PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY

Preparing, equipping, nurturing, and connecting congregations in their ministries for God's mission.

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PMV rallies to help our Haitian neighbors



A Presbytery-wide Minute for Mission

During their worship services on World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2026, many churches in our presbytery offered a special Minute for Mission on behalf of our Haitian neighbors in Springfield. Our hope was to offer up a strong, unison blanket of prayer over our Springfield, Ohio, brothers and sisters from Haiti. We also requested food donations for our Haitian neighbors, for whom grocery shopping has become difficult since their Temporary Protected Status was revoked.

The Generous Response

394 boxes of food, totaling over 10,000 pounds, were collected by Presbytery of the Miami Valley churches and delivered to Springfield.

In addition, some churches also collected cash donations to support non-profit organizations in Springfield that provide a variety services to help Springfield's Haitian community.

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Meet the Rev. Emily Haddox
Our Vitality in Ministry Coordinator



The Rev. **Emily Haddox** has been named the Vitality in Ministry (VIM) Coordinator for Presbytery of the Miami Valley.

During its May 14, 2026, meeting, the Leadership Council of Presbytery of the Miami Valley unanimously approved a position description for a Vitality in Ministry Coordinator. This is a 10-15-hour a month contract position that will be supported for up to three years using funds from the sale of church buildings. The VIM Coordinator will build on the presbytery's focus of tending to the quality of our relationships.

The VIM Coordinator's role in the Presbytery of the Miami Valley is to help deepen relationships among clergy, those in congregational leadership, and among congregations.

A Message from the Moderator
"We, too, are laying stones"



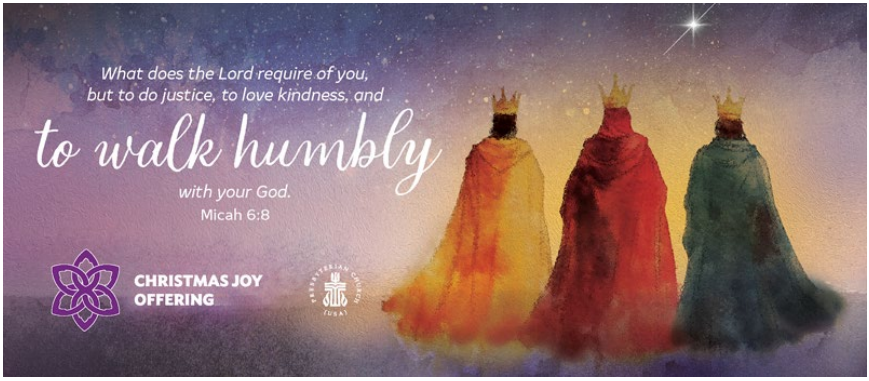
The October "Message from the Moderator" by the Rev. **Diane Zielgler**, Moderator of Presbytery of the Miami Valley was titled "We, too, are laying stones."

In the October message Diane reflects upon how we continue to build in ministry.

"In our own ways and in our own spaces, we too are laying stones. We minister and build on the foundations of those who went before us, and we continue to 'build' in ministry and worship for the sake of those who will come after us."

►Read the October Message at ***conta.cc/4dZd3xw***

The Christmas Joy Offering 2026



Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we lift up past, present, and future leaders of the church.

God has blessed the church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well.

This Offering provides support for at-risk children, youth and young adults, leadership development for people of color, Presbyterian church workers and their families in their time of need and leadership development and education for communities of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

We urge you to support The Christmas Joy Offering, which will be received **November 29 - December 20**.

PMV rallies, continued

As one pastor commented, “There was a lot of enthusiasm for every part of the project, and we'll look for more ways to be good neighbors to our Haitian siblings going forward."

Next up will likely be a request for personal hygiene products. More information will be coming.



Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers’ arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

-Martin Rinkart-
Presbyterian Hymnal #555
Glory to God Hymnal #643