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Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News February 21, 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

**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

Tuesday, February 27

A Lenten Reflection...

From *The Lenten Poem* by Ann Weems

Lent is the time to take the time
to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ.

Presbytery Stated Meeting Highlights

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley held its February Meeting on Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Chillicothe. The meeting began with uplifting worship, an inspiring message preached by the Reverend Dr. Doug Portz, Senior Church Consultant for the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). and a celebration of the Lord's Supper. With a focus on the One Great



Rev. Dr. Doug Portz



*Dave Lewis is served Communion by
Liz Teitz and Jennifer Pieratt*

Hour of Sharing Offering, a minute for mission was led by Elders Dave and Eloise Lewis, who shared the joy of working as mission volunteers with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Highlights of the meeting included the retirement of the Reverend Robert Coberly, hospice chaplain; a celebration of the life and ministry of the Reverend Chuck Stenner by the Reverend Alice Phillips; PSV candidate Adam Anderson was approved for ordination

1-3 pm
Commission for Nurture
and Outreach

**Wednesday,
February 28
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
(CRE) Task Team
Meeting

10-11:30 am
Christian Educators'
Gathering
Presbytery Office

Tuesday, March 20

4 pm
PSV Coordinating Team
Meeting (CT)

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday
Holy Week Begins

Tuesday, March 27

1 pm
Commission for Nurture
and Outreach (CNO)

**Wednesday,
March 28**



Adam Anderson

as Minister of Word and Sacrament and cleared for the call as pastor of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church. The meeting business included approval of the ministry initiative program and the church development fund policy. The last item of business was the final report of the second administrative

commission for the Marion Forest Lawn Presbyterian Church. The presbytery approved the dissolution of the Marion Forest Lawn Presbyterian Church and dismissed the Administrative Commission with appreciation for the work of the members. Watch for the complete minutes of the Presbytery Meeting will be on the Presbytery website. A special thanks goes to the pastor and members of the Chillicothe First Presbyterian Church for a smooth-running meeting and abundant hospitality. The next presbytery meeting will be on May 15 at the Fredericktown First Presbyterian Church.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS....

Ash Wednesday Celebrations in Presbytery Congregations...

- Scioto Valley's two congregations in Knox County, First Presbyterian Fredericktown and First Presbyterian Mt. Vernon, joined together on the evening of Ash Wednesday for a service of scripture, message, music prayer and the imposition of ashes. The First Baptist Church in Fredericktown joined with the Presbyterians in this service celebrating the beginning of the Lenten journey.



- Worthington Presbyterian Church's youth group, under the creative leadership of Youth Director Brian Edwards, led the Ash Wednesday service for the church. They presented the story of "The Rag Man" written by Walter Wangerin, Jr. They proclaimed that Jesus came to take our old rags (sin, hurts and fears) and give us new rags (hope, love and life). They encouraged the congregation to spend time with God this Lent and exchange the old for new.

Columbus Covenant Parish of Fairmoor and Shady Lane... invites all to come to their Worship Center at 360 South James Road, on Sunday, February 25th at 10:00 am for the celebration of African American History Month. 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!

Noon
Hanging Rock Area
Church Professionals
Lunch Gathering
*Arch and Eddies in
Jackson*

Thursday, March 29
Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 30
Good Friday

Sunday April 1
Easter
*One Great Hour of
Sharing Offering*



Prayers For...

The Reverend Kristin Schutte, who is recovering from surgery.

The Reverend Tom Martin, who is recovering from surgery.

The Reverend Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont and her family in the recent death of Julia's mother. Julia is the Senior Pastor of the Worthington Presbyterian Church.

Worthington Presbyterian Church...invites all to a Celebration of Sound Concert at 3 pm this Sunday, February 25. The 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. Worthington Presbyterian Church is located at 773 High Street in Worthington. Admission is free and open to the public. Following the concert, all are invited to meet the artists at a reception in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Sustainable Development Goals to Transform our World for the Future...

Seventeen global goals were adopted in September 2015 by the member states of the United Nations to work for dignity and equality for all in a healthy environment. The Goal, #8, lifted up this week, is to promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Sixty-one PSV Congregations Paid Full Per-Capita in 2017

Many thanks to the 61 congregations with membership of 8 to over 1300 members who fully supported our Presbyterian denominational connections by paying full per capita to the Presbytery, Synod and the General Assembly. Certificates of Appreciation have been prepared to recognize these congregations and their support of the mission and ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in our neighborhoods and around the globe. The certificates are now available in the presbytery office or can be mailed to congregations.

Contact Information Update from the E-News Editor
Executive Presbyter, Reverend Dr. Jeannie Harsh


Recently I decided I needed to replace my well-used cell phone. After four hours at the local Verizon store, I ended up with a new phone which has two phone numbers. I can now be reached by calling or texting 614-562-1775 or 614-896-0670.



Jeannie

News from The Ohio Council of Churches
The Reverend Rebecca Tollefson, Executive Director

The Unite to End Racism Rally, April 3-5, Washington D.C.
Sign up now to join in a bus trip leaving Columbus on April 3rd to travel overnight to Washington DC for the Interfaith Service of Prayer and Preparation at the Lincoln Memorial and a Rally at the National Mall on April 4. Registration deadline is March 1. For more information visit the Ohio Council of Churches website: www.ohcouncilchs.org or contact Rebecca Tollefson, email: rtollefson@ohcouncilchs.org.

 **The Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Stated Meetings for 2018**
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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