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Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News March 7, 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 8

4-6 pm
Clintonville Rusty Bucket
Pastors' Fireside Chat.
This is the last fireside
chat for the winter.
Watch for the summer
fireside chats on
Wednesday,
June 6, 4-6 pm
and
Tuesday,
July 31, 4-6 pm.

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

A Lenten Prayer...

From: A Lenten Poem, by Ann Weems



Give us courage, O God, to hear your Word and to read our living into it. Give us the trust to know we're forgiven and give us the faith to take up our lives and walk. Amen.

2018 Older Adult Ministry Planning Guide...

The Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN) has released the 2018 Planning Guide for congregations. This guide book will help your congregation:

- identify practical ways your congregation can address life issues important to older adults;
- utilize the wisdom and talents of older adults;
- involve older adults in the life of your church;
- honor the contributions of older adults.

To get your copy of the Planning Guide, contact the Presbytery Office or download a free PDF copy: http://www.poamn.org/index.php/older-adult-ministries-planning-guide.

Congregational News and Events...

Columbus Brookwood Presbyterian Church....Seminar for Parents, March 18, 2 - 4:30 pm, 2685 E. Livingston Ave, Columbus. This seminar is designed to help teach parents of school age children with learning and/or behavioral issues to effectively address their child's school challenges. Presenter Ellen Wristen is an attorney who has specialized in helping parents with school issues for many years. The cost of the seminar is \$5.00 per individual, and

4 pm
PSV Coordinating Team
Meeting (CT)

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday Holy Week Begins

Wednesday, March 28

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

Thursday, March 29Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 30 Good Friday

Sunday April 1

Easter One Great Hour of

Sharing Offering





Prayers For...

The Reverend Kristin Schutte, who is now recovering at Ohio Living Westminster Thurber.

The Reverend Mathias Akih, Pastor of Grace Community Fellowship, for health and healing.

The Reverend Tom Martin, Honorably Retired and Stated Supply at Ostrander Presbyterian Church, for health and healing.

Lecture on World Religions and Interreligious Relations

Thursday, March 8 7 p.m. Thomas Farr, president of the Religious Freedom Institute, will speak on the topic "The Crisis of

Religious Freedom in

is payable at the door on the day of the seminar. Call the church office for reservations at 614-235-3451 or email Ellen Wristen, ellen wristen@yahoo.com

Columbus Eastminster Presbyterian Church...is having a Tag Sale on Saturday, March 24, 9 am to 1 pm, at the current church location, 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.

Newark Second Presbyterian Church, 42 E. Church St., invites all to a Gospel Hymn Sing-A-Long, this Sunday, March 11 at 2 pm. Last year's Gospel Sing-a-Long was so popular that the church rafters shook with powerful voices singing their favorite hymns and gospel songs. Come and bring your choirs and music lovers to join in singing various Gospel and traditional hymns. A free will offering will be accepted and a reception will follow in the church dining room.

PSV's Global Mission Network Meeting...Monday, March 12, Worthington Presbyterian Church

You are invited to participate in the forming of a new Global Mission Network in the presbytery. Come for lunch (donation \$5) at Worthington Presbyterian Church, 773 High St., Worthington at noon. RSVP to Bruce Kreutzer at kreutzerbruce@gmail.com or 404-862-1557.

Kirkmont Center News...

Kirkmont, a church camp near Zanesfield, is in need of Summer Camp Staff Persons...

Do you know someone who might be a summer staff person, who will say, "Best Summer Ever"?

- * \$220 per week for first-year summer staff.
- * Room and board provided.
- * Kirkmont Center Lifeguard Plan reimburses lifeguard training & certification.
- * PC(USA) church members eligible for \$250 a month to pay down student loans.
- * Free training and certification in zip line and giant swing Email: <u>Kirkmont@kirkmontcenter.com</u>

Web: www.kirmontcenter.com or call 937-593-2141.

Clerk's Corner...

Reverend Sally Robinson, PSV Stated Clerk



This past Sunday, the Old Testament lesson from Exodus, featured the 10 Commandments. Most folks think about the "thou shalt's". But a long time ago I learned about the commandments being a gift of God's ultimate grace, God's way of helping us live together in community. I came to the conclusion that our *Book of Order* is the same type of gift, growing out of God's love for us as we struggle to

live together as communities of faith. For me, the best part of our connectional, historical church (yes, John Knox

America and Abroad: How It Affects Us All." The lecture, presented by the Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus, will take place at the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. really did leave us the first *Book of Church Order*) is that we don't have to make it up as we go along. Although we have this gift of harmony from our Reformed ancestors, there are plenty of ways to make it uniquely ours in the 21st Century. This latest incarnation of the *Book of Order* recognizes churches of various sizes and circumstances, and allows for differences. So the next time you, or someone you know, starts to grumble about that "doggone *Book of Order*," think about the chaos we'd have without it. Sometimes God's greatest gift to us is a well-placed "thou shall."

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, #10**, Reduce inequality within and among countries.

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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