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## Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News December 20, 2017

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# The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

### Presbytery Mission and Vision Statement

*God calls us through the Holy Spirit to connect with each other to plant, grow and nurture vital, faithful communities of Christ for service and ministry.*

*In response we build partnerships,  
communicate with and support congregations,  
leaders and individuals,  
and embody Christ's transforming love in the world.*

#### Presbytery Calendar

#### DECEMBER



**Help us to be  
the hope,  
the grace,  
the love,  
the welcome others  
need,  
God in community.  
Amen.**

(Prayer from...  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
IN THE DINER  
Daily readings for Advent  
by Thom M Shuman)

#### **Sunday, December 24**

Christmas Eve  
Christmas Joy Offering  
(Offering taken during  
the Season of Advent:  
for past and present  
church workers in need,  
and for the education and  
leadership development  
of our church's future  
racial ethnic leaders.)

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

May peace fill your heart at Christmas and always  
from the the Presbytery of Scioto Valley staff.



Sally Robinson, Stated Clerk, Dagmar Romage, Administrative Assistant, John Wyckoff, Financial Assistant, Roger Au, Treasurer, and Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter

#### CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS...

**Amanda Presbyterian Church**....invites all to come and gather for a candlelight service at 11:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Come and enjoy Christmas lessons and carols, communion and baptism, and welcome Christmas morning

**Monday,  
December 25**  
Nativity of Jesus Christ

**Tuesday,  
December 26**  
Presbytery Office  
Closed

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**Continued Prayers  
for Health and  
Healing...**

for Edward (Ward)  
Porch, 18 month old  
son of Trip and Brittany  
Porch. Ward is  
recovering from  
surgery and will have  
medical treatments.

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Presbytery  
Highlights  
and Minutes  
from the  
November  
28 meeting  
are now

posted.

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**The PC(USA)  
Christmas Joy  
Offering...**

*Provides Assistance  
for Presbyterian  
Church Workers*

Jenni Whitford



Christian Educator at  
the Worthington  
Presbyterian Church,  
learned the value of  
the Joy Offering while  
she was a DCE at a

as the doors fling open to hear our beautiful steeple  
chimes.

**Bloom Presbyterian Church...** will be having a  
Christmas Eve Service Sunday, December 24th at 4 p.m.  
Come and join us in our church located at 75 South Street  
in Lithopolis.

**Columbus Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church...and  
the Westside Urban Ministry (WUM)...**offer words of  
gratitude to the Churches throughout our Presbytery who  
have donated many items in support of the holiday store  
outreach. This is an opportunity for our congregations to  
become involved and connect with students at West High  
School which is located on the west side of Columbus.  
Church members have donated gift items, assisted in  
setting up the store, physically worked in the store and  
helped students shop and wrap gifts. Thank you for your  
support in this worthwhile outreach program.

**Portsmouth Second Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary**  
was filled with joyous music, words of scripture and  
worshippers for its annual Festival of Lessons and Carols...



On Monday evening,  
December 18, talented  
musicians under the  
direction of Dr. Stan  
Workman, gathered to lead  
the Portsmouth community  
in an inspiring celebration of  
Christmas music and  
scriptural readings. The  
Reverend Allison Bauer not  
only served as the host  
pastor, but read scriptures  
along with other pastors  
from churches in the  
Portsmouth area.

**Partners in Education (PIE) Event**  
**Saturday, January 6, 2018,**  
**9:30 a.m. -3 p.m.**  
**(\$10 includes lunch)**  
**Hilliard Presbyterian Church**



**Classes and training for church officers, pastors and  
leaders...**

**Morning Workshops: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

1. Elder Training: Smaller Congregations
2. Elder Training: Midsize-Large Congregations
3. Deacon Training/Caregiving For all Congregations
4. Clerk Training
5. Technology & Christian Education & Casual  
Conversations

**Afternoon Workshops 1:30-3:00p.m.**

6. Biblical Hospitality
7. The Nuts and Bolts of Starting an Older Adult Ministry in  
Your Church
8. Policies and Best Practices in Working Safely with Youth

church in the Lake Michigan Presbytery when her husband had a heart aneurysm and died. She received a joint grant between the PC(USA) Board of Pensions Christmas Joy Offering and the Lake Michigan Presbytery.

This grant made it possible for her insurance premiums to be paid for 2 years. Jenni realized that the Christmas Joy Offering is for people like her, or ANYONE WHO WORKS FOR THE CHURCH. Jenni feels very blessed to work for a denomination that cares for its people, and she urges everyone to **Give Generously to the Christmas Joy Offering!**

& Children

9. All Day-Healthy Boundaries 101-For pastors and Certified educators who are actively serving in a church. Cost: \$30 for class materials.

For more information and registration materials, see the "PIE" brochure on the presbytery website: [www.psvonline.org](http://www.psvonline.org)

### Hangin' Rock area Pastors, Elders and Friends Enjoy Christmas Gathering...

The Hangin' Rock area group of Presbyterian churches in South Central Ohio was formed in the 1970's. This group, named after the historic iron furnace region near the Ohio River, was formed to give support and encouragement to the churches and pastors. This collegial gathering of pastors and elders continues to meet monthly for lunch and conversation.



Lunch and Conversation in Jackson, Ohio

### Clerk's Corner...News and Updates from Sally Robinson, PSV Stated Clerk

As Advent draws to a close and we look forward to the birth of our Savior in our hearts once again, I hope all of you have the most blessed of celebrations. This is also a time to look forward to a new year to come. In our presbytery we are looking forward to January 6th, not just because it is the feast of the Epiphany, but because it is also our day to learn more about the life of the church through the Partners in Education (PIE) event. I plan to be there as a resource person. I'll be sitting in on a couple of workshops, but I'll also be available to answer any questions you might have about the life of your particular church or the workings of the presbytery. And a special note to clerks of sessions - the statistical reports are online and instructions on how to access yours will come to you right after the first of the year. Contact Dagmar or me if you need assistance or have questions.



**The Presbytery of Scioto Valley(PSV) Stated Meetings for 2018**  
 February 20, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Chillicothe  
 May 15, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Fredericktown  
 September 18, 3:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Grove City  
 November 27, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (location TBA)

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