

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News April 30, 2020

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The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

Mission and Vision Statement

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

PRESBYTERY NEWS and May Calendar...



Presbytery Office Remains 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.

Celebrating May Ordination Anniversaries for Pastors in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley

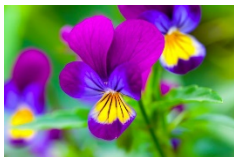
One of the ministries of the Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals is to support the minister members in our Presbytery. One of the ways to support these faithful servants is to celebrate their ordination anniversaries. This month we recognize and lift up in prayer the following ministers who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



Congratulations to...

The Reverend Dr. Thomas B. Martin (5-1-1963)
The Reverend M. Stephen Merold (5-13-1973)
The Reverend Joel A. Esala (5-15-2016)
The Reverend Dr. Myong Sun Kim (5-15-2011)
The Reverend Leslie Sauer (5-17-1971)
The Reverend Dr. Shelley C. Wiley (5-18-1986)
The Reverend Dr. Jeannie C. Harsh (5-21-2013)
The Reverend David L. Bubb (5-22-1984)
The Reverend Evan D. Fisher (5-23-1965)
The Reverend Robert E. Salmon (5-24-1970)
The Reverend Elizabeth D. Terry (5-31-1981)
The Reverend Randy Terry (5-31-1981)

MAY



May 3

Older Adult Week
Begins

Thursday, May 7
National Day of Prayer



May 10

Mother's Day

May 17

Presbyterian Heritage

May 24

Intercultural Church
Sunday

May 31

Day of Pentecost
Pentecost Offering

Please Hold in Prayer

***The family,
colleagues, and
friends of the
Reverend James
Browne.***

Jim, Honorably Retired
Minister Member of
Scioto Valley, died this
past week after dealing
with health challenges.
During Jim's ministry he
faithfully served as the
pastor of the Plain City

Resources for PSV Congregations...

PSV Resource Website... Timely information, creative ideas and resources are available on the new website, www.psvresources.org. You can also visit this website from our Presbytery website. Don't miss this opportunity to find helpful information and resources for all areas of your church life and ministries. These varied materials and resources are regularly updated by presbytery leaders.

Technology Support Grants for Congregations... The Presbytery Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) has allocated funding for up to \$500 reimbursement grants to any church in the Presbytery for purchased materials that assist pastors and congregations in reaching out to members through technology during the COVID-19 Crisis. Items can be purchased anytime between March 8 and August 31, 2020. You can send receipts to the Presbytery Office or email to dagmar@psvonline.org with a description of why you purchased the items. If you have questions, email Adam Anderson, chair of Congregational Life: pastor@oldstone.org.

PSV Facebook Page News... Do you have an event at your church or important information to share with others in our presbytery or friends from other presbyteries? The PSV Facebook page is another way to spread the word. What started out as a page for Congregational Life was changed a number of years ago to open it up to all of our congregations and our commissions and committees. We are working in new circumstances, trying to stay connected in new ways, and utilizing every technology touchstone we have to bring people together in a pandemic time when we are unable to gather together. There is no better time to remind people that events can be set up, meetings scheduled, and educational opportunities offered through the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Facebook page. There are a number of page administrators who can help get your information posted. The chairpersons of our Commissions, the Coordinating Team and the Moderator for Scioto Valley Presbyterian Women all have access or will designate someone else to post to the page for you. For questions, email Christine Burns at cvanderkooi45695@gmail.com.

Board of Pensions offers dues relief and deferments to churches and employers. The PCUSA Board of Pensions is extending dues relief and other assistance to churches and employers as we move through the COVID-19 crisis. Any church or employer experiencing economic hardship is encouraged to contact the Board. For further information, visit: pensions.org

and Hilliard Presbyterian Churches. He also served the Presbytery and the denomination in many leadership roles. Jim was a Co-Moderator of the Presbytery's Committee on Local Arrangements (COLA) in the PCUSA General Assembly in Columbus in 2002, and the Moderator of Scioto Valley, 2003-4.

Prayers are lifted up for Jim's family, especially his wife, Ginny, and their son Doug and family, Lisa and Milo. Doug is the pastor of the Columbus Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The Reverend Dr. Tom Martin, Honorably Retired minister member of Scioto Valley, has been recovering from surgery and is now in Riverside Hospital. We lift him up in prayer for healing and comfort.

Pentecost Special Offering in May...

