

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News October 16, 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 Peace...

Holy Creator of all
tribes,
who risks your Word
in the world:
Time-worn images
of chaos assail again-
armies in formation
fly banners;
Families seek refuge;
fighters flee or dig in;
heads of state
threaten,
posture, proclaim.
Bring the peace-
makers...
who share hope,
find common ground,
and work with a
passion for justice;
and let us be
among them...
in Jesus Christ!

Per Capita Supports Vital Mission and Programs



We are indeed fortunate to be part of a connectional, and very responsive, denomination. Our brothers and sisters, locally and PC(USA)-wide, can look to all of us for support in the most difficult times, in addition to celebrating the joys we share. As the Commission for

Operations of the Presbytery began to look at the budget for next year, it became evident that our budget efforts for 2020 needed to include an increase in per capita so that we can continue to be responsive to our congregations within the presbytery. While some of these funds are forwarded to support the General Assembly and the Synod, it is important to know that the bulk of the per capita you pay supports the programs, ministries, resources and staff right here in the presbytery of Scioto Valley. If we are going to continue to provide grants and support for our congregations and their pastors, we must offset the loss of members we have experienced and rise to the challenge. The increase proposed of \$9.25 per active member probably seems significant, but in the scope of the cost of living increases seen elsewhere in our lives, it is important to balance the budget so that our ministry can maintain its vitality and responsiveness.

(By Elder Christine Burns, Commissioned Pastor and Member of the Presbytery Commission for Presbytery Operations)

OCTOBER

**Tuesday,
October 22**

1 pm
PSV Commission for
Nurture and Outreach

**Wednesday,
October 23**

Noon
Hanging Rock Church
Professionals Lunch
Jackson Arch & Eddies

**Thursday,
October 24**

10 am
Certified Ruling Elder
(CRE) Task Team

1 pm
PSV Nominating
Committee

**Saturday,
October 26**
**Presbyterian Women
PW Fall Gathering**

Worthington PC
773 High St.
9:30 am Registration
10 am Gathering
"Widening our Circle"

**Sunday,
October 27 to**

**Saturday,
November 2**
Presbytery Mission
Work Team

2020 Presbytery Budget and Proposed Per Capita

From the Presbytery Commission for Operations...

At the September Presbytery meeting the Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) presented for a first reading a budget for 2020 and their proposed per capita of \$45 necessary to balance the Presbytery budget. Slides from a presentation by CPO chair Bob Gustafson documenting our situation are available on the presbytery website <https://psvonline.org/10511-2/>. The 2020 per capita will be acted on at the November 19 Presbytery Meeting.

Presbytery's Annual Church Professionals' Retreat

This is the last week to sign up for the annual retreat, November 3-5, at the Deer Creek State Park Resort near Mount Sterling, Ohio. This retreat will feature the Reverend Dr. Linda Mercadante, who will bring church leaders an important perspective on what the church should know. Attendees will be entertained and inspired by the music and worship of "Executive Session". There is always time to relax and refresh in the beauty of the fall season. Registration and more detailed information is available on the presbytery website: www.psvonline.org, or by emailing: Dagmar@psvonline.org.

Older Adult Rally Event Features Theo Brown...

Inspiring Discussion on the Importance of Civility



Theo Brown

On Saturday, October 12, persons from across the presbytery gathered at the Hanover Presbyterian Church for warm fellowship, a delicious lunch, inspiration and a challenging conversation with guest leader, Theo Brown. Theo, the Director of Outreach to Faith Based Organizations for the National Institute for Civil Discourse, inspired and challenged all

participants with his presentation about applying the Golden Rule in political discourse. He encouraged all to join individuals and congregations across the country in participating in *Golden Rule 2020: A Call for Dignity and Respect in Politics* on Sunday, November 3, 2019. For information about this, visit: www.ReviveCivility.org

in Wilmington, NC

**Thursday,
October 31**

10:30 am
Mission Initiative
Ministry Board

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

Deer Creek State Park
Church Professionals
Annual Fall Retreat
Last Week to Register!
www.psvonline.org

**Monday,
November 11**

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

3 pm
PSV Commission for
Presbytery Operations
(CPO)

**Tuesday,
November 12**

3 pm
PSV Commission
for Congregational Life
(CCL)

Wednesday,

**Presbyterian Women (PW) Fall Gathering
Saturday, October 26, 10 am
Worthington Presbyterian Church**

Sign up now to come to the Fall Gathering of PW in PSV which will focus on "Widening Your Circle" through mission opportunities. This Gathering will be a *Mission In-Gathering* for the Near Northside Emergency Material Assistance Program (NNEMAP). Please bring donations of feminine hygiene products and toilet paper. There will also be tables displaying wares and items for sale by our PW sisters. All proceeds will go to support mission projects. A special feature of the gathering will be a book review on Camino Divina: Walking the Divine Way by Gina Marie Mammano. To register for this Gathering, email: Jpflaumer@windstream.net.



