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Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News October 18, 2017

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The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 22

3 pm
Newark Second
Presbyterian Church
Installation of Pastor
Todd Tracy

October 22-28

PSV Mission Work
Team in Gatlinburg, TN

Wednesday

October 25

Noon
Hanging Rock area
Church Professionals
Lunch & Conversation
Arch and Eddies in
Jackson

Saturday,

October 28

9:30-3:00
PW Gathering
Ramseyer Presbyterian
Church
3228 Westerville Road
Columbus, OH 43224

Sunday, October 29

Reformation Sunday

Scioto Valley Leaders Attend PC(USA) Mid Council Conferences in St. Louis...

Presbytery Moderator Charlsie Ramsey, Executive Presbyter Jeannie Harsh and Stated Clerk Sally Robinson spent 4 days in St. Louis attending the Mid Council Leaders Gathering. Scioto Valley attendees joined with leaders from across the denomination as they participated in conferences sponsored by the Office of the General Assembly and the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Plenary sessions, workshops and inspiring sermons offered abundant information on the present and future activities and plans for the PC(USA) offices, mission and programs as the denomination plans for the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis in June 2018. Scioto Valley is currently seeking applications for three teaching elder/minister commissioners, three ruling elder commissioners and one young adult advisory delegate to the 2018 General Assembly. Applications need to be in the presbytery office by November 1 for election during the November 28 Presbytery Meeting. Application materials are available on the Presbytery website: www.psvonline.org



Charlsie Ramsey, Jeannie Harsh
and Sally Robinson

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Clerk's Corner...

As your newly-elected, soon-to-be-installed Stated Clerk, I will be sharing

500th Anniversary of
the Reformation

11 am Worship

Reynoldsburg First
Presbyterian Church,
1416 Jackson St.,
Reynoldsburg.
*Reynoldsburg First
Presbyterian Church
will celebrate 200
years of faithful
ministry
in Reynoldsburg.
Everyone invited!*

Monday, October 30

3 pm
PSV Commission for
Congregational Life

NOVEMBER

Wednesday,

November 1
All Saints Day

Thursday,

November 2
11 am

Partners in Education
(PIE) Planning Team

Sunday-Tuesday

November 5-7

Church Professionals
Retreat
Deer Creek Resort

Wednesday,

November 8
10 am

Older Adult Ministry
Team

Monday,

November 13

12:30 pm

PSV Commission for
Church Professionals
(CCP)

3 pm

PSV Commission for
Presbytery Operations
(CPO)

Friday,

November 17

9:30-4:30



Sally Robinson,
PSV Stated Clerk

some clerk-type thoughts with you from time to time. This week I've been thinking about our *Book of Order*. Before you zone out, give me a chance. I spent almost 25 years as a transitional pastor. In that time, I served all sorts and sizes of congregations, and learned many things. Chief among them was that if the previous pastor had used the *Book of Order* consistently and pastorally, I might not have been necessary. John Knox developed the first *Book of Order* in Scotland for the ordering of our life together as people of faith. Our founding ancestors used the Presbyterian system of government in establishing this new nation. Our system allows us to be constitutional, relational and representative. We use it to prevent chaos, not to stifle creativity. When congregations, presbyteries and even the General Assembly follow it consistently and pastorally, then we're all playing off the same page. When issues arise in the church, the *Book of Order* is our guide for solving particular ecclesiastical puzzles, and more, for preventing them in the first place. It has stood the test of time, but allows for amending to meet the needs of the current time. I hope that instead of making a face the next time someone mentions the *Book of Order*, you'll be curious about the puzzle to be solved. Who knows? Maybe someday I'll write a book called *The Book of Order Can Be Fun*.

Presbytery-wide 2017 Mission Work Team

Rebuilding Homes in Gatlinburg, TN October 23-27

Next week keep in prayer our 2017 mission team of thirty Presbyterians from fifteen PSV congregations who will be working in rebuilding homes destroyed or damaged in the wildfires in the Gatlinburg, Tennessee area in the fall of 2016. This year's Scioto Valley mission team members come from our presbytery churches of 15-800 members in Portsmouth, Oak Hill, Logan, Pickerington, Circleville, Newark, Hanover, Outville, Delaware and Columbus.

