

## Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News August 30, 2017

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Presbytery 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**

SEPTEMBER

September 1



World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Resources and information: pcusa.org/eco-journey

Sunday, September 3 Presbyterian Higher Education Sunday. Resources about Presbyterian colleges and universities: Presbyteriancolleges.org

#### Monday, September 4 Labor Day Presbytery Office closed A day to rest.

#### Presbytery of Scioto Valley All New Website Live!!!

Visit: <u>www.psvonline.org</u> anytime! Let us know what you think and how we can improve the site.

**PC(USA)** International Peacemaker in Scioto Valley Herman Kumara of SRI Lanka, September 22-26



Herman Kumara, PC(USA) international peacemaker, has extensive experience in international development, project planning, and implementation and management of civil society and social movements. He conducts participative trainings for social transformation, helps with organizational development,

networking and advocacy for Civil Society/NGOs, and analyzes issues related to food sovereignty. He works with fisheries and small farmers, young people learning about environmental protection and members of women's movements to animate marginalized sectors to gain their rights. Herman is an advocate on land rights, ethnic and religious minorities, and women-headed families in war affected communities. The First Presbyterian Church in Granville, along with the Presbytery, will be hosting Herman's visit.

A lunch and conversation with Herman is being planned for Monday, September 26 at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Further information will be available soon.

Presbytery-wide Fall Youth Rally in New Setting! Saturday, September 30, Noon-3 pm Pickerington Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

Register Now! Go to <u>www.psvonline</u> for the registration form. Cost is only \$10 per person. There will be group

**Tuesday, September 5** 4 pm PSV Commission for Congregational Life (CCL)

Sunday, September 10 Christian Education Week Begins. For resources: pcusa.org/education

Monday, September 11 3 pm PSV Commission for Presbytery Operations

Tuesday, September 19 Waverly First Presbyterian Church Presbytery Meeting Day

1:30-3 pm Pre-Presbytery Event Special Guest Leader Dr. Ralph Watkins Columbia Theological Seminary Evangelism and Church Growth

3:30 - 6:15 pm Presbytery Meeting

6:31 - 8:30 Bristol Village Retirement Dinner and Celebration for Reverend Richard Hays PSV Stated Clerk *(Email:* <u>Dagmar@psvonline.org</u> to sign up for the dinner. \$5 donation)

September 22-26

PC(USA) International Peacemaker Visitor in Scioto Valley Herman Kumara from Sri Lanka

#### Monday, September 25

Noon Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 4131 N. High St., Columbus

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games, inflatables and a video game truck! There is going to be something for everyone: tailgate food with hot dogs on the grill; TVs playing the football game outside; Games like flag football, corn hole, can jam, etc...; Inflatable Obstacle Course; The Buckeye Game Truck for 20 people at a time, where participants will play video games on huge TVs while sitting on fancy stadium seats. All you have to do is bring the kids and keep an eye on them while you watch football...a small price to pay for such a cool day with youth. If you have any questions contact the event coordinator:

Rev. Steve, <u>firstnewark@gmail.com</u> or 740-616-8704

# Annual Older Adult Rally Gathers Presbyterians from Fifteen Congregations...

Rabbi Kozberg, a popular biblical teacher and speaker, presented a fascinating study of Moses at this year's Older Adult Rally on Sunday, August 27, at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church. The sixty participants, who traveled from across the Presbytery, discovered



Rabbi Kozberg Leads Bible Study

fascinating stories about the life and death of Moses, while being inspired by "sitting at the feet of" a Rabbi. Participants also received copies of the 2017 Older Adult Ministries Planning Guide for their congregations. If you would like a copy for your congregation, email: Dagmar@psvonline.org to have a copy sent to you. Thanks to the members of the Older Adult Ministry Team, led by the Reverend Desiree Youngblood, who made this event possible.

### Presbyterian Women Enjoy Summer Gathering

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley meets four times annually. Each gathering focuses on a part of the Purpose of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Summer gathering held at the First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster introduced the Horizon's Bible Study, *Cloud of Witnesses-The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Melissa Bane Sevier, author of this



Reverend Melissa Bane Sevier, Bible Study Author

year's Bible study, was the guest leader and teacher. The day also included informative workshops on ways to teach and use the Bible study, disaster preparedness, a delicious lunch and an inspiring worship service led by the Reverend Sarah Juist, pastor of the Hanover Presbyterian Church. Thanks to PW Moderator Rebecca Tollefson, the PW Coordinating Team and the women of the First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster for an excellent program. The next PW Gathering in the Presbytery will focus on supporting the mission of the church worldwide and will be held on October 28 at the Ramseyer Presbyterian Church in Columbus. Mark your calendars and watch for more information. Lunch and Conversation with our International Peacemaker, Herman Kumara Cost: \$12 To Sign up, email: Dagmar@psvonline.org

#### Tuesday, September 26

1pm PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach

> Wednesday, September 27

Noon Hanging Rock Area Church Professionals Lunch and Conversation "Arch and Eddies" in Jackson

## Saturday, September 30

Noon-3pm Pickerington Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Youth Rally Day Event (*To sign up your group, visit the presbytery website:* <u>www.psvonline.org</u>)

Biblical Library Books Available...

The Reverend Rick Hays has the following books available from his pastoral library: *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament-10* v. *Ancient Christian Commentary of Scripture* -Old Testament-14 vol. -Apocrypha-1 volume -New Testament-12 vol. Email: <u>RickHays@psvonline.org</u> for further information.

## Westside Urban Ministry (WUM) Coat Collection

The Presbytery's Westside Urban Ministry (WUM) program will be collecting coats for kids at the September 19 Presbytery Meeting in Waverly. Gently-used or new coats, hats and mittens for elementary through high schoolers will be warmly received. For more information, contact Patti Nussle, 614-209-5600.

## **Interested in Spiritual Direction?**

*Wellstreams* Ecumenical Program of Spiritual Formation and Training in the Art of Spiritual Direction is seeking individuals interested in 10 months of FREE spiritual direction beginning in February 2018. Directees would meet monthly with an intern training to be a spiritual director under the guidance of a trained supervisor. If you thirst for the water...the living water, and are interested in learning more about this unique opportunity, please contact Roger Au at 614-203-1560 or <u>rogerau@aol.com</u> by September 6. *Wellstreams* is part of the Spirituality Network of Central Ohio, <u>www.spiritualitynetwork.org</u>.

Prayer Concerns in our Presbytery and Beyond...

The Reverend Rawley Boone, his wife Dorothy, and their family in the recent, unexpected death of their son, David. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 3, 3 pm at the Westerville Community Church of Christ, 770 County Line Road.

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The family, friends and colleagues of the Reverend Gerald "Gerry" Gregg, who died unexpectedly on August 23. Gerry faithfully continued to serve the Broad St. Presbyterian Church following his retirement in 1993. A memorial service was held on Sunday, August 27 at the Broad St. Presbyterian Church in Columbus.

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Brothers and Sisters in Houston and other flooded areas. Visit: <u>www.pcusa.org</u> to see the many ways you can help.

Would your Congregation Like to Host a Presbytery Meeting in 2018?

The Presbytery Coordinating Team is in the process of planning for the 2018 Presbytery Meetings which will be held in February, May, September and November. The meetings are normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. If your congregation is interested in exploring what is needed to host a presbytery meeting, contact the Presbytery Office.

#### The Presbytery of Scioto Valley(PSV) Weekly Email News...

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: <u>jeannie@psvonline.org</u>. Items are included and edited as space allows.

For the latest news and information from the Presbytery of Scioto Valley and its churches, visit

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