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Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News February 14, 2018

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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

FEBRUARY

**Wednesday,
February 14**

Ash Wednesday

**Saturday,
February 17**

Presbyterian Women
Regional Gathering
9:30 am -1:45 pm
First Presbyterian
Church, Waverly
Topic: The Drug
Epidemic

**Tuesday,
February 20**

Presbytery Meeting
First Presbyterian
Church, Chillicothe

2:00 pm-3:00 pm
Four Pre-Presbytery
Gatherings

- Board of Pensions with Doug Portz, regional BOP representative
- Follow-up Conversation on the Opioid Crisis

Ash Wednesday...Christ is our Companion

On this first day of Lent, we look beyond ourselves to God, who calls us to travel as disciples of Jesus Christ through the following weeks, to the cross on Good Friday and beyond, to the message of resurrection on Easter. The good news is that God is with us, every step of the way.

From: *Living into Lent* by Donald K. McKim

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS.....



Circleville Presbyterian Church ...and the Presbytery of Scioto Valley celebrated the installation of the Reverend Joel

Esala as their newly called pastor. Pastor Joel is surrounded by the members of his installation commission: Dianne Gerber; Gray Marshall; Andy Solovey; Darrell Smith; Anne Marshall; Charlise Ramsey; David Redding; Jeannie Harsh; Carla Mavis and Jason Link. Additional Commission members, Malcolm Davis and Ron Lokhorst, were not pictured.

The Eastminster Presbyterian Church and the Brookwood Presbyterian Church... together celebrated sixty-

- Security and Safety Issues for Church Gatherings
- Bills & Overtures - listening session on "Religious Freedom" overture (Commissioners are invited to attend a listening session on a General Assembly overture coming before the presbytery for a vote.)

**3:30 pm
Presbytery Meeting**

**Wednesday,
February 21**

11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Board of Pensions
Luncheon for Retired
Pastors and Spouses
Ohio
Living/Westminster-
Thurber

**Thursday,
February 22**

10 am
Older Adult Ministry
Task Team

**Friday,
February 23 to
Sunday,
February 25**

Presbytery-wide Youth
Retreat at Camp Akita

**Saturday,
February 24**

Presbyterian Women
Regional Gathering
Columbus, Brookwood
Presbyterian Church
Topic: Human Trafficking

**Sunday, February 25
3 pm**

First Presbyterian Church
Washington Court House
Installation of the
Reverend Gray Marshall
as Pastor

**Wednesday,
February 28**

five years of Eastminster's faithful ministry and mission at Eastminster's current location on East Broad Street. Following Eastminster's final service at this Broad St. location on Easter Sunday, April 1, the Eastminster



Eastminster and Brookwood share worship on East Broad Street on February 11

congregation will nest within the Brookwood Presbyterian Church at 2685 East Livingston Avenue in Columbus. Congratulations to both congregations for bravely doing an exciting new thing!

Columbus Covenant Parish of Fairmoor and Shady Lane...

invites all to come to their Worship Center at 360 South James Road, on February 25th at 10:00 a.m. for the celebration of African American History Month. This year's theme, MLK50, celebrates the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.. The Reverend Augustine Krukrubo, pastor of the All Nations Christian Church, will be the guest preacher. The Spirit of Praise Choir with musicians from the All Nations Church will provide special music. Following worship, everyone is invited to gather for delicious food and wonderful fellowship at an annual Soul Food Feast!



Dublin Presbyterian... is looking for a new church home for an Ahlborn LL 250 organ. The instrument is in decent shape with a few minor mechanical issues. The actual stops on the organ work great, and the organ accompanies a choir and

congregation well. The organ also includes two speakers, and a sound module. The instrument will be available for pickup beginning in March. If you are interested please contact the church office at (614) 793-8694

Lancaster First Presbyterian Church, 222 North Broad Street Lancaster...will feature a special children's program and lunch gathering on Saturday, March 17, 10:00 am-12:30 pm. The program will include a Black Light Puppet Team Ministry, Fun and Fellowship, and Expressive Sign Team Ministry. For more information, contact: Tammy Witham, Families and Children's Ministries Director. 740-653-1594 Ext. 226 or twitham@firstpbc.org.

