

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News February 27, 2019

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The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLE

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

**Thursday,
February 28**

10 am

Certified Ruling Elder
(CRE) Task Team
Meeting

MARCH

Friday, March 1

World Day of Prayer

Sunday, March 3

Celebrate the
Gifts of Women

A Prayer for
Transfiguration
of the Lord Sunday...

2019 Presbytery-wide Winter Youth Retreat

135 Youth and Leaders Gather from Across the Presbytery



With the theme of *Lift Every Voice*, the voices of those gathered at Camp Akita the weekend of February 22-24, did more that connect youth from ten churches in Scioto Valley. The retreat was an outward expression of love for God, one another and every part of creation. As the youth and leaders wrote their prayers in the closing worship service, they prayed for the friendships and opportunities of the time together in such a beautiful place. They prayed for kindness, generosity, equality and the

Lord, who comes to the peaks:

*we pray brashly and bluntly as we can...
for us it's difficult to tell if we're in clouds or fog; to know if we're in them, or they in us;
and, it's often necessary to be stern in order to be kind; as in your command, "Listen to him."
Pitch our ears to your voice, fix our eyes on mystery, in One who leads us to peaks and to peaks of glory!*

Monday, March 4

12:30 pm

Commission for Church Professionals (CCP)

3 pm

Commission for Congregational Life (CCL)

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday

Monday, March 11

3 pm

Commission for Presbytery Operations

Tuesday, March 12

4-6 pm

inclusion of all. They prayed for peace, safety, reconciliation and respect. They prayed for an end to hunger and homelessness.

And, they prayed that every voice would be heard!

Let us all echo their prayers!

**Register Now for the 2019 Presbyterian Triennium
For Rising 9th-Graduated 12th Graders...**



Gather your congregation's youth and join in a week of worship, exploration, friendship and fun from July 16-20 on the campus of Purdue University. Cost is \$555 per person and includes transportation to and from Purdue.

Applications can be found under News/Events:

www.psvonline.org. Scholarships are available for all who need them. **Registration and fees are due to the Presbytery office by March 15th!** For questions, contact our presbytery's Triennium registrar, Mary Gause at mgause@overbrookchurch.org or 614.261.1040.

**A New Podcast by Three Pastors in our Presbytery
The Bad Calvinists**

This week a new podcast was launched called *The Bad Calvinists* in which three of our Presbytery pastor friends discuss matters of faith with fresh insight and humor. In the first episode of this podcast, Rev. Joel A. Esala, Rev. Dr. Jason Link and Rev. Gray Marshall, along with behavioral therapist Andy Solovey, discuss "Original Goodness" and contrast it with the better known doctrine of Original Sin. Listen and subscribe on iTunes, Facebook or The Bad Calvinists website.



Gray Marshall, Joel Esala, and Jason Link

We hope you find our conversations around scripture thoughtful, relevant and funny. Rev. Joel A. Esala, Circleville Presbyterian Church: www.circlevillepresbyterianchurch.com

**Thanks from the Presbytery's Newest Congregation:
The Rose Run Presbyterian Church in New Albany**

The Session, Board of Deacons and the entire congregation of the Rose Run Presbyterian Church sincerely thank the

Fireside Chat for PSV
Pastors
Rusty Bucket in
Clintonville

**Wednesday, March
13**

10 am
Older Adult Ministry
Team Meeting

**Sunday-Monday
March 17-18**

6 pm-1 pm
PSV Leadership
Retreat at Procter
Conference Center

Winter Fireside Chat
for PSV Pastors
March 12, 4-6 p.m.



Mark your calendars and plan to join your pastor colleagues for the Winter Fireside Chat on Tuesday, March 12, 4-6 pm at the Clintonville Rusty Bucket, 4109 N. High St. in Columbus. Our presbytery's Fireside Chats are designed to offer opportunities for pastors to gather for informal conversation and refreshments. No particular conversation or discussion is planned. Appetizers will be provided by the

members of the Presbytery's Administrative Commission for the countless hours in the difficult process of resolving the challenges leading to this new congregation. After two years of deliberations, the Rose Run Church celebrates the motto: *All are welcome here: to worship, teach and lead!*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) NEWS

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Winter Gathering was held on February 23 at the Circleville Presbyterian Church. Women from seven churches around the presbytery gathered for fellowship, worship, education and a focus on justice and peace. Those gathered learned helpful information about immigration issues, asylum, sanctuary and the paths to citizenship.

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Covenant Summer Gathering will be held July 12-13, 2019, at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2070 Ridgecliff Road, Columbus, OH 43221. The theme will be: *What will the Lord Require of You?* Keynote Speakers will include Eugenia Gamble, author of the 2019 PW Bible Study and Carol Winkler, former Moderator of Churchwide Presbyterian Women. For more information visit www.psvonline.org or contact Betty Kennedy, Gathering Coordinator, Email: bettykennedy58@gmail.com or (740) 285-4548.

Parenting Books by Local Author Yvonne Gustafson

Yvonne Gustafson, Worthington Presbyterian Church Elder, recently published her second book on parenting.

In *Tools for the Toddler Years & Tools for the Preschool Years* (Fall 2018), Dr. Gustafson expresses deep respect for the parents of young children. She reminds us that whether parents know it or not, they are offering within their family the first opportunity to learn that God loves us and sets standards for how we are to behave and show our love.

These creative and helpful books are available through *Amazon*.

presbytery. There is no need to sign up. Just come at a time convenient for you.

Coming to Scioto Valley in 2022!

The 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), June 25-July 2, 2022

Plans are already being made by our Presbytery to prepare for the honor of hosting the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), June 25-July 2, 2022. If you want to be involved in the planning for the 225th General Assembly, please sign up on the presbytery website: www.psvonline.org, or email: Jeannie@psvonline.org.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Stated Meetings for 2019

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