Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News April 9, 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

APRIL 1-30

Presbytery Office Closed...

Although the Presbytery Office is closed, the Presbytery staff persons continue to work remotely, and can be contacted through email or a phone message.

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

April 9
Maundy Thursday

HOLY WEEK BLESSINGS AND A PRAYER FOR THESE DAYS



Shine, Lord,
on earth's peoples
in these holy days
we mark
keeping distance.
Draw our hearts close
to beloved and strangers.

Teach us steps
to the dance of life together,
that as we attend to
deaths and illness,

we are assured of life through Jesus by your springing him from the tomb!

Thanks to bill leety for the prayer

PRESBYTERY MODERATOR NEWS AND UPDATES

The Reverend MarK Gauen

A Presbytery Discernment and Design Administrative Commission (AC) of 9-12 members charged with recommending ways that our Presbytery can adapt to the future will be appointed by Mark Gauen before the date of the May Presbytery meeting.

April 10 Good Friday

"He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again," 2 Corinthians 1:10

if we have the common sense to listen to the old stories. we will know that our help comes from those we least expect: not the wealthy and wise the powerful and profound, but the stockers in grocery stores working the graveyard shift, the truck drivers hauling stock over emptier and emptier roads, the weary nurses, the frazzled doctors, the lab workers, the chaplains in crammed hospitals, and all the other overlooked, unsung, underpaid, workingdouble-shifts heroes and heroines.

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The May 19th Presbytery Meeting has been Cancelled due to the continuing problems caused by the coronavirus. This meeting will not be rescheduled and all business for the Presbytery will flow into the regularly scheduled September meeting.

THE PSV COMMISSION LEADERS WEEKLY UPDATES

Next Update in April 16 e-news

Your Presbytery leaders have been participating in Zoom meetings to decide how best to support, guide and assist congregations and pastors during this time of dealing with the impact of the Coronavirus.

This work team is gathering resources and ideas for pastors and congregations and posts them on a new website designed just for this timely information and updates. You can reach this new website by clicking on www.psvresources.org, or going to the Presbytery website and clicking on the link on the front page.

The PC(USA) also continues to offer updated information for congregations in this challenging time. There is abundant information that can effectively guide us as we deal with the pandemic: https://www.pcusa.org/covid19/.

Please feel free to contact any of our presbytery leaders with your questions and concerns. The Presbytery Commission leaders are: Commission for Congregational Life; The Reverend Adam Anderson, Chairperson, email: pastor@oldstone.org; Commission for Church Professionals, Reverend Annie Melick, Chairperson, email: Annie@Melick.net; Commission for Nurture and Outreach, Reverend Mary Gause, Chairperson, email: mqause@overbrookchurch.org; Commission for Presbytery Operations, Jim Hines, Chairperson, email: jhines1116@gmail.com; Coordinating Team, Elder Carla Mavis, Chairperson, email; carla.mavis@gmail.com. In addition, please feel free to contact the Reverend Dr. Jeannie Charles Harsh, Executive Presbyter by email: Jeannie@psvonline.org, or cell: 614-562-1775.

Sunday, April 12 EASTER

Resurrection of the Lord!

HAPPY EASTER!

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Holder Rich is Willing to Help Pastors *PSV Minister Member Home from Global Mission Work...*

Do you need someone to lead an online study? Preach an online sermon? Serve as an online liturgist? Help out with worship services? Write prayers, develop liturgies, take part in prayer groups? Do you need a listening ear? Let me know how I can help while I am here in Scioto Valley. Please contact me at Cynthia.HolderRich@elca.org.

Kirkmont Camp and Retreat Center is Temporarily Closed to the Public...

Kirkmont Center near Bellefontaine, OH is not scheduling Retreat and school groups through May. Kirkmont is a nonprofit center with a mission for serving the church and, more broadly, all people in all seasons. Like many organizations, Kirkmont is looking forward to getting back to fulfilling their mission and is exploring every option for 2020 summer camps and beyond. Registration is still open through kirkmontcenter.org. Kirkmont staff continue to answer the phones and email.

Kirkmont has no revenue from users. Many of you are in the same situation. We have a modest request. If you know Kirkmont Center has been an important influence in lives, help now by giving \$10 or more a month online through the Presbyterian Foundation. Our goal is to have 500 individuals, families, or organizations with recurring, modest contributions. Go to <u>kirkmontcenter.org</u>, click on Donate Now, and complete the form choosing the amount and frequency you will give to the DeLair Family Campership Fund or the greatest need. 65 have already committed \$10 or more a month.

However, you and your church experience Holy Week, may it be meaningful and memorable.

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

May 19, 2020 Presbytery Meeting Cancelled!

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. Watch for more information!!!

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