

**Terry Kukuk, continued**

commissioner to the Synod of Mid-America. (Rev. Kukuk's last name is pronounced "Coo (like what a dove does) – Coo with a K at the end, and with the accent on the first syllable.")

Other involvement in the presbytery includes being on the board of trustees, the Planning and Evaluation Committee, a member of the Stewardship Task Force, and the search committee for a transitional general presbyter. She has been a mentor to new pastors.

In addition to her Presbytery leadership, the Rev. Kukuk has been a strong leader in her community, serving as the catalyst for a community wide "Help Center" offering food assistance, job training and help with life skills, and being a voice for issues of poverty, domestic violence, and mental health and how these issues affect the community. She also has a longstanding commitment to ecumenical relationships in her community.

Originally from North Dakota, the Rev. Kukuk has a B.A. from Jamestown College and her M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary. She is currently enrolled in a D. Min. program from Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI.

The Rev. Kukuk is married to the Rev. **Brad Sheppard**, who currently serves as the Executive Director of a homeless and transitional shelter and pastors a rural congregation, Bethel Presbyterian. They are the parents of two energetic and outgoing sons, **Jadon** and **Ian**. As a family they enjoy travel, outdoor activities, and movies.



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News & Information

Winter 2018

## Meet Terry Kukuk, our new Executive Presbyter



Presbytery of the Miami Valley is delighted to announce that the Rev. **Terry Kukuk** was elected to be its new Executive Presbyter at a special meeting of presbytery held on January 16. She will begin her ministry with us on or around March 1.

The Rev. Terry Kukuk is the Senior Pastor/Head of Staff at First Presbyterian Church in Mexico, Missouri. In addition to her twenty years of experience as a pastor, she has been active in the life of Missouri Union Presbytery. She has served as moderator of the Coordinating Council and the Committee on Ministry. She has served her presbytery as both moderator and vice moderator. She was a teaching elder delegate to the 220th General Assembly in Pittsburgh, PA, as a well as a

## Apply to be a Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteer



The Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a faith-based year of service in 22 sites around the world and in the United States. YAVs accompany local agencies working to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation while exploring the

meaning and motivation of their faith in community with peers and mentors.

Program benefits include a regular stipend, housing, transportation and student-loan repayment options throughout the duration of the service year. The 2018-19 application process is now live and underway.

- Learn more about the YAV Program and apply at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/>

### PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT HANDS-ON MISSION WORK GROUPS

## Church groups sought for mission work in Detroit



The Presbytery of Detroit would like to welcome your church group to Detroit on its next mission trip. The presbytery's Hands-On Mission Work Group will host your group in a local church for lodging, a kitchen to cook meals, and a place to gather for worship. Cost of lodging is \$100 per night for groups of 25 or less.

A Hands-On Mission Coordinator will arrange work places and partners, so you have a rewarding visit. Donations to mission partners for work performed are expected. (Recommend \$10 per person per day to the work partners.)

- Email [missiondetroit@detroitpresbytery.org](mailto:missiondetroit@detroitpresbytery.org) to request more info

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

## 2018 Summer Camp at Kirkmont Center



Registration is now open for 2018 Summer Camp at Kirkmont Center, Zanesfield. Camps for all ages are available from June 9 through August 5 and include:

You and Me Camp, Quilting Camps, Beginners Camp, PYC Junior Camp, PYC Camp, Camp Rejoice, Camp Paz y Alabanza, Kids Camp, Adventure/Sports/Discovery Camps, and Family Camping Weekend.

- Camp schedule & registration at <http://kirkmontcenter.com/camp-registration>

## NEXT Church National Gathering February 26-28



The NEXT Church National Gathering, to be held February 26-28 in Baltimore, MD, is filled with church leaders (pastors and lay people) sharing stories of their experiences of ministry, new ideas they are trying, and honest conversations about ministry today. Creative worship centers us

around God's presence, and multiple opportunities to engage in workshops and conversation about particular aspects of ministry foster new and deeper connections. This year's theme is "The Desert in Bloom."

NEXT Church is a network of leaders- church members, ruling elders, youth leaders, educators, pastors, seminarians and professors- across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) who believe the church of the future will be more relational, more diverse, more collaborative, more hopeful, and more agile.

- Learn more and register at <https://nextchurch.net>