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*“Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.”*
Isaiah 40:1

For the week of December 7, 2017

The Cincinnati Sampler

50 CONGREGATIONS EXPECTED

50 congregations have yet to participate in the review of minutes. Please note carefully that The Committee on Church Order (COCO) is requesting a review of 2016 Session minutes only, even if your session has not had their minutes reviewed for multiple years.

Please participate and bring only the 2016 set of Session meeting minutes.

COCO will be hosting the final Minutes/Records Review on Tuesday, December 12 in the Presbytery Office. The review begins at 1PM, and to accommodate day workers, will be open through 7PM.

Moderators remember that you are ensure that all presbytery requirements and constitutional requirements are met by the Session you lead, so please support and assist your Clerk of Session to be present for review on Tuesday, December 12. Letters have been sent, and reminder emails will be sent again this weekend to those who have not yet participated this year.

DATE FOR CLOSING THE BOOKS

The Board of Trustees has set Friday, January 12, 2018, as the date for the close of receipts for the Fiscal Year 2017. Any and all per capita receipts, mission giving, special offering contributions that you wish to be credited to your 2017 Giving Statement **MUST** be received in the Presbytery Office by Friday, January 12, 2018. Thank you for your careful attention

PREACHING LAB 2018

In 2018, the Presbytery will host a quarterly “Preaching Lab” for pastors and CREs serving congregations in the Presbytery of Cincinnati. Preaching, the proclamation of the Word in worship, is a primary teaching experience for the worshipping congregation also. We’re creating an opportunity in the Presbytery to help us improve our preaching and teaching practices, and the first opportunity for participants is February 5, with a location yet to be determined. A registration form will circulate the third week of December.



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

ADVENT SEASON WORSHIP

DECEMBER

CALENDAR

PRESBYTERY OF
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Thurs 7 Dec

10:30AM Committee on
Preparation for Ministry
at the Presbytery Office

Sun 10 Dec

3:30PM February 2018
Workshops Team Meeting

Tue 12 Dec

9:30AM Bible Study for
Pastors and Preachers at
the Presbytery Office—
Rabbi du Jour is the Rev-
erend Dr. Thomas
Dozeman, Faculty at Unit-
ed Theological Seminary

Tue 12 Dec

1:00-7:00PM Session
Minutes and Records Re-
view at the Presbytery
Office. Please bring only
your 2016 Minutes and
Register.

Wed 13 Dec

6:00PM Presbytery Coun-
cil Meeting at the Presby-
tery Office

Thur 14 Dec

6:15PM Meeting of the
2018 MLK Event Planning
Team at Mt Auburn Pres-
byterian Church



Knox Music Series presents “Christmas Miniatures”, works for the Christmas Season for choir, soloists, and chamber orchestra by J.S. Bach, Arvo Part, and Ottorino Respighi, performed in the sanctuary space of Knox Presbyterian Church, Michigan and Observatory Avenues, on Sunday afternoon, December 10 at 3:00PM. Admission is Free.

Bethel Murdoch Presbyterian Church and Pleasant Plain Presbyterian Church will be having a joint **Blue Christmas service on Sunday, December 17 at 7PM**. A Blue Christmas service is especially for those who have faced significant loss in life and experience a hard time dealing with the festivities of the season. The service will take place at Bethel Murdoch Presbyterian Church located at 9602 Murdoch-Goshen Road at 7pm.

Dry Ridge Presbyterian Church hosts its Annual Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols on Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00PM. Concert Organist Diana Webb at the c. 1850s Hook and Hastings Pump Organ with other guests musicians on harp, violin and flute. Reception follows in Fellowship Hall.

The Longest Night worship to be hosted at Montgomery Presbyterian Church on Thursday, December 21 at 7:00PM. Join us as we acknowledge our loss and grief in the presence of God during this

NEWS AND NOTES

Peace Love and Joy—a Free Parenting Seminary with Giveaway hosted at Indian Hill Church on Thursday, December 7 from 6:30-8:30PM. Please contact the church for more information!

Steve Free performs at Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 10 at 10:45AM. A renowned, Grammy award-winning singer, he will perform many of his favorite Christmas songs, including “Just a Baby Boy”. Everyone is welcome!

Third Presbyterian Church hosts its Annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, December 17th at 1PM. This event will also help feed a community of God’s children.

Sunday, January 14 from 5-7PM, the Presbytery of Cincinnati invites you to the 2018 MLK Event with Worship and Agape Meal at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church. Please save the date. Additional details provided in a few weeks.

Prayers appreciated for the Reverend Harold “Chappie” Chapman who recently received a cancer diagnosis. Please surround him with prayers and kindness.