

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News June 25, 2020

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The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

Mission and Vision Statement

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

JUNE

A Prayer for GA 224

God of all creation, we come to you asking for your guidance and Spirit as we work together in this General Assembly. We trust your ability to work through our human limitations and bring good out of our attempts at faithfulness. We gather across the country in our homes in front of screens praying that we will feel deep connections. When we are challenged with technology, struggle with the state of the world, or feel inadequate, strengthen us. Grant us wisdom and discernment so our church will reflect your life-giving grace and mercy. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

(Adapted from a prayer by
Jill Duffield, Editor,
[The Presbyterian Outlook](#))

**224th General Assembly of the PC(USA)
Continues through Saturday, June 27
2020 Theme: *From Lament to Hope***



The 224th General Assembly, which began on Saturday, June 19, has been effectively breaking new ground by doing all business virtually.

A highlight of the first days of this virtual General Assembly was the Election of Co-Moderators Elona Street Stewart and Gregory Bentley who stressed the building of relationships through the Matthew 25 initiative.

Take time to watch this historic General Assembly from wherever you are just like our Presbytery Commissioners are doing. From your phone, computer or ipad, you can watch the work of our General Assembly. A web search for GA224 will bring each of you into the business, events, activities and worship through livestreaming. Join on line this Friday and Saturday, June 26-27.

Meanwhile, continue to hold in your thoughts and prayers our Presbytery's Commissioners who are actively participating in this year's General Assembly: Mark Gauen, Presbytery Moderator; Kae Merold, Pastor, Outville PC; Kathi Bubb, Elder, Gahanna Mifflin; and Sarah Juist, Pastor, Hanover PC, and Milo Browne, YAAD, Westminster PC.

224TH GA SCHEDULE

Friday, June 26

11 am

Opening Worship

Saturday, June 27

Stated Clerk Election

11 am

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

are available for churches.

contact:

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First Presbyterian Church of London is seeking a Human Resources Director

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

PSV Pastor Featured in Presbyterians Today...

The Rev. Sarah Juist, Pastor of the Hanover Presbyterian Church in Newark, Ohio, was pictured wearing the T-shirt she created as a visual reminder of the ordination vows to serve the church with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. Reverend Juist, like most pastors, has been overwhelmed as a pastor in this pandemic time. It was a scenario she could never have imagined. "No one prepared us for this. There was no pandemic class in seminary," she said. Juist echoed a sentiment of ministers everywhere who found themselves in unknown territory this past spring when the COVID-19 virus challenged long-held definitions of what church is and how it is done.

Read more....

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pt-0720-crisis/>

Resources for Racial Justice Conversations...

PC(USA) offers racial justice resources

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.

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.

Zoom Around the World with PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers...Thursday, June 25, 7:30 pm

This is the link to the registration page for the ZOOM Around the World with Mission Co-Workers this evening, June 25 at 7:30 p.m. EST.

Webinar Registration

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OMCSsjTmSa-1v3qVIVfv9q?fbclid=IwAR2ISTAFtXNRmIxpQK36-llwQxSmLjAQQ0U0j-5WONWqii_f50-g9nOk-hq

Mission Co-workers around the world:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/mission-connections/>

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.To

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

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

DISMANTLING STRUCTURAL RACISM, Conversations on Racism and Advocacy, July 9

We are 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.To join in this conversation, use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86736218336?pwd=Ry83VVZPTWk0NSszQlY0ZnN5V1BQZz09>

Meeting ID: 867 3621 8336

Password: 975763

Westerville Central College Presbyterian Church invites you and your child(ren) to experience our Everest *Virtual* VBS program this year!

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/935589>

It is open to all! Our Virtual VBS program will start on July 14th and be released a day at a time for 5 days. Our program is totally FREE. The beauty of doing this virtually is that it will remain up on Right Now Media for 30 days. Therefore, you and your child(ren) can participate each day as the recordings are posted or go at your own pace. To register, you will need to go to our church website, www.ccpc.us and click on the Everest VBS banner. That will take you to the registration page. Once you are registered, you will receive an email from our VBS team on how to sign in through RightNow Media. We will have free VBS home kits for the first 200 children. As an added bonus, by signing up through RightNow Media, you will also have access to over 22,000 Biblically based videos that you can take advantage of for as long as you like! Join us at Central College PC as we *Conquer Challenges with God's Mighty Power!*



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...

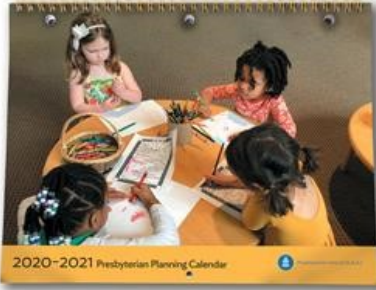
As we move into summer, here is a helpful piece on VBS:

<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.

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.

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

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