

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News November 20, 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

NOVEMBER

**Sunday,
November 24**

**Christ the King
Sunday**

*Jesus said,
"You're the salt..."
Lord, eating a handful
of unsalted peanuts,
I conclude...
"I'm not salt!
I'm as bland and
tasteless as these nuts!"*

*In company of others...
I'm not easy to swallow,
let alone sweet,
putting a smile on
a face, or prompting
reply
"That's GOOD!"*

253rd STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY

Tuesday, November 19, Circleville Presbyterian Church

Many words of thanks to the Reverend Joel Esala, Pastor, and the elders and members of the Circleville church for their amazing hospitality in hosting this week's meeting!



Rebecca Tollefson, Mark Gauen & Kae Merold

Much gratitude goes to the Reverend Rebecca Tollefson for her excellent leadership and guidance as the 2019 Moderator of the Presbytery.

A highlight of this meeting of the Presbytery was the installation of the Reverend Mark Gauen and Elder Kae Merold as the new Moderator and Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery.

Another highlight of the Meeting was the election of PSV Commissioners to the 224th General Assembly in Baltimore in June of 2020. The GA Commissioners will be: Teaching Elders: Mark Gauen, Jeri-Lynne Bouterse, and Sarah Juist; Ruling Elders: Kathi Bubb, Christine Burns and Kae Merold; and Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD): Milo Browne.

*Neither do I, like salt,
"make things last!"
So, sprinkle your grace
today!
that I can enliven people
as salt does,
and you do with me
and in me each day!*

**Thursday,
November 28**



**DECEMBER
Sunday,
December 1
1st Sunday of Advent**

**Monday,
December 2**
12 Noon
PSV Commission for
Church Professionals

3 pm
PSV Commission for
Congregational Life

**Sunday,
December 8**
3 pm
Commissioning of
Certified Ruling Elder
Reinita Thacker as
Pastor of the Newark
Woodside Presbyterian
Church

Out-going Treasurer, the Reverend Roger Au, was thanked for his faithful service for over 2 years. Jim Wagner, a member of the Logan First Presbyterian Church, and the spouse of Pastor Liz, was elected as the new Treasurer for the Presbytery.

New pastors, Reverend Frank LeBlanc and Reverend Maureen Clark, were welcomed to their ministries in the presbytery. Frank is the transitional pastor for Rose Run PC, and Maureen is the newly-called pastor for the Waverly First Presbyterian Church.



Elder Bob Gustafson, Chair of PSV Operations, and Moderator Rebecca Tollefson in a serious budgetary conversation.

In the midst of business reports from the Presbytery Commissions, the proposed budget and per capita increase were carefully discussed. The proposed budget was referred back to the Commission for Presbytery Operations with a mandate to develop a budget that reflected no-more-than a \$2 increase in per capita. A revised budget for the presbytery will be presented for consideration at the February 18, 2020 Presbytery Meeting.

During Executive Presbyter Jeannie Harsh's staff report, the presbytery's Committee on Local

Arrangements (COLA) Moderators were announced and thanked for their willingness to participate in the plans and preparations for the 225th General Assembly of the PC(USA) in 2022 in Columbus. The COLA moderators are Reverend Justice Ofosuhene, Pastor of Ramseyer PC, Reverend Rebecca Tollefson, Honorably Retired and Jim Wilson, Elder and Clerk, Broad Street PC.



Justice Ofosuhene, Rebecca Tollefson and Jim Wilson

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS...

Columbus Broad Street Presbyterian Church... Blue Christmas Worship Service, will be held on Sunday, December 8, 5 pm. Blue? Yes, blue as in the blues. As in "I am feeling blue." Dealing with the death of a loved one,

**Monday,
December 9**

3 pm

PSV Commission for
Presbytery Operations

**Tuesday,
December 10**

1 pm

PSV Commission for
Nurture and Outreach
(CNO)

**Wednesday,
December 11**

Noon

Arch & Eddies in
Jackson
Hanging Rock Area
Church Professionals
Holiday Lunch

**Thursday,
December 12**

10 am

PSV Certified Ruling
Elder (CRE) Meeting

**Tuesday,
December 17**

4 pm

PSV Coordinating
Team (CT)

**Wednesday,
December 18**

Noon

PSV Staff and
Commission for
Presbytery Operations
Christmas Lunch

facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other dis-ease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations can make parties and joviality painful. If you're not feeling twinkly this Christmas season, join us as we create sacred space in the darkness.

Gahanna Mifflin Presbyterian Church... has not one but TWO great community concerts to start off the Christmas season! The new Gahanna Community Chorus will sing on Sunday, November 24 at 3 pm, and the Scioto Valley Brass and Percussion Band will perform on Sunday, December 8 at 3 pm. Both concerts are free, though a food item for GRIN (Gahanna Residents In Need) is requested for the band concert. Mifflin is located at 123 Granville St. in Gahanna.

Granville First Presbyterian Church... will be hosting environmentalist author and preacher, Dr. Matthew Sleeth. Dr. Sleeth, is the author of "Serve God, Save the Planet: A Christian Call to Action." Dr. Sleeth will be preaching at the 8:30 and 11 am worship services on Sunday, November 24, at the First Presbyterian Church, 110 West Broadway. At 9:45 am, parents are invited to meet with Dr. Sleeth to discuss the topic of his next book, which examines the power of the Bible's message of love at a time when teen suicides are on the rise. Then, at 7 pm, he will preach at the community's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Centenary United Methodist Church, 102 East Broadway. In conjunction with Dr. Sleeth's visit, First Presbyterian will offer "Treewhispers," an interactive art open house from noon to 6 pm on Sunday, November 24, in the church's Heritage Hall. For more information, call First Presbyterian Church at (740) 587-0178 or visit www.granpres.org.

Pataskala First Presbyterian Church... will be starting a weekly Chinese/English bilingual Bible Study on December 1. It is offered at noon following Sunday worship in the Berean Room of the Church. For questions contact Rev. Janet Hufford at 740-927-4796.

**PRESBYTERY-WIDE ANNUAL YOUTH RETREAT
CAMP AKITA, February 7-9, 2020**

Registration brochures are now available on the Presbytery website: www.psvonline.org

**Sunday,
December 22**

Christmas Joy Offering

**Tuesday,
December 24**

Christmas Eve

**Wednesday,
December 25**

Christmas Day

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION (PIE), January 11, 2020

New Location: Worthington Presbyterian Church

Plan now to participate in the Presbytery's popular annual PIE leadership event. This event will focus on "Becoming Vital Congregations", and will feature guest leader Kathryn Threadgill, PC(USA) Coordinator for the denominational Vital Congregations' program. Also featured will be David Gambrell, PC(USA) Associate for Music and Worship, and specialist on the *Glory to God* hymnal. In the midst of worship and keynotes, there will be a wide variety of workshops, such as elder and deacon training, Christian Education, older adult programming, global mission, legal issues in the church, worship, music and others.

Presbyterian Resources available for you!

PC(USA) Items that can be purchased through the Presbytery Office are: 2019-2020 Presbyterian Planning Calendars, 2019-2021 Book of Order, Book of Confessions

For information, Contact the Presbytery office, 614-847-0565, or email: dagmar@psvonline.org

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

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.

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 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



2020 Stated Meeting for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV)

February 18, 2020, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Newark, Second Presbyterian Church
May 19, 2020, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Columbus, Broad Street Presbyterian Church
September 15, 2020, 3:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. - **TBA**
November 17, 2020, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Jackson, First 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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