

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News December 11, 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
Thursday,
December 12

10 am

PSV Certified Ruling Elder
(CRE) Committee Meeting

Sunday,
December 15

3 pm

London First PC
Installation of Pastor,
The Reverend Desiree
Michelle Youngblood

Tuesday,
December 17

4 pm

PSV Coordinating
Team (CT) Meeting

Wednesday,

Congregational News

Oak Hill BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

a small congregation of fewer than 20 members, is committed to be a church focused on mission. Over the past few years, Bethel PC has provided monetary and volunteer support for many mission projects including:

- "Growing Oaks" food for school children (\$100 monthly).
 - Oak Hill Food Pantry (\$125 monthly).
 - Another Oak Hill area church's roof fund (\$1,000).
 - Food Pantry roof fund (\$500).
 - Handicap ramp for a local resident.
 - Local "Prayer Shawl Ministry".
 - Work with PDA hurricane relief efforts.
 - Cleaning supplies for hurricane Sandy victims.
 - Financial Support for Church members' mission trips to West Virginia (6 trips), New Jersey (5 trips) Alabama (2 trips), South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida.
- Following the mission work trips, the church has sent money for Wood stove pellets (\$500 to WV family), Propane heaters (\$500 to NC family), Roofing materials (SC), and Chain saws (TN).



Oak Hill Bethel
Presbyterian Church

December 18

Noon

PSV Staff and Commission
for Presbytery Operations
Christmas Lunch

Sunday,

December 22

Christmas Joy Offering

Tuesday,

December 24

Christmas Eve

Wednesday,

December 25

Christmas Day

Tuesday,

December 31

New Year's Eve

**YOUTH RETREAT
Camp Akita
February 7-9, 2020**

The 2020 Presbytery-wide Winter Youth Retreat will focus on the theme, "Let Love Lead". This popular retreat for youth in grades 6-12 will offer keynote speakers, music, worship, small groups, recreation, 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!**

An Advent Prayer

Marion Lee Street Presbyterian Church... is committed to serving its community. Each month the church opens its doors on the second Tuesday to the Marion COMMUNITY Collaborative. This month Lee Street hosted the group's annual Christmas luncheon. The COMMUNITY Collaborative is a public group of individuals and representatives of non-profits, government entities, schools, churches, and business that are working together to make Marion a great place to live, work, and learn! They share needs, upcoming events, and collaborate together on community-based projects.

Newark Woodside Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Scioto Valley...



celebrated the Commissioning of Certified Ruling Elder Reinita Thacker as the Commissioned Pastor for the Woodside Church on Sunday, December 8. Reinita, an Elder and former Christian Educator in the Reynoldsburg Parkview Presbyterian Church, was trained for ministry in the Presbytery's Certified Ruling Elder training program.

The Commission Members, surrounding and supporting Reinita, included Presbytery Moderator Reverend Rebecca Tollefson, Executive Presbyter Jeannie Harsh, Commissioned Pastor Cathy Hill, Reverend Nate Manzo, Pastor, Unity Presbyterian Church, Kae Merold, Commissioned Pastor, Outville PC, Betsy Lewis, Elder, Woodside PC, and Dana Thacker, Elder, Delaware First PC.



SPECIAL ADVENT and CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS...

Broad Street Presbyterian Church....

Saint-Saëns' *Christmas Oratorio* will be presented by the Broad Street Choir, with organ, strings, and harp on Sunday, December 15, 11:00 am worship. We welcome all to this special service to reflect on the blessings of the nativity. Broad Street Presbyterian Church, 760 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43205.

By Bill Leety, HR

God of the "baptizer,"
brewer of honey:

surely a swig or dollop
of wild honey makes even
locusts
go down easy,
and nourishes!

In our appetite for the
sweet life and
death change
of Jesus' birth,
grant us sweetness;

and *press us*,
with John or Jesus
to share it in our desert
with the company of other
fools;
now and to life's end.

Westside Urban Ministry (WUM) News

*Coat Sorting and Gift-
Wrapping Help Needed...*

Can You Help Sort Coats?

WUM is partnering with the Harmony Project and City Year Columbus for a 2nd coat drive of the season. Harmony Project is asking all 10,000 people who come to its community concert on December 12 to bring a new coat, hat, and mittens. Then WUM will sort these coats on December 14 and distribute to all Columbus Public Schools on December 16 and 17. Can you help collect coats on December

Ostrander Presbyterian Church...will be presenting "*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*" at 7:30 pm on December 13, 14, 20, 21 and at 4 pm on December 15 and 22. Everyone is invited to this free special event.

Worthington Presbyterian Church...The Chancel Choir of Worthington Presbyterian Church and a string orchestra of Columbus Symphony players will present a program of Advent and Christmas music on Sunday, December 15 at the 10 am worship service. Worthington PC is located at 773 High Street in Worthington.

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!**

News From the Presbytery Treasurer: Rev. Roger Au 2019 Contributions Deadline, January 15, 2020

Greetings in the name of the Savior whose birth we are waiting to celebrate. I want to let you know that the Presbytery is thankful for you! 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). Paul's words are true. Your contributions to Per Capita and mission, are expressions in many ways "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. We understand "mission" to be God's work for

12 in the evening, or sort coats on the morning of December 14?

Can You Help Wrap Gifts?

If so, WUM needs your help at West High School the week of Dec. 16! Each day this week, between 10 am-noon, we will be wrapping Christmas gifts that students have bought with the "bucks" they earned for good behavior.

Contact Patti Nussle

nussle@columbus.rr.com

the sake of the world God loves. Your financial support makes a difference. We are grateful beyond measure!

As the end of 2019 approaches, I 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 .

CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING...



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Christmas Joy Special Offering supports past, present and future church leaders. During the season of Advent and Christmas, we Presbyterians give through the church-wide Special Offering of Christmas Joy. 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. Your congregation is invited to receive the Christmas Joy Offering on Sunday, December 22 or any time during the Advent or Christmas season.

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 kliisern@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 the Presbytery of 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. - 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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