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Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News December 5, 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

DECEMBER



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

4 pm

PSV Coordinating Team
(CT) Meeting

Wednesday, December 12 Noon

Hanging Rock Area
Church Professionals
Holiday Lunch
Jackson Arch and Eddies

Thursday, December 13

11:45 am

Worthington Inn
PSV Commission for
Presbytery Operations

Congregational News, Celebrations and Events...



Kelley's Bridge Band from Lawrence County, Ohio

The First Presbyterian Church in Waverly...celebrated the beginning of Advent with a delicious pot luck dinner, Christmas carols and readings, and delightful, seasonal music by Kelley's Bridge Band. This band features local musicians including Christine Hunt, the spouse of Carson Hunt, Commissioned Pastor for the First Presbyterian Church in Ironton. Christine expertly plays the Irish Whistle (penny whistle).



Amanda Presbyterian Church...adults and children gathered on the first Sunday of Advent to make clay nativities which will be fired and glazed

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

3 pm
PSV Commission for
Congregational Life
Zoom Meeting

**Wednesday,
January 9**
10 am
PSV Older Adult
Ministry Team Meeting

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

**Saturday,
January 12**
Partners in Education
(PIE) Classes and
Healthy Boundaries
Training
Hilliard Presbyterian
Church
9:30 am - 3 pm

**Monday,
January 14**
3 pm

Church Members, Friends and
Pastor enjoy making Nativities
by pastor Liz Tietz's daughter,
who is a professional potter.

Grace Community Cameroon Faith Fellowship...



Grace Fellowship's Worship Service

held a special worship celebration led by the Reverend Rebecca Tollefson, Parish Associate, as they concluded their worship services at the Reynoldsburg location where they first gathered in 2015. With praise and prayer, the members of Grace celebrated worship with colleagues and friends from both the presbytery and partner congregations. The Reverend Tollefson led this worship service with an encouraging and inspiring message. Expressions of gratitude were offered to the Presbytery's Administrative Commission for Grace Fellowship. Many thanks was also offered to Grace Fongod, who has provided the space for this worshipping faith fellowship since it's beginning. Grace Community Faith Fellowship will now gather for worship with their sister congregation, the Glen Echo Presbyterian Church in Columbus.

Columbus Highlands Presbyterian Church... invites all to a music event, Sunday December 9 at 2 pm, which will feature a lecture-recital for piano by L. Godowsky, with Dr. Nicholas Ross of Otterbein University. This event will be held at the Highlands Presbyterian Church, 6909 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus, www.highlands-presbyterian.org. Admission is free.

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Upper Arlington, 2070 Ridgecliff Rd. (at Redding Rd.), Columbus, 614-451-6677, invites neighbors, community members and friends to attend a free concert, "Barbershop Christmas", on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 pm. The program is a collaboration between The Singing Buckeyes and the Olentangy Orange High School Choirs. Both groups will present holiday barbershop music in both large group format and the four-person quartet style. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to sing along to some favorite holiday tunes. The concert is free, but free-will offerings will be donated entirely to the Singing Buckeyes' scholarships for OHIO HARMONY EXPERIENCE.

The Singing Buckeyes Chorus is a membership organization of male singers who celebrate the art form of barbershop music. There are currently around 60 active singers of all ages, all walks of life, and from all parts of the greater Columbus area. Chartered in 1950, this organization has traveled and competed all over the world. For information on the Singing Buckeyes, visit www.singingbuckeyes.com.

The Olentangy Orange High School Choral Program has more than 140 singers, and six choirs: one acappella group, Above the Noise; two auditioned choirs that participate in the OMEA Adjudicated Events, Choraliers and Varsity Singers; a non-auditioned women's choir, Vocal

PSV Commission for
Presbytery Operations
(CPO)

Tuesday, January 15
Noon
PSV Staff Meeting

**Thursday,
January 17**
4-6 pm
PSV Pastors' Fireside
Chat at the Clintonville
Rusty Bucket

An Advent Prayer... by bill leety

*Praying Luke 1,
Gabriel & Zechariah*
God whose messenger
silences servants who
love you or lead others.
Help us remember
times when words
failed us, when news
came too good, too
holy to speak or word.

Dispatch Gabriel
whose sweet secrets
awe us yet again
so that we cannot
tell or soon spread.
Then, put songs
on our lips for that
time when voice
and speech return.

Congratulations !!!