Young Adult Volunteers Applications Accepted Now

Applications are now being accepted for the 2018-2019 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) class. The YAV program is a one-year service opportunity for young adults ages 19-30, offered through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). In the 2017-18 YAV year, there are four international sites and 15 national sites where young adults walk alongside local people of faith confronting root causes of poverty, violence and injustice in their communities and witnessing to the gospel by word and deed. It costs about \$22,000 to fully support a YAV for one year. YAV participants are asked to raise around 20 percent of this cost through their own fundraising efforts, and 80 percent is funded through individual donations and the annual Pentecost Offering. To learn more about the YAV program or to complete an application, click on youngadultvolunteers.org.

Application Dates for 2018/2019 YAV year

October 1, 2017 - Applications Open

January 1, 2018 - Round 1- (All sites available, early

Presbytery Office
**Healthy Boundaries
 Training 101**

Required for all Pastors
 and Church

Professionals new to
 their congregations or
 the presbytery. Sign up
 through the Presbytery
 Office.

**Thursday,
 November 23**

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Tuesday,
 November 28**

Columbus Boulevard
 Presbyterian Church

**Presbytery
 Stated Meeting**

*Pre-Presbytery Meeting
 Noon-2:30 p.m.*

(noon-12:45 pm)

Conversations About
 the Opiate

Epidemic in Ohio

Q&A with *DreamLand*
 author, Sam Quinones
 (via Skype)

(12:45-1:30 Lunch \$5)
 RSVP by November 26
 to Steven Brand at
firstnewark@gmail.com

(1:30-2:30)

The Church's Role in
 the Opiate Epidemic
 with William Livisay
 for more information:
www.psvonline.org

**Session Record
 Review**

(prior to Presbytery
 meeting 1:30-3:00)

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

placement)

March 1, 2018 - Round 2 - (Most sites available, final date
 to apply to international sites)

June 1, 2018 - Round 3 - (National sites only, limited spots
 available)

CONGREGATIONAL Special Events and Celebrations

Delaware First Presbyterian Church, 73 W. Winter
 Street...will host Delaware native and OWU Graduate,
 Emmy Award winning actor Wayne S. Turney as he
 performs the entire King James version of The Gospel
 According to Saint Mark on October 29th at 2 pm. There is
 no charge for the performance and the building is handicap
 accessible from the rear entrance off North Washington
 Street. For additional information contact the church office,
 740 363-1205, or Ruth Rabby, 740 369-3254.

The Alexander Presbyterian Church near Athens
 celebrated its 185th anniversary on Sunday, October 15.
 Congratulations to the many generations of faithful
 Presbyterians who served in and through this small
 membership congregation.

**The Reynoldsburg First Presbyterian Church, 1416
 Jackson St.,...**will celebrate its 200th anniversary on
 Sunday, October 29. Everyone is invited to come and join
 in the worship celebration at 11 am.

Peace and Prayers of Sympathy for...

The Reverend Dr. Tracy Keenan
 and her family in the recent
 death of Tracy's mother. Tracy is
 the pastor of the Covenant
 Presbyterian Church in Upper
 Arlington.



The Reverend Myong Sun Kim and family in the recent
 death of Myong's mother. Myong is a member-at-large in
 the Presbytery and serves on the Presbytery Coordinating
 Team.

Thanks to PSV Congregations for Per Capita Giving!

Thanks to our presbytery congregations for continuing to
 support the mission and ministries of the presbytery and
 the wider church through Per Capita and mission giving.
 As of September 30th, fifty-five percent of per capita has
 been received. The 2017 Presbytery of Scioto Valley Per
 Capita of \$33 will remain the same in 2018. For more
 information on per capita and mission giving, see the
 Presbytery website: www.psvonline.org

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: 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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