



## Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News May 9, 2018

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# The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLE

### 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

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##### Monday, May 14

3 pm

PSV Commission for  
Presbytery Operations  
(CPO)

##### Tuesday, May 15

##### Stated Meeting The Presbytery of Scioto Valley

3:30 pm

First Presbyterian  
Church,  
Fredericktown

#### Prayer for the Day...

Dear Lord, you rain down love and grace on us, and yet we fail to pay attention. We turn away and forget your goodness. Help us to obey, follow, trust and attend to the never-ending goodness that pours from you each day.

*(From: The Green Bible Devotional: A Book of Daily Readings)*

#### Congregational News and Events.

##### Columbus St. Andrew Presbyterian Church ...

is getting ready for a new school opening this fall. Fugees Academy, a non-profit, independent school, dedicated to the education of refugee children is currently operating in Clarkston, GA and plans to open their second school at St. Andrew in Columbus. The first year will be for 6th grade students only, then expand each year thereafter. Soccer is an integral part of their program, and they were drawn to St. Andrew because of the green space. As part of our cleaning out 4 classrooms, we discovered a Cokesbury Resource File. We would love for it to get a new home! Contact Susan Mild at 614-268-8542 to arrange pick up.

##### Fredericktown First Presbyterian Church...

**Presbytery Packet is now posted!**

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**Tuesday, May 22**

1 pm

PSV Commission for Nuture and Outreach (CNO)

**Wednesday, May 23**

Noon

Hanging Rock Area Church Professionals Lunch and Conversation

Arch and Eddies in Jackson

**Monday, May 28**

Memorial Day

Presbytery Office Closed

**Coming in June...**

**223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

June 16-23

St. Louis, MO

*Prayers and Words of Sympathy...*

To the family and friends of the Rev. Phillip (Phil) Ferguson. Phil, organizing pastor of Columbus Highlands Presbyterian Church, died on May 1st in Grayslake, IL.

A Memorial Service with Communion will



hosted this year's gathering celebration of the National Day of Prayer. A group of 11 congregations hosts events throughout the year to benefit the

Inter-church Social Services in Fredericktown. This year, the group came together to worship and offer prayers and scripture for unity. The scripture from Ephesians 4:3 was the central focus for this year's National Day of Prayer. Participants offered prayers of hope, and heard inspiring words from local Boy Scouts about their faith and commitment to God. Especially poignant was a moment shared by the attending pastors, who were lifted up in prayer with the laying on of hands by all who attended.

**Galloway Presbyterian Church** (6191 Hall Road, Galloway) will be holding its annual Yard/Rummage Sale with lunch on Saturday, June 9th, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The proceeds from the sale will go to support the missions and ministries of the Women's Group at Galloway. For further information, call 614-878-5015.

**Marion Lee Street Presbyterian Church...** is hosting the Marion CommUnity Collaborative. The Marion CommUnity Collaborative is a group of local private and governmental organizations that collaborate to empower families and invoke positive change while doing their best to avoid duplication of programs and services. The group's vision is to see Marion's community organizations working together to create systems of support as families and individuals move toward self-sufficiency. Lee Street PC is blessed to host and be a member of this community organization which meets at the church on the second Tuesday of every month.

**Newark Woodside Presbyterian Church....**All are invited to our last baked steak dinner this season on Friday, May 11, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., at Woodside Presbyterian Church, 295 Woods Avenue, Newark, phone: (740) 345-3742. The menu includes baked steak, homemade mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, bread, dessert, and a beverage. Carryout available. Cost: \$9 minimum donation. Woodside church wishes to thank everyone for the support and participation given during our steak dinners.

**Worthington Presbyterian Church...** will Present *Spirituals* On Sunday, May 20 in the 10 am worship service. This Celebration of Sound Concert Series

be held at First Presbyterian Church, 73 W. Winter Street, Delaware, Ohio this Saturday, May 12th at 1 pm. Visitation and lunch will follow.

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Prayers for the Reverend Julian Taggart, honorably retired, and family on the recent death of his wife, Mabel Taggart.

### Clerk's Corner

Reverend Sally Robinson

As we approach both the Presbytery meeting on May 15, and the General Assembly for the whole church in June, I am reminded that many of us feel that Presbyterians have way too many meetings. Whenever I hear that, I am reminded of what Joan Gray and Joyce Tucker have to say about meetings in their book *Presbyterian Polity for Church Officers*, the book by which I have trained at least 15 sessions and 7 or 8 Boards of Deacons in my 25 years as a transitional pastor. They tell us that meetings are the way in which the Holy Spirit

at Worthington Presbyterian Church will feature John Rutter's *Feel the Spirit*. The Chancel Choir, guest orchestra and mezzo-soprano Carolyn Redman will share seven of the world's most beloved African-American spirituals. The morning will include such favorites as "Joshua fit the Battle of Jericho", "Deep River", "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" and others. Worthington Presbyterian Church is located at 773 High Street in Worthington. For more information contact the church office at 614-885-5355.

### Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO)

News and Information for Christian Educators and Pastors who work with children, youth and adults

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Facebook group (FB) has just been created. The title of the group is: *Church Educators - Presbytery of Scioto Valley* <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2114773625453610/> It is designed to share resources, ask questions and support one another. We are also working to create/update a list of the Educator and Youth leaders/church staff persons in our Presbytery. The next Educator Get-Together is Monday, Aug 13 at Grove City 1st PC, (10 am-Noon). Come and share one thing that your church is doing for Fall, or the new Program Year, and bring one question to ask the group.

### News from the Presbyterian Women (PW) in PSV...

- New officers for the PW in PSV were elected at the Spring Gathering of PW on April 28. The newly elected officers are: Moderator Charlsie Ramsey; Newsletter Editor Rebecca Tollefson; Directory Lynne McLeish; Secretary Betty Kennedy and Communications Judy Oeder.
- Scholarships from the Synod of the Covenant PW are still available for first time attendees to the 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville, August 2-5. For more information, contact Charlsie Ramsey before Saturday, May 12.

### Synod of the Covenant Mission to the USA (MUSA)

Congregational Hosts are Needed for Visitors...

The Mission to the USA program (MUSA) links churches in the Synod of the Covenant (Michigan and Ohio) with international church leaders, both clergy and lay. Each Mission Partner is hosted by a congregation in the synod and joins in the life of the church. This fall the Mission to

works in the life of the church. Meetings, just like worship, are a gathering of the people of God for the work of Christ's body, the church. When people come to both worship and meetings with open hearts and minds the Holy Spirit has a chance to inform and enable folks to do God's will. And we are reminded that it is the same Holy Spirit who informs us all. We are also reminded that this is why voting members are commissioners and not delegates. No one can tell us how to vote. We vote prayerfully and carefully after we have heard all the reasoning. Again, this leaves room for the Holy Spirit to work. So as much as there are other things I'd rather be doing and places I'd rather be, I've come to see meetings as the other place we do God's work in the church.

the USA program will bring church leaders from Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, and Sri Lanka for three weeks, October 12 to November 2, 2018. If your church is interested in more information, or would consider hosting, contact Eileen Best at [musa@synodofthecovenant.org](mailto:musa@synodofthecovenant.org).

### **New *Book of Common Worship* is now available!**

All three editions of the newly revised PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship* are now available! These new editions are responsive to the many changes in the church and world since the last revision in 1993. This new *Book of Common Worship* is more informative, user-friendly, inclusive, and flexible. To order, call (800) 533-4371 or [www.support@pcusastore.com](http://www.support@pcusastore.com)

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

Per Capita is the way we financially support and strengthen the connections of our work with 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**



### ***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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