

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News October 30, 2019

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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

OCTOBER

A Prayer for the Season...

Gracious Lord,
we know that bending
takes fire to heat lives
in order to twist and
bend, and your muscular
arm to re-form us
on the anvil of your
will...your control.

So, lest we stay as we
are, put us in the fire,
shape us with your
hammer, drop us in the
waters of baptism,
leaning back on your
heels seeing what
you've formed.

Let us keep this
All Hallows' Eve, and Day
of the Dead in the
graceful shape of life
bent to your control
shown us in Jesus.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS...

Columbus Hoge Presbyterian Church...

Members and friends, along with the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, celebrated the commissioning of Certified Ruling Elder, Tom Billman, as the pastor of the Hoge PC on Sunday, October 27. Tom, an elder in the Covenant Presbyterian Church, recently completed the Presbytery's Certified Ruling Elder training program.



Commissioned Pastor Tom Billman and Commission Members

Iberia Presbyterian Church...held its annual "Worship in



Pink" on Sunday, October 20th. The members signed hearts with the names of survivors and butterflies in memory of those who were no longer with them. Each year, this congregation comes together dressed in pink, men and women alike, to raise awareness and to support

those who have been touched by breast cancer. This year, 17 members of all ages participated in the family hike at

**Thursday,
October 31**

10:30 am
Mission Initiative
Board (MIB)

NOVEMBER



November 1

All Saints Day
World Community Day

**Sunday,
November 3-
Tuesday,
November 5**

Deer Creek State Park
Church Professionals
Annual Fall Retreat

**Monday,
November 11**

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

3 pm
PSV Commission for
Presbytery Operations
(CPO)

6:30 pm
West-side Urban Ministry
(WUM) Meeting
Hoge PC

Lowe Volk Park. Along the way, their pink attire brought questions from others hiking the path and they had many opportunities to share their message.

The Ostrander Presbyterian Church...will celebrate its



Ostrander Presbyterian Church

185th Anniversary on November 10. The Reverend Rebecca Tollefson, Moderator of the Presbytery, will be the guest preacher. Former pastors of the Ostrander church family will be welcomed and recognized

with appreciation for their faithful ministries. The Presbyterian Pickers of the Delaware First Presbyterian Church will be the guest musicians for the celebration. A family style luncheon will conclude the day's festivities.

**Reynoldsburg Unity Presbyterian Church...
Special Events...**

- The annual "Teddy Bear Tea" will be held on Saturday, November 2 from 1-3 pm at the Church, 6969 East Livingston Avenue, Reynoldsburg. There will be fun, fellowship, a light lunch, and entertainment provided by the group Acoustic Mayhem followed by a sing-along. Come and bring "real" friends along with Teddy Bears and other "stuffed" friends" to be donated to the Far-East-side Neighborhood Pride Center in support of their Christmas toy drive.
- Saturday, November 16, 9-11 am.
Special Education Seminar for Parents and Guardians. To register, contact Ellen Wristen at 614-866-5451.



**STEWARDS OF THE
ENVIRONMENT...**

A special event at the Worthington Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 13, 7 pm.
(6:30 pm coffee and dessert)

Guest Speaker: Reverend Dr. Linda Mercadante. All are welcome!

**Tuesday,
November 12**

3 pm
PSV Commission
for Congregational Life
(CCL)

**Wednesday,
November 13**

Older Adult
Ministry Team
10 am

**Thursday,
November 14**

6-7:30 pm
PSV Conference Room
Gathering/Orientation for
new volunteers in the
Presbytery Commissions
CCP, CCL, CNO

**Tuesday,
November 19**

Presbytery Meeting
Circleville
Presbyterian Church

GOLDEN RULE 2020

*A Call for Dignity and
Respect in Politics*

On Sunday, November 3, exactly one year before the national election, Christians from across the theological and political spectrum will emphasize Christian teachings about human dignity. Congregations are invited to take time during worship services to pray for our country and emphasize the need for civility in all

PRESBYTERY-WIDE MISSION WORK TEAM...

Working with PDA Partners in Wilmington, NC



2019 Mission Team

The 2019 Presbytery-wide Mission Work Trip gathered a team of eighteen Presbyterians from eight congregations in Scioto Valley. Team members are: Mary Gene Boteler and Rick Nutt, retired pastors; Chris Cvar, Mary Massey and Barb Sipes, St.

Andrew PC; Carol Evans and Delia Herzog, Delaware First PC; Jim Fischer, Heather Fischer, Rex Plouck and Melinda Radabaugh, Delaware Old Stone PC; Susan Imel, Covenant PC; Betty Kennedy, Portsmouth First PC; Dave and Eloise Lewis, Oak Hill Bethel PC; Rod Marietta, Newark Hanover; Sam Wilson, Circleville PC; and Jeannie Harsh, Mission Team Coordinator. This year's mission team is working with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance partners, the Baptist Disaster Assistance, in the area north of Wilmington, NC, which was devastated in the fall of 2018 by Hurricane Florence. The team is doing home repair for 3 families who have been displaced by the storm for over a year. Continue to hold these hard-working volunteers and the people they are serving in your prayers.

