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Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News January 9, 2019

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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

JANUARY 2019



God of the Seasons...

Warm us to winter days and frigid nights.

Prompt us and those with whom we share icy relationships to reconcile.

Free us from bitter cold of estrangement or loneliness, and make us whole!

*...in Jesus,
our Guide and Friend.*

Annual Partners in Education (PIE) Event

January 12, 2019 at the Hilliard Presbyterian Church

Everyone is invited to come to this Saturday's Presbytery-wide annual educational event, Partners in Education (PIE). This event is designed for church officers, teachers and leaders. 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 Healthy Boundaries class. The complete brochure is available on the presbytery website: www.psvonline.org Walk-ins are always welcome!

2018 Per Capita Information...

Your congregation's 2018 Per Capita and Mission giving can be received by the Presbytery any time before January 14 when the last deposit will be made. Thanks to the 54 of our 96 congregations who have paid their 2018 Per Capita in full! In addition many of our congregations generously send funds for basic mission in the presbytery, synod and General Assembly. Thanks to everyone for continuing to support our connectional denomination!

Church News, Staff Openings and Events...

Oak Hill Bethel Presbyterian Church...

a small congregation of 16 members sends some of their members on every mission work trip that the Presbytery sponsors. During the 2018 Presbytery Mission Work trip in West Virginia, Elder Dave Lewis was particularly concerned about the family of 8 living in the trailer the mission team

**Thursday,
January 10**

10 am
PSV Certified Ruling
Elder Task Team
(CRE)

Friday, January 11

Human Trafficking
Awareness Day

**Saturday,
January 12**

Partners in Education
(PIE) Classes and
Healthy Boundaries
Training
Hilliard Presbyterian
Church
9:30 am - 3 pm

Sunday, January 13

Baptism of the Lord

**Monday,
January 14**

3 pm
PSV Commission for
Presbytery Operations
(CPO)

Tuesday, January 15

Noon
PSV Staff Meeting

4 pm
PSV Coordinating Team
(CT) Meeting

**Thursday,
January 17**

4-6 pm
Pastors' Fireside Chat
Clintonville Rusty
Bucket

Friday, January 18

Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity

Sunday, January 20

Race Relations Day

Monday, January 21

Birthday of Martin
Luther King Jr.
Presbytery Office
Closed

**Wednesday,
January 23**

had been working on. The team installed underpinning on this trailer to assist in keeping the trailer warmer during the winter. After returning home, Dave and Eloise Lewis convinced the Bethel congregation to send enough money to the West Virginia Mission Advocacy Work Camp site person to purchase 2 tons of wood pellets for the family's pellet stove. Thanks to the Bethel Church for continuing the ministries of the Presbytery Mission Work Teams!

Galloway Presbyterian Church... is looking for a pianist to play at its 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday mornings. Please call 614-878-5015 or email the pastor: thomshuman79@gmail.com.

Grove City First Presbyterian Church is currently seeking a Children's & Youth Director (part-time position). Contact the church office or visit our website for a complete job description and information on how to apply: First Presbyterian Church of Grove City, 4227 Broadway, Grove City, OH 43123, 614-875-4322 fpcofgc@gmail.com www.fpcgc.org

Newark First Presbyterian Church... is looking for an organist/pianist. The organist will be qualified in organ and piano with experience in accompanying choirs, vocalists and ensembles. Responsibilities include being present at all worship services, rehearsals and special events. The Church is also looking for a choir director and is open to the idea of the organist serving as both. Contact: Rev Steven Brand: firstnewark@gmail.com or the church office at 740-345-1480.

Columbus Brookwood Presbyterian Church.... will offer a Special Education Seminar for Parents at the Brookwood Church, 2685 E. Livingston Ave. on Saturday, February 16 from 9 am to Noon. The seminar is designed to assist parents with school age students experiencing learning and/or behavioral issues at school and parents new to the special education process. Elder Ellen Wristen, attorney at law, will be the leader. Parents will learn about special education categories for eligibility, how to effectively request an evaluation of a student, the process, the type of services for which a student might be eligible, and the relationship between eligibility and disciplinary action. The cost of the seminar is \$5.00 per person. Scholarship assistance is available if needed. Advanced registration is required. A certificate of attendance is available if requested. To register call the church office at 614-235-3451, or email: ellen_wristen@yahoo.com

Winter Fireside Chats for Presbytery Pastors...

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 informal gatherings are sponsored by the Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals.

2019 Presbytery-wide Winter Youth Retreat

Arch and Eddies in
Jackson

11 am
Hanging Rock Church
Professionals Sermon
Prep and Bible Study

Noon
Hanging Rock Church
Professionals
Lunch Gathering

**Tuesday,
January 29**

Presbytery Office
Closed Noon-5
PSV Staff Continuing
Education

Coming in February

**Tuesday,
February 19**

Presbytery Meeting
Worthington
Presbyterian Church

February 22-24 at Camp Akita

The Presbytery's Annual Winter Youth Retreat offers youth in Grades 6-12 a weekend of fellowship, music and keynotes, along with small group Bible studies and a confirmation tract. The retreat cost is only \$90 per participant if you register by January 28. After that date, the cost will be \$100. To register, visit the Presbytery website: www.psvonline.org.

News from the Presbytery of Detroit Hands-On Mission Work Groups

The Hands-On Mission Work Group of the Presbytery of Detroit invites Mission Work Groups during the summer or for an Alternative Break Week during the school year. With over 10 years of experience, the Presbytery Work Group can offer a wide variety of service opportunities that will suit the work team's skills and interests. Opportunities include: urban gardening, building and remodeling, handicap ramp installations, homeless outreach, clothing sites, feeding programs, and many others. Over a dozen churches assist in hosting the work groups.

For more information, contact: Michael Barconey, Hands-On Mission Coordinator of Detroit Presbytery: michaelbarconey@gmail.com or 313-903-6609 (cell).

Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations!



To the Reverend Steve and Diana Brand on the birth of Noah Frank Brand. Noah was born on December 23. Steve is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Newark.

To the Reverend Margaret Coggin Yochum and family on the birth of Malachi Paxton Yocum on December 19. Margaret is a chaplain at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Clerk's Corner...By Reverend Sally Robinson, PSV Stated Clerk

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to meeting more new folks and working with many of you in the coming year. I am also looking forward to some special projects for this new year which I will share with you in coming weeks. This week I want to talk about what our statistics guru at General Assembly, Kris Valerius, calls "Stats Season." "Stats Season" is what congregations and presbyteries are in the middle of right now. Clerks of Sessions are filling out forms with all the numbers that tell the story of their church and the work the churches are doing. Presbyteries and Synods also fill out forms about changes within their body in the past year. While filling out forms and reading session and presbytery minutes is not something I learned in seminary, I enjoy it all because each form and set of minutes tell a unique story about an individual congregation or governing body, and give an amazing overview of the wider church.

I feel both humbled and privileged to be called to do this particular work for the life of the church.

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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