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## Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News November 22, 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

#### NOVEMBER



**Thursday,  
November 23**

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Tuesday,  
November 28**

Columbus Boulevard  
Presbyterian Church

#### Session Record Reviews

10-Noon  
1:30-3pm

#### Pre-Presbytery Event

Noon-2:30 pm  
Conversations About  
the Opiate Epidemic  
(Noon-12:45 pm  
Q&A with *DreamLand*  
author, Sam Quinones  
via Skype)  
(12:45-1:30 Lunch \$5)  
(1:30-2:30 pm  
The Church's Role in  
the Opiate Epidemic

### Thanksgiving Prayers of Gratitude and Joy...

*From Let Us Pray: Reformed Prayers for Christian Worship*

Gracious God, hear our prayers of  
thanksgiving...

*We give you thanks with our whole  
heart...*

For wooded hills and flowing  
streams; for sunset and moon-rise;  
For sunshine, rain and bountiful  
crops;

For things that run, hop and fly;

For the ability to enjoy your creation;

For the laughter of children, the hugs of friends, the smile of  
loved ones;

For productive lives and quiet moments;

For the beauty of your presence, the comfort of your touch,  
the knowledge of your faithfulness and love;

For forgiveness through Christ and life everlasting;

For all the ways we see the splendor of your glory and  
experience your goodness...

We give you thanks, gracious God, with our whole heart.  
Before all the world we sing your praise. Amen!



*By Susan R.  
Tomlinson*

### Stated Presbytery Meeting, Tuesday, November 28

#### From the Presbytery Stated Clerk, Sally Robinson...

Next week, Scioto Valley Presbytery meets at Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Grandview Heights, a suburb of Columbus. It will be my first meeting with you as Stated Clerk. There will be a few things that will be different about the flow of the meeting and about the printed docket, with a few more tweaks to come after the first of the year. The docket will be posted on the presbytery website by the time

with William Livisay)

### Presbytery Meeting

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

*Guest Preacher*  
*The Reverend Chris*  
*Roseland, PCUSA*  
*Mission Agency*

### DECEMBER



#### Monday, December 4

Noon

Commission for Church  
 Professionals (CCP)  
 Potluck Lunch Meeting

3 pm

Commission for  
 Congregational Life  
 (CCL)

#### Tuesday, December 5

1 pm

Commission for  
 Nurture and Outreach

#### Wednesday, December 13

Noon

Worthington Inn  
 Commission for  
 Presbytery Operations  
 Christmas Lunch with  
 Presbytery Staff

#### Wednesday, December 20

Noon

Hanging Rock area  
 Church Professionals  
 Holiday Lunch  
 Gathering  
 Arch and Eddies,  
 Jackson

#### Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve  
 Christmas Joy Offering

#### Monday, December 25

Nativity of Jesus Christ  
 Christmas Day  
 Merry Christmas!

you read this weekly newsletter. This is a new venture for me, and in putting together the meeting with the planning team and the docket with a lot of help from Dagmar Romage and Laurel Au, we all agreed there are ways in which things can continue to be simplified. I am very grateful for all the help, support and guidance I have received these past two months, and I look forward to your feedback, as well. As a 20+ year professional interim minister, I was guided by the mantra of a 95 year-old friend of mine who passed away last year, "Change is healthy." Not change for the sake of change, but change that moves us forward and makes us better. The church doesn't always welcome change, but it is not only healthy, it is inevitable. I look forward to our future together.

Giving Tuesday...Join with other Presbyterians participating in #GivingTuesday, the global day devoted to giving.

### The Presbytery of Scioto Valley and The Presbytery of Maumee Valley together Ordain Benjamin A. Shaw



Photo Courtesy of Rex Welker

Ben Shaw, Candidate in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, was ordained on Sunday, November 19, as the pastor of the Ottawa Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of Maumee Valley. Ben has been an active member in the Delaware First Presbyterian Church and the Ohio State University Ukirk ministries prior to his graduation from the Princeton Theological Seminary. In the photo, Ben is surrounded by his Ordination Commission members: Oluf Kongshaug, Jeannie Harsh, Jennifer Shaw, Carol Evans, Charlise Ramsey, Mathias Akih, Wayne Graham, Deb Patterson, Becky Riepenhoff and Bob Gustafson. Congratulations Ben! We will miss you in Scioto Valley!

### Congregational Christmas Events and Celebrations...

**Columbus, Old First Presbyterian Church**, 1101 Bryden Rd., Columbus, will have Christmas Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 17 at 7 PM.

**Dublin Presbyterian Church**, 5775 Dublinshire Dr., Dublin, will feature Advent Lessons and Carols on December 2, 7 pm. This free concert will feature the church choir, Shane Trace, Conductor and Stephen Sollars on the piano and organ.

**Newark Second Presbyterian Church**, 42 East Church Street, will have a Community Christmas Carol **Sing-a-Long** on Saturday, December 2, at 2 pm. Donations will benefit

Families Helping Families that provide brighter holidays for local children in need.

**COMING IN JANUARY...  
Presbytery of Scioto Valley Partners in Education (PIE) Classes  
Saturday, January 6, 2018...**

**9:30 am to 3 pm ,  
Hilliard Presbyterian Church**

**Classes and training for church officers and leaders...**

Elder Training, Deacon Training, Clerk Training, Technology and Christian Education, Healthy Boundaries, Biblical Hospitality, Older Adult Ministry, and Child Protection Policies for your church. For more information and registration materials, see the "PIE" brochures at the November 28 Presbytery Meeting and on the presbytery website: [www.psvonline.org](http://www.psvonline.org)

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