

# SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH.

## MID-TENN

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**Hello, Middle Tennessee!**

*by Rev. Dr. Carol A. Tate  
Interim Executive Presbyter*



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As a young girl growing up in a denomination with congregational polity, I watched a pastor whom I respected and loved be summarily dismissed by a close congregational vote. My beloved pastor was not a biblical literalist and the deacons of my congregation did not like how he interpreted the Bible or how he saw his faith at work in the world. I grew into a

young woman who wanted to go to seminary, only to be told that my sense of call was an offense to God and contrary to the writings of Paul. The pastor of my childhood, who had baptized me and started me on the road to a generous faith, was still living when I was ordained in mid-life and communicated his delight to me. It was not a journey without cost, but my connection to a Presbyterian church in adulthood made all the difference. All of that is to say that I came to a deep appreciation of Presbyterian polity and Reformed theology by way of a long road of struggle and discernment and, ultimately, deep gratitude for the gifts of our tradition.

I am delighted to be your new interim presbytery executive. I started one month ago today and it has been a very full month indeed. I am busy learning about the functions and oversight of our committee structure, getting to know new people, joining efforts with committed and gifted colleagues on the staff and throughout our presbytery to advance the work of Christ in our time and place in this presbytery. I am preaching in our churches and rejoicing in ordinations and installations of our pastors.

I come to this work with long years of experience in churches of all sizes and I have found meaning and

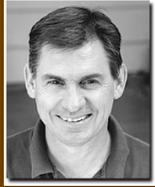


**Installation Worship  
Service for  
The Reverend Robert  
Montgomery  
First Presbyterian  
Church, Lewisburg  
September 9, 2018  
3:-00 pm**

**Installation Worship  
Service for  
The Reverend  
Candice L. Klein  
First Presbyterian  
Church, Gallatin  
September 16, 2018  
4:00 pm**



[Click here for copy of Invitation](#)



**A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer Performed by Al Staggs**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church  
September 9, 2018  
at 5:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall  
3900 West End Ave  
Nashville, TN 37205**

A One-Person Play Adapted and Performed by Al Staggs brings the life of one of the great heroes of the twentieth century to the stage. The audience is brought into the prison cell where Bonhoeffer awaits execution and listens to his struggles with evil, injustice, and God.

[Click here](#) for flyer and Al Staggs bio.

Any questions,

wonderful relationships in every place I have served. I enter this work with joy and with hope, knowing that we are in this together and together we will discern where God is leading us.

I hope you will invite me to preach in your congregation. I hope you will share ideas about how we can be more effective in our presbytery's work to support our churches and to enlarge our mission in the world. Most of all, I hope we will give thanks that we belong together in this covenantal way of being in the world, live it, and pass it on. See you at presbytery!

With high hopes for God's leadership and our discernment,

Carol

## Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

*Therese Howell, Stated Clerk*



The 223rd General Assembly (2018), meeting in St. Louis this past June, approved and recommends 10 amendments to the Book of Order. The Presbytery's Administrative Committee has not yet determined when the Presbytery will consider these amendments, but I wanted to send them out so everyone can have an opportunity to review them.

There are five proposed amendments to the Form of Government, one proposed amendment to the Directory for Worship, and four proposed amendments to the Rules of Discipline. The Assembly Committee on Church Polity and Ordered Ministry considered 23 proposed amendments to the Constitution, and wrestled with inserting specific language about the Administrative Personnel Association, family and parental leave, as well as renunciation of jurisdiction and other disciplinary issues. The committee's actions, and the assembly's actions, as well as advice from the Advisory Committee on the Constitution ("ACC") and other advisory and advocacy committees, can be found at [www.pc-biz.org](http://www.pc-biz.org).

The proposed amendments can be found at [www.presbyteryofmiddletennessee.org/stated-clerk-page/](http://www.presbyteryofmiddletennessee.org/stated-clerk-page/).

The Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission will meet to review and discuss the amendments, and will provide their advice. Following is a brief summary....[read more](#)

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contact [Guy Griffith](#)



**"Nueva Vida"  
Presbyterian  
Church invites you  
to celebrate five  
years of ministry  
September 16,  
2018  
12:30 - 4:00**

From Pastor Teddy Chuquimia and Church's leaders of the Hispanic ministry [Nueva Vida Presbyterian Church](#) invite sisters and brothers of the Presbytery to celebrate its five years of ministry in Nashville.

