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## Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News March 6, 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...

Maker of Jesus  
and of us:  
from dust to dust,  
ash to ash these days  
of Lent and life unfold.  
We also hear in Jesus  
the dust that blooms  
in loving before  
returning to dust,  
blooms yet again,  
post dust.

Let it be so for us  
in our time and after,  
O Lord.

by bill leety

#### Sunday, March 10



Daylight Savings Time  
will begin March 10.  
Don't forget to set your  
clock forward!

#### Monday, March 11

**Register Your Youth Now for the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium!!!** *Registration and Fees are due to the Presbytery Office by Friday, March 15!*



Triennium Worship Celebration

Sign up your rising 9th graders-graduated 12th graders for a week of worship, exploration, friendship and fun this summer, 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 and Events: [www.psvonline.org](http://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](mailto:mgause@overbrookchurch.org) or 614.261.1040.

### News From our Churches and Around the Presbytery...

**Galloway Presbyterian Church...***by Pastor Thom Shuman...*The Iona Community is a dispersed Christian ecumenical group which works for peace, social justice, environmental integrity, the rebuilding of community, and the renewal of worship. Their publishing group, Wild Goose Publications, just released 'Beyond Brexit: reflections and prayers at a time of division.' Rev. Thom Shuman, stated supply at Galloway Presbyterian Church was asked to contribute to this resource. They have also just published 'Fasts and Feasts' written by Thom. This publication provides very short reflections for each day of

3 pm  
Commission for  
Presbytery Operations

**Tuesday, March 12**

4-6 pm  
Fireside Chat for  
PSV Pastors



Clintonville Rusty Bucket

**Wednesday,  
March 13**

10 am  
Older Adult Ministry  
Team Meeting

**Sunday-Monday  
March 17-18**

**PSV Leadership  
Retreat  
Procter Conference  
Center**

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

Lent and Holy Week. Both are available as PDF downloads from [www.ionabooks.com](http://www.ionabooks.com)

**Newark Second Presbyterian Church**, 42 East Church St., Newark...invites all to the 3rd Annual Community Hymn Singalong on Sunday, March 17 at 2 pm. Rick Black, organist and Ann Robinson, pianist, will lead the singing of your favorite hymns. They will also perform piano and organ duets of the songs. A free-will offering will be received.

**A Complete Set of the New Interpreters Bible is available for Free!!!** If you are interested, please contact Debbie Lewicki at [debbielewicki@gmail.com](mailto:debbielewicki@gmail.com)

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

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

**PC(USA) Self-Development of People...(SDOP)**



Many of our congregations will be giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering through

Lent. One part of this offering is the Self-Development of People (SDOP) program of the PC(USA). The Presbytery of Scioto Valley SDOP Committee recently participated in an SDOP grant. A \$5,000 SDOP grant was awarded to an anti-poverty program here in Central Ohio thanks to last year's donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Sunday, April 7 will be Self-Development of People Sunday. If you would like interpretative materials, or information about how eligible groups in your community can apply for grants, to: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/sdop/> If you'd like help with a "Minute for Mission," or further information about PSV's Self-Development of People Committee, contact Rev. Les Sauer, [lessauer@hotmail.com](mailto:lessauer@hotmail.com)

**PRAYERS CONCERNS ACROSS THE PRESBYTERY...**

A memorial service will be held for Elder Dee Nagy, at 2 P.M. Saturday, March 9, 2019, at the Dublin Presbyterian Church, 5775 Dublinshire Drive, Dublin, OH 43017.

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Prayers for the Rev. Dr. Shelley Wiley and family in the recent death of her mother. Shelley serves as the transitional pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Jackson.

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Prayers for Elder Mark Johnson, Certified Ruling Elder student, in the recent death of his mother.

### The Presbyterian Church (USA) Statistical Report...

By Rick Jones, Office of the General Assembly, March 1, 2019

The largest age group in the PC(USA) continues to be 65 and older, while young people, 25 and younger, make up the smallest group. If you grew up in the church during the 1950s and 60s, you probably remember seeing packed sanctuaries and people of all ages participating in the ministry and activities. Most businesses were closed on Sundays except for restaurants who had a strong business from the "church crowd." Fast forward fifty and sixty years and the landscape has changed. In many cases, the once-filled sanctuaries have more empty seats than filled ones. Churches have a lot of competition on Sundays now and extracurricular activities have taken the place of worship for many families.

While congregations have been in decline for decades, the breakdown of age ranges has not changed, says Kris Valerius, Assistant Stated Clerk and manager of denominational rolls and records for the PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly. Several years ago, Valerius was asked to help a seminary student with a research project, specifically aimed at proving a continual loss of young people in the church. They looked at the age breakdown over a ten-year period in churches with 200 members or less. But the results didn't prove the theory. "We both were surprised to discover that it hadn't changed that much. The age breakdown was basically the same," said Valerius. We have gone through a major loss in the denomination, but even with the losses, the numbers have not changed dramatically at all.



### 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](http://www.psvonline.org) or email: [jeannie@psvonline.org](mailto: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

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*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](mailto:jeannie@psvonline.org). Items are included and edited as space allows.*

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