

# Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News March 5, 2020

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## The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

Mission and Vision Statement

**"Inspire, Strengthen,  
And Challenge Congregations For Christ's Mission"**

### Presbytery Calendar

#### MARCH

**Sunday, March 8**

**Daylight Saving  
Time Begins**



Celebrate the Gifts of  
Women Sunday

**Monday, March 9**

10 am

Committee on Local  
Arrangements (COLA)

Meeting with GA partners  
and J. Herbert Nelson,  
Stated Clerk

*Topic: Hands and Feet  
Initiatives*

(Overbrook Church Parlor)

**Monday, March 9**

### Next Church National Gathering in Cincinnati

Gathers Presbyterians from Across the Denomination



Scioto Valley Presbyterians  
Enjoy Fellowship at Next Church

Presbyterians from 12 different churches in Scioto Valley from Iberia to Portsmouth, gathered for leadership development, challenging new ideas, workshops, plenaries, worship, conversation and fellowship at the Next Church Conference in

Cincinnati, March 2-4.

Next Church is a network of Presbyterian Leaders committed to supporting and equipping congregations, developing leaders, and strengthening our connections through collaboration, truth-telling, deep listening and creative action.

The 2020 Gathering theme, "What Do These Stones Mean?", from Joshua 4, offered infinite ways to embrace the future with hope.

3 pm  
(CPO) Commission for  
Presbytery Operations

(CCL) Commission for  
Congregational Life  
"Zoom" Meeting

**Tuesday, March 10**

Commission for Church  
Professionals (CCP)

12:30-2:30 pm

Alternative CPE  
for CREs  
3-8 pm

Fireside Chat  
4-6 pm

Clintonville Rusty Bucket  
All pastors welcome!

**Sunday, March 15**

Self-Development of  
People Sunday

PSV Leadership Retreat  
Procter Conference Center,  
London, OH

Sunday, 5:30 pm to  
Monday, 1 pm

**Monday, March 16**

1-3 pm  
Coordinating Team  
(CT) Meeting at Procter  
(following the Retreat)

**Thursday, March 19**

**Celebrating March Ordination Anniversaries for  
Pastors in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley**

One of the ministries of the Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals is to support the minister members in our Presbytery. One of the ways to support these faithful servants is to celebrate their ordination anniversaries. This month we recognize and lift up in prayer the following ministers who are celebrating the anniversaries of their ordinations to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the month of March.



Congratulations to...

The Reverend Robert R. Tolar Jr. (3/3/1991)

The Reverend Edwin A. Brinklow (3/4/2012)

The Reverend Dr. Thomas F. Rice (3/12/1994)

The Reverend Kyle Doebler (3/19/2015)

The Reverend Karen Petersohn-Jung (3/22/1992)

The Reverend Rebecca Hart (3/25/1984)

The Reverend Oluf Kongshaug (3/26/1983)

**Self-Development of People Sunday, March 15**

Congregations in Scioto Valley Presbytery are being asked by our Self-Development of People Committee (SDOP) to observe March 15 as SDOP Sunday. This program is funded through the *One Great Hour of Sharing* Special Offering.

This year SDOP will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year in the PC(USA).

The SDOP Sunday resource lifts up stories of community building, self-reliance, and hope - stories of God in action. It also provides hymns, liturgical suggestions, and how to access other free SDOP resources that are available to you and your congregation. Resources for interpreting SDOP to your congregation can be found on-line at:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/2019-sdop-sunday-resource/>. For questions, or for more

information, contact: Carla

Wilks, [cwilks03@yahoo.com](mailto:cwilks03@yahoo.com) or,

Les Sauer, [lessauer@hotmail.com](mailto:lessauer@hotmail.com).

10 am  
PSV CRE Task Team

1 pm  
PSV Older Adult  
Ministry Task Team

### First Day of Spring!



### Tuesday, March 24

Commission for Nurture  
and Outreach  
(CNO) 1 pm

Westside Urban (WUM)  
Ministry Team Meeting  
5:30 pm

### Wednesday, March 25

noon  
PSV Hanging Rock Pastors  
Lunch and Special Event  
Arch and Eddies Gathering  
House in Jackson

### Memorial Service for The Reverend Dr. Les Stansbery

Honorably Retired  
Minister Member of Scioto  
Valley

A Memorial Service for The  
Reverend Leslie Stansbery,  
who died on February 29,  
will be held on Saturday,  
March 7 at the St. Andrew  
Presbyterian Church, 1450

## PSV's WESTSIDE URBAN MINISTRY (WUM) Information and Opportunities

WUM is a consortium of congregations in the Presbytery who have joined hands "to be a community of God that helps the Columbus West Side live life to the fullest".

All congregations in the Presbytery are welcome to join in this mission ministry. WUM has a rather fluid operational structure that enables this ministry to actively engage in the world around making our faith come alive, while waking us up to new possibilities. WUM leaders are currently talking with the Ohio Justice & Policy Center about opening a legal clinic on the Columbus West side that will help people with criminal records overcome barriers to employment and housing. A criminal legal clinic like this is a new type of legal clinic in Columbus, which can help people get fresh starts in their lives.

