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

A Creation Prayer



God of all seasons,
earth tilts daily
and at equinox
we mark
balanced dark
with light.

Tilt us too...
towards a balance,
of rest with work,
praise with confession,
receiving and giving,
joy with lament;
as we see in
Jesus Christ.

APRIL



**Monday, April 1
12:30 pm**

Congregational News Items

Gahanna Mifflin Presbyterian Church, 123 Granville Street... The Dave Powers Trio will be performing a free concert on Sunday, March 31 at 3:00 pm The trio will be playing a wide variety of musical styles from jazz to rockabilly to bluegrass. A reception will follow.

Glen Echo Presbyterian Church...is looking forward to their annual Haiti medical mission work trip, May 26-June 2. There is a need for 3 MD's and/or nurse practitioners to serve with them. Dr. Diane Gorgas, Vice-Chair Academic Affairs OSU Emergency Medicine and Executive Director OSU Office of Global Health, will be leading the trip. Contact Pastor Lee Platt at 614-286-6221 for more information.

Korean Presbyterian Church of Columbus...youth are doing a hunger program with their non-profit, Small Cloud Inc. 501(c)(3). Small Cloud is holding a SWEATERS FOR HUNGER drive. Information is available on the following: <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/sweaters-for-hunger>.

Westerville First Presbyterian Church... is looking for a part-time Church Secretary. Send inquiries or resumes to fp.churchsecretary@gmail.com.

The Bad Calvinists Podcast...Episodes 2 & 3

The Bad Calvinists podcast is back. Three Presbyterian pastor-friends discuss matters of faith with fresh insight and humor. Episodes 2 and 3 are now

PSV Commission for
Church Professionals

3 pm

PSV Commission for
Congregational Life

**Tuesday, April 2
2 pm**

Ministries Initiatives
Board Meeting

**Monday, April 8
3 pm**

PSV Commission for
Presbytery Operations

**Tuesday, April 9
1 pm**

PSV Older Adult
Ministry Team Meeting

**Thursday, April 11
12:30 pm**

PSV Staff
Lunch/Meeting

**April 14
Palm Sunday
Holy Week Begins**

**April 18
Maundy Thursday**

**April 19
Good Friday**

**Sunday, April 21
Easter Sunday!**

**Tuesday, April 23
1 pm**

PSV Commission for
Nurture and Outreach

**Wednesday,
April 24**

Hanging Rock
Gathering

**Thursday, April 25
10 am**

Certified Ruling Elder
Task Team

**Tuesday, April 30
4 pm**

PSV Coordinating Team
(CT) Meeting

COMING IN MAY

available, "Wild World of Leviticus" and "Jesus and Intersectionality" Listen and subscribe on iTunes, Facebook or The Bad Calvinists website:



Gray Marshall, Joel Esala
and Jason Link

<https://jgraymarshall.wixsite.com/thebadcalvinists>

Xinia Briceño PC(USA) International Peacemaker from Costa Rica



Xinia Briceño, Rural
Aqueduct Association
of Milano

Xinia Briceño, International Peacemaker, became involved in the Rural Aqueduct Association of Milano when she realized that the water source for her community was being contaminated by agrochemicals used in the nearby pineapple plantations. She has led her community in addressing these problems and possible solutions to clean up and protect the springs that provide water for Milano.

I am excited about the opportunity to accompany Xinia in her speaking tour as an international peacemaker. Xinia and I are available for visits from Friday, September 13th to Monday, October 7th. If you are interested in having us come to your church, educational institution or community to share about the struggles for environment justice in Costa Rica and our call as Christians to care for God's creation, please write to me: Rev. Dr. Karla Ann Koll, Latin American Biblical University, Apartado 901-1000, San Jose, Costa Rica. Or, email: karla.koll@pcusa.org

The Forum on Youth Ministry at Princeton Seminary An Event for Christian Leaders in Youth Ministries

Join other youth leaders, directors, and pastors, April 23-26 on the campus of Princeton Theological Seminary or a 4-day youth ministry conference. This year's conference theme is: MOVEMENT: Mission, Body and Justice. This Forum gathers leaders, pastors and scholars in a setting that feeds our work in youth ministry while creating space for ministry leaders to network, rest and learn. For more information, or questions: email the director, Abigail Visco Rusert, abigail.rusert@ptsem.edu.

Tax Law Change that Could Impact Your Church Actions to Take by 3/31/2019

Because of a change in the tax code, tax-exempt organizations, such as churches, may have to pay a tax on the expense of providing parking to their employees. Recent articles in the news or magazines have revealed a tax law change that may make dedicated parking spaces at your church a taxable fringe benefit for your employees. In some cases, even spaces that are used regularly by your employees, but not dedicated to a single person, may require complicated calculations and inclusion as fringe

**Tuesday,
May 21
Presbytery
Meeting Day**
First Presbyterian
Church, London

1-3 pm Session
Records Review

3:30-7:30 p.m.
Presbytery Meeting

benefits. According to sources, many churches can avoid having to pay the tax by simply eliminating any parking spots that are reserved for church employees before 3/31/2019. This includes a space marked "Pastor". For further information, contact Mark Johnson, a member of the Presbytery Commission for Congregational Life. Email Mark at: maj@prismnet.com.

Congratulations! Happy 90th Birthday!



The Rev. Don Pendell, honorably retired minister member of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday! Don was honored during a worship service at the Worthington Presbyterian Church.

General Assembly Leaders Appoint Administrative Commission Members *Appointed by the General Assembly to Address Issues in the Synod of the Covenant*

The Co-Moderators of the 223rd General Assembly, Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri and Cynthia Kohlmann, have appointed the members of the Administrative Commission to Address Issues in the Synod of the Covenant, and appointed Patrice Hatley and Brady Radford as the commission's co-moderators.

The Commission is a response to concerns raised by various presbyteries in the Synod of the Covenant about conflict and disorder in the Synod. Our presbytery, along with others in our Synod, is committed to working in a productive way with the Commission, the Synod, and its presbyteries in order to seek better relationships and more collaborative ministries in the future. Commission members are:

- * Patrice Hatley, Co-Moderator (Presbytery of Tampa Bay)
- * Brady Radford, Co-Moderator (Presbytery of Greater Atlanta)
- * Michelle Johnson (Presbytery of Tropical Florida)
- * Susan Krummel (Presbytery of Chicago)
- * Ben McConaughy (Presbytery of Seattle)
- * Adel Malek (Presbytery of Los Ranchos)
- * Richard Rojas (Presbytery of San Juan)
- * Elona Street-Stewart (Presbytery of Twin Cities Area)

Denominational staff resources to the Commission are Flor Vélez-Díaz and Jihyun Oh.

Administrative Commission Co-Moderator Patrice Hatley offered these perspectives on the Commission's work: "My hope for the administrative commission, formed to address significant tension between leaders in the Synod of the Covenant and its presbytery leaders, is that we will seek to cultivate calm, connected leadership, reconciliation, healing, strengthened relationships, and a redefined sense of unity between synod and presbyteries. I expect we will place a well-established theological framework around the conversations and decisions in which we will engage. I also hope we can come away from this effort having honored the diversity inherent in the body of Christ. The persons appointed to serve on this administrative commission are well-gifted in faith-based conflict resolution, and I look forward to serving with them. Starting this work during Lent certainly gives pause to our own reflections on penance and suffering, even to the broken body of Jesus."



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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