

Co-Executive Presbyters Report

Waverly Flood Relief

We are filled with gratitude for the overwhelming response to our neighbors in Waverly following the devastating flood in August! Congregations in and around this Presbytery have given generously of their time by sending work teams out to the Waverly community helping in the mucking out and demo of houses and through their financial contributions, now totally over \$40,000! Ray and Robin are planning to meet with Rev. John Smith, pastor of Ellis Grove in Waverly, and the response and recovery director at the site, later this month, to learn where our financial resources can best be directed.

Per Capita Giving

Pastors and sessions occasionally ask what level of contributions, per member, is expected from our churches. Good question! Unlike the General Assembly and the Synod of Living Waters, the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, historically, has chosen not to request a per capita amount from its churches. For 2022, the General Assembly per capita is set at \$8.98 and the Synod of Living Waters per capita will hold at \$3.98. Since the total active membership in our presbytery, reported at the end of 2020 was 15,685, this results in a total of \$140,851 to GA and \$62,426 to the Synod for 2022. As a means of gauging a congregation's "fair share" to support the proposed (balanced) 2022 budget, dividing the total of \$530,000 in church contributions by the total membership yields a per member amount of \$34. This breaks out to \$21 (\$34 minus \$9 for GA and \$4 for Synod) per active member dedicated for the budgeted mission and ministry of PMT. We are thankful that many of our churches exceed that level of giving, while others give at a lesser rate. We are thankful for all your gifts, as well as the many, many contributions of time, energy, leadership, prayer, and the wealth of shared mission commitments that cannot be measured by numbers. We are blessed by all the faithful gifts you dedicate to the presbytery!

Gina and Anne

As we lift up our gratitude list, we are grateful for the "behind the scenes" work of Gina Andrews, our Presbytery Accountant, and Anne Orsi, our Communications Coordinator. Gina joined the PMT staff in March 2020 and has streamlined the efficiencies of the bookkeeping duties and continually finds ways to reduce the cost of online banking and bill pay. As a CPA, she brings with her a wealth of accounting background and experience. She is extremely perceptive and has a keen sense of humor. Thank you, Gina! Feel free to reach out to Gina acctg.midtennpres@gmail.com with any need for accounting or bookkeeping assistance with your church.

Because it is a brave new world, we realized that the position of Communications Coordinator could be fully remote, meaning our successful candidate could live anywhere in the country. In July of this year, Anne joined the PMT staff and meets with us virtually from outside the country even, from Toronto, Ontario. Anne creatively produces the Presbytery eNews, maintains the Presbytery website, has enthusiastically delve into our new database, and is currently preparing a new PMT Directory. Anne is sharp, extremely organized, and is a delightful addition to our staff. Thank you, Anne! If you have an event, celebration, or prayer concern you would like to share with the presbytery, please send those to Anne commcoord.midtennpres@gmail.com.

Commissioned Pastors

As we have made our visits to our churches, we've been awed by the faithfulness, the rigor for ministry, and vital relationships that our Commissioned Pastors have with their congregations. Some of those relationships have lasted 20 or more years and they are still thriving and energized. Our churches and the presbytery are also richly blessed by the more recently commissioned pastors, and we look forward to the commissioning of those who are currently enrolled in the CP training that is overseen by the Committee on Ministry. We will be celebrating our Commissioned Pastors during the October 21 presbytery meeting. Here is the current roster, according to our records:

<u>CP</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
Rhonda Banasiak	Clarksville, First	July 2020
David Beaty	Alpine, Christ	2000
Ray Handisides	Old Hickory	Oct. 2011
Amy Harkness	Belfast	Dec. 2019
Leonard Jordan	Nashville, St. Andrew's	1993
Anne Keener	Franklin, First	Feb. 2019
Ed Keith	Ardmore, Bethany	2000
	Petersburg, First	2000
Milton Nesbitt	Pulaski, First	2011
	Pulaski, Brick Church	Nov. 2004
Kathy Nichols	Tullahoma, First	July 2021
Becky Smith	Fairfield Glade, Westminster	July 2011
Kevin Whitehead	Columbia, Westminster	Oct. 2019
Larry Wilmoth	Cookeville, Double Springs	Feb. 2011
	Sparta, Robinson Chapel	2011