

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News November 27, 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

**Thursday,
November 28**



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

Like Mary and Joseph,
Lord,
you await each birth.

In these weeks
remind us that
waiting tables,
for instance,
means standing eager
to serve hopes,

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

You and me, Lord; how different we are...

Lord, we proclaim...
you welcome strangers, aliens,
dine with evil company,
attend to people crazed or ill.
We choose and are chosen by
company "more like me."
Yet when I'm a stranger welcomed;
or wrong and wounded
and invited to lunch by a friend,
or harmed, beaten by life
and mended by anyone;
your vast love and holiness
become my song!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS...

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP 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

appetites, and purposes of ones who hunger and thirst for what sustains;

through Jesus, him for whom we too wait.

**Monday,
December 2**

12 Noon
PSV Commission for Church Professionals
Holiday Potluck Lunch

3 pm
PSV Commission for Congregational Life
(Home of Jeri-Lynne, CCL Chairperson)

**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)

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.

Columbus Old First Presbyterian Church, 1101 Bryden Rd., will hold a Blue Christmas Worship Service on Sunday, December 1 at 5 pm. In this service we acknowledge the "blue" feelings we have during the holidays, recognize the reasons for them, and offer them to God. We pray that you will find hope and comfort in knowing that you are not alone. Always remember that God knows your pain and loves you unconditionally. We will light candles, affirming that the darkness within us cannot overcome the light of Christ in our lives. After the service, you may linger in the quiet Sanctuary or join others for fellowship with hot chocolate and cookies in the gallery.

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.

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



Camp Akita

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

**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

**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

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.



WINTER CAMP AT THE KIRKMONT CENTER...

Winter Camp for ages 7-18 will be held December 30-January 1. For only \$150 per camper, participants will go on hikes, make tasty treats over campfires, build snow-people, play broom ball and participate in Kirkmont's own winter Olympics. On December 31, campers will ring in the new year with a New Year's Eve party. For more information go to kirkmontcenter.com.



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. Because of gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, Reverend Shelley Wiley, transitional pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, was able to continue her ministry in a former presbytery after an accident left her unable to drive for six months. Reverend

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

Wiley celebrates that the Christmas Joy Offering can help ministry to happen even in critical times.

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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