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“....Behold, he is coming says the
Lord of hosts.”
Malachi 3:1c

For the week of December 6, 2018

The Cincinnati Sampler

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. She knows what it means to be wife, mother, and pastor, and the difficulties that can come from being clergy and woman. She enjoys helping pastors live into their call and lead others to be disciples of Christ. **Larry** served for 18 years as the Executive Director of the International Growth Center at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center delivering learning, consulting and coaching events and projects. 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!

THANK YOU COM

At their Tuesday evening meeting, the **members of the Committee on Ministry (COM)** came forward to provide coats, pants, shirts, shoes, underwear, and toys for a East Walnut Hills family of four small children for this Christmas. If anyone else in the Presbytery would like to be helpful, **the family needs diapers** for the seven month baby in the family. Any gift of diapers would be appreciated, and need to be **brought to the Presbytery Office by 2:00PM on Monday, December 10**. Thank you for your generosity!



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

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

DECEMBER 2018

CALENDAR

PRESBYTERY OF
CINCINNATI (POC)

Thur 6 Dec

12:00NOON Interim Pastors
Monthly Gathering at the
Presbytery Office

Mon 10 Dec

Workshop Descriptions for
the February 2019 Presby-
tery Meeting Due Today—
FYI

Tue 11 Dec

9:30AM Bible Study for
Pastors and Preachers at the
Presbytery Office—Rabbi du
Jour is the Rev. Dr. Ron
Allen

Wed 12 Dec

12:15PM Presbytery Staff
Christmas Party at the
Home of Nancy Kahaian

12NOON-2:00PM Presby-
tery Office Closed for Staff
Party

Tue 18 Dec

9:30AM Bible Study for
Pastors and Preachers at the
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INVITATIONS FOR EVERYONE

Christmas at Pleasant Plain on Saturday, December 8 from 9AM-3PM is the annual Christmas Bazaar with craft vendors, cookie walk, lunch and dessert. Santa stops by for a visit, so children and cameras are most welcome!

A Night In Bethlehem happens on December 8 and December 9 from 5:30-8:30PM at Crestview Presbyterian Church, 9463 Cincinnati-Columbus Road in West Chester. There is no charge for this event—a hands-on experience for the whole family!

A “**Blue Christmas**” Worship Service will be hosted at **Bethel-Murdoch** Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 16 at 7:00PM. **Pleasant Plain** also hosts this service, which acknowledges that the holidays are not a happy time for everyone. There will be refreshments and fellowship following the service.

Montgomery Presbyterian Church warmly invites you to join us for Wassail Hour at 7pm on Sunday, December 9. This Christmas musical event will feature vocal and instrumental selections, followed by a reception with hot wassail punch and homemade cookies.

The **Reverend Jeffrey Lang, pastor at First-Glendale** was installed and welcomed to ministry in the life of the Presbytery of Cincinnati this past Sunday. (see photo above) We also welcome the **Reverend Mike Brazelle, pastor at Mowrystown PC** as of December 1, 2018, and the **Reverend Bonnie Canizaro, who will be the new pastor at Batavia PC** in late December. Welcome to the Presbytery of Cincinnati!

MLK 2019 AT CARMEL

Our Presbytery-wide Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King service will be held on **Sunday, January 20 at 4:00PM** at Carmel Presbyterian Church, 3549 Reading Road, Cincinnati. The speaker is Verna Williams, the Nippert Professor of Law and Interim Dean of the Law School at the University of Cincinnati. Dean Williams is also a Presbyterian from Kennedy Heights PC. Everyone is encouraged to attend this worship service, with a light supper to be served after worship.

This year, we will also receive an offering for “**Project Connect**” - an advocacy program for the homeless children in the Cincinnati Public School System.

There will be **TWO REHEARSALS** for the **Mass Choir** that will sing at the worship service. The two rehearsals are: Thursday, January 10 at 7PM and Friday, January 18 at 7PM. **Both rehearsals will be held at Carmel Presbyterian Church**. Please consider singing in this Presbytery-wide Choir for the MLK service. For more information regarding the choir, please contact Debbie Jordan at jordan101@msn.com.