(WUM is always accepting new and gently used winter coats for school age children. Please bring coats to the Presbytery office, or email Overbrook's Connie Jump at [csjumps@gmail.com](mailto:csjumps@gmail.com))

## Transitional Ministry Training 101 in Scioto Valley, May 3-7, 2020, Procter Conference Center

The Commission for Church Professionals is especially encouraging all active pastors to come and take advantage of this important training program. This program, which is valuable education for all pastors, will offer education and skills development to more effectively lead congregations in the midst of changes in culture, context, ministry and leadership. Cost of the program is \$300 plus housing and meals. Cost of a double room including meals is \$450. Some scholarship assistance will be available for Scioto Valley participants. See more about the event at:

<https://psvonline.org/events/transitional-ministry-training-101>. For questions

contact: [Jeannie@psvonline.org](mailto:Jeannie@psvonline.org) or [Dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto:Dagmar@psvonline.org)

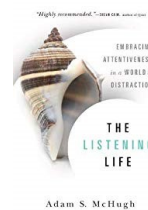
E. Dublin-Granville Rd., Columbus. Visitation

begins at 2:30 and the service at 3 pm.

A reception will follow the service. Throughout his life, Les faithfully served the Church in many ways in the Presbytery, Old First Presbyterian Church, the synod and various community organizations.

## Presbyterian Women Book Discussion

Book Discussions will continue at the PW/PSV Spring Gathering April 25 with the book, The Listening Life: Embracing Attentiveness in a World of Distraction by Adam S. McHugh. Christianity Today named this their book of the year (2015) for spiritual formation. Presbyterian pastor Adam McHugh explores how good listening is at the root of understanding our relationship with God, with one another in personal relationships and with others in the world through mission. In nine chapters he details how authentic listening can strengthen every part of our lives, bringing us closer to all of God's creation. This book will enhance our PW Spring Gathering which will have an emphasis on building community. Invite others to read this book and share their insights about this book at the Spring Gathering (April 25, 2020 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Upper Arlington, Ohio). Cost is \$10 for the day (9:30 am - 2:30 pm) - contact Judy Pflaumer, [jpflaumer@windstream.net](mailto:jpflaumer@windstream.net), to register.



## Important Notice: Watch for Email Hoax Attempts...

Many persons in the presbytery have received email requests for many types of assistance, often financial. Please note that the email addresses are not the correct emails for the persons that supposedly need assistance. For your protection, do not answer any of these email requests.

## *A Prayer by the Reverend Bill Leety...God is our Refuge and Strength...Psalm 45:1*

God, safety zone and saving grace: we think of your judgment of Egypt and of Job's loss of family and health. In a time when we hear of a threatening plague, be refuge and strength...and also light, so that we endure in faith and, like Jesus, extend kindness no matter the trouble.

## MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE: A GUIDE TO CIVIL DISCOURSE

*From Reverend Rebecca Tollefson, Past-Moderator, Presbytery of Scioto Valley*

Peacebuilding involves learning from and working with others, while also sharing different perspectives with humility and vulnerability. To solve our world's greatest challenges, we must learn to unlock the diversity of ideas and viewpoints as an asset for creating stronger solutions. This civil discourse training aims to enhance our ability to learn from and understand one another, and to apply that practice to personal and public policy conversations.

March 21, 2020 , 9 - 4 pm. Registration Fee: \$15 (includes lunch & materials)

Civil discourse serves as a guiding practice in personal and public conversations and deliberations over issues of critical importance to both ourselves and others.

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, 33 East Main Street Chillicothe, OH 45601

Learning to engage in civil discourse means learning to:

- \* Disagree with other opinions without disparaging other people.
- \* Disagree with other opinions while recognizing that we also have room to learn.
- \* Disagree with other opinions in an environment that preserves physical and emotional safety, even if emotional levels "run high."

Register at <http://www.dsoconnections.org/dsoevent/civil-discourse-training/> by March 16, 2020 (Registration is limited to 50 participants) For more information, contact the Rev. Deniray Mueller email: [deniray@deniray.com](mailto:deniray@deniray.com) or 614-668-6036

### Church Safety and Trending Topics Workshop, April 1st 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Insurance Board - Partners in Protection representative Ben Rupp will host a workshop on Church Safety and Trending Topics at Dublin Community Church, 81 West Bridge Street, Dublin, Ohio 43017 on Wednesday, April 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Topics include: Abuse Prevention, Benefits of Property Upkeep, Financials Controls for Churches, Active Intruder Event Response. Lunch will be provided. Seating is limited. Please register early at [www.InsuranceBoard.org/regional-workshop](http://www.InsuranceBoard.org/regional-workshop)

### Common-sense Tips on Coronavirus Outbreak for Individuals and Congregations...

By Mari Graham Evans | Presbyterian News Service

**Read more: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterian-disaster-assistance-releases-pandemic-preparedness-guide>**

### The 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) To be held in Columbus, Ohio, July 2-9, 2022

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley has the honor of hosting the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), July 2-9, 2022. Please note the date change from the original announcement. For questions, or to sign up to volunteer, email: [jeannie@psvonline.org](mailto:jeannie@psvonline.org)

### Stated Meetings of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) in 2020

February 18, 2020, Stated Meeting Minutes are now available:

<https://psvonline.org/publication/minutes-presbytery-meeting-february-18-2020/>

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