

The Presbytery of Shenandoah met Thursday November 28, 2017

Highlights are:

During morning worship the new General Presbyter/Stated Clerk was installed.

The Associate General Presbyter, Nancy Meehan Yao, using Play Doh, shared creative thoughts on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

We welcomed three new ministers: Rev. William Sitterly as the Interim at Shepherdstown, Rev. James Yao as pastor to Moorefield and Rev. Ron Potter as Temporary Supply at Bunker Hill.

We approved the mentoring program policy for new Teaching elders in the Presbytery.

Heard an in depth presentation from Jim Hershberger of the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program. What has happened, what is currently happening, concerns about the future and how we have and can continue to help.

Heard from Billy Rice, Director of the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

Rufus Burton highlighted the need for action in the opioid crisis and asked that others who are concerned to meet with him to begin a response.

A meeting of the Shenandoah Presbytery Corporation was held.

The Windy Cove congregation was sadly dismissed to ECO along with their pastor.

We voted to concur with the Overture from Hudson River to direct the Board of Pensions and the Presbytery Foundation to divest from fossil fuels.

We heard from the Rev. April Cranford on the wonderful mission that was enhanced with a grant from the Presbyteries Moffett Grant Fund.

We had a first reading of the 2018 Budget

We voted to allow Camp Paddy Run to form a 501c3 to operate independently from the presbytery. They will retain 176 acres of the total 376 acres, \$75,000 of the existing Timbering Funds and \$120,000 of the Funds for the Future with a reversion clause that in the event the camp is no longer financially viable it will return to the presbytery. Bylaws and other formal documents will be brought before the Presbytery for vote in the future.

And that is some of what we did!

Respectfully submitted,

Bronwen Boswell

GP/Stated Clerk