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## Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News December 6, 2017

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# The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

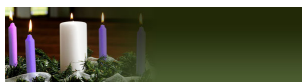
### Presbytery Mission and Vision Statement

*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



#### Wednesday after Advent 1

*Lord of cons and immediacy, we wait with some impatience for Christmas celebration while our commercial world is already at its fake celebration. Grant us patience to be geared to your time that is both slow and sure.*

*In his name,  
Amen.*

(Prayer for the day...  
by Walter Brueggemann  
from his new book:

#### **Gift and Task**

[A Year of Daily Readings and Reflections](#)

#### **Wednesday, December 13**

Noon

Worthington Inn  
Commission for  
Presbytery Operations

### Congregational Events and Celebrations...

#### First Presbyterian Church in Logan Celebrates the Installation of Pastor Elizabeth Wagner...



The Reverend Elizabeth (Liz) Wagner was installed as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Logan on Sunday, December 3. Liz comes to Scioto Valley from the Presbytery of Arkansas. Liz's commission

members were: Rod Carr, Rick Waller, Stephanie Williams, Susan Dietz, Margaret Graham, all from the Logan Church; Peter Galbraith, Nelsonville; Carroll Meyer, Honorably Retired Pastor; Karen Chakoian, Granville; Dave Johnson, Hilliard; Jeannie Harsh, Presbytery staff; and Charlsie Ramsey, Presbytery Moderator. Welcome Liz!

**Columbus, Bethany ...**Everyone is invited to attend musical Advent Events at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 206 N. Garfield Ave., Cols., (*behind the Martin Luther King Center*); Sunday, December 10, 4 pm, "A Jazzy Christmas"; Sunday, December 17, 4 pm "Joy to the World".

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

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  
(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

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Peace and Prayers for...  
The family and many  
friends of Elder Ruth  
Coons, who died this  
week. Ruth was the  
Moderator of our  
Presbytery in 1975.  
Over the many years of  
Ruth's busy life and  
generous volunteer  
services, she was  
active in the Broad  
Street and the  
Worthington  
Presbyterian  
Churches.

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

**Columbus, Overbrook Presbyterian Church.....**Blue this Christmas? Not looking forward to the holidays? Feeling sad, alone or estranged? Missing someone? You are invited to a "Blue Christmas" service of prayers, scripture, and music to acknowledged God's presence for those who struggle and mourn. All are welcome. Come as you are. Wednesday, December 20, 7 p.m., 614-261-1040, [www.overbrookchurch.org](http://www.overbrookchurch.org)

**Bloom Presbyterian Church** will be having its Christmas Eve Service Sunday, December 24th at 4 p.m. We are located at 75 South Street, Lithopolis, Ohio. Join us!

### PSV Commission News...

#### Commission for Church Professionals (CCP)...



Jim Hamilton, Carol Evans, Christine Burns, Mathias Akih, Don Hilkerbaumer, Todd Tracy, Kae Merold, Annie Melick, Sarah Juist and Rob Martin

CCP members at their December meeting took time from their agenda to offer their gratitude to outgoing chairperson Don Hilkerbaumer for his many years of faithful service to the Commission for Church Professionals.

This commission is responsible for the faith, training, health and vitality of those persons called to professional pastoral ministry.

#### Commission for Congregational Nurture (CNO)....

This commission is responsible for educational, connectional and outreach opportunities throughout the presbytery. The West Side Urban Ministry (WUM), a cooperative mission of the Presbytery, recently collected more than 700 coats and countless hats, mittens and scarves to help keep kids warm this winter. This ministry is staffed by volunteers of the Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church on West Broad Street in Columbus. Seniors from the Columbus West High School and several other students assisted WUM with sorting coats to earn community service hours as part of their graduation requirements. The coats and accessories have been delivered to Elementary, Middle and High Schools. Coats were collected at the September Presbytery meeting and in a number of churches, including Plain City, Overbrook, Broad Street, Covenant, Hoge, and Westminster.

#### PC(USA) Leadership to visit Israel and Palestine...

In May, Palestinian sisters and brothers in Christ issued a call to the global Christian community to intensify efforts in solidarity with them, in support of their Christian community. To honor this request, a PC(USA) leadership team will be visiting Israel and Palestine from December 6-14, 2017. On the second Sunday of Advent, which is also Human Rights Day, this team will be able to join with Palestinian Christians in this season of hopeful waiting. Rev. Ginny Teitt, Director of the New Wilmington Mission Conference and Pastor to our PSV Concord Presbyterian

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

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



Elder Training  
 Deacon Training  
 Clerk Training  
 Technology and  
 Christian Education  
 Healthy Boundaries  
 Biblical Hospitality  
 Older Adult Ministry  
 Child Protection  
 Policies  
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 and registration  
 materials, see the "PIE"  
 brochures on the  
 presbytery website:  
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Church is a member of the delegation. Other members of the delegation include Directors from our denomination's diverse ministry areas and the Stated Clerk of the PC(USA). Please pray for Ginny and the team as they visit the very place where the God incarnate was born.

#### Update from the Michael Ludwig Family... PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers

We had a very nice Thanksgiving celebration with some other US missionaries in our city. We're grateful that our area seems to be safe and the situation is very calm. Please pray with us as we are thinking about living in closer community to the students at a Bible school



The Ludwig Family

for a month. This mini move would give us a simple lifestyle, more conversation in Hausa, and maybe some opportunity to share more projects with the students. But we're still in the beginning stages of considering this. If you would like to partner with us financially, you can do so by sending a check to the PC(USA), at PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Make sure the memo line includes our funding number: E200513. Or visit: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/E200513>

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