

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News April 16, 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

Happy Easter!

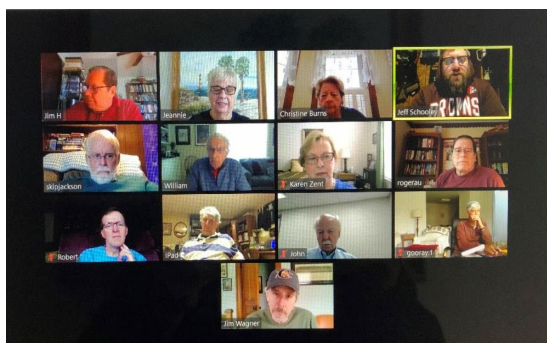


Presbytery Office
Closed...

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

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

Presbytery Commissions and Committees Continue to Work in New and Creative Ways...



PSV Operations Commission Zoom Meeting

the chairs of the PSV commissions, members and the staff are continuing to work and meet through virtual meetings, such as Zoom meetings, in order to provide needed resources and valuable support for our pastors and congregations.

Although the physical spaces that house our presbytery offices are closed, your presbytery leaders, volunteers and staff will continue to care for the business of the presbytery and its congregations, pastors, and members.

All of us are challenged to find opportunities to build our connections in the midst of this Coronavirus crisis. Although COVID 19 has led us to distance from each other and has slowed all of us down,

Thanks Pastors!!!

You did it! You brought Easter into homes!

You found creative, safe and inspiring ways to journey through Holy Week and Easter. You met today's challenges and brought your people together while practicing healthy, social distancing. You taught your people of all ages to gather through Zoom or another on-line platform. They joined together in prayer, sang allelulias, engaged in Bible study, shared fellowship, worshipped together and celebrated the joy of Easter in new ways! Congratulations from your colleague in ministry, Jeannie Harsh

A Message for Pastoral Care Providers to Share with Families in times of Loss...

From The Reverend Thom M. Shuman

I was approached by a chaplain in England to write something she could put on a card to give to families and friends in these times when folks cannot visit in hospitals or participate in funerals. Below is what I shared with her. Thom

You could not hold
their hand,
but a doctor did;

PRESBYTERY DISCERNMENT AND DESIGN

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION (AC) PROGRESS

The Reverend Mark Gauen, Presbytery Moderator

The formation of the Presbytery Discernment and Design Administrative Commission continues to progress. The Advisory Committee that was charged by the Presbytery to help form this commission has begun putting together the members of the commission which will then be formally appointed by the moderator. The hope is that all the commission members will be on board and ready to begin their work by the middle of May.

PASTORS OF PSV CHAT MEETING ON ZOOM

*Reverend Ann Melick, Pastor, Condit Presbyterian Church
Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals*

Join our online chats on Thursdays to give and receive encouragement and practical advice during this unusual time of ministry. Beginning on April 16, we will meet at the new time of 1 pm each Thursday. Here is the login information:

<https://zoom.us/j/588789104?pwd=cDBEUm8yYnNIS0RUK3dwZG5KVFMvZz09>

Meeting ID: 588 789 104

Password: 463317

One tap mobile+13126266799,588789104#

HAND-MADE FACE MASKS AVAILABLE

The Rev. Jennifer Eastman Hinkle

Jennifer Eastman Hinkle, Pastor of the Dublin Presbyterian Church, and accomplished seamstress, has been making a wide variety of designed face masks. She recently finished 48 masks that have been donated to Mary Rutan Hospital. The masks are a pleated fan style, where one size fits most. Child-sized masks are also available. \$4.00 covers the cost of the material. Jennifer has all kinds of fabric from OSU to U of M, to Cleveland Indians, Browns, Blue Jackets, Autism Awareness (puzzle pieces), breast cancer awareness and tons of solids and prints. For more information, email: jeastmanhinkle@hotmail.com.



you could not kiss them
goodbye,
but a nurse did;
you could not tell them
you loved them
one last time,
but God does.

You could not gather for
a funeral,
but one day you will;
you could not stand
at the grave,
but God was there
for you;
you could not
celebrate their life
on that special day,
but you do
every time you
remember
every time you
tell a story
every time you
see their face.

