

# Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News August 29, 2018

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## The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

### Presbytery of Scioto Valley 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

Prayer for the day...  
*by bill leety...*

#### Creator of order and seasons:

Our thanks for  
changing patterns:  
students carrying  
backpacks  
striding to a bus stop  
or to class;  
the sun going south and  
lengthening shadows.

We praise you as well  
for repetition:  
that earth continues  
in its orbit  
and  
orchestrates tempos  
of night and day,  
rest and labor  
for all your people!  
Amen!

#### SEPTEMBER

**Saturday,  
September 1**

World Day of Prayer

**Monday,  
September 3**

Labor Day  
Presbytery Office  
Closed

**Wednesday,**

### Presbyterian Women in PSV Summer Gathering... 2018-19 Theme "Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come!"

Presbyterian Women from fourteen congregations in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley gathered for their summer gathering on August 25 at Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus. In addition to inspiring music and worship led by the Reverend Ann Palmerton, a fascinating introduction to the new PW/Horizons Bible Study and interesting workshops, women in ministry were recognized and celebrated. Women pastors present at the gathering



Jeannie Harsh, Sarah Juist,  
Ann Palmerton, Charlise  
Ramsey, Joan Bolinger and  
Becky Hart.

were: Jeannie Harsh, Executive  
Presbyter, Sarah Juist, Hanover  
PC, Ann Palmerton, Broad St.  
PC, Charlise Ramsey, PW  
Moderator, Joan Bolinger, Broad  
St. PC and Becky Hart, Liberty  
PC. Thanks to the women of  
Broad St. PC for their gracious  
hospitality.

The next PW Gathering will be  
held on Saturday, October 27  
at the Newark Second  
Presbyterian Church. The Fall  
Gathering of PW in PSV will focus on "Supporting Mission".

### Congregational News and Events...

#### Eastminster Presbyterian Church donates their Sanctuary Cross to the Highlands Presbyterian Church in Northwest Columbus...

Members of the  
Eastminster  
Presbyterian Church  
enjoyed worship with  
the Highlands Church  
family as together  
they dedicated the  
Eastminster former

**September 5**

10 am  
Older Adult Ministry  
Team Meeting

**Monday,  
September 10**

12:30  
PSV Commission for  
Church Professionals

3 pm  
PSV Commission for  
Presbytery Operations

**Tuesday,  
September 11**

12:30  
PSV Staff Meeting

**Wednesday,  
September 12**

4-6 pm  
Pastors' Regional Happy  
Hour  
*All Pastors Invited!*  
Eclipse Company Store  
The Plains, OH

**Tuesday,  
September 18**

Presbytery Meeting  
First Presbyterian  
Church, Grove City  
3:30 pm

**Tuesday,  
September 25**

1 pm  
PSV Commission for  
Nurture and Outreach

**Wednesday,  
September 26**

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

**Sunday,  
September 30**

2-4 pm  
Mifflin Presbyterian  
Church, Gahanna  
Presbytery-wide!  
Fall Youth Rally

**Coming in  
OCTOBER and  
NOVEMBER...**



Eastminster Church Members gathered at the Highlands Presbyterian Church



13-17. Safety Town is provided at no cost to children who are entering kindergarten or first grade. The program covers home, school, fire, poison, stranger, animal, school bus, water, bicycle and internet safety. With the help of local police and fire departments 27 children were trained.

sanctuary cross to the Highlands Church building and family.

**Groveport Presbyterian Church...**sponsored Safety Town, a National safety education program addressing children's safety issues, August

**Presbytery-Wide...FALL YOUTH RALLY**  
September 30, 2018

**All Youth** are invited to the 2018 Presbytery-wide Fall Youth Rally on Sunday, September 30th, 2-4 pm at the Gahanna Mifflin Presbyterian Church, 123 Granville Street. There will be snacks, games, a service project and worship! Each student should bring \$5 for the service project. Please send a head count of the number you're bringing to the Rally by Monday, September 24th. Email: [mifflin@mifflinpres.org](mailto:mifflin@mifflinpres.org)

**West Side Urban Ministry (WUM) Fall Project...**

**Do you have an extra coat or jacket in your CLOSET?** At the September 18 Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Grove City, coats and jackets will be collected for West Side Urban Ministry (WUM), a ministry of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV). WUM collects new or gently used clean, reusable coats and jackets, hats and mittens for school children ages 5-17. Items are delivered to the school nurse or counselor at schools on the West Side of Columbus, to use as they see fit. Starting September 4, coats, jackets, hats, and mittens may also be brought to the PSV office and placed in the bin near the Overbrook Presbyterian Church sanctuary.

**Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN) Regional Conference, October 12, 2018**

"The Best of Times: God's Call in the Third Thirty of Life" will be the theme of this one-day regional event to be held at the Worthington Presbyterian Church. This event, sponsored by several presbyteries and the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN), will feature an opening keynote, worship, inspiring and thought-provoking workshops, fellowship and food. Plan now to come for this

enjoyable and informative event. To download the complete brochure, go to: [www.psvonline.org](http://www.psvonline.org).

### Presbytery of Scioto Valley Mission Trip Scheduled for October 15-19, 2018

The Tenth Anniversary Presbytery-wide Mission Work Team will be going to Webster Springs, West Virginia. Applications and more information are available on the presbytery website. Cost will be \$350. Sign up now!

### Fall Gathering Opportunities for Pastors...

The Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals has scheduled two regional opportunities for pastors to gather informally for conversation and refreshments. The September gathering will be held at the Eclipse Company Store in The Plains, Ohio, on Wednesday, September 12, 4-6 pm. The October gathering will be held at the Clintonville Rusty Bucket, on Tuesday, October 23, 4-6 pm.

### Annual Fall Church Professionals Retreat November 4-6, Deer Creek State Park Lodge

Plan now to gather with your pastor colleagues for a delightful fall retreat at the beautiful Deer Creek lodge just south east of Columbus. More information and registration details are available on the presbytery website.



2017 Retreat at Deer Creek

**October 12**  
Presbyterian Older  
Adult Ministry Network  
**(POAMN)**  
**REGIONAL  
CONFERENCE**  
Complete brochure:  
[www.psvonline.org](http://www.psvonline.org)  
Worthington  
Presbyterian Church

**October 15-19**  
PSV Mission Work Trip  
to Webster Springs,  
West Virginia  
(Mission Trip Orientation,  
Wednesday, October 3, 5-  
8 pm)

**Tuesday, October 23**  
4-6 pm  
Pastors' Fireside Chat  
Clintonville Rusty Bucket

**November 4-6**  
Church Professionals  
Retreat  
Deer Creek Resort  
Mt. Sterling, OH

### Clerk's Corner...Thoughts from our PSV Stated Clerk, The Reverend Sally Robinson



Sally  
Robinson

One of the truths of modern life is that we live in a contentious culture. We are divided along many lines. It is sometimes difficult to know how to treat one another, even in the church. It's easy to say "We should treat one another as Christians," but we don't always agree about what that means. How do we as Christians, and especially those who are leaders, treat one another? Well, of course, there are the words of Jesus about loving one another as God loves us. But our *Book of Order* also gives us some guidelines. Church leaders - ruling elders, deacons, ministers of Word and Sacrament, are to be people of wisdom, but also people with a "compassionate spirit." (G-2.0201) This compassionate spirit serves leaders well as they are not just doing the church's business, but are to be about the spiritual leadership of the congregation, as well. Our polity is designed to promote God's justice and righteousness for all - and that's God's justice of redemption, not our human idea of justice as retribution and punishment. As we go about dealing with one another in the church, I encourage you to draw on your wisdom and your "compassionate spirits", and, be careful not to drink the cultural *Kool-Aid*.

### 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**

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

*News is normally sent out mid-week. If you would like to share information about your congregation and its mission and ministry activities, please email them by Wednesday morning to: [jeannie@psvonline.org](mailto:jeannie@psvonline.org).*

*Items are included and edited as space allows.*

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