Ostrander Presbyterian Church...

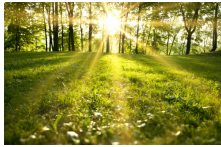
has been blessed with a gift of a new organ. Now, the Yamaha 6000 Electric organ is free to any church who will move it. If you would like to see it and try it out, please contact Nikki Conklin, Clerk, at 614-582-8959 or email: conklin.1@osu.edu



Worthington Presbyterian Church... invites all to a Celebration of Sound Concert at 3 pm on February 25. The

Noon

Hanging Rock Area
Church Professionals
Lunch Conversation
"Arch and Eddies" in
Jackson

MARCH**Monday, March 5**

12:30 pm
Commission for Church
Professionals

3 pm
Commission for
Congregational Life

Thursday, March 8

4-6 pm
Clintonville Rusty Bucket
Pastors' Fireside Chat

Monday, March 12

3 pm
Commission for
Presbytery Operations

Thursday, March 15

10 am
Certified Ruling Elder
Task Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 20

4 pm
PSV Coordinating Team
Meeting



Prayers For...
The Reverend Kristin
Schutte, who is
recovering from surgery.

musical program will feature Cuban-born pianist Orlay Alonso and soprano/narrator Jennifer Hambrick in "Vive l'Espagne", a performance of Spanish and French masterworks. The program will include selections by Manuel de Falla, Isaac Albeniz, Erik Satie, Maurice Ravel and others. Worthington Presbyterian Church is located at 773 High Street in Worthington. Admission is free and open to the public. (A freewill offering will be received). Following the concert, all are invited to meet the artists at a reception in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Sustainable Development Goals for the Future...

From the United Nations Convention on Climate Change

Seventeen Global Goals to respond to Climate Change were adopted by the member states of the United Nations in September 2015. These goals for 2030 are designed to transform the world and ensure that all human beings can fulfill their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment.

Goal #1. *End poverty in all its forms everywhere.*

Goal #2. *End hunger, achieve food security and improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.*

Goal #3. *Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.*

Goal #4. *Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.*

Goal #5. *Achieve gender equality and empower women and girls.*

Goal #6. *Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.*

Goal #7. *Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.*

Clerk's Corner...Sally Robinson, PSV Stated Clerk

In preparation for next week's presbytery meeting, I want to say a word about the Bills and Overtures (B&O) process. The *Book of Order* states: "The presbytery has the responsibility to maintain regular and continuing relationship to the Synod and General Assembly by: proposing...such measures as may be of common concern to the mission of the church,..." (G-3.0302d). Our procedure for doing this is when an overture is presented to the Stated Clerk to be voted on by the presbytery, it is reviewed by the Bills & Overtures Committee, which is made up of those who attended the last General Assembly. B&O brings a recommendation to the presbytery to vote the overture up or down. If it is voted up it is distributed to other presbyteries for concurrence, and then is sent to the Office of the General Assembly for consideration at the upcoming meeting later this year. Anyone who is interested in speaking for or against the overture is invited to meet with B&O prior to the presbytery meeting. This is part of our reformed process, and how we may all participate in the life of the wider church. This document will be available in the docket when it is posted on the presbytery web site.

From Doug Portz, Board of Pensions of PC(USA)

Attention: Pastors, Clerks of Session, Chairs of Personnel Committees, Church Business Administrators, and Treasurers... Learn how to use the new flexible benefit options from the Board of Pensions to support pastors and other employees. On Feb 20th at 2:15pm prior to the presbytery meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe, The Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz, Senior Consultant for the Board of Pensions, will be available to help you and your church learn about the following topics:

- Changes in the Benefits Plan for 2018
- A look at some changes in 2019
- Ways in which full-time and part-time employees can get benefits
- Update on the housing allowance for taxes
- Update on 403b (retirement savings) limits for 2018
- Update of new coverage for diabetes patients.
- Ministerial Educational debt changes and limits

Come and bring your questions!



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. - First Presbyterian Church, Logan

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