

Proposed Docket Presbytery of Transylvania
August 22, 2024

9:00 Registration

10:00 Call to Order and Opening Prayer	John Leggett, Moderator
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Sterling	Jennifer Powell
Brief History of First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Sterling	Catesby Woodford

10:15 – 11:15 Workshops

Workshop 1: Healthy Boundaries for Ruling Elders	Sarah Wilson
	Beth Garrod-Logsdon

This is a 2-hour workshop that will consume both workshop segments.

Join Commissioned Pastor Sarah Wilson and Rev. Beth-Garrod Logsdon in exploring what healthy boundaries are, why we need them, and what to consider when establishing them. Featuring a brief video, small group scenarios, and full group discussion.

Workshop 2: Creating a Culture of Generosity	Sandra Moon
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Join Rev. Sandra Moon, our Ministry Relations Officer at the Presbyterian Foundation, for a workshop that looks at stewardship basics and how we can shift our understanding of stewardship in our congregations from a budgeting necessity to a spiritual discipline. Sandra will share notable trends in giving and best practices that your congregation can adopt for a strong year-round approach to stewardship and generosity.

Workshop 3: Workshop for Clerks of Session	Jerry L. Utt, II
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Workshop 4: Praying in Color	Susan Bradish
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- Do you ever feel inadequate about your prayer life?
- Do you feel anxiety about our current situation in the US or in the world?
- Do your prayers feel like a laundry list of requests to God, when you *want* them to feel authentic and worshipful?
- Do you have trouble remaining in prayer... sitting still, for more than a couple of minutes?
- Do you yearn to spend more quality time in prayer?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, come to one of the two sessions offered and learn a new way to pray.

Workshop 5: Highlights from General Assembly Q&A

Curtis Christian
Catesby Woodford
Greg Goodwiller

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11:15 – 12:15 Workshops

Workshop 6: E-Connect

Philip Lotspeich

E-Connect is a congregational transformation ministry process which involves both spiritual and structural transformation and is an ecumenical ministry in Indiana and Kentucky, comprising the ELCA, The Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and the United Church of Christ. This process is made possible by a Lilly Endowment Thriving Congregations Grant. Through the E-Connect process, churches will Connect with Jesus, one another, and the world by lining up the congregation's purpose, identity, and mission with God's vision and plan; be transformed by linking the gifts that God has given you with God's vision for the world; will celebrate and use what you have, rather than lamenting about and focusing on what you don't have while finding energy, purpose, and direction through God's work, prayer, conversation, and faith practices. This process will help you navigate change calmly, confidently, and effectively. Join Philip to learn more about the process and how it could help your congregation.

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12:15 Lunch

1:00 Reconvene

John Leggett

Worship with Communion

Business Meeting

1. Declaration of Quorum
2. Approval of Docket (all new business must be submitted at this time)
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Clerk's Report
 - b. Necrology Report
 - c. Commission on Preparation for Ministry
 - d. Commission on Representation
 - e. Church Development & Revitalization
 - f. General Assembly Commissioners Reports

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4. Comings and Goings
5. Camp Burnamwood
6. Flood Recovery
7. Mission Ministry
8. Urban Village
9. Administration Commission and Treasurer's Report
10. Leadership Development
11. Presbyterian Women
12. Congregational Issues Commission
13. Pastoral Transitions Commission
14. Coordinating Commission
15. General Presbyter
16. Time of Sharing
17. New Business

Philip Lotspeich
Kevin Turpin
Jim Garrett
Brad Napier
Beth Garrod-Logsdon
Bill Reed & Nik Fegenbush
Sarah Wilson
Karen May
Mike Ward
Juanita Spangler
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Adjournment and Closing Prayer

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