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Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News December 13, 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

DECEMBER



Advent Prayer

*In a world that honors
the individual,
Star-casting God,
help us to join with and
celebrate everyone
who simply dreams,
reaches, serves, cares
for those around them.*

Amen.

(Prayer from...

CHRISTMAS EVE

IN THE DINER

Daily readings for Advent
by Thom M Shuman)

Wednesday, December 20

Noon

Hanging Rock area
Church Professionals
Holiday Lunch
Gathering

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS...

Amanda Presbyterian Church....Will you be staying up late because you can sleep in on Christmas Day? Come join us at Amanda Presbyterian Church, School and Church Street in Amanda, for our candlelight service at 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve. Join us for lessons and carols, communion and baptism, and welcome Christmas morning as the doors fling open to hear our beautiful steeple chimes.

Columbus, Bethany Presbyterian Church...Everyone is invited to attend this Sunday's musical Advent Event at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 206 N. Garfield Ave., Cols., (behind the Martin Luther King Center). December 17, 4 pm "Joy to the World".

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

Columbus, Overbrook Presbyterian Church.....Blue this Christmas? You are invited to a "Blue Christmas" service of prayers, scripture, and music to acknowledge God's presence. All are welcome. Come as you are. Wednesday, December 20, 7 p.m., 614-261-1040, www.overbrookchurch.org

Bloom Presbyterian Church... will be having a Christmas Eve Service Sunday, December 24th at 4 p.m. Come and join us in our church located at 75 South Street in Lithopolis.

Plain City Presbyterian Church...invites you to join in the 69th Annual Christmas Pageant on December 17th at 7:30 p.m. Prior to the Pageant, special music will be

Arch and Eddies,
Jackson

**Sunday,
December 24**
Christmas Eve
Christmas Joy Offering
(Offering taken during the
Season of Advent:
for past and present
church workers in need,
and for the education and
leadership development
of our church's future
racial ethnic leaders.)

**Monday,
December 25**
Nativity of Jesus Christ



PRAYERS...

**Prayers for Peace
and Comfort...**
for the Rev. Dr. Chuck
Stenner, Honorably
Retired Pastor

**Prayers for Health
and Healing...**
for Edward (Ward)
Porch, 18 month old
son of Trip and Brittany
Porch. Ward will be
undergoing medical
treatment.

Prayers of Joy...
for the Rev. Don Swift
who celebrated his
94th Birthday on
December 11.

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

9:30 am to 3 pm
(\$10 includes lunch)
**Hilliard
Presbyterian Church**

provided at 7 p.m.

700 Coats For Kids!
Thanks to everyone's
generosity the
Presbytery's West Side
Urban Ministry collected



Coats! Coats! Coats!
Coats Everywhere!!!

700 coats for school age
children this year. Just as
the cold snap hit, several
hardy Presbyterians delivered
coats, hats and mittens to
17 schools in Columbus for
children in need.

PC(USA) Leadership Visit Israel and Palestine

*An Update from Ginny
Teitt....* Ginny, pastor of
our Delaware Concord
Presbyterian Church, is
part of a PC(USA)
leadership team visiting
in Israel and Palestine
now through December
14. During this visit the
team has met with
Palestinian Church
leaders, connected with
the pastor of Redeemer
Lutheran Church in
Jerusalem, climbed the
189 steps to see the
view of the city from
the bell tower, briefed
by the United Nations
Office of Humanitarian
Affairs, met with the
Bishop of the Anglican
Church and visited at
the guest house on the
beautifully decorated
St. George's Campus.



The PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering...
Provides Assistance for Presbyterian Church Workers

Jenni Whitford, Director for Children's
Ministry at Worthington Presbyterian
Church, was a DCE at a mid-size
church in the Lake Michigan
Presbytery for 15 years before
moving to Ohio. In August of
2006, she had just returned
home from a Session Meeting
and was getting her 9 and 12-
year-old ready for bed, when
she received a phone call from
her husband's boss telling her
that her husband had collapsed
at work and was taken to the
hospital. He had a heart
aneurism and died. Jenni was
35 years old. Her husband
worked for the State of
Michigan and carried the family
medical benefits. But,



Jenni Whitford

Classes and training for church officers, pastors and leaders...

Elder Training
Deacon Training
Clerk Training
Technology and
Christian Education
Biblical Hospitality
Older Adult Ministry
Child Protection
Policies
(Healthy Boundaries is
*an all day workshop
especially for pastors.
\$30 additional fee.*)

For more information
and registration
materials, see the "PIE"
brochures on the
presbytery website:
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they were only insured until the end of the pay period, which was 10 days. Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus, Jenni's boss, encouraged her to apply for a grant through the PC(USA) Board of Pensions - through the Christmas Joy Offering. The Lake Michigan Presbytery matched the grant and her insurance premiums were paid for 2 years. Jenni realized that the Christmas Joy Offering is for people like her, or ANYONE WHO WORKS FOR THE CHURCH. Jenni feels very blessed to work for a denomination that cares for its people, and she urges everyone to *Give Generously to the Christmas Joy Offering!*

Mark your calendars - "Spiritual But Not Religious"



Linda Mercadante

On Tuesday, April 10 at 7 pm, The Rev. Dr. Linda Mercadante, Professor of Theology at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and a minister member of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, will be speaking about the "Spiritual But Not Religious" at the Worthington Presbyterian Church. She will be teaching about the growing segment of our population called "the nones" and what the church can do in response to those who claim no

religious affiliation. Childcare is available upon request. A freewill offering will be received.

RSVP: trice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com



The Presbytery of Scioto Valley(PSV) Stated Meetings for 2018
February 20, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Chillicothe
May 15, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Fredericktown
September 18, 3:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Grove City
November 27, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (location TBA)

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