

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News June 18, 2020

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The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

Mission and Vision Statement

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

JUNE

June 19 and 26-27



224th General Assembly of
the PCUSA Online

The 224th General Assembly meeting is being held digitally for the first time in General Assembly history.

Because it is online this year, anyone can attend and take in the events.

Here's a timetable for some of the highlights:

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Moderator Election 8 pm
(could be delayed)

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Mass Poor People's Assembly & Moral March on Washington, 10 am
(digital)

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Youth Rising Coalition, 3 pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

224th General Assembly (An Online Assembly!)

From Lament to Hope. June 19, 26-27, 2020

The 2020 General Assembly is just around the corner. As the Scioto Valley Commissioners gear up to do the important work of the church, other preparations are underway as well. There have been training sessions provided for our mid-council leaders to train them to help support commissioners as they navigate this unprecedented General Assembly.

We hold in prayer our Presbytery's Commissioners to the 224th GA: Mark Gauen; Kae Merold; Kathi Bubb; and Sarah Juist., and Milo Browne, YAAD, who were commissioned during the Coordinating Team meeting via a Zoom meeting on June 16, 2020.



Zoom Meeting with the PSV Coordinating Team and the PSV Commissioners to the 224th General Assembly.

As we move toward the beginning of this year's General Assembly (GA), candidates for the role of Moderator presented their experiences and visions for the PC(USA) on June 10th via a live webinar. Despite the sadness of not being able to meet these candidates personally, the opportunity was rich for more people than ever to be able to know these candidates before voting begins. Participants are

Opening Worship,
11 am

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Stated Clerk Election
11 am

Docket and more
information at this link:
[WATCH HERE!](#)

Available to you at no cost
are the

Pre-GA and Post-GA bulletin insert (PDF)

contact

dagmar@psvonline.org

Presbyterian Planning Calendars for 2020-21

This 16-month calendar will start with September 2020 and end with December 2021. It contains many planning aids for pastors and other church leaders. This popular calendar includes lectionary for Sundays and special days, liturgical days, liturgical colors, resource information for PC(USA) programmatic emphases, updated synod, presbytery and Presbyterian Mission Agency staff directories, a color foldout synod/presbytery and world maps. The cost is \$10 each.

You may place your order anytime. Email:

dagmar@psvonline.org

The calendars should arrive by mid summer. You will be contacted to arrange for a scheduled pick-up.

First Presbyterian Church of London is seeking a Human Resources Director

First Presbyterian Church (FPC) is a congregation with the following mission

experiencing preparation for GA like it has never been experienced before. For the first time in our denomination's history, GA will be held totally online. The commissioners have been trained and are prepared to thoughtfully consider the essential business they are being called to. Each one will listen for the Holy Spirit as they execute the duties assigned to each, and they will come together with voice and vote to one secure environment from homes, offices, or other safe spaces. Continue to keep our Presbytery Commissioners and all the Commissioners in your thoughts and prayers.

Update From the PSV Coordinating Team

Carla Mavis, Chairperson

The Coordinating Team of the Presbytery encourages your church to continue to demonstrate best practices in making the decision to hold in-person worship. We recommend during this time of making decisions to review the guidelines written in the article titled "The least of these" which is on the resources website: <http://www.psvresources.org>. Every church is learning through this time new ways to be the church. The Coordinating Team is here to support and strengthen you. Have faith that your church will rise to new challenges, grow new capacities to do this, and will experience new faith and life in Christ as a result. Most of all, God is walking with you, beside you, behind you, around you, and guiding your steps.

