upon you, and favor you among his children; may the LORD lift up his face to smile at you, and give you wholeness in your being. (Translation – Patty Wolff)

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A Calendar of Prayer for our Presbytery

- 6 Theological Seminaries
- 13 East Guilford United Patty Wolff, Pastor
- 20 Otego Doug Horne, Temporary Supply
- 27 Oneonta 1st Mark Montfort, Pastor

Prayers:

Please continue to pray for Rev. Bruce Gillette as he recovers from his bone marrow transplant. Here are his recent thoughts on his recovery:

õ(Recently) it has been 250 days since my transplant! My weekly lab work continues to be good. I am having one complication related to the transplant, which the medical team sees as a mild one on my way to recovery; we are hoping new medication should help with it. I am also hoping to be able to get all of my immunizations in the Fall (all of my childhood vaccinations were õlostõ during the transplant). Carolyn and I appreciate your prayers for my full recovery and her wonderful caregiving. I am grateful to be able to continue to work at FPUC during both my recovery and the pandemic. We welcome opportunities to pray for you, as we are very grateful for your praying for us. Please continue to let us know your joys and concerns for you and your family. Thank you!õ

Please contact Committee on Ministry co-chairs, Lisa Heckman and Bob Heinle if you have a pastoral care concern or need.

Other News:

Call Seeker Webinar Invitation

Hi there,

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Sep 23, 2020 02:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: CLC Webinar - Tips and Tools for navigating the sytem for Call Seekers

Register in advance for this webinar. Even if you are unable to attend, register, so you can receive the recording link the next week after the webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2L1BF6A3SZ2WE1QebK6E5Q

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Thank you for your work,

CLC Staff Support

To the Clerks of Session, Cabinet Elders, Committee Chairs, Commissioned Lay Pastors, and Minister Members of Presbytery:

The **September 19, 2020**, Assembly meeting of the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley will be conducted on-line utilizing Zoom Meeting (Meeting ID and Password will be listed on our Docket)

Registration will begin at 9:30 and we will have an Orientation to the meeting.

Business will begin at 10:00

In addition to each pastor and lay pastor attending, each church is expected to send a ruling elder commissioner to presbytery assembly. If the regular ruling elder delegate cannot attend, an alternate should go instead.

If unable to attend, please email requests for excused absence to: statedclerk@susvalpresby.org.

Approximately 10 days prior, the proposed Docket, reports and papers for the presbytery assembly meeting will begin to be posted on our website <http://www.susvalpresby.org/>.

You will need to have the presbytery user name and password and be logged in to be able to open these files. Once logged in, the papers can be accessed through www.susvalpresby.org/events-listing/assembly. Click the link for the Assembly meeting near the top of the page.

Chris Burger and Rebecca Kindig, Co-Stated Clerks

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Monday Evening Bible Study: Women in the New Testament

The public is invited to this Bible study on Women in the New Testament starting Monday, September 21, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Zoom. The first session was to start on September 14, but was delayed due to multiple tech issues.

Zoom Meeting ID: 879 9600 2563 Password: FPUC

No prior Bible study experience is needed; all are welcome to come to any or all of these discussions.

The series will have six half-hour talks on women in the New Testament, followed by times of discussion. The following topics will be covered:

- + Women in the Old Testament
- + Women Leaders in the New Testament
- + Mary the Mother of Jesus
- + Women Prophets: How Should They Dress?
- + Women Silent in the Church and Who Teaches Whom?
- + Human Sexuality and Mutual Submission

The video talks are presented by the internationally renowned Bible teacher, Kenneth E. Bailey. He spent 40 years (1955-1995) teaching in Egypt, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel and Cyprus. He has a degree in Arabic and literature, systematic theology and wrote his dissertation in the field of New Testament. He was ordained by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Since 1962 Bailey taught for the Near East School of Theology in Beirut (since 1974 as professor for New Testament studies), where he founded the Institute for Middle Eastern New Testament Studies. From 1985 to 1995, he taught at the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Research in Jerusalem. He taught at Princeton University and was associate professor of theology in Dubuque, McCormick and Pittsburgh as well as the Fuller Theological Seminary in Los Angeles. In 1990, Bailey moved to Nicosia, Cyprus and became Canon Theologian of the Anglican Episcopal Diocese of Cyprus

and the Gulf. In June 1997, he became Canon Theologian of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh of the Episcopal Church.

The handouts for each video presentations are available as free downloads and it would be helpful to have them prior to listening to the video talks. <https://shenangopresbytery.files.wordpress.com/2013/10/women.pdf> A word of caution, the handouts make more sense when you listen to the talk that they are designed to go with. Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette will lead the discussions following the videos.

Please invite your family and friends, wherever they live, to this Bible study that they can enjoy in their homes.

Questions? Email pastorbrucegillette@gmail.com




SPIEDIE DINNER TAKE OUT

Friday, September 18
4:00-7:00 PM
Northminster Presbyterian Church Endwell
in the lower parking lot directly off Hooper Road

LUPUS SPIEDIES

The poster features a close-up of a spiedie (a skewer of meat with vegetables) at the top and bottom. The central text is on a black background with white text. The bottom right corner has a logo for 'LUPUS SPIEDIES' with a cartoon character holding a spiedie.



More Choices
and New Benefits
for 2021

NOW AVAILABLE:
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Benefits Connect
THE BOARD OF PENSIONS

The banner has a blue background with white and yellow text. It features a logo for Benefits Connect, which consists of a stylized diamond shape made of overlapping lines.

[Helpful reminders about selecting benefits for 2021](#)

You are Invited*

PRESBYTERIANS and RACIAL JUSTICE

Saturday, September 19

1:00 p.m. on ZOOM

* This event is open to the public. Please invite your church members who are interested in racial justice, missions, education, evangelism & worship.

- 12:15 PM** *The Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley adjourns* its morning meeting on zoom and commissioners take a brief break.
- 12:30 PM** *Optional informal gathering on zoom for lunch at home* to share personal stories, joys and concerns related to racial justice
- 1:00 PM** *Video presentation of the Most Inspiring Speaker* from the national Presbyterian Church (USA)'s recent Week of Action for Black Lives Matter [this video resource can be used later as a program in your church]
- 1:25 PM** *Group Discussion on presentation and creative ways* we can work for racial justice individually, as families, as churches and as a Presbytery.
- 2:00 PM** *Closing Hymn-Prayer* [new music video to the tune of "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" that you can also use later in your church]



Online with ZOOM: Meeting ID: 842 069 4426 Passcode: 846618

<https://zoom.us/j/8420694426?pwd=a3dQaFhlcDhacXJkN25md0JtcUIJZz09>

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Questions? Please contact Susquehanna Valley Presbytery's Justice in Mission and Ministry chair: **Bruce Gillette at pastorbrucegillette@gmail.com**
or cell phone: 607-744-0761

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