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Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News December 19, 2018

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The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

Presbytery of Scioto Valley 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



A Prayer for winter solstice...

*You speak your first
word, God, for light.*

*And, though we sing
"Silent Night,"
we're so used to
sirens in the night,
noise of highways
or furnaces,
that without them
we don't sleep.*

*Christmas Night,
give us ears for
percussive THUMP
of wings beating air,
murmurs of the wise
"which star is it?"
an innkeeper's shuffle
on night rounds;
easy breathing
of a newborn.*

Thanks be to God!

**Sunday,
December 23
Christmas Joy
Offering**

Christmas Greetings and Holiday Blessings to our Presbytery Ministers, Congregations and Members!



Merry Christmas from your Presbytery Staff Team

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

December 23: Christmas Joy Offering



One of the ways Presbyterians have traditionally demonstrated their love for others is by sharing our gifts through the Christmas Joy Gift Offering. For nearly 90 years, Presbyterians have given generously at Christmas to support unmet needs of families who have given their lives to the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Joy Offering has also supported racial ethnic education, helping students

Monday-Wednesday
December 24-26
 Presbytery Office
 Closed

Tuesday,
December 25



Christmas Day
 Merry Christmas!!!

Monday,
December 31
 Presbytery Office
 Closed

JANUARY 2019

Tuesday,
January 1
Happy New Year!
 Presbytery Office
 Closed

Monday, January 7
 12:30 pm
 PSV Commission for
 Church Professionals

3 pm
 PSV Commission for
 Congregational Life
Zoom Meeting

Wednesday,
January 9
 10 am
 PSV Older Adult
 Ministry Team Meeting

Thursday,
January 10
 10 am
 PSV Certified Ruling
 Elder Task Team
 (CRE)

Saturday,
January 12
 Partners in Education
 (PIE) Classes and
 Healthy Boundaries
 Training

develop their gifts and find their calling. Today the Christmas Joy Offering continues to meet the needs of those students and has expanded to help families of active and retired church workers meet unexpected needs. For more information about this offering: www.pcusa.org.

CONGREGATIONAL HOLIDAY EVENTS...

Columbus Westside Urban Ministry (WUM)....

A huge thank you for the generous donations of time and gifts for West High's Cowboy Bucks Holiday Store! Thank you! The Holiday Store is open to students during lunch hours each day this week.



Oak Hill Moriah and Sardis Presbyterian Churches...

celebrated the birth of the Christ Child through a play written by pastor Jim Snyder. *A Gift In The Straw*

was performed by Patti Snyder; Karen Jones, Moriah Clerk; Brenda Rochus, Moriah Treasurer; and T.J. Evans, Sardis Elder.

The First Presbyterian Church of Westerville...41

West College Avenue, will host a Longest Night Worship Service this Friday, December 21 at 7 pm to help those who find December to be a difficult time of year. This service will last about 30 minutes and will focus on the message of hope, healing and wholeness that Christ brings into the world.

Annual Partners in Education (PIE) Event

January 12, 2019 at the Hilliard Presbyterian Church

The Presbytery Commission for Nurture and Outreach invites all to come to the Partners in Education (PIE) event, which is designed for educators, church officers, teachers and church leaders. The Keynote Speaker will be Bryce Wiebe, Presbyterian justice advocate and Christian educator staff person in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Mission Agency. There will be a variety of workshops for elders, deacons, clerks, church leaders and teachers. The event will begin at 9:30 am and conclude by 3 pm. The cost is only \$10, and includes lunch. The day will also feature the Healthy Boundaries training for pastors and church leaders. There will be an extra cost for the Boundaries class. The complete brochure is now available on the presbytery website: www.psvonline.org

Pre-Presbytery Gathering, February 19, 2019, Noon
PSV Global Mission Network Special Event!!!

