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## Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News November 1 , 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 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)

### Congregational Special Events and Celebrations...

**Reynoldsburg First Presbyterian Church...** celebrated its 200th anniversary on Sunday, October 29. This church has been called the "mother of churches" as three of the churches in Columbus were formed from members of the Reynoldsburg United Presbyterian Church.



Supply Pastor Mark Pierce and  
Clerk Larry Hayes



Current building built in 1951

This congregation, which especially prospered in the 1960's and 70's, is now composed of 23 faithful members, with several members still tracing their roots to the first settlers in the Reynoldsburg area. Congratulations to the members, pastors, and friends of the Reynoldsburg First Presbyterian Church for over 200 years of faithful ministries and mission!

**The Second Presbyterian Church of Newark...** and the Presbytery of Scioto Valley celebrated the Installation of the Reverend Todd Tracy as Newark Second's New Pastor on Sunday, October 22.

3 pm  
PSV Commission for  
Presbytery Operations  
(CPO)

**Friday,  
November 17**  
9:30-4:30  
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

**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 with  
William Lavisay)

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

**Pre-Presbytery Event**  
**on Tuesday, November**  
**28**

A Special Pre-Presbytery  
Event will be held just prior  
to the Presbytery Meeting  
on Tuesday, November 28th  
at the Boulevard  
Presbyterian Church, 1235  
Northwest Boulevard in  
Columbus. This event,  
sponsored by the



Todd, who recently served as Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries at the Liberty Presbyterian Church, is surrounded by the members of his installation commission: Mathias Akih, Spencer Barker, Don Hilkerbaumer, Steven Hendrickson, Charlise Ramsey, Bob Armstrong, Patricia Tracy, Jennifer Eastman-Hinkle, and Nancy LeBlanc.

**Pickerington Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church...** and GMIM, our Indonesian New Worshipping Community in Columbus, Ohio, cordially invite you to the one year celebration of GMIM and to the ordination of Pdt. Allan Bonivacius Robot. Sth. as GMIM minister of the Word and Sacrament.



Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

The celebration and ordination will be at the Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church, 895 Old Diley Road, Pickerington, on Sunday, November 19 at 5:00 pm. Ibadah Malam The service will be in Indonesian with English translation.

Rev. Dr. H.W.B. Sumakul, President of Gereja Masehi Injili di Minahasa (GMIM) will be an honored guest at the celebration and will be ordaining Allan (Ketua Sinode GMIM).

**THE CLERK'S CORNER...**  
by PSV Stated Clerk, Sally Robinson

There have been many changes in the life of the church the past few years, some terrific and some not so much. But one change I see that has me concerned is the lack of understanding of what it means to be an elder in the wider church, as well as in the local congregation. This is true of our teaching elders (ministers) as well as our ruling elders. One of the ordination/installation vows we all take is a commitment to the wider church (Book of Order G-2.0301, W-4.4003e). Why, then, are so many ruling elders choosing to opt out of presbytery meetings? And why do we not have enough applicants to be a commissioner to General Assembly (GA) this coming summer? I will say more about presbytery meetings at another time. This week I want to talk about GA. This is an experience every elder, ruling or teaching, should have at least once. It will change your perspective of the church forever. I know that was true for me when I was the Theological Student Advisory Delegate from this presbytery in 1984. I had

Presbytery Commission for Nurture and Outreach, will focus on...

### "Conversations About the Opiate Epidemic in Ohio"

#### Noon-12:45 p.m.

Questions and Answers about the popular book, *Dreamland*, by writer Sam Quinones, who will be joining us via Skype for questions about his book, *Dreamland*. *Dreamland* is an important read for all churches as we face a problem that is hurting our communities.

**12:45-1:30 p.m.** Lunch will be available for \$5. Pizza, salad and dessert. RSVP by November 26 to Steven Brand at [firstnewark@gmail.com](mailto:firstnewark@gmail.com).

