Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News November 28, 2018

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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

DECEMBER



Sunday, December 2

First Sunday in Advent We light the first candle as a symbol of the HOPE we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

10:30 am

Grace Community Cameroonian Faith Fellowship Concluding Worship Celebration

> Livingston Ave., Reynoldsburg

Highlights of Tuesday's Presbytery Meeting...



Jim Boggs, Rebecca Tollefson and Mark Gauen The 249th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery, which was held in Logan on Tuesday, began with worship led by out-going Moderator Elder Jim Boggs.

During worship, the new Moderator Rebecca Tollefson and Vice-Moderator Mark Gauen were installed. The main meeting began with introductions and the welcoming of new pastors. The Reverend Shelley Wiley, transferring from the Miami Presbytery, is the new transitional pastor at the Jackson First

Presbyterian Church, and the Reverend Edwin Brinklow, transferring from the Lake Michigan Presbytery, is the new transitional pastor at the Indianola Presbyterian Church.

In the midst of business items, two inquirers, Kelsey

Monday, December 3

Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Christmas Potluck Lunch and Meeting

3 pm PSV Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Meeting

Monday, December 10

3 pm PSV Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO)

Tuesday, December 11

11:30 PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach Lunch at the Clintonville Rusty Bucket

1 pm CNO Meeting at the Presbytery Office

Wednesday,

December 12

Noon

Hanging Rock Area Church Professionals Holiday Lunch

Jackson Arch and Eddies

Thursday,



Kelsey Holderman and Steve Hong Holderman from Liberty Presbyterian Church, and Steve Hong from the Columbus Korean Presbyterian Church, were approved for ministry candidacy. Three Minister of Word and Sacrament retirees, Reverend Rebecca Tollefson, Reverend Skip Jackson and Reverend Marion Redding, were officially honored. The 2019 budget for the Presbytery was approved and the Annual Meeting of the Corporation was held. For the rest of the details of this presbytery meeting,

watch for the meeting minutes on the Presbytery website.

Many thanks to the Logan Church pastor Reverend Liz Wagner and her gracious church family, for the warm welcome on a bitter cold day. The next Presbytery Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19 at the Worthington Presbyterian Church. There will be a pre-presbytery special mission lunch and meeting. Watch for more information.

Congregational News, Celebrations and Events...

Columbus Highlands Presbyterian Church invites all to two special music events...

- Sunday, December 2 at 7:30 PM, Highlands Presbyterian Church will host The Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra, with conductor Luis Biava, and concert pianist Hector Garcia performing Haydn's Piano Concerto in D Major, and other works.
- Sunday December 9 at 2 PM, Highlands Presbyterian Church will present Ad Sinistra: a lecture-recital on the music for piano by L. Godowsky, featuring Dr. Nicholas Ross of Otterbein University. Also featured will be music written specifically for Dr. Ross.

These events will be held at the Highlands Presbyterian Church, 6909 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus, <u>www.highlands-</u> <u>presbyterian.org</u>. Admission is free.

Homer Presbyterian Church...

December 13

11:45 am Worthington Inn PSV Commission for Presbytery Operations Christmas Lunch with the Presbytery Staff

Monday-Wednesday

December 24-26

Presbytery Office Closed Merry Christmas!!!

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day Merry Christmas!!!

Monday,

December 31 Presbytery Office Closed

JANUARY 2019

Tuesday, January 1 Happy New Year! Presbytery Office Closed

Monday, January 7

12:30 pm PSV Commission for Church Professionals (CCP)

3 pm



family and friends for the final worship service of the Homer Church on Sunday, November 25. With the help of their Supply

gathered

Homer Church Family and Friends at the Church's Final Worship Service

Pastor Reverend Steve Merold and many family members, friends and colleagues, this small membership congregation celebrated the 172 years of faithful ministry and mission in the Homer community. A few weeks ago the elders of the congregation requested that the presbytery help them go through the process of closing and selling the building.

Grace Community Cameroon Faith Fellowship...invites all to a special Celebration Worship Service this Sunday, December 2 at 10:30 am at their current location on Livingston Avenue in Reynoldsburg. This will be their last regular service, and will focus on the gift that Grace Community Fellowship has been to the congregation, the community and the presbytery. After this Sunday, Grace fellowship will worship with the Columbus Glen Echo Presbyterian Church.