PSV COMMISSION LEADERS CONTINUE TO OFFER RESOURCES FOR PASTORS AND CONGREGATIONS

In the second month of dealing with the impact of COVID-19, this presbytery work team continues to gather resources and ideas for pastors and congregations. These resources are posted on the 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: mgause@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.

A Call From the Presbytery Nominating Committee...

Every year, the PSV Nominating Committee looks across the presbytery to find volunteers to serve on the commissions of the presbytery. These dedicated volunteers bring their particular gifts to Nurture and Outreach (CNO), Operations (CPO), Congregational Life (CCL) and Church Professionals (CCP). While throughout the year other special committees, task teams or commissions may gather other volunteers, the members of these four commissions make up the basic structure for collaboration with the Presbytery Coordinating Team and Presbytery Staff to comprise the leadership for our presbytery.

It is the Nominating Committee who performs the tremendous task of seeking out individuals both skilled and generous enough to render their gifts and time to serve all of us.

The time is now, and the Nominating Committee has already begun its work, and is asking for your help. Have you noticed someone in your congregation who could and would offer their contributions to the leadership team? If so, please email the Nominating Committee chairperson, Don Hilkerbaumer, dhilkerbaumer@icloud.com, so that their names can be considered. These volunteers serve from every part of the presbytery and

are ruling elders or ministers. Your nominations are another way that you can assist your presbytery in its work to assist and support all of our congregations and pastors.

Presbytery Leadership Team Members Updates and Report from April 15 Meeting, by The Reverend Jeff Schooley, Stated Clerk

Greetings Friends and Colleagues in Ministry,

The PSV Commission chairs, and Presbytery staff continue to meet weekly in order to seek ways to best serve the churches and members of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. This week, the Chairs focused on three main topics:

- Financial Opportunities for Churches
- Paycheck Protection Program
- Reminders

Financial Opportunities for Churches

First, we want to reiterate some of our past guidance:

- Do not be afraid to spend down any reserves. It was God's faithfulness that created those reserves in the first place and using them to secure the financial well-being of staff people is a faithful use of those funds.
- Contact the Board of Pensions to work out a way to lessen current payments that are due. Call 1-800-773-7752.
- Investigate and consider applying for the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) from the Small Business Administration (SBA), which has recently received \$350 billion as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed by Congress earlier this week. Essentially, business of 500 or fewer employees (including churches) can apply for a loan of up to 2.5-times average monthly payroll expenses from the past year. This loan can also turn into a grant - and thus not be repaid - after six months of certain criteria are met.
- Additionally, since this loan requires no real property collateral, it does not have to be approved by congregational vote and secure presbytery approval. Sessions do still need to vote to apply, but other aspects typical to securing a loan for a church do not apply.

Additionally, we will be sending out a survey to all the Clerks of Session in the Presbytery to ascertain where churches are at financially after five weeks of stay-at-home orders *and* where churches suspect they might be if this need to avoid in-person worship extends for another five weeks.

Any churches that are already experiencing financial hardships should reach out to either Executive Presbyter Jeannie Harsh and/or Chair for the Commission for Congregational Life, Adam Anderson.

Paycheck Protection Program

- As noted above, the PPP applies to congregations and congregations are encouraged to work through their local bank (always best to start with whatever bank you use for the church) to apply for PPP.

- Additionally, the Presbytery is requesting that any church that receives funds from the PPP to please report this to the Stated Clerk (statedclerk@psvonline.org) for recording keeping.
- Finally, the Commission for Presbytery Operations discussed applying for PPP for the Presbytery and has decided - at this time - to not take any action.

Reminders

- The May Presbytery meeting at Broad Street PC has been cancelled; no make-up date is planned for currently.
- The Discernment and Design AC that was created at the February 2020 Presbytery meeting is still being formed but do trust that this important work has not been sidelined by this global pandemic.
- The Presbytery has a COVID-19 Resources website that is updated regularly. Please visit www.psvresources.org for a variety of information related to every aspect of congregational life. Good resources can also be emailed to any of the Commission chairs. Building this site out is a collective, connectional work.
- The PCUSA, similarly, has its own resource page at www.pcusa.org/covid19. Please check it out as well.

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