DISMANTLING STRUCTURAL RACISM Conversations on Racism and Advocacy June 18 and July 9

If you have expressed an interest in talking specifically about Dismantling Structural Racism in light of our current situation, mark your calendars. You are invited to join us for a conversation on this **Thursday, June 18 at 10 am:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86339089144?
pwd=L3V0bVZMWW5JUEdEb3BvYkQzYk1UQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86339089144?pwd=L3V0bVZMWW5JUEdEb3BvYkQzYk1UQT09)

Meeting ID: 863 3908 9144

Password: 774082

We are also inviting all members of our presbytery to join in conversation with The Reverend Jimmie Hawkins, Director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness, for a conversation on how we do advocacy in the midst of COVID 19 and how we can continue to do the Lord's ministry in this new reality on

**Thursday, July 9 from
12 pm-1:30 pm.**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86736218336?
pwd=Ry83VVZPTWk0NSszQlY0ZnN5V1BQZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86736218336?pwd=Ry83VVZPTWk0NSszQlY0ZnN5V1BQZz09)

Meeting ID: 867 3621 8336

Password: 975763

Resources for Racial Justice Conversations...

- In response to the killing of George Floyd, Pittsburgh Presbytery staff members Ralph Lowe and Brian Wallace are recording a series of conversations you are welcome to use with your congregation in whatever format you find appropriate. Recently recorded is a five-minute conversation about one thing

statement: "Growing together in faith, love, and fellowship". FPC seeks a Christian for this position, who reflects and represents our core values. To see the job description please visit www.londonfpc.org

**A Gift from the Synod of the Covenant...
A Sabbath for Pastors**
Interim Synod Executive is Preparing a Worship Service

The Synod of the Covenant (which includes this presbytery) wants to offer our pastors and worship leaders a Sabbath from worship preparation and leadership in recognition of faithful ministry in this challenging time. Interim Synod Executive Reverend Chip Hardwick is coordinating a service based on Romans 6:12-23, one of the lectionary passages for **June 28th**. You'll be able to download the worship service as either the whole service (which will involve liturgists from throughout the Synod), or just the scripture and sermon. You could use this service on 6/28, or any time afterwards. It will be available for download after June 25. For questions, contact Chip Hardwick at synod.covenant@gmail.com or 309-530-4578.

people can do to seek reconciliation with those around them. It is available both on YouTube as well as a downloadable file that can easily be included in a pre-recorded worship service or a live Zoom meeting. As a follow-up, Ralph and Brian have also recorded a 35-minute conversation where they seek to model honest and thoughtful ways of talking about the realities of race. Find links to the recordings [here](#).

- **PCUSA offers racial justice resources** A listing of resources to help bring about racial justice in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the wider world is now available. The list of resources will grow as more resources are developed. Resources are arranged in six categories:
 - Statements from the PC(USA)
 - Worship Resources
 - Policy Statements
 - Recommended Books
 - Study, Training and Discussion Materials
 - Articles.

Click [here](#) to view what's currently offered.

News From the First Presbyterian Church, Fredericktown
Christine Burns, Pastor

On June 16th Fredericktown Interchurch Social Services of Knox County began their temporary move to the lower level of Fredericktown First Presbyterian Church as they begin the exciting work of re-building a modern facility at their current location. Boy Scouts and community leaders assisted to make the move smooth. Interchurch Social Services supply essential needs, from food to some financial assistance, to those in the Knox County area. The agency has always been supported by the ecumenical community and by the communities it serves. Fredericktown Presbyterian is excited to be able to provide a temporary home and look for ways that this new alliance can expand our cooperative mission for all people in the Fredericktown Community target audience.

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 and changing time of ministry. To join this gathering of our pastors at 1 pm each Thursday...

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

Meeting ID: 588 789 104, Password: 463317, One tap mobile+13126266799,,588789104#

RESOURCES for SCIOTO VALLEY CONGREGATIONS

PSV Resource Website...The Presbytery leaders created a website, www.psvresources.org, which contains timely information, creative ideas and resources gathered by your presbytery leaders. You

can also reach this website from our Presbytery website. These continually updated materials and resources are designed to provide information and resources for all areas of your church life and ministries, especially during this pandemic time.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RESOURCES AND IDEAS...

As we move into summer, here is a helpful piece on VBS:

<https://hope4ce.net/2020/05/06/is-vbs-to-be-part-of-your-re-entry/>

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.

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.

RESOURCES 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...

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- "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>
- 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 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 continue to check it out.
- 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!

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

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
