

PRESBYTERY OF KISKIMINETAS
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Date: September 2, 2011

TO: Ministers, Clerks of Session, Members of Presbytery Council, and Presbytery Commissioners who have been elected for the year 2011

Dear Friends:

The Presbytery of Kiskiminetas will hold its next Stated Meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Blairsville United Presbyterian Church in Blairsville, PA. A spread of sandwiches and snacks will be available. Excused absences from attendance at the Presbytery meeting will be granted up to the meeting and for 2 days (48 hours) after the meeting. Requests for excuses after that time will not be granted.

First Time Commissioners Orientation will begin at 6:50 p.m., led by Rev. Bob Goossen. A prayer request box will be located at the registration tables. Please have all prayer requests neatly printed and in the box prior to the start of the meeting.

As preparation for the meeting, the following items of interest are enclosed:

- 1) Docket
- 2) Proposed 2012 Budget
- 3) Bio and Statement of Faith for Rev. Melissa Goodman

Attention Clerks of Session: Elder Commissioners do not receive this mailing since we do not know in advance who they will be. (The mailing is sent directly to those whose names and addresses we have received as having been elected for the year 2011.)

It is important that you give the enclosed information to the Elder Commissioner(s)
In order to be properly recognized and recorded, Elder Commissioners will be signed in via computer by the Recording Clerk.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Those Commissioners desiring to read the minutes of the meeting may do so at the Presbytery web page (www.kiskipby.org) by clicking on the Presbytery Meeting Central and using the password. You will need the free Adobe Acrobat Reader to view them. If you do not know the password, contact the Stated Clerk or the Presbytery Office to obtain it. Those without Internet access may request a print copy of the minutes by calling the Presbytery Office.

Directions to the Church:

BLAIRSVILLE 137 North Walnut Street, Blairsville 15717 724-459-7991

Located on Route 217 South off of Route 22.

From the north - Route 119 South past Blairsville High School and go under Route 22. Continue straight into Blairsville. At third traffic light turn right onto North Walnut Street. Church on left.

From the west: take Route 422 East until you pick up 119 South and follow the directions above. There is parking behind the church, across street and street parking available.

**Presbytery of Kiskiminetas
Stated Meeting – Tuesday, September 13, 2011
Blairsville United Presbyterian Church – Blairsville, PA**

6:50 P.M. **First Time Commissioner Orientation**

7:00 P.M. **Evening Worship**

***7:30 P.M. Organization of Presbytery**

- A. Action on Provisional Minutes of the June 28, 2011 stated meeting and August 30, 2011 called meeting
- B. Approval of Docket
- C. Enrollment of Corresponding Members
- D. Formation of Roll
- E. Recognition of Elders and Pastors attending for the first time
- F. Announcements

Reports of:

- 7:40 P.M. Stated Clerk
- 7:45 P.M. Council - Budget
- 7:55 P.M. Committee on Nominations
- 8:00 P.M. Presbyterian Women
- 8:05 P.M. Presbyterian Men
- 8:10 P.M. Diaconal Ministries Committee
- 8:25 P.M. Resource Center Committee
- 8:30 P.M. Committee on Ministry
- 8:40 P.M. Committee on Administration
- 8:50 P.M. +New Business, Miscellaneous, Report of the Moderator, Adjournment with Prayer

***indicates Order of the Day**

+Unless previously docketed, no items of new business shall be introduced following the first hour of the Presbytery meeting. Items of new business must be presented in writing to the Stated Clerk. Consideration of such items shall take place at the time docketed for new business. (R-1.05)

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Biography

Rev. Melissa Goodman

The Rev. Melissa Goodman is a 2010 graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Kent State University in 2002. Melissa was born and raised in Akron Ohio. Melissa and her husband, Tim were just married in June 2011 and they recently moved to Creekside where Tim is the Pastor of Creekside United Methodist Church and the Youth Pastor at Trinity UMC in Indiana. Melissa was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) on August 15, 2010 in Akron and served as the Temporary Supply Pastor at First United Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights from July through October 2010. Melissa has a heart for mission and traveled to Vietnam in the Spring of 2010 with World Mission Initiative. She has also traveled to Haiti and Turkey through the WMI program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Statement of Faith
Reverend Melissa S. Goodman

1 I believe in the one Triune God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2 I believe God to be the creator of all things. I believe that God pursues us and desires to
3 have a loving relationship with us. I believe that, in sovereign love and action, the Father
4 through the Son in the Spirit will bring about a new creation for this world.

5 I believe that God has revealed himself to us in Jesus Christ. I confess Jesus as the
6 incarnation of the Word of God; the Son of God, being fully divine and fully human, in a
7 mystery that humankind cannot comprehend with human language. I believe that Jesus was born
8 of the Virgin Mary, conceived by the Holy Spirit. I believe that the Son in and as Jesus lived and
9 breathed as a human, he experienced hunger, hurt, pain and love. In and through Jesus Christ,
10 God came down to be with us, to live among us, to guide us and to support us. Jesus is our only
11 mediator: in and through him, we are forgiven our sins and presented in Spirit to the Father by
12 faith. I believe that Jesus died for my sins, and the sins of the world. Jesus was resurrected,
13 ascended, and now sits at the right hand of God and will come again to make all things right as
14 the Lord. When Jesus comes everyone who is in him will be physically resurrected and the
15 Kingdom of God will be fully realized—the church, along with creation, will be restored to
16 God’s loving communion and evil, sin, and death will be fully and finally overcome.

17 I believe that God continues to reveal himself in the presence of the Holy Spirit. I believe
18 that the Holy Spirit is active and present in this world, guiding us into a fuller knowledge and
19 belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is only through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are
20 able to proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, I
21 believe we are united to Christ in a way that enables us to live out the mission of God in this

22 world. Meaning, the Spirit empowers us in Christ to worship God in love and proclaim Jesus'
23 name in word and deed.

24 I believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God, written in the covenant community of
25 God's people. It is through the Holy Spirit that we are given an understanding of the Bible,
26 which has authoritative meaning for the church's life and ministry. I believe the Bible to have a
27 message for the church today because it reveals to us the gospel of Jesus Christ.

28 I confess to be a sinner in need of God's love and grace through the person and work of
29 Jesus Christ. God created humanity to live in relationship with Him, but in sin we are separated
30 from God, and it is through the redemptive nature of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit
31 that we are reconciled to God. God has entered into the brokenness of humanity in the person of
32 Jesus Christ in order to save us from our sins and bring us into eternal and everlasting life.

33 I believe the church to be the body of Christ. In and through baptism we are engrafted
34 into the body of Christ and welcomed into the community of faith. Baptism is a sign of God
35 choosing us in Christ long before we chose God; a sign of God's covenant of grace, that is also
36 shown to us through the celebration of the Lord's Supper where we are united to Christ and with
37 each other as we proclaim the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, until he
38 comes again. In Communion, by the Spirit's power, we are lifted up in Christ to God who
39 nourishes us and renews us according to our identity given in baptism.

40 In worship the church is called into its mission. The mission of the church is to witness
41 to the work God is doing in the world and to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ to all the nations.
42 I believe it is the church's mission to equip Christians with the tools to spread the gospel and live
43 lives that witness to God's love and grace for all the world. And through mission, the church is
44 called back into worship, where we glorify God with our very lives.