

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News December 18, 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

DECEMBER



**Sunday,
December 22**
Christmas Joy
Offering

**Tuesday,
December 24**
Christmas Eve

**Wednesday,
December 25**
Christmas Day

**Tuesday,
December 31**
New Year's Eve

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS ACROSS THE PRESBYTERY...

The First Presbyterian Church in London and the Presbytery of Scioto Valley...celebrated the installation



Installation Commission Members

Gauen, Presbytery Moderator, Elder Yfke Njume, Commissioned Pastor Mark Johnson, Elder Nancy Ferguson, Rev. Amy House, Rev. Justice Ofosuhene and Certified Ruling Elder Steve Watters.

of the Reverend Desiree Youngblood as Pastor on Sunday, December 15. Members of the Installation Commission included Rev. Allan Robot, Rev. Mark

**CHRISTMAS
JOY SPECIAL
OFFERING**
Sunday, December 22



The PC (USA) Christmas Joy Special Offering supports past, present and future church leaders. Fifty per-cent of this offering makes it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Fifty per-cent of this offering assists current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.

Waiting for Jesus...

God of old and worn
Elizabeth and
Zechariah
who bless their
lips and days
with heart-songs:

let us recognize
their singing
as your voice
in the silence

The Second Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth...

filled their large church sanctuary and balcony as they gathered over 400 persons from the southern Ohio area for an annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Monday, December 16. This inspiring musical and biblical program, under the talented leadership and skilled direction of Dr. Stan Workman, featured a community choir, a full orchestra, and pastor readers from several denominations. The readers included, Reverend Allison Bauer, pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Reverend Evan Fisher, Reverends Dick and Sallie Schisler, Reverends Maureen and Andrew Clark, Reverend Jeannie Harsh and Reverend John Gowdy.



Community Choir and Orchestra

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION (PIE), January 11, 2020
New Location: Worthington Presbyterian Church

Plan now to participate in the Presbytery's popular annual PIE leadership/educational event to be held at the Worthington Church. This year's 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. For more information, Go to www.psvonline.org - Frontpage!



freshening time
with gifts bestowed
in darkness
made bright

in Jesus
whom we await
with song!!!

Presbytery-wide WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

February 7-9, Friday Evening-Sunday Morning



The 2020 Annual Youth Retreat for youth will be held at Camp Akita and will focus on the theme, "Let Love Lead". This retreat is designed for youth in grades 6-12. There will be keynote speakers, music, worship, small groups, Bible study, recreation, energizers, fun and fellowship. The cost is only \$90 per person if you register by January 15, 2020. Registration brochures are available on the Presbytery website: www.psvonline.org - Frontpage!

2019 CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS' DEADLINE JANUARY 15, 2020

We, in the Presbytery, want to thank you for financially supporting your presbytery. Without each of you, the presbytery could not carry out its ministries and mission. In 2 Corinthians 9:12, Paul writes "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God" (NIV). Your contributions to Per Capita and mission, are expressions of "thanks to God" for God's provision and grace. Per Capita provides the means to strengthen the connections of our work and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry. Presbyterians do mission in partnership. Your financial support makes a difference. We are grateful beyond measure!

As the end of 2019 approaches, we want to pass on the following information to you: Church contributions for 2019 must be received by the Presbytery before January 15 in order to be posted, processed and sent to General Assembly in Louisville before January 23, 2020. Payments received after that date will be credited to the new financial year.

For questions, email: Dagmar Romage, Administrative Assistant, dagmar@psvonline.org .

General Assembly (G.A.) Statistical Reporting - Update

Information regarding 2019 Congregational Annual Statistics will be coming to clerks soon. Information will be posted on the presbytery website.

The 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *will be held in Columbus 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.), **July 2-9, 2022**. Please note that this date is a change from the original date. For questions, 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., Columbus, Overbrook Presbyterian Church
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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