

Presbytery Highlights, Moorefield Presbyterian Church

Saturday August 24, 2019

We were warmly welcomed by the Rev. Jim Yao and the congregation of Moorefield Presbyterian Church with their gracious hospitality and good food!

We welcomed Rev. Warren Lesane, Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic to the pulpit who shared an invigorating sermon and asked “Can I get an Amen?!”

Committee on Educational Resources reminded us to register for the Big Event September 14 at Massanetta Springs.

Our continuing education time was a panel discussion with the sharing of personal stories of racism. Our panel was Rev. Warren Lesane, Rev. Karen Greenawalt and her two daughters Kirsten and Kathryn. Many found it to be an enlightening and moving time.

Three of the young people who attended the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University gave a slide show report and we joined in singing the conference hymn “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”.

Heard a report from Front Royal Presbyterian Church about the mentoring work of underserved children they are doing because of receiving a Moffet Grant.

The Presbytery voted to become a Matthew 25 Mid-Council!

Check out www.Presbyterianmission.org/ministries/Matthew25

The Committee on Church Vitality and Transformation (CCVT) handed out a resource list of study materials and programs to be used. We also heard from Ruling Elder Judy York of Shepherdstown of what they have been working on to revitalize and renew their congregation.

The revised salary policy was adopted.

We approved the retirement of The Rev. Tom Hay, Director of OGA and former General Presbyter of Shenandoah who was present. He thanked the presbytery for our continued support, what Shenandoah has meant to him and shared a little of what is coming next – sailing away!!

We approved the retirement of the Rev. Sarah Hill in October – and she will speak to us in November.

We welcomed Jacob Kave to Broadway and Chaplain for Massanutten Military Academy; Jay Losher as Interim to Massanutten Church; John McDonald as Interim to Falling Waters; Seth Normington as pastor to Cooks Creek and John Lown as HR member at large.

We were introduced to Kelley Connelly, candidate for ministry, by CPM chair Kate Rascoe.

We dismissed the Shenando Administrative Commission with thanks as their work is finished.

And those are the highlights!

Respectfully submitted, Bronwen Boswell