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Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News March 13, 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

March 2019

A Lenten Prayer...

This season,
O God:
Loose me from
the hamster wheel,
and all else that claims-
whether Samsung or
Apple.

Rescue me from
the isle and
set me on that
vast continent of
grace,
where I seek
you

or where
you find me...
again!

**Sunday-Monday
March 17-18
PSV Leadership
Retreat
Procter Conference
Center**

Sunday, March 17
(Healthy Boundaries
for Elders: 2-5 pm)
Retreat Begins at

Last Chance to Register Your Youth for the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium!!!

*Registration and Fees are due to the Presbytery Office by
this Friday, March 15!*

You won't want to miss the opportunity to sign up your rising 9th graders-graduated 12th graders for a week of worship, exploration, friendship and fun with thousands of teens this summer at the 2019 PC(USA) Triennium to be held July 16-20 on the campus of Purdue University. The cost for the whole week including travel is \$555 per person. Applications can be found under News and Events: www.psvonline.org. Scholarships are available for all who need them. For questions, contact our presbytery's Triennium registrar, Mary Gause at mgause@overbrookchurch.org or 614.261.1040.

THANKS...THANKS...THANKS...

MANY THANKS...to the members of the Administrative Commission for the Gracious Separation of New Albany Presbyterian Church from the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Over the past two years, these faithful elders and ministers gave of their time and talents to respond to the request from the New Albany Church to be dismissed from the Presbytery of Scioto



*Administrative Commission Members
Deb Patterson, Joel Esala, Phyllis Heffner,
Keith Williams, Yvonne Gustafson, Alice
Karen Hite, Mark Johnson (all pictured),
and Bill Lucas, Jim Hamilton and Tom
Ridgely (not pictured)*

6 pm on Sunday
Ends at 1 pm on
Monday, March 18

Thursday, March 21

10:00 a.m.

Certified Ruling Elder
(CRE) Task Team

Wednesday, March 27

Jackson Arch & Eddies
Hanging Rock Area
Church Professionals
Gatherings
11 am Bible Study
Noon Lunch

April 2019



Clerk's Corner...

by Sally Robinson,
PSV Stated Clerk

This week your congregation's Clerk of Session received an instruction sheet and form from me and Marquell Segelken from the Presbytery Commission for Congregational Life for preparing the church Session minutes to be read later on this year. Certain things are required to be in all Session minutes, just as certain things are required to be in all presbytery minutes. I say all this because I am fascinated by church Session minutes. They are an historical record of a particular congregation, its members and mission activities, its joys and sorrows, its hallelujah moments and its times of repentance. Because

Valley and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Through months of listening sessions, conversations, correspondence, study, prayers and discernment, the Commission determined there was a scism in this congregation and no reconciliation was possible. Through Presbytery action at the September 2018 Meeting, the Commission was authorized to administer the plan of division of these two congregations, dismiss the original NAPC to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church denomination, and establish the new Rose Run Presbyterian Church. This new congregation would regain the original New Albany Church building by September 2019. During the February 19 Presbytery Meeting, the Commission was dismissed with gratitude for their expert work. For complete details on the work of this Commission, see the Presbytery minutes on the Presbytery website.

PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach News...

Three PSV Congregations Receive Session-Endorsed Mission Grants...

- Broad Street Presbyterian Church "Home Repair/Construction" Project received a grant of \$2000 for home repair for needy homeowners in the Near East side of Columbus near the Broad Street Church.
- First Presbyterian Church, Grove City received \$1000 for their laundromat ministry, "A Clean Idea".
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Columbus, received \$500 for the Lincoln Village Youth and Community Garden.

Session-endorsed Neighborhood Mission Grants are available through the Presbytery Commission for Nurture and Outreach. Visit the presbytery website for further information.

What Presbyterians Believe about Nature...

By Reverend Susan DeGeorge, Stated Clerk, Hudson River Presbytery

Presbyterians come from a tradition that calls us to know, honor, rejoice in and care for God's creation. Our Scripture - from Genesis to Revelation - invites us to be in relationship with trees that clap their hands, as Isaiah proclaims; water that quenches thirst, cleanses,



teaches about justice and quiets our anxiety; and animals that serve as helpers, partners and teachers. Our belief is centered on the Word becoming flesh - physical matter. John Calvin, one of the forefathers of the Reformed tradition, viewed nature as an important source of knowledge of God, awakening us to God's presence in our daily lives and, thus, is worthy of our care. For decades now, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has called us to be involved in and care for creation. Most recently, the 223rd General Assembly (2018) asked us to "raise a prophetic

I am fascinated by church history, in the years when I was a transitional pastor, I always read not just immediate past minutes of a church, but their earlier minutes as well. I wanted to know how and why a church was founded, what some of the earliest days were like, and how they grew or declined over the decades. If you are fairly new to your church, or if you're not sure about its history, ask to read some of the earliest session minutes. What you learn will be fascinating, and perhaps shed some new light on your congregation for you.

voice regarding the urgency of healing the climate of the earth, our home and God's gift for the future of all life, human and nonhuman". If we are to live what it is we say we believe as Presbyterians, our challenge is twofold. First, we must develop new, strong relationships with the rest of creation by providing occasions to immerse ourselves in the beauty and the mystery of creation in our congregational worship and in our daily lives. We might learn where the water in our baptism services and the bread and juice shared during the Lord's Supper come from, and how the earth or rivers from which they were gathered connect to us and have been treated by us. We might provide occasions for those in our worshiping communities to take off their shoes and stand on the earth, literally as well as figuratively, recognizing the holiness of the ground on which we stand. We might gather on a dark night and look up at the stars, counting them and remembering God's promise to Abraham and all his descendants. Then, having strengthened our connections with creation, we must tend to those relationships through our daily choices - in what we consume, how we get from place to place, and how we treat the beings around us, along with the water, soil and air. Only then will we begin to embody Mark's Gospel commission to go into all the world and proclaim the good news to all creation.

PRAYER CONCERN from ACROSS THE PRESBYTERY and AROUND THE PC(USA)...

Prayers for the family, friends and colleagues of the Reverend Robina Winbush... Robina died unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 12 in New York City. Robina, who grew up in Columbus at our Bethany Presbyterian Church, was the Associate Stated Clerk and the Director of Ecumenical Relations in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Robina was a highly-respected ecumenical leader and will be missed by colleagues and friends across the denomination and around the world.



Coming to Scioto Valley in June 25-July 2, 2022! **The 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

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

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