**1:30-2:30 p.m.** 'The Church's Role in the Opiate Epidemic' with William Livisay, a licensed social worker who has over thirty years of human service experience in the criminal justice system and the substance disorder field.

**3:30-7:30 p.m.** Presbytery of Scioto Valley 245th Stated Meeting

### Opportunities for... SESSION RECORD REVIEWS

By Marquell Segelken

Why do we do session record reviews? It isn't just to produce busy work for the clerks of sessions. The Book of Order specifies what records are to be kept, how they are to be kept and requires annual or biennial review by a "higher council". The Commission for Congregational Life is finishing up the reviews of 2016 session records and membership rolls. To date 45 sets of records have been reviewed. The last opportunity this year is prior

already made a commitment to God, but it was at GA that I came to realize I had made a commitment to the church, as well. Our church at the GA level is amazing. This Body of Christ is so much wider and broader and higher and grander than anything we can imagine standing in the pulpit or sitting in the pew of our local church on Sunday morning. The wider connectional church is the most wondrous entity of its size that I know of. Our Presbytery Nominating Committee has extended the deadline for GA Commissioner applicants to November 15. We need ruling and teaching elders to apply, as well as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate. Contact Dagmar at the presbytery office, 614-847-0565, or see the presbytery website under "News and Events". I hope that you will prayerfully and carefully consider this call to service. Our presbytery's commissioners will be elected during the November 28 Presbytery Meeting. Further information and applications are available on the presbytery website: [www.psvonline.org](http://www.psvonline.org)

### Employment Opportunity in the Presbytery...

#### Westerville Central College Presbyterian Church...

is searching for a Director of Worship and Music Ministries.

The Worship Director will be responsible for corporate worship and Sunday worship communication, under the direction of the Senior Pastor. The Worship Director will:

- \* Possess strong administration and organization skills with the ability and enthusiasm to identify, encourage, and recruit volunteers to grow an extensive, varied music ministry for all ages.
- \* Have a Bachelor's Degree with a minimum of minor in music or equivalent focus on worship, music ministry and/or choral or vocal music.
- \* Have a minimum of 5 years of church-related experience planning and leading worship and directing musical groups.

The Worship Director will manage all music ministries at CCPC, including those led by paid staff and volunteers. Additional information about the position is available on the church website: [www.ccpc.us](http://www.ccpc.us) Interested candidates should submit resume and references, by December 8 to the Reverend Malcolm Davis: [MalcolmDavis@CCPC.us](mailto:MalcolmDavis@CCPC.us).

The Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN) is looking for writers for..

#### **The 2018 Older Adult Ministry Planning Guide**



The Presbyterian Church (USA) designates the first Sunday in May each year (May 6, 2018) as Older Adult Sunday to honor and celebrate the oldest saints within PC(USA) congregations across the nation. In preparation for Older Adult Sunday, and as an ongoing resource, POAMN creates, edits and publishes an Older Adult Ministries (OAM) Planning Guide. POAMN is currently looking for submissions of creative ways to honor

older adults on May 6 and throughout the year. Does your congregation offer programs/events to minister for, to, and with older adults? This is an opportunity to share your

to the Presbytery meeting on November 28 at Boulevard Presbyterian Church. Times will be from 10 AM to noon and 1:30 to 3. You need to allow about 30 minutes to complete the review. If you have questions or need forms- please feel free to contact me:  
[dsegelke@columbus.rr.com](mailto:dsegelke@columbus.rr.com)

ideas with others who provide older adult ministries. Please consider writing an article that can be used in the 2018 OAM Planning Guide. Articles can be about a program you offer within your congregation or partnerships you have formed with other organizations, or other activities/events you provide for older adults within your community. Articles should be about the "how to" of various ministries with older adults.

Articles should be 500-2000 words in length and need to be submitted by December 15, 2017 to be considered for inclusion in the 2018 OAM Planning Guide. POAMN reserves editorial rights of all articles submitted. Please submit your article and include your short bio, to Ginny Nyhuis at [gnyhuis@frontier.com](mailto:gnyhuis@frontier.com)

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