

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News March 19, 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

All meetings of Presbytery Commissions or committees have been cancelled, postponed or are managed via conference calls, online conversations or Zoom meetings.

March 19

First Day of Spring!



*God said,
"...not good that a
person be
alone..." Genesis 2:18*

Lord,
in the weight

Scioto Valley Presbytery Responds to COVID-19

As news of the growing and spreading of the dangerous coronavirus, we know we all must make difficult decisions in order to care for our nearly 15,000 Presbyterians in our congregations in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Earlier this week your Presbytery staff and PSV leaders decided to discontinue any face-to-face meetings, gatherings and worship, both presbytery-wide and within congregations. Many of you have received email letters with information and guidance for this time of continuing change and crises. Although the Presbytery Office is closed indefinitely, we will continue as much as possible to do essential presbytery work over zoom and conference calls. Although we are doing our best to work virtually and remotely, we continue to be here for you.

The Commissions for Congregational Life and Church Professionals are instructing all churches to suspend all face-to-face worship services, meetings and other gatherings indefinitely. All of our Presbytery Commissions are working together to provide information about best practices in this time, available resources, including guidance on video, Skype and live-streaming. Watch for updated information and resources on the special PSV website: www.psvresources.org. Many of our congregations are discovering very creative ways to worship virtually and still keep the congregation connected. They are keeping in touch through prayer, social media, texting and telephone.

of this sad time...
When aware
of the danger
each is to others,
Strengthen us
for the chore of
isolating in sickness
and health together
In Jesus Christ
Whose presence
and touch
Heals!

APRIL

Sunday, April 5



Palm Sunday
Holy Week Begins

April 10
Good Friday

Sunday, April 12
Easter
Resurrection
of the Lord!



We Presbyterians are blessed to have support and helpful resources through our connectional denomination. Here are some websites from our PCUSA Mission Agency with valuable

resources that you can use personally and in your congregations:

- <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/these-are-trying-times-for-all-of-us/>,
- <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/an-order-of-worship-for-online-services-is-ready-and-its-adaptable/>,
- <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/zooming-to-the-rescue-in-the-face-of-covid-19/>,
- <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/church-attendance-is-an-individual-choice/>
- <https://www.pcusa.org/covid19/>, and
- <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/information-and-resources-on-covid-19/>.

As we go through this disruptive and unknown period in our lives, take time to pray. Let the Holy Spirit be your guide, showing you God's light, love and hope for the future.

A Prayer for Illumination in a Skype Worship Service

Gracious and Holy God, we are living in the time of a frightening illness. The time has come to show our love for one another in new ways. You are the same God and we worship today together; but from different places, new places, and maybe even possibly with others we have never worshipped with before. All are our brothers and sisters. Let your Word and the meditations of all our hearts fill us with the true understanding of the abundant ways you love us. As we worship today, open our eyes and our hearts to your holy Word, especially in this challenging time. Amen.

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

**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

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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