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Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News December 12, 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



Advent Prayer

(by bill leety...)

*God whose fierce warnings come on
"Baptizer's lips,"
clashing cymbals:
pitch our ears and
ways, not to threat
with its purpose of
fear;
but to warning of
consequences to
business as usual,
so that we be stirred
to heal, mend, and
turn to full love of
One yet on the way,
Jesus.*

**Thursday,
December 13**

11:45 am

Worthington Inn
PSV Commission for
Presbytery Operations
Christmas Lunch with
the Presbytery Staff

Sunday,



CONGREGATIONAL CELEBRATIONS and HOLIDAY EVENTS...

The First Presbyterian Church of Westerville... will host a Longest Night Worship Service on 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 fill focus on the message of hope, healing and wholeness that Christ brings into the world. The church is located at 41 West College Avenue in Uptown Westerville, one block west of State Street.

Portsmouth Second Presbyterian Church, 8th and Waller Streets...will bring the glory of Christmas to the community with the presentation of the "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" on Monday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The traditional service, which alternates readings from the Holy Scriptures with carols and anthems of the season, will be led by the Rev. Allison Bauer, Pastor, and the church's Chancel Choir. The Chancel Choir will be accompanied by a full orchestra made up of regional orchestral musicians, as well as many local instrumentalists. Numbering more than 80 participants, the choir and orchestra will be under the direction of Dr. Stanley Workman, Jr., Second Presbyterian Church Director of Music. Everyone is welcome to attend; a freewill offering will be taken to ensure the continuation of future musical events like this one.

Worthington Presbyterian Church... will present a Musical Celebration of Advent and Christmas on Sunday, December 16, during the 10:00 am worship service. The Chancel Choir, Renaissance Ensemble and soloist Martha Duersten-Pettit will be joined by brass, percussion, flute,

December 23

*Christmas Joy
Offering
Supports...*

- The Assistance Program of the Presbyterian Board of Pensions
- Education and Leadership Development at Presbyterian Racial-ethnic Schools and Colleges.

Monday-Wednesday**December 24-26**

Presbytery Office
Closed
Merry Christmas!!!

**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,

oboe, organ and four-hands piano. The joyous program will include works by G.F. Handel, Howard Helvey, Glenn Rudolph, Morten Lauridsen and Dan Forrest.

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.

**Mark your calendars... Pre-Presbytery Gathering...
Global Mission Network Special Event
February 19, Noon, Worthington Presbyterian Church**

As the Presbytery of Scioto Valley seeks to expand the fellowship we enjoy around the world, the newly-formed PSV Global Mission Network is happy to host a pre-presbytery event featuring Ellen Sherby, the PC(USA) coordinator of Equipping for Mission Involvement for Presbyterian World Mission, on Tuesday, February 19 at noon at the Worthington Presbyterian Church, 773 High St., Worthington.

This event features a free lunch and an opportunity to explore how we - as a presbytery - can best support and engage in global missions. **Please RSVP** for this event by contacting Jeff Schooley (Pastor, First PC of Marysville) at fpcjeff82@gmail.com no later than February 11. Further inquiries about this event can be made to the same person/address. Please, also, consider inviting members of your church's mission team to attend. *Gloria in excelsis deo!*

Youth Ministry Positions in PSV Churches...

Grove City First Presbyterian Church...is looking for a part-time CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH DIRECTOR. This position will require an average of 70 hours per month. Complete details can be found on the church website: www.fpcgc.org

Worthington Presbyterian Church...is seeking an INTERIM YOUTH DIRECTOR. This staff person could be part time or full time. The main focus will be on the Sunday evening Youth Group, which meets on Sunday evenings 6-

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
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

Coming in February...

Winter Gathering of the
PSV Presbyterian
Women (PW) on
Saturday, February 23
at the Circleville
Presbyterian Church,
9:30 am - 2 pm. Theme
will be: *Working for
Justice and Peace*.
Watch for more
information soon.

**Congratulations!
And Many Good
Wishes to...**

*The Honorably
Retired
Reverend Dr.
Donald Swift,*

8 pm. Please contact: Tom Rice, Pastor for Discipleship, for
further information: 248-224-9173.

Hanging Rock Area Church Professionals Gathering

Pastors
and
colleagues
in ministry
from the
southern
churches
in the



Hanging Rock Area Church Professionals and Friends

Presbytery gathered in Jackson today, December 12, for a delightful holiday gathering lunch and conversation of the Hanging Rock area Church Professionals. Today's gathering included: David Faulkner, Harrisonville; Rob Martin, Athens; Joe Fields, Waverly; Carson Hunt, Ironton; Shelley Wiley, Jackson; Jim and Patti Snyder, Sardis and Moriah; Liz Wagner, Logan; Charlise Ramsey, PSV Past-Moderator; Dagmar Romage, Presbytery staff; Sally Robinson, PSV Stated Clerk; Kay Puckett, Honorably Retired; Christine Burns, Fredericktown. All pastors and church professionals, especially in the Hanging Rock area (southern churches), are invited to the monthly lunches and conversations normally on the 4th Wednesdays. The next gathering will be on January 23rd at the Jackson Arch and Eddies Restaurant. Lunch will be at noon, with a time of Bible study and sermon preparation at 11 am. For questions about these gatherings, email: Jeannie@psvonline.org.

**An Investment in the Future...2019 Per Capita
Comments by Christine Burns, Fredericktown Pastor**

By now, your session clerk and the pastor of each church have received a letter from the presbytery showing the amount of per capita due in 2019 for your congregation. While 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. This mid-council represents every presbytery in its boundaries and does the important work of preparation of overtures for presentation to GA, as well as supplying funds for grants to congregations. If we view the Church as God's



who celebrated
his 95th birthday
on
December 11.
Happy Birthday

Don!!!

mission in the world, each of us has responsibility to love God through our love for one another in the one Great Commandment. 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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