

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News November 14, 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 for NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 22



Thanksgiving Day (Presbytery Office Closed: November 21-22)

November 27 3:30 pm Presbytery Meeting First Presbyterian Church of Logan

Prayers of the People

A Prayer of Thanksgiving: Author: we characters fall in love with a plot: "I earned," "we got," "I deserved." The actual plot is yours. You give. We give thanks, and learn to give ourselves. So, in these days we practice saying, "thank you," Author and Finisher!

Congregational News, Celebrations and Events...

Columbus Brookwood Presbyterian Church...will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary on November 17 and 18. The Brookwood Church was organized on Thanksgiving Day in 1948. The anniversary celebration begins this Saturday, November 17th with a 5 pm worship service and a Thanksgiving Dinner. The celebration continues on Sunday, November 18th with the 10:30 am worship service and a reception to follow. The Reverend Chris Roseland, Mission Engagement Regional Liaison with the Presbyterian Mission Agency, will be the guest preacher for both services. Come and join in the celebration! For more information or questions, contact the church office at 614-235-3451.

The McNair Memorial Presbyterian Church, 503 Lewis Street in Washington Court House...invites all to come and join in welcoming the Reverend Betsy Maurath as their new pastor this Sunday, November 18. A welcome reception will be held at the church, 2-4 pm on the 18th.

Pataskala Outville Presbyterian Church...will have a Tax Reform session on December 6, at 6:30 pm. Tim Solt, CPA, will be sharing an update on the 2018 Tax Reform, and will discuss the latest changes and what it means. He will also be sharing his perspective on things that you can do to save money and avoid making some common mistakes.

2018 Congregational Mission Grants Still Available

Congregational Mission Grants, awarded by the Presbytery Commission for Nurture and Outreach, are still available for this year. If your congregation would like to have some



Prayers for the family and friends of the Reverend Donald Clokey...Reverend Clokey, Honorably Retired minister member of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, died this past weekend. He has served in several churches in Scioto Valley including Westerville First, Sedalia, Bainbridge, South Salem, Worthington and Woodside. A memorial service is being planned for Sunday, November 18 at the Newark Woodside Presbyterian Church.

Prayers for Elder Carol Bogaards, Pastoral Leader for the Columbus Crestview Presbyterian Church, in the recent death of her husband, Don. Don was an accomplished musician, who served as an organist/choir master in eight churches. A memorial service will be held for Don on Saturday, November 17 at 2 pm at the Crestview Church. Visiting hours will be at the church the evening before, Friday, November 16, 4-7 pm.

Pastor's Purple Stole Available...

A retired pastor, with an ordinary purple stole suitable for Advent, is willing to give it to someone who can use it. If interested, email: Jeannie@psvonline.org seed money to start a new mission or ministry project, you may want to complete an application for a mission grant. Information is available from the Presbytery Office or on the presbytery website.

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

The Presbytery Commission for Nurture and Outreach will once again sponsor the PIE Program, an important training and educational event for church officers, teachers and 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, and 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. Watch for the complete brochure!

Presbytery-Wide YOUTH RETREAT Coming Soon!



The Winter Youth Retreat, Friday-Sunday, February 22-24, at Camp Akita, is designed for youth in grades 6-12. The retreat offers a variety of activities, fellowship, music and keynotes, along with small group Bible studies and a confirmation tract.

Contact the Presbytery Office for the registration brochure.

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! Thanks to you, the presbytery can continue to serve and support the congregations, pastors and members, along with mission activities and projects. If you would like more information about how the per capita and mission dollars are used, please contact the presbytery office for an updated informational brochure.

CLERK'S CORNER...Thoughts from Sally Robinson, PSV Stated Clerk

Last week I said that I would spend the next four weeks talking about the four Commissions that have the authority to take action on behalf of presbytery between quarterly meetings. I'd like to begin with the Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO), which is chaired by the Reverend Mary Gause. The purpose of this Commission as outlined in the structure design states: "To provide and nurture educational, connectional, and outreach opportunities which promote growth in discipleship, encourage congregational partnerships, and support special areas of ministry such as peacemaking, youth and campus ministry." CNO is the mission, education and program Commission. It works with educators and youth leaders, those working in areas of mission and outreach, both in the local community and around the world, and in other program areas of the church, including older adult ministries. It administers some grants that are specifically mission oriented, and keeps the presbytery up to date about various opportunities for service and education. Thank you to CNO for its work!

GIVING TUESDAY...November 27, 2018

On the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) participates in a celebration of giving that is observed around the globe.

#GivingTuesday, which this year falls on Nov. 27, is described by its organizers as "a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide." Following the widely recognized shopping events of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday presents an opportunity to kick off the giving season by inspiring people to collaborate and give back.

Within the PC(USA), opportunities to make a #GivingTuesday gift will range from the national level to congregations. A Presbyterian #GivingTuesday webpage offers several giving options for Presbyterian Mission Agency ministries and other PC(USA) causes. The PMA giving opportunities include the "greatest need," Compassion Peace & Justice, Public Witness and Advocacy, World Mission, Young Adult Volunteers, the Christmas Joy Offering, the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, 1001 New Worshiping Communities, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Racial Equity and Women's Intercultural Ministries.

In addition, the webpage also invites gifts for Presbyterian Women, the Presbyterian Foundation, the Presbyterian Historical Society and Hands and Feet, a ministry of the Office of the General Assembly. For congregations interested in receiving #GivingTuesday gifts, the Presbyterian Foundation has developed resources to help them participate.

#GivingTuesday was founded in 2012 by the 92nd Street Y, a community and cultural center in New York City. #GivingTuesday encompasses a broad range of organizations, including many faith-based groups, and last year the movement reached into more than 150 countries. The PC(USA) began participating in #GivingTuesday four years ago.



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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. - TBA

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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