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.

Metropolitan Area Church Council (MACC) Update

By the Reverend Dr. George O. Mehaffey, HR

The Columbus Metropolitan Area Church Council (MACC) recently increased collaboration with the Ohio Council of Churches and experienced a renewed opportunity for ecumenical financial contributions from several denominations. Council members include representatives from the Disciples of Christ, United Methodist, PC(USA), and the United Church of Christ. There was also a discussion on the response from the Ohio Governor and legislators' leaders indicating a shared concern on assault weapons and mandatory background checks.

November 13

Older Adult
Ministry Team
10 am

**Thursday,
November 14**

6-7:30 pm
Gathering/Orientation
for new volunteers in
the Presbytery
Commissions
CCP, CCL, CPO, CNO,
and CT

**Tuesday,
November 19**

Presbytery Meeting
Circleville
Presbyterian Church

Marion Lee Street Presbyterian Church Pastor Scott Schnapp also serves the St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Reverend Scott Schnapp, pastor of the Marion Lee Street Presbyterian Church, was recently installed as the pastor of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Prospect. Because of the formula of agreement between the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), pastors can fully serve in both of these denominations.



Under this agreement of our common calling, or being in full communion, the churches agree to recognize the sacraments and ministry of each church and their pastors.

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.

Office of the General Assembly Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson Calls for Prayer...

Dear Friends in Christ,

Your Moderators and I are greatly troubled by the political struggle that is underway in our nation's capital, as well as other developments in the U.S. and around the world, and we feel led to call upon all Presbyterians to join us in a season of prayer.

As the struggle in the U.S. Congress over the question of articles of impeachment for President Trump moves forward, it is easy for our Christian faith to take "second place" behind our political views and preferences, and when that happens, it is very hard for the Holy Spirit to break through and lead us in the path of God's will. That struggle is made more difficult given the degree to which many of us have linked our own political preferences to our faith, suggesting that what we wish for is the will of God. May God save us from that trap as we pray for God's guidance that transcends our political bias.

While the political struggle goes on, consuming time, money, and political energy, we do well to remember the thousands of men, women, and children in our nation who will not have a full meal, now or in the days ahead, and who will spend the night on the street, in an alley, or in an abandoned building. We must pray for God to create in our leaders the political will to end this outrage.

And we must not forget the tens of thousands of men, women, and children fleeing terror in their own countries, only to be abused, insulted, and ultimately pushed away, where they become prey to traffickers and other criminals.

While we engage in our own political conflicts, we must remember those around the world who are facing even more serious danger and even death. We know that immediately following the U.S. withdrawal of our troops from the Syrian border, where our Kurdish allies in the fight against ISIS have served, the removal of U.S. troops has led to the immediate attack by the Turkish armed forces on these allies, resulting in widespread death among the Kurds, the ignoring of refugees held there, and the release of many ISIS fighters who have been held there. We are called to pray for an end to the violence on all sides.

As we pray, we must also remember the people of the Caribbean. Many have died, others are still unaccounted for, and all have been left with their lives destroyed by the hurricane. Let us pray for all those who are victims and for all who are seeking to support them and help them rebuild. At the same time, let us pray for our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico, where many are still separated from their homes and livelihoods as a result of the hurricane two years ago.

As we pray for these victims, let us also remember the many fellow citizens here in the U.S. who have been, and continue to be, imperiled by rogue weather that has destroyed property, lives, and livelihoods.

God is our help. Let us pray for God's active presence among our people and, especially, in the leaders of our nation as our crisis of governance unfolds.

Presbytery-wide Winter Youth Retreat at Camp Akita, February 7-9, 2020

Mark your calendars now and get your youth excited about this popular winter youth event!

Openings in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV)....Seeking Staff Persons and Pastors...

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Search for Presbytery Treasurer for 2020

Are you someone knowledgeable in financial management and accounting and familiar with Presbytery polity and systems? If so, the position of Treasurer of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley may be the way to serve that you have been looking for. The Treasurer 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. A full job description and application will be available on the presbytery website soon. The position will be filled by the November Stated meeting for election by the body for 2020. For questions, email: Jeannie@psvonline.org

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.

**The 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
is coming to Scioto Valley, June 25-July 2, 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

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