# Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News May 22, 2019

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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**

MAY



A Prayer for Memorial Day

Eternal God, mortals we, who bear no trace of eternity.

During this May holiday of memory of our dead...

# The Presbytery of Scioto Valley 251st Stated Meeting Highlights



The Bad Calvinists: Joel Esala, Jason Link, Gray Marshall

The Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday was graciously hosted by the London First Presbyterian Church members and staff.

A special word of thanks from our Presbytery Moderator Rebecca Tollefson goes to the many persons who sat in traffic

for hours and still persisted to come to the Presbytery Meeting! The meeting began at 3:40 pm with worship featuring inspiring music, a fascinating sermon by the "Bad Calvinists", and culminating in the Lord's Supper. "The Bad Calvinists", a creative trio of pastors, Joel Esala, Jason Link and Gray Marshall, presented a creative and casual conversation as the sermon based on Matthew 20.

Highlights of the meeting included welcoming new pastors,

Give us ear for their voices, a tear for love, or love missed, laughter for joys remembered...

and a word of your assuring reunion with them... in Jesus.

Thursday, May 23

Noon PSV Staff Lunch/Meeting

2:30 pm Ministry Initiatives Board Meeting

### Saturday, May 25

10:30 am Westerville First Presbyterian Church Memorial Service for the Reverend Kristin Schutte

Tuesday, May 28 Noon "PIE" Planning Team 1 pm PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach



The Reverend Annie Melick, Chair of (CCP), Commission for Church Professionals, welcomes new pastors, Ross Slaughter and Janet Hufford.

The Reverend Ross Slaughter, Mt. Vernon First, and The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford, Pataskala First, and an examination and approval of a candidate for ordination, Mark Parsons-Justice.



Candidate Mark Parsons-Justice and Gallipolis First Presbyterian Church's Clerk Sara Ebinger

Business items included

commission reports, announcements, and the first readings of the Policy for Dissolution of Pastoral Relationships and the Policy on the Dissolution (Closing) of a Congregation.

# **Revised Job Description for PSV Stated Clerk**

The Presbytery Commission for Operations has approved a revised job description for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Stated Clerk. This position can be filled by a ruling elder or a minister of Word of Sacrament. The complete job description can be downloaded from the Presbytery website. Application information will soon be available on the presbytery website and will be mailed to the pastors and clerks of each congregation. Applications for this position will be received through July 1, 2019.

### Scioto Valley Pastors Celebrate Graduations...



Reverend Justice

Three of our Presbytery pastors are celebrating the completion of special degree programs. The Reverend Justice Ofosuhene, pastor of Ramseyer Presbyterian Church, recently received the Masters of Sacred Theology with a concentration in Pastoral Leadership degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University.

#### Monday, June 3

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

### 3 pm PSV Commission for Congregational Life (CCL)

Sunday, June 9 Pentecost pcusa.org/pentecost

# Monday, June 10

3 pm **PSV** Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO)

# Tuesday, June 11

1 pm **PSV** Nominating Committee

# **Tuesday, June 18**

4 pm PSV Coordinating Team

Elder Christine Burns,

Commissioned Pastor for the Fredericktown First Presbyterian Church, will be receiving the Masters of Practical Theology in Parish and Community Ministry degree from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO).



**Flder Christine Burns** and Matilda



Elder Deb Bergmann,

Commissioned Pastor for the Columbus Old First Presbyterian Church, recently received an Associate of Arts degree from Eastern Gateway Community College.

Deb and Sue

Congratulations to these pastors for their commitment to continued education!

**POAMN Older Adult Ministry 2019 Resource Guide** Copies are Now Available in PSV Office for Each Congregation

The Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN) produces an Older Adult Ministry Resource Guide each year. This planning guide suggests ministry program ideas and resources for the work of older adult ministry in small, medium and large congregations. This Resource Guide is also available for download online at www.poamn.org.

# 2019 Presbytery-Wide Mission Work Trip Scheduled

The annual Presbyterywide Mission Work Trip for Adults is being planned for the week of October 27-November 2 working with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in

A Mission Team From the Past...

Wilmington, NC. Our presbytery mission work team, which is limited to 25 adults, will be doing recovery and rebuilding work in response to destruction from Hurricane Florence in 2018.

For more information, email: Jeannie@psvonline.org

Thursday, June 20 10 am

PSV Committee for Certified Ruling Elders

# Tuesday, June 25

1 pm PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO)

# Wednesday, June 26

Noon

Hanging Rock Area Church Professionals Lunch Gathering

Arch & Eddies Jackson

### Words of Sympathy and Prayers for...

- The colleagues and many friends of the Reverend Kristin Schutte, who died last week. A memorial service will be held to celebrate the life and faithful ministry of Kristin on Saturday, May 25, 10:30 am at the Westerville First Presbyterian Church.
- The Reverend Karen Chakoian and family on the recent death of her father, Henry Chakoian.
- The Reverend David Bubb and family on the recent death of his mother, Eliza Bowling Rowland Bubb.

# 2019 PRESBYTERIAN CALENDARS will be available in August...

This 16-month PC(USA) calendar-starting with September, 2019, and ending with December, 2020, can be ordered at any time. Cost will be \$8.50 each. To order, email: <u>dagmar@psvline.org</u>.