**The fiesta will be held on  
September 16,  
2018 from  
12:30 - 4:00 pm  
at Glenciff  
Presbyterian  
Church  
416 E. Thompson Ln  
Nashville, TN**

They will have tamales for everybody! Please come and join them at their Fiesta Day!

**Trinity  
Presbyterian  
Church in  
Nashville hosts  
American Guild of  
Organists (AGO)  
"A Festival**



**September 2, 2018 thru October 7, 2018**

The Season of Peace begins September 2, 2018 and continues until World Communion Sunday, October 7. The five-week pilgrimage is designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families, and individuals. Through daily "Path of Peace" reflections, "Peace Cards" for children and families, Bible and book studies for adults, children's curriculum, an intergenerational peace fair, and other downloadable resources, Presbyterians are invited to define and deepen their calling as peacemakers. This season is a time of encouragement, challenge, inspiration, and education.

Visit [pcusa.org/seasonofpeace](http://pcusa.org/seasonofpeace) to learn about the resources available.

## **SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH WHAT CAN YOU DO?**



Nothing runs on empty.

Everyone knows that feeling of an empty stomach. When there was no time for breakfast. Or a meeting was booked over lunch. That feeling is a

constant reality for 1 in 8 Middle Tennesseans, including 1 in 5 children.

September is Hunger Action Month™ when [Feeding America](#), [Second Harvest Food Bank](#), and the [Society of St. Andrew](#) ask everyone in America to take action to fight hunger in their community - all month long.

Hunger Action Month is your opportunity to join a movement that has a real and lasting impact on our effort to feed more Americans than ever before. Whether it's by advocating and raising awareness, making donations, or volunteering, you can find the way that's right for you to make a difference during Hunger Action Month.

The [Society of St. Andrew](#) offers for the month of September a [Daily Calendar for Prayer and Action](#) that includes a scripture reading and related

**Evensong"**  
**September 30**  
**4:30 pm**

Trinity, Nashville will host the opening event, "A Festival Evensong" of the Nashville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) on September 30 at 4:30 pm which is open to the public.

For more information regarding the event, you can call the church at 615-297-6513, or [click here to visit Trinity's website.](#)

For more information about AGO, [click here.](#)



**Upcoming  
Meeting  
Dates**

**Committee on  
Ministry**

**Transitions Team**

Tuesday, September 11  
@ 3:00 pm  
PMT Office, Rm 195

**Committee on  
Ministry (COM)**

Tuesday, September 11  
@ 4:00 pm  
PMT Office, Rm 196

**Administrative  
Committee**

Thursday,  
September 20  
@ 1:00 pm  
PMT Office, Rm 196

**Finance Committee**

Thursday,  
September 20  
@ 2:30 pm

activity for each day. Using this calendar, congregations will take direct action against hunger and give money that, through the Society of St. Andrew, will be used to put nourishing fruits and vegetables on the tables of our hungry brothers and sisters right here in the U.S. Click on links above to download the calendar and find more resources.

Ways to get involved:

- Write a letter to your elected officials about hunger
- Organize a food drive at your church to donate to a local food bank
- Donate to a food bank
- Volunteer with your colleagues at a local food bank

**Newsletter from  
Philip Beisswenger in Guatemala**



Hi Middle Tennessee Friends,  
Hope you've had a fantastic week so far.

[Click here for our latest newsletter from Guatemala.](#)

Feel free to post it or share it with anyone you think might be interested. Blessings to you all!  
Philip Beisswenger

**Let us know what is happening at your church!**

The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee features news from presbytery churches in the MID-TENN E-Newsletter. Let us hear what is happening at your church!

Note the following types of news items, which are usually published:

- New Personnel at your church
- Programs/Events happening at your church
- Mission projects
- Celebrations, Awards/recognition of church
- Anniversaries and homecomings

Please submit via email articles/information/flyers to [pbymidtnoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pbymidtnoffice@gmail.com). Please make sure that you identify what church you are from and an email contact if more information is needed. Articles or



PMT Office, Rm 196

**Committee on  
Preparation for  
Ministry (CPM)**

Tuesday, September 18  
@ 4:00 pm  
PMT Office, Rm 194

information do not have a length limit; flyers should be in pdf format. Photos are encouraged and should be in a jpeg format and identified if possible. Presbytery deadline is the 26th of each month. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Griffis at the presbytery office, 615-332-3330.

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