PC (U.S.A.) BOARD OF PENSIONS NEWS...

Pre-Presbytery, November 19, 2-3 pm

Reverend Douglas Portz, Senior Church Consultant

The Rev. Douglas Portz will be sharing information at a pre-presbytery meeting at the Circleville PC from 2-3 PM prior to the presbytery meeting on November 19. Come and discover what new benefits your church can offer to staff, some at no cost to the church! Topics to be covered includes changes that may affect benefits your church may offer through the various menu options. Reverend Portz will be present to help you check out the Benefits Connect website and discover the new resources that are available.

political discussions. Information on how to participate and materials you can use in your congregation can be found at www.ReviveCivility.org.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION (PIE), January 11, 2020

A Leadership Training Day for Everyone!

New Location...Worthington Presbyterian Church

Plan now to participate in the Presbytery's popular annual leadership day...PIE. The PIE event will focus on "Becoming Vital Congregations". A wide variety of workshops will be offered, such as elder and deacon training, Christian Education, older adult programming, global mission, legal issues in the church, worship and others.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley is Looking for a Treasurer...

The Treasurer for the Presbytery is a 1-year position with an option for renewal. Some of the responsibilities include working with the presbytery staff team and the various commissions to prepare and present budget and audit information. This important role includes working closely with the Financial Assistant to organize and communicate the finances of the presbytery to provide clarity for all. The Treasurer also oversees the presbytery and church loan relationships with the Office of General Assembly, the Foundation, and local financial institutions. This is not a paid staff position but does provide a small stipend and expenses as needed. The position will hopefully be filled by the November Stated Presbytery Meeting for election by the body for 2020. For questions, email: Jeannie@psvonline.org

PRESBYTERY-WIDE ANNUAL YOUTH RETREAT, Camp Akita, February 7-9, 2020

Information and registration brochures will be available soon. For more information, email the Reverend Steve Brand at sbrand@pts.edu.

Openings in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV)....Churches Seeking Pastors...

Worthington Presbyterian Church...is seeking a full-time youth pastor/director. Applications are being accepted for either a non-ordained individual or a person seeking a first call. Interested persons may apply on CLC, or email Taylor Surface at taylor.surface@gmail.com.

Highlands Presbyterian Church...is seeking a part-time pastor. The following are the desired qualities/qualifications of a pastor, listed in order of priority: Biblical and theological knowledge; PC(USA) Seminary trained; Experienced spiritual leader; able to communicate effectively with the congregation; able to motivate youth and adults; able to manage church programs. Activities include worship leadership; teaching; moderating meetings; pastoral care; church redevelopment. For more information, contact Kathleen Isern, Clerk of Session; email klisern@gmail.com, or by phone: 614-327-4295.

Iberia Presbyterian Church...is looking for a candidate that is interested in a part-time position. We are a small-town church with an emphasis on family and community service. We would like someone who respects our church's history; has hope for our church's future; and has a clear focus on the current needs of our congregation. If you

are interested in finding out more about us, please contact Megan Lawson, Clerk of Session, at megan.r.l@icloud.com. Iberia Presbyterian is also looking for a pianist for Sunday worship and special services. Inquiries may be directed to Megan Lawson.

If your church is searching for a pastor or staff person and you would like to put an announcement in the presbytery weekly e-news, send your information to: Jeannie@psvonline.org.

News from the PCUSA Board of Pensions...Healthy Pastors/Healthy Congregations Program

This program brings together pastors and congregational leadership to work toward financial sustainability by providing financial education, consultation, and theological reflection to help all build a brighter future financial together. A one-time grant of up to \$10,000 is available to eligible pastors after the pastor and congregational leaders have completed an educational seminar, and the pastor has completed online educational modules, as well as financial counseling through Ernst and Young. The program is paid for by the Board of Pensions and a Lilly Grant. The grant can be used for debt reduction or for retirement savings. For more details please go to www.pensions.org and look under the heading "Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations" to check the eligibility requirements for this program. The Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz, will conduct a seminar at the Circleville PC on Monday November 18th from 6:30- 8:30 PM for pastors and congregations that sign up. To sign up, please contact HPHC@pensions.org. or call 215-587-7219.

The 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is coming to Scioto Valley in the Summer of 2022!

Plans are being made by the Presbytery of Scioto Valley to prepare for the honor of hosting the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), June 25-July 2, 2022. If you would like to be involved in the planning for this event, please sign up on the presbytery website: www.psvonline.org or email:

jeannie@psvonline.org



2019 Stated Meeting for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV)

November 19, 2019, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Circleville Presbyterian Church

E-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