The four Special Offerings of the PC(USA) are each connected to a season of the church year. These Offerings engage congregations in ministries of compassion, justice, Christian formation, education, peacemaking, and global witness. The Pentecost Offering is normally promoted and received on Pentecost Sunday. The Offering is divided into the following categories: 40% supports youth in your own church; 25% serves young adult volunteers; 25% supports ministries with youth; 10% provides advocacy that protects and nurtures children and youth. The Pentecost Offering is normally promoted in May and received on Pentecost Sunday. Information and resources are available at presbyterianmission.org/pentecost.

Looking for Masks...

Do you have someone in your church who likes to sew and create attractive and effective masks? Since we will all likely be wearing masks for a while, we are looking for someone to make creative masks that the presbytery and churches can have available for persons who need them. We see people wearing masks that tell us something about them...what about masks for Presbyterians? Maybe fabric with church or Christian symbols? Or, possibly a PCUSA symbol? Email: Jeannie@psvonline.org if you can help with this project. Thanks!

Free Traditional Black Clergy Robe...

Traditional black robe with chevrons in very, very good condition. The last time I wore it I was 5'11". If interested, contact Bob Armstrong: rarmstrong181@gmail.com

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM PSV COMMISSION CHAIRS AND PRESBYTERY LEADERS

As churches begin to cautiously consider re-opening to in-person worship and church activities, please keep in mind the presbytery's guidance - "The Least of These: Guidelines for Churches in a Pandemic" - which can be found here: <https://psvresources.files.wordpress.com/2020/04/least-of-these.pdf>

- Additionally, churches would be wise to abide by Ohio's official guidance for Consumer, Retail and Services: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Consumer-Retail-Services.pdf>
- The Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) is happy to provide up to \$500 in reimbursements to any church that spends these funds on increase technology in order to continue to be a vibrant faith community during this pandemic. This grant program is a vouchered program, meaning churches must spend the money and

then submit receipts to Adam Anderson, chair of CCL, for reimbursement. Any questions can be sent to Adam Anderson.

- The Presbytery is requesting that any church that receives funds from the Paycheck Protection Program to please report this to the Stated Clerk (statedclerk@psvonline.org) for recording keeping.
- The May Presbytery meeting at Broad Street PC has been cancelled; no make-up date is planned for currently.
- Speaking of Presbytery meetings, we are beginning to explore the logistics of holding a virtual presbytery meeting, should that be necessary. We are watching closely how General Assembly will run virtually and will borrow the best insights and practices from what we witness there for the sake of our own life together. As yet, no plans have been made one way or the other for the September Presbytery Meeting, but trust that the leadership is already considering these issues.
- 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.
- Finally, stay connected, share resources, and share stories through our Presbytery's Facebook Page. Just search for "Presbytery of Scioto Valley" or go directly to www.facebook.com/You.R.Presbytery. Like and Follow us to stay in the loop!

PASTORS OF PSV WEEKLY CHAT MEETING ON ZOOM

Reverend Ann Melick, 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 1 pm each Thursday.

<https://zoom.us/j/588789104?pwd=cDBEUm8yYnNIS0RUk3dwZG5KVFMvZz09>

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mobile+13126266799,588789104#

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Grants Assistance...

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) (PDA) has recently granted 208 requests for assistance in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic for a total of \$1,119,688 in grants. Read more:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterian-disaster-assistance-approves-more-than-1-1-million-in-covid-19-grants>

224th General Assembly of the PCUSA On-Line



For the first time in the history of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the 2020 PC(USA) General Assembly will be held online only. The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) approved a plan for a reduced assembly gathering that will require everyone involved - commissioners, advisory delegates, corresponding members and staff - to participate in a shortened and digital assembly. Read more...

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2020/4/21/224th-general-assembly-be-conducted-online-only>

Covenant Gathering 2020 "BUILDING PEACE VIRTUALLY", July 12 to July 17

News from Carla Mavis: *The Annual Covenant Gathering event is still happening, but with a twist*

The community of God's beloved children cares for the neighbor, the stranger, and one another. So...the Covenant Gathering Design Team has determined that CG 2020 will need to be held virtually! No, it's not what we wanted to do. But we gather virtually now so that when we come back together in person, no one is missing. We're still working on details. Stay tuned on the www.covenantgathering.com, and watch for e-mails! Here is WHAT WE DO KNOW...



Jimmie Hawkins

- * The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins will still be our keynote speaker.
- * Adult faculty are preparing to offer classes online.
- * We'll have special events for kids and youth.
- * We'll have community building times just for fun.
- * We'll do worship as only Covenant Gathering does!
- * You'll have the flexibility to try many things -- or just a few -- even though you're far away.

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