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## Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News March 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

#### MARCH

#### Thursday, March 15

10 am  
Certified Ruling Elder  
(CRE) Task Team  
Meeting

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

#### Tuesday, March 20

*First Day of Spring*



4 pm  
PSV Coordinating Team  
Meeting (CT)

#### Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday  
Holy Week Begins

#### Wednesday, March 28

Noon  
Hanging Rock Area  
Church Professionals

### Lenten Thoughts... "On Grace and Gratitude"

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

Grace and gratitude belong together, like heaven and earth. Jesus' life, death and resurrection are the gracious, life-giving actions of the One who loved us and gave himself for us. Our gratitude comes fully and deeply. Like breathing: we inhale grace and exhale gratitude. This is our life!

### Special Lenten Offering: **One Great Hour of Sharing**

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering is an ecumenical effort that helps Presbyterians share God's love through many ministries and missions, such as disaster, hunger and poverty. The OGHS dedicates 32% of the offering to restore hope through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). 36% of the offering is dedicated to reducing or ending hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program. 32% of the offering is focused on resources and education addressing poverty and injustice through the Self-Development of People (SDOP).

### Congregational News and Events...

**First Presbyterian Church, Fredericktown...** a small congregation in Knox County, offers a children's message every Sunday. Although all congregations long for a large group of children, Pastor Christine Burns cherishes the joy of interacting with each child. Christine describes the precious bond that a pastor can forge with a child, while

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

**Monday, April 9**  
12:30  
Commission for Church  
Professionals (CCP)

3 pm  
Commission for  
Presbytery Operations  
(CPO)

**Wednesday, April 11**  
10 am  
Older Adult Ministry  
Task Team

**Tuesday, April 17**  
4 pm  
PSV Coordinating Team  
(CT)

**Tuesday, April 24**  
1 pm  
PSV Commission for  
Nurture and Outreach

**Wednesday, April 25**  
Noon  
Hanging Rock Area  
Church Professionals  
Lunch



**COMING IN MAY**  
**Tuesday, May 15**  
*Presbytery Meeting*  
First Presbyterian  
Church, Fredericktown

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Pastor Christine and Matilda

creating a trusting and authentic space of safety for the child. She encourages pastors to prepare a children's message each Sunday, not knowing if there will be a child to hear it, but embracing the hope knowing that even one child is more than enough to hear your unique wisdom and experience your relationship in that moment.

**Pickerington Peace of Peace Presbyterian Church....**

Pastor Desiree Youngblood, accompanied by her Mother, Linda Miller, is traveling to Indonesia to participate in the Indonesian GMIM Presbyterian denomination's General Assembly, which is held every four years. The Prince of Peace congregation worships with about forty percent of their congregation coming from the Columbus Indonesian community.



Desiree and Mother leaving Columbus...

**Columbus Eastminster Presbyterian Church...is having a Tag Sale on Saturday, March 24, 9 am to 1 pm, 3100 East Broad St., Columbus.** There are file cabinets, storage cabinets, some furniture, and even an alpha and omega communion table. There is also sheet music, including some out-of-print pieces and several cantatas for adults and children. The Eastminster congregation, which recently sold their building to a Jewish faith community, will soon be nesting in the Brookwood Presbyterian Church building on Livingston Avenue in Columbus. Their final worship service in the 3100 East Broad St. building will be on Easter Sunday, April 1.

**Special Musical Events in March...**The combined choirs of First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, and Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Grandview Heights, will present Mark Hayes' Requiem, accompanied by a professional orchestra, in two concerts. The first concert will be held on Saturday, March 24 at 7:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 222 . Broad St, Lancaster. The second concert will be held on Sunday, March 25 at 3:00 pm at Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 1235 Northwest Blvd, Grandview Heights. Everyone is welcome, and admission is free!

**Westerville Central College Presbyterian Church** is seeking a Communications Coordinator. Skills desired include desktop publishing, graphic design and the ability to manage all church communications. If you are interested, please contact the Church Administrator, Paul Hamilton, church office: 614-882-2347, or by email: [paulhamilton@ccpc.us](mailto:paulhamilton@ccpc.us).

**2018 Per Capita Update for our Presbytery...**

**Prayers For...**

The family and friends of the Reverend Thomas York, former pastor of the Broad Street Presbyterian Church where he served as Head of Staff from 1986-1996. Tom died suddenly on Friday, March 9.

A memorial service celebrating Tom's life and ministry will be held on Saturday, March 17 11:00 a.m. at the Knox Presbyterian Church, 3400 Michigan Ave., in Cincinnati.

Nineteen churches, from ten members to over five-hundred members, have already paid their 2018 per capita in full. Per capita is the way we financially support our connectedness as congregations, maintain our theological identity and further the mission of the church in our communities and around the world. The 2018 per capita is \$33 per member. This \$33 is made up of:

- Presbytery of Scioto Valley - \$22.02
- General Assembly of the PC(USA) - \$7.73
- Synod of the Covenant - \$3.25

**Local Faith-Based Response to the Opiate Crisis...**

The Columbus Urban League located at 788 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Columbus, is hosting a seminar to continue to address the opiate crisis on Wednesday, April 4, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (lunch provided). You will choose from four out of ten workshops and rotate every 25 minutes. To register: email [coroner@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:coroner@franklincountyohio.gov). For questions, email: Nancy Day-Achauer, [NancyPDA@gmail.com](mailto:NancyPDA@gmail.com)

**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.*

**Goal, #11, Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.**

**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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