

## **Summary of February 27, 2018 meeting of Carlisle Presbytery**

What a beautiful day for a presbytery meeting!! Sunshine, warm temperatures and a wonderful location. The welcoming members and Pastor Janice Tiedeck of the Mongahan Presbyterian Church greeted the 155 Minister Members, Ruling Elder Commissioners and guests. Their great organizational ability was on display and on behalf of the presbytery I want to thank them for their faithfulness and work.

The meeting was opened with worship lead by Rev. Janice Tiedeck and outgoing Moderator Rev. Kim Wadlington. Kim preached and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. As part of the worship service Rev. Charlie Best presented a "Memorial Moment" for Rev. Al Schartner, who passed away in late 2017. The necrology of Ruling Elders, who died in 2017 was read and celebrated with the singing of "For All The Saints". During worship Ruling Elder Greg Harris and Rev. Graham Fowler were installed as Carlisle Presbytery's 2018 Moderator and Vice Moderator respectively. Ruling Elder Jim Speedy was installed as Stated Clerk for another 5 years.

Chris Houtz, an Inquirer under care of Carlisle Presbytery and a member of Derry Presbyterian Church, was examined and approved for Candidacy.

Rev. Mark Englund-Krieger gave his final report to Carlisle Presbytery. Mark has resigned his position to become the Transitional Pastor at Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church in Gettysburg. Mark's ministry was celebrated with the presbytery Treasurer Rev. Larry Van Hise, immediate past presbytery Moderator Rev. Kim Wadlington and Chair of the Administration Committee Ruling Elder Debby Madden offering remarks of gratitude for Mark's ministry.

As is the custom of Carlisle Presbytery, the following ministers were celebrated on the anniversaries of their ordination and were give certificates of appreciation:

Rev. Bruce Humphrey- 40 years

Rev. Ron Martin-Minnich- 40 years

Rev. Dale Williams- 40 years

Rev. Tony Lorenz- 10 years

Rev. Robin Morgan 10 years

Rev. Steve Velthuis- 10 years

Special recognition was given to Rev. Brad Bradburn who is celebrating the 50 year anniversary of his Ordination. Brad is a past Executive Presbyter of Carlisle Presbytery. He spoke to the presbytery thanking them for the recognition and honor.

Rev. Jack Sproat presented a detailed report on the Commission on Ministry's work, rationale and the process it followed as it approved the Covenant of Agreement between the Session of Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church and Rev. Mark Englund-Krieger. Mark will become the church's Transitional Pastor effective March 16, 2018.

Debby Madden, Chair of the Administration Committee spoke about the process that will be followed to find an Interim Executive Presbyter. The Personnel Policies of Carlisle Presbytery state that the Administration Committee is responsible for appointing an Interim Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee. (IEPNC). Debbie reported that this has been done and she announced the members:

Ruling Elder Debby Madden- Administration Committee Chair

Ruling Elder Richard Lee- Monaghan Presbyterian Church- member of Administration Committee

Rev. Kim Wadlington- Pastor and Middle Spring Presbyterian Church and immediate past Moderator of Carlisle Presbytery.

Rev. Tom Sweet, Pastor at Market Square Presbyterian Church – member of Coordinating Council

Rev. Don Potter- Honorably Retired member of Carlisle Presbytery

Ruling Elder Beckie Drover- Commissioned Ruling Elder at Wells Valley Presbyterian Church

Stated Clerk Jim Speedy will serve in an ex officio capacity with voice but no vote.

Debby reported that Stated Clerk Jim Speedy will serve as “Interim Head of Staff for Administration” until the Interim Executive Presbyter begins her/his work.

The Presbytery approved a change in the Standing Rules of Carlisle Presbytery that provides that the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be served every year at the first presbytery meeting of the calendar year. In the past the sacrament was served at all stated meetings of the presbytery. By allowing more time and flexibility, alternate forms of worship at presbytery meetings can take place, which might contain communion.

An Overture from the Session of Pine Street Presbyterian Church to the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly entitled “America’s Interfaith Context and the Church’s Challenge” was presented to and approved by the presbytery. Rev. Dr. Russell Sullivan, Pastor of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church was elected to be the “Overture Advocate” representing Carlisle Presbytery at the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly.

Jim Speedy spoke to the presbytery outlining the process of searching for and Calling of a new Executive Presbyter. He asked that if anyone had questions to not hesitate to email or phone him: [sclerk@carlislepby.org](mailto:sclerk@carlislepby.org) 717-737-6821

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The Necrology Report for the Ruling Elders was mistakenly left out of the presbytery meeting packet. Please see this document on our website. The Stated Clerk apologizes for neglecting to include it in the packet*

**The next meeting of Carlisle Presbytery will be on May 22, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church in Carlisle. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. with the meeting beginning with worship at 6:00 p.m.**