As the Presbytery of Scioto Valley seeks to expand the fellowship we enjoy around the world, the newly-formed PSV Global Mission Network is hosting a pre-presbytery event on Tuesday, February 19 at noon at the Worthington

Hilliard Presbyterian
Church
9:30 am - 3 pm

**Monday,
January 14**
3 pm

PSV Commission for
Presbytery Operations
(CPO)

Tuesday, January 15
Noon
PSV Staff Meeting

**Thursday,
January 17**
4-6 pm

PSV Pastors' Fireside
Chat at the Clintonville
Rusty Bucket

Presbyterian Church, 773 High St., Worthington. This special event will feature Ellen Sherby, the coordinator of Equipping for Mission Involvement for Presbyterian World Mission in the PC(USA). This event features a free lunch and an opportunity to explore how we, as a presbytery, can best support and engage in global mission. **Please RSVP** for this event by contacting Jeff Schooley (Pastor, First PC of Marysville) at fpcjeff82@gmail.com no later than February 11. For more information, or questions, contact Jeff Schooley.

Winter Fireside Chats for Presbytery Pastors...



Presbytery Pastor Colleagues
Gathered at a Fireside Chat

All minister members in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley are invited to gather with colleagues from across the Presbytery for our Winter Fireside Chats, January 17, 4-6 pm and March 12, 4-6 pm at the Clintonville Rusty

Bucket, 4109 N.High Street in Columbus. Appetizers will be provided. These popular events are sponsored by the Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals.

An Investment in the Future...2019 Per Capita

An Article by Christine Burns, Fredericktown Pastor

Per capita began in 1734 as a way to promote our connection to one another as a denomination, the new amount of just \$35.75 per member is not only a part of our history, but instead is a vital and substantial investment in our future. The majority of each contribution, \$23.55, stays in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley to support every congregation in the presbytery. These funds not only pay our paid staff members, but are also used to fund mission grants, the work of our commissions to provide support to congregations, and to provide pastoral support and transitions across our vast geographic area. Your investment in the future includes education of new pastors and training for those seeking churches to serve from other presbyteries across the denomination. \$8.95 is forwarded to the General Assembly (GA) to promote our collective efforts toward the Great Ends of the Church and to continue to be a church that is reformed and always reforming to meet the future of humankind in every corner. Through your support, mission work, disaster relief, and grants are all paid for. The final portion, \$3.25, goes to the Synod of the Covenant, which does the important work of preparing overtures for presentation to GA, as well as supplying funds for grants to congregations. If we view the Church as God's mission in the world, each of us has the responsibility to love God through our love for one another. Each time you, or your congregation, choose to pay per capita, you are providing a bright future for congregations across the denomination.

Sign up Now for the 2019 Presbytery-wide Winter Youth Retreat for Grades 6-12



Camp Akita

The Presbytery's Annual Winter Youth Retreat will be held on February 22-24, at Camp Akita. This retreat offers fellowship, music and keynotes, along with small group Bible studies and a confirmation tract. The theme: "Lift Every Voice" will be explored through a wide variety of activities. The retreat keynote speaker will be Reverend Rob Jackson, pastor in Greensboro, North Carolina. Rob, formerly a pastor in Scioto Valley, was one of the creators of the popular winter retreats at Camp Akita. The retreat cost is only \$90 per participant if you register by January 28. After that date, the cost will be \$100.

For details and registration information, visit the Presbytery website: www.psvonline.org.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley(PSV) Stated Meetings for 2019
February 19, 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Worthington Presbyterian Church

May 21, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, London
September 17, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Liberty Presbyterian Church, Delaware
November 19, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Circleville Presbyterian Church

News is normally sent out mid-week. If you would like to share information about your congregation and its mission and ministry activities, please email them by Wednesday morning to: jeannie@psvonline.org. Items are included and edited as space allows.

For the latest news and information from the Presbytery of Scioto Valley and its churches, visit www.psvonline.org. Telephone: 614-847-0565 or 800-244-7207; Fax: 614-847-4359

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