TO: The Reverend
Richard D. Ellsworth,
who recently celebrated
his 60th Year of
Ordination. "Rev", who
was called as the pastor
of Central College
Presbyterian Church on
November 9, 1958, was
ordained to the ministry
of Word and Sacrament
by the Presbytery of

Point; a men's choir, Orange Man Group; a competitive
show choir, Revolution. The choirs are directed by Mrs.
Cherie Brooks. For questions contact JP Pogalies,
Communications Administrator, 614-451-6677 ext.
11, joanpogalies@covenantpcusa.org.

The First Presbyterian Church of Westerville... will
host a Longest Night Worship Service on Friday, December
21 at 7 pm to help those who find December to be a
difficult time of year. This service will last about 30 minutes
and fill focus on the message of hope, healing and
wholeness that Christ brings into the world. The church is
located at 41 West College Avenue in Uptown Westerville,
one block west of State Street.

Worthington Presbyterian Church... will present a
Musical Celebration of Advent and Christmas on Sunday,
December 16, during the 10:00 am worship service. The
Chancel Choir, Renaissance Ensemble and soloist Martha
Duersten-Pettit will be joined by brass, percussion, flute,
oboe, organ and four-hands piano. The joyous program will
include works by G.F. Handel, Howard Helvey, Glenn
Rudolph, Morten Lauridsen and Dan Forrest.

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 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.

2018 Neighborhood Mission Grants Awarded...

The Presbytery's Commission for Nurture and Outreach has
awarded the neighborhood mission grants to the following
congregations this year:

- McArthur Presbyterian Church in support of their
Layette Program - \$500
- Amesville-New England Parish to strengthen their
camping program - \$1,500
- Portsmouth First Presbyterian Church for the
Deacon's Ministry Outreach Program - \$3,000
- Johnstown Presbyterian Church in support of the
supplies needed for cooking stations - \$2,000

For more information about applying for a congregational
mission project grant, visit the Presbytery website.

Scioto Valley on
November 30, 1958.

2019 Presbytery-wide Winter Youth Retreat for Grades 6-12



Camp Akita

The Presbytery's Annual Winter Youth Retreat will be held on February 22-24, at Camp Akita. This retreat offers fellowship, music and keynotes, along with small group Bible studies and a confirmation tract. The theme: "Lift Every Voice" will be explored through a wide variety of activities. The retreat keynote speaker will be Reverend Rob Jackson, pastor in Greensboro, North Carolina. Rob, formerly a pastor in Scioto Valley, was one of the creators of the popular winter retreats at Camp Akita. The retreat cost is only \$90 per participant if you register by January 28. After that date, the cost will be \$100.

For details and registration information, visit the Presbytery website: www.psvonline.org.

Youth Ministry Position Available at the Worthington Presbyterian Church...

Worthington Presbyterian Church is seeking an INTERIM YOUTH DIRECTOR. This staff person could be part time or full time. The main focus will be on the Sunday evening Youth Group, which meets on Sunday evenings 6-8 pm. Please contact: Tom Rice, Pastor for Discipleship, for further information: trice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com, or 248-224-9173.

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



Sally
Robinson

This week is the third in the series about our Presbytery Commissions and what they do on behalf of presbytery. Three weeks ago (November 14) I featured the Commission for Nurture and Outreach. Last week it was the Commission for Congregational Life (CCL). Today I'm looking at the Commission for Church Professionals (CCP). As I said last week, when we restructured into Commissions, the old Committee on Ministry was divided. CCL took over the churches in transition and church development pieces, and CCP oversees the church life of our professionals, or as the structural design states it: "Purpose: To foster the faith and vitality of those who are called to professional ministry: pastors, associate pastors, designated pastors, interim pastors, honorably retired teaching elders, stated supply, temporary supply, torching elders in specialized ministries, inquirers, candidates, commissioned ruling elders, certified Christian educators, and ministers-at-large." In this presbytery that's close to 200 people. They examine and receive pastors coming into this presbytery (except those examined for ordination), review all contracts and terms of call, meet regularly with inquirers and candidates, oversee the education and work of CRE's, set up the Church Professionals' Retreat, and generally function as pastor to pastors. I for one am grateful for their care.

On another note, please check the website for the highlights of the 249th stated meeting of the presbytery at Logan held on November 27. The minutes will be posted next week.

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: jeannie@psvonline.org. Items are included and edited as space allows.

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

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