Worthington Presbyterian Church...

will hold a "BLUE CHRISTMAS" worship service on Wednesday, December 5 at 7 pm. Come to a quiet Blue Christmas worship service in Worthington Presbyterian Church's chapel. In scripture and song, in quiet and candlelight, prepare for the coming of Christ.

Annual Partners in Education (PIE) Event January 12, 2019 at the Hilliard Presbyterian Church

The Presbytery Commission for Nurture and Outreach invites all to come to the Partners in Education (PIE) event, which is designed for educators, church officers, teachers and church leaders. The Keynote Speaker will be Bryce Wiebe, Presbyterian justice advocate and Christian educator staff person in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Mission Agency. There will be a variety of workshops for elders, deacons, clerks, church leaders and teachers. The event will begin at 9:30 am and conclude by 3 pm. The cost is only \$10, and includes lunch. The day will also PSV Commission for Congregational Life (CCL)

> Wednesday, January 9

10 am PSV Older Adult Ministry Team Meeting

Thursday, January 10 10 am PSV Certified Ruling Elder Task Team (CRE)

January 12

Partners in Education (PIE) Classes Hilliard Presbyterian Church 9:30 am - 3 pm

An Advent Prayer... *by bill leetiy*

Midwife God:

There comes this season in blue or purple when it is given us to wait and to watch.

Poor spectators are we, willing to act, wanting to command, even to compel.

Silence us, Lord. Stand with us, or against us, teaching us feature the Healthy Boundaries training for pastors and church leaders. There will be an extra cost for the Boundaries class. The complete brochure is now available on the presbytery website.

Clerk's Corner...By Sally Robinson, PSV Stated Clerk

With one week break here is the second in the series about what our Presbytery's Leadership Commissions do. Two weeks ago, I focused on the Commission for Nurture and Outreach. This week I want to look at the Commission for Congregational Life or "CCL". In our current structure, the work of the former Committee on Ministry was divided. The purpose of CCL reads as follows: "To promote and nurture healthy and faith-filled relationships within and among congregations and the presbytery through facilitation, communication and coordination." This is a very short description for a Commission that does a tremendous amount of work. CCL works with every congregation that is without a pastor through a group of folks who work with churches in transition. They oversee self-studies, work to place transitional pastors and CREs, and work with churches who might have issues arising out of either a difficult pastoral situation, or discontent with the denomination. CCL also oversees the work of sessions and clerks of sessions, making sure that records and minutes are timely and correct. In addition, they work in the area of church development and redevelopment, and strategize about the future of our congregations. Given the fact that this presbytery currently has 97 churches, and with about one-third of them in transition at any one time, this is a Commission that does amazing work on behalf of the presbytery. Thank you, CCL.

the patience of an audience to keep silence, to await the first act in the birthing theater when you take the stage as baby, Jesus our Lord

Prayers of Sympathy... For the family and friends of the Reverend F. Wayne Weiss

Reverend Wayne, Honorably Retired minister, died on November 25 at his home with his wife, Carol and family. Wayne served several congregations in Scioto Valley, where he served for several years as the Interim Minister-at-Large of the Presbytery. Private family services are planned. Cards can be sent to The Reverend Carol Weiss, 110 Walnut St., Sunbury, Ohio 43074.

2019 Winter Youth Retreat for Grades 6-12

The Winter Youth Retreat, February 22-24, at Camp Akita, is designed for youth in grades 6-12. This retreat offers fellowship, music and keynotes, along with small group Bible studies and a confirmation tract. Registration brochure is now available on the Presbytery website.

Per Capita and Mission Funding for 2018...

Thanks and words of gratitude go to all of the congregations in Scioto Valley who have already paid their 2018 per capita and mission pledge! If you would like information about per capita and mission funding, please contact the presbytery office for an updated informational brochure.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley(PSV) Stated Meetings for 2019

February 19, 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Worthington Presbyterian Church May 21, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, London
September 17, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Liberty Presbyterian Church, Delaware November 19, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Circleville Presbyterian Church

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: <u>jeannie@psvonline.org</u>. Items are included and edited as space allows.

For the latest news and information from the Presbytery of Scioto Valley and its churches, visit <u>www.psvonline.org</u>. Telephone: 614-847-0565 or 800-244-7207; Fax: 614-847-4359

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