

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News December 4, 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

A Prayer for the Season of Advent...

*Hear us, God of space
where silence reigns!*

*During a season
now purpled,
call and coax us
from noisy corridors
of commerce;
and set us instead
on a holy way.*

*Open ears to whispers
of shadows' rise
and distant trumpet
notes of Your and
our shared Adventure...
in Jesus' promised
coming!*



DECEMBER ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES Scioto Valley Ministers of Word and Sacrament

December 1, 2007	The Rev. Keith Jones
December 1, 1991	The Rev. Amy Miracle
December 8, 1974	The Rev. Philip L. Bougher, HR
December 8, 1991	The Rev. Dallas M. Dryburgh
December 13, 2006	The Rev. Mathias G. Akih
December 17, 1967	The Rev. Laurence E. Miller Jr. HR
December 21, 2003	The Rev. Dr Janet A. Hufford
December 28, 1969	The Rev. Larry L. Wickliff, HR
December 29, 1967	The Rev. Carol R. Weiss, HR

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS...

SPECIAL ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SERVICES...

Columbus Broad Street Presbyterian Church...

will hold a Blue Christmas Worship Service on Sunday, December 8, 5 pm. Blue?... As in "I am feeling blue." Dealing with the death of a loved one, 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

**Sunday,
December 8**

3 pm

Commissioning of Certified
Ruling Elder Reinita Thacker
as

Pastor of the Newark
Woodside Presbyterian
Church

**Monday,
December 9**

3 pm

PSV Commission for
Presbytery Operations
(CPO)

**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 Gathering

**Thursday,
December 12**

10 am

PSV Certified Ruling Elder
(CRE) Meeting

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.

Westerville, First Presbyterian Church... Longest Night Service on Friday, December 20, 7-7:30 p.m. For many, the holiday season is not filled with happiness and celebration, but rather it is a time of sorrow and grief. This is a time of year when the loss of a loved one can be particularly painful. Other losses, too, such as the loss of a job or a relationship, can also be especially painful during the holidays. To help those who find December to be a difficult time of year, First Presbyterian Church will again host a Longest Night Service. This service will focus on the message of hope, healing, and wholeness that Christ brings into the world. Rev. Mary Jane Hitt and Rev. Mark Gauen will lead this service. Refreshments will follow.

Worthington Presbyterian Church...

- is offering a Blue Christmas worship service, open to all who are looking for quiet, faith-filled worship that prepares hearts to welcome Jesus. It is a relief from jangling commercialism. There is no forced "holly-jolly" spirit. It is a haven for people carrying grief and loneliness, for any reason. All are welcome in this simple, quiet worship service to be held on Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 p.m. in the Worthington Presbyterian Church Chapel.
- On December 15th in the 10 a.m. worship service, the Chancel Choir of Worthington Presbyterian Church and a string orchestra of Columbus Symphony players will present a program of Advent and Christmas music. The presentation is to prepare our spirits for the birth of our Lord. Selections from Handel's Messiah and his Concerto No. 4 for Organ and Strings will be featured as well as works by Deanna Witkowski, Dan Forrest and Mark Hahn. Come and worship with us through the blessing of exquisite music! Worthington Presbyterian Church is located at 773 High Street, on the corner of Routes 23 and 161 in Worthington.

Hanover Presbyterian Church... will be doing a longest night Christmas service for those who are grieving or struggle to find joy during the holiday season. This special service, which will include candle lighting, singing songs of

**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)

**Wednesday, 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

hope and praying for one another, will be held on December 21st at 7 pm at the Hanover Church located at 732 N. Main Street NE in Hanover.

Ostrander Presbyterian Church...will be presenting "*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*" at 7:30 pm on December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 and at 4 pm on December 8, 15 and 22. Everyone is invited to this free special event.

Westside Urban Ministry (WUM) Coat Drive

Thank You for Coats!

Thanks to all congregations for the wonderful donations of coats for WUM's Westside Coat Drive. In mid-November, thanks to your generosity, 402 coats were distributed to children at 18 schools on Columbus' west side!

Can You Help Sort Coats?

WUM is also partnering with the Harmony Project and City Year Columbus for a 2nd coat drive of the season. For this effort, 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 12 in the evening, or sort coats on the morning of December 14? If so, please contact Patti Nussle at nussle@columbus.rr.com. We need about 15 more sets of hands and hearts for these tasks. This is a good high school youth project, and you will love doing it!

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 to be held at the Worthington Church. 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.



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

News From the Presbytery Treasurer... 2019 Contributions Deadline, January 15, 2020

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. For questions, email: Treasurer@psvonline, or 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 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:



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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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