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“And Mary said,
‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior...’
Luke 1:46-47”

The Cincinnati Sampler

FACEBOOK CHANGE NEXT YEAR

An January of 2019, the Presbytery of Cincinnati will launch a brand new Facebook page! The vision of this page is to have a place to share more widely the vibrant mission and life of our presbytery. Social media is inherently connective, which makes it a great tool for us as Presbyterians to connect with more churches, members, and neighbors. We are excited to lift up the amazing work of this presbytery and its ministries in a new sphere. Be on the lookout for more information on our new page as it goes live!

In order to centralize and streamline our social media presence, we will be transitioning away from the current Facebook group by the end of January. Because a page does not require membership to see posts, moving to a page rather than a group will enable us to be more intentional about sharing the life of Presbytery with a broader audience, allowing us to be more effective witnesses to the joy and love of Jesus Christ in our midst. We want to thank everyone who has participated in the Presbytery of Cincinnati group, and we hope you will stay in contact by liking our new page!

WE GIVE THANKS

The Reverend C. Paul Reinhart, formerly pastor of Walnut Hills Presbyterian and Montgomery Presbyterian churches, entered the church triumphant this past week. A memorial service was held yesterday at Sycamore, and memorials may be given to Sycamore Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund. Our prayers follow the Reinhart family. Thanks be to God for the faithful witness of Paul.

CLERGYWOMEN AND COACHING

The **clergywomen of the Presbytery** are invited to participate in a “Group Coaching Opportunity for Presbyterian Clergywomen” to be facilitated by the **Reverend Melana Scruggs**, Stated Clerk in the Presbytery of Cincinnati, and **Dr. Larry Ousley**.

Melana has 32 years of experience as a clergywomen in the PC(USA) and is working toward certification as an Associate Certified Coach through the International Coach Federation. **Larry** served for 18 years as the Executive Director of the International Growth Center at Lake Junaluska. Along with other coaching credentials, he is co-owner and a lead trainer with an ICF approved coaching school, Coach Training for Leaders.

If you are a clergywoman interested in learning more about the details and expectations for this group coaching opportunity, please contact Melana at her email address: melana@cpresby.org.

Thank you very much!



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- **PRESBYTERY OFFICE HOURS ARE 9AM-2PM**
Monday through Thursday

SCRIPTURE STUDENTS

DECEMBER 2018

CALENDAR

PRESBYTERY OF
CINCINNATI (POC)

Mon 24 Dec

The Presbytery Office will be closed from Monday, December 24 through Wednesday, December 26

Thur 27 Dec

9:30AM-12:30PM The Presbytery Office is open

Fri 28 Dec

The Presbytery Office will be closed from Friday, December 28 through Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Thur 3 January 2019

Presbytery Office Hours Resume

10:00AM COM Leaders Meeting at the Presbytery Office

12NOON-1:30PM Interim Pastors Cohort Group at the Presbytery Office

Sat 5 January 2019

10:00AM Orientation for Elected Leadership at Blue Ash PC

Tue 8 January 2019

9:30AM Bible Study for Pastors and Preachers Resumes at the Presbytery Office - Rabbi du Jour is Rev. Dr. David Childs



YOU ARE INVITED

Pictured above are a few of our studious pastors who gather on Tuesday mornings at the Presbytery Office for the 9:30AM “**Bible Study for Pastors and Preachers**”. (from left to right: Ruth Dunn, Kevin Waters, Sharon Carter, Ken Locke) For the season of Advent, we were led by the Reverend Dr. Ronald J. Allen, retired faculty from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

After a holiday hiatus, the Tuesday morning study resumes on January 8 at 9:30AM at the Presbytery office. **January 2019 teachers include: Dr. David Childs, Dr. Sarah Ruden, and Rev. Dr. Thomas Dozeman.** All pastors and preachers are encouraged to participate in the Tuesday Scripture study.

IMPORTANT FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Handel’s *Messiah* will be presented by the **Knox Music Series at the church** on Sunday, December 23 at 4:00PM. This will be the Cincinnati area’s only free presentation of the complete Messiah oratorio this holiday season. Admission is free; donations will be accepted. Visit www.knox.org or call 513-321-2573 for more information.

Monday, January 14, 2019—is the closing date for 2018 Giving. Please remit all per capita, mission giving, and special offerings to be credited to your 2018 Giving Statement to the Presbytery Office by this date. Please remember to use a remittance form! Thank you.

Holiday Office Hours for the Presbytery—Closed December 24 through December 26; Open on December 27 from 9:30AM-12:30PM, Closed December 28 through January 2; Open from 9:00AM-2:00PM on January 3.

There’s a **holiday hiatus for “The Cincinnati Sampler”**. The *Sampler* will not be circulated on Thursday, December 27 nor Thursday, January 3.

Remember Saturday, January 5, is the **Orientation for Elected Leadership** from 10AM-12NOON at Blue Ash Presbyterian Church. If you are an elected member of a Presbytery Committee, this means you!

Presbytery MLK Worship Service is Sunday, January 20 at 4:00PM at Carmel Presbyterian Church. Mass Choir Rehearsals at Carmel at 6PM on Thursday, January 10 and Friday, January 18. Everyone welcome!