

Moderator and Vice Moderator, continued

Stated Supply Pastor of **Memorial United Presbyterian Church** in Xenia for eight years and is currently the Associate Pastor of **Fairmont Presbyterian Church** in Kettering.



Bruce Saunders has been clerk of session at the **Presbyterian Church of Wilmington**, Wilmington, for the past 14 years. Bruce joined the Wilmington church as a student at Wilmington College, having grown up in the Condit Presbyterian Church outside Sunbury, Ohio. His family has worshiped at Condit since his great-grandfather was an elder there.

Bruce has been active in our presbytery for the past 30 years, serving most recently on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. He traveled with other members of our presbytery to Ghana, West Africa on the first of three mission trips organized by our presbytery in the 1980s.

Bruce is a retired educator after 38 years at Wilmington City Schools, where he served as a teacher, building principal, and finally technology director. He also served as technology director for Oakwood City Schools after retiring from Wilmington.

In retirement he currently serves as president of the Clinton County Trails Coalition, which builds bicycle/walking trails in Clinton County. He was a Boy Scout leader for many years and also served on the board of the Clinton County Historical Society, Camp Joy, Wilmington College Alumni Council, and Wilmington High School Scholastic Achievement Council. He lives in Wilmington with his wife, **Fayanne**, who has served as an elder, trustee and currently a deacon at the Wilmington church. He has one son, two daughters, and four grandchildren who live in Wilmington and in Colorado.



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Meet our new Moderator and Vice Moderator

At its May 8 meeting, Presbytery of the Miami Valley elected and installed Teaching Elder **Kelley Wehmeyer Shin** as Moderator and Ruling Elder **Bruce Saunders** as Vice Moderator of presbytery for 2018-19.



Kelley Wehmeyer Shin finds great joy in serving God through the ministry of the wider church, and specifically in the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. Kelley has been a member of this presbytery since she moved to Centerville in July 2008 with her husband, **Kent**, and three children, **Darren**, **Matthew**, and **Rosemary**. Her sense of call comes in a new season in her life when she is able to focus heart, mind and energy in a new way as a seasoned pastor and an "empty nest" parent. Kelley celebrated her thirty-first ordination anniversary in May and feels the wisdom of those years will

equip her for this call to serve as Moderator.

Kelley says she is humbled to be working in ministry with such faithful and gifted ruling elders, teaching elders and presbytery staff. "I believe in the gifts of God's people and the building-up of the Body of Christ."

She says a major issue facing our denomination is the "challenge of being disciples of Jesus in the midst of a drastically changing church culture." Kelley continues, "There is a great disconnect between the practices of the church and the practices of modern society. Our denomination is in great need of relearning how we 'do church' in the twenty-first century."

Kelley has served on the Leadership Council of the presbytery for two years, having just completed this last year as Leadership Council chair. She also has served on the Staff Support Committee, the Committee on Ministry, and two Administrative Commissions of the presbytery. She was one of the Teaching Elder Commissioners for the 223rd General Assembly in June. Kelley was the

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General Assembly Wrap-up



The 223rd General Assembly (2018) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was held June 16-23, in St. Louis, MO.

Commissioners and advisory delegates from all 170 PC(USA) presbyteries, and other delegates and observers from around the world, converged on the America's Convention Center in downtown St. Louis for celebrations, deliberations, and inspirations in support of the denomination's biennial gathering.

Pictured above are members of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley Delegation in St. Louis. From left to right around the table: **Jessica Jenkins** (Young Women's Leadership Delegation), Stated Clerk **Larry Hollar**, Alternate Commissioner **Karen Cassedy**, Commissioner **Ken Locke**, Executive Presbyter **Terry Kukuk**, Commissioner **Kelley Shin**, Commissioner **Cynthia Nowka**, Commissioner **Cyndi Adams**, and Overture Advocate **Marvella Lambright**. (Not pictured: Young Adult Advisory Delegate **Courtney Hemmelgarn**.)



The 223rd General Assembly included rich worship services, the election of Co-Moderators, action on a number of overtures, and much more. **Read News from GA 223** at <https://tinyurl.com/GA223news>

The Presbyterian Outlook has also prepared a downloadable bulletin insert for congregations summarizing the work of GA 223. The insert includes information about how the assembly voted on the most significant issues - from new denominational leadership to the world's concerns. **Get the GA 223 Bulletin Insert** at <https://tinyurl.com/GA223insert>

Colombian Youth Praise Band offers music and inspiration in our area this summer



From July 4 to August 6 members of the Colombian youth praise band (known as MAJUP) and their pastor are in the Miami Valley and beyond, offering inspirational praise music and stories of their efforts to help bring peace to their country and hope in the midst of poverty and suffering in Cartagena, their home city.

MAJUP (an acronym that in English means "Presbyterian Youth Praise Ministry") is a project of the **Presbyterian Church of Cartagena**, Colombia. The MAJUP visit to the U.S. with their pastor, the Rev. **Angelica Munera Cervera**, includes leading worship with music and preaching, joining in Vacation Bible Schools and other summer youth events, touring and performing in the Detroit, visiting historical and fun sites in the Dayton-Cincinnati area, enjoying an energizing summer camping experience at Kirkmont Center, and connecting with the **College Hill Community Church** congregation for welcome and goodbye dinners.

► Schedule of events and more info at <https://tinyurl.com/MAJUP>

Presbytery-wide Monthly Hymn Focus



Following on from the monthly scriptural focus of the past year, for 2018-19 the presbytery-wide emphasis is on selected hymns and reflection questions.

Leadership Council of Presbytery of the Miami Valley encourages committees, churches, sessions, groups, and individuals in our presbytery to use these materials as a regular spiritual activity in the year ahead. We invite you to take part in this initiative to help bind our hearts, our voices, and our work together in faithful service to the Risen Christ.

► Learn more about the Hymn Focus at <https://tinyurl.com/HymnFocus>