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The next Thursday Mail deadline is  
Monday, October 13 with distribution  
on Thursday, October 16.

# THURSDAY MAIL

October 2, 2025



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**Upcoming Events 2025/26**

SEPT 2	<b>Ministry of Presence</b> Prayers at DC Metro Stations	OCT 19	<b>Youth Event</b> Presbytery-Wide Praying with Our Feet
SEP 8	<b>Antiracism - Laity</b> Six sessions via Zoom	OCT 25	<b>Allyship Training</b> in-person
SEP 9	<b>Antiracism - Clergy</b> Six sessions via Zoom	NOV 16	<b>Missional Incubator</b> Implementation
SEP 18	<b>Missional Incubator</b> Who, What, Why	NOV 18	<b>Presbytery Meeting</b> Zoom, Budget
SEP 22	<b>Action Item Dialogue</b> No items for action	NOV 21-23	<b>Keep Awake</b> Registration open
SEP 23	<b>Presbytery Meeting</b> New Commissioner Training & Business Mtg	JAN 31	<b>Leadership Training</b> Coming soon
SEP 29	<b>Faithful Investing</b> Zoom	FEB 3-5	<b>Missional Incubator</b> Immersion
OCT 5	<b>Pastors' Hangout</b> Social Hour	MAR 2-4	<b>Continuing Ed. Gathering &amp; Retreat</b>
OCT 18	<b>It's Not Weird</b> Start a Compelling Missional Business	→ For more information and to register - <a href="https://thepresbytery.org/events">thepresbytery.org/events</a> Questions? <a href="mailto:communications@thepresbytery.org">communications@thepresbytery.org</a>	

## VIDEO MESSAGE FROM GENERAL PRESBYTER: OCTOBER 18 MISSIONAL INCUBATOR EVENT FOR ALL



Rev. John Molina-Moore

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Message from the  
GENERAL PRESBYTER  
October 2, 2025

October 18<sup>th</sup> Missional Incubator Event for Everyone

More detailed information about each event, flyers and registration may be found on the [Events page](#) of the website

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## PASTORS' HANGOUT

Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church

Join colleagues **THIS Sunday** for fun, firepit, yard games and a time to connect with each other. Bring a snack to share and a lawn chair. Register [HERE](#).



- Currie Burris, retired
- John Chiang, retired
- Caitlin Culp
- Abigail Evans
- Nancy Fox, retired
- Patricia Futato
- Ron Hankins, retired
- Walter Harman, retired
- Glenda Simpkins Hoffman
- Haekil Kim
- Robert Long III, retired
- Peter Manning
- Joseph Matthews, retired
- Amy Schacht, retired
- Stephen Smith-Cobbs
- Katie Strednak Singer
- Ed Taylor, retired
- Holly Ulmer
- Alice Winters, retired
- Heemoon Youn, retired



## UKIRK MARYLAND

Do you have students from your congregation who attend the University of Maryland at College Park? Let them know about UKirk Maryland - [ukirkmaryland](#) on Instagram share the form [HERE](#).



## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STATED CLERK

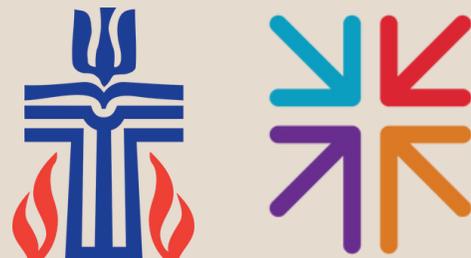
Attention **Clerks of Session!** In the coming weeks you will be receiving a few emails. One request will be for your church's **Necrology Report** - those elders who have died during the period from November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025. All churches are asked to submit a report no later than November 3, 2025 to ensure its inclusion at the November 18th presbytery meeting. The second request will be to schedule a **Session Records Review**. Those emails will come from [communications@thepresbytery.org](mailto:communications@thepresbytery.org) through Constant Contact.

## CHANGING SEASONS, CHANGING CLERKS?



Has your congregation elected a new Clerk of Session or updated its church office email? Have you changed your personal email address?

Let us know! Send contact information updates to [communications@thepresbytery.org](mailto:communications@thepresbytery.org)



## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

## SPECIAL OFFERING CHANGES COMING IN 2026

As congregations plan for the year ahead, note the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2024) approved changes to the churchwide Special Offerings to take effect January 1, 2026. To learn more about the 2026 changes, click [HERE](#).

# 2026 CONTINUING EDUCATION GATHERING & RETREAT



We are pleased to announce that our **2026 Continuing Education Gathering & Retreat** will be back at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge Maryland on **March 2-4, 2026**. We will offer **early bird pricing** with the fee increasing on December 1! We are excited for our speakers **Brennan Breed**, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary and **Lakisha Lockhart**, Associate Professor of Christian Education and Acting Director of the Center for Womanist Leadership at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Register [HERE](#).



## SONG WRITING RETREAT



The Center for Congregational Song is offering another one of its **song-writing retreats**. This year's retreat we're returning to Richmond, VA on October 22-25, 2025. It is an ecumenical gathering of song writers. Many are clergy or worship leaders in their local churches who would like to begin or would like to get better at writing hymns and songs of the church. Others are simply lay folks who feel called to write. The clinicians this year are renowned hymn writers Mary Louise Bringle (Brevard, NC) and Ben Brody (Spokane, WA).

You can learn all about the retreat here:  
<https://congregationalsong.org/event/writing-the-church-song-2025/>

## CAMP HANOVER OPPORTUNITY

**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY @ CAMP HANOVER**



Interested in serving God and others through camp ministry?

Apply now to become a Camp Hanover MVP! MVP stands for **mission, vocation, and practice**. MVPs are paid interns who live and work at Camp Hanover for nine to twelve months while developing skills to help in their futures. Applications are being accepted now for the 2025-2026 year which begins in August. Learn more at [camphanover.org/about/mvp/](http://camphanover.org/about/mvp/).

**MVP**

