

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News July 9, 2020

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The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLE

Mission and Vision Statement

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

Calendar

JULY



Monday, July 13

3-5 p.m.

Commission for
Presbytery Operations
Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, July 21

4-6 p.m.

PSV Coordinating Team
Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, July 28

1-3 p.m.

PSV Commission for
Nurture and Outreach
Zoom Meeting

Kae Merold, Pastor, Outville Presbyterian Church

*Reflections on Serving as a Commissioner to the 224th
General Assembly(GA) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now
it springs forth, do you not perceive
it? I will make a way in the
wilderness and rivers in the
desert. Isaiah 43:19 (RSV)*



Kae Merold

Commissioner to GA and
Vice-Moderator of PSV

I was grounded, and continue to be,
by this verse from Isaiah during my
experience as a commissioner to GA.

There were over 700 participants from around the world. They were participating from homes, hotels, churches, offices, outdoors- anywhere a computer could access a signal- to do the work before us, to make the important decisions that guide and form our denomination. Throughout the two days spent on the Zoom and PC Biz platforms, leadership and the amazing technology support team guided us every step of the way. I must admit my disappointment in not being able to interact in lively discussion and the forming of new relationships. Issues of social justice, ending poverty and living into the church of the 21st century by taking a stand to participate actively and to speak out in love against such things is the challenge that lies before us. I am humbled by the opportunity to represent the Presbytery of Scioto Valley during this Assembly.



Please continue to keep Rev. Tom Martin in your prayers. He is in Riverside Methodist Hospital with heart related problems.



**POST-GA 224
BULLETIN INSERTS**
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PSV OFFICE UPDATE

Your Presbytery Office doors remain closed, but your presbytery staff continue to be available to offer resources and address needs. Dagmar and Jeannie are combining a hybrid blend of hours in the office and homes. Meetings continue to be virtual.

First Presbyterian Church of Granville News

A "Drive Bye" Farewell to Associate Pastor Trip Porch
An Innovative Way to Offer Gratitude and Blessings

On July 5, First Presbyterian Church of Granville said goodbye to The Reverend Trip Porch and his family and celebrated both his ministry with them and his new call to ministry with the congregation of Indianola Presbyterian Church in Columbus.



Trip, Brittany and Ward Porch with Pastor Karen Chakoian

Trip joined the staff of Granville in July of 2013 as he completed his journey for ordination through the Presbytery of Florida. Trip became the Associate Pastor for Youth and College Ministry after his ordination.

To celebrate Trip's ministry in Granville's, more than 50 cars gathered on Sunday, July 5, at Dennison University. The cars, many decorated for the parade, did a "drive bye", with a shower of cards and overwhelming well wishes.

PRESBYTERIANS ARE LIVING INTO MATTHEW 25...

Scioto Valley churches and commission members are becoming a part of the Matthew 25 Initiative of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Throughout our presbytery, churches are choosing welcome and becoming actively engaged in the world with a bold new vision that connects and unites, energizes and joins us in a common mission. This Matthew initiative focuses on three key objectives; building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systematic poverty. Our denomination provides resources and training materials to help strengthen relationships and commit to "serve the least of these" in our churches, communities and around the world. In addition to training, there is abundant curricula for teaching and preaching.



A PRAYER FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS...

by the Reverend Ginny Teitt, Pastor, Concord PC

Dear God, It is hard to believe that it has been a half year since we displayed fresh calendars and entered a new decade, never expecting that we would face these unprecedented times of social distancing and stay-at-home orders. When it looks like we can breathe a sigh of relief and soon see a return to normal we are confronted with even more uncertainty. For some of us this an inconvenience and major adjustment and we pray for patience, while others who wonder if they can survive, are struggling to meet daily needs. We pray for provision. We think of those that have lost loved ones and those that serve and work in the valley of the shadow of death and pray for your immanent presence. As pastors we daily log on to minister in this new virtual world where we are learning to walk by faith and not by human sight, and we need you to lead us. God, we are learning more than ever of your transcendancy as we experience church that spans space and time. And we worship week after week from phones and laptops, computers and iPad to Zoom or Facebook or YouTube into beloved communities. We sit in offices and living rooms, porches and patios, from cars and parking lots and unlimited locations to worship, pray, and learn and serve together as one dispersed body from different towns and states and even countries and you are always there with us. We are distressed by the tensions and chasms that divide our country and cry out for justice, mercy and healing that is only known in you, God. You are the God that never changes and yet constantly does new things. Give us hearts to rest in the certainty of your constant presence and to hope in the opportunities of fresh revelation.

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY...WORSHIP RESOURCE FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON

PRESBYTERY



OF BOSTON

As Covid-19 continues, church leaders are seeking new ways to reach out to congregations and partners in ministry across the denomination by making available innovative worship resources.

The Presbytery of Boston is offering to any congregation a beautiful, carefully planned multi-cultural, inspiring worship service from July 5th that any congregation could use on any Sunday.

Services and sermons such as this one preached by the Reverend Cindy Kohlmann, past-General Assembly co-moderator, not only give us fresh voices, but also provide an opportunity for a congregation to support its pastor with a break from preparation and delivery of a sermon and worship service. To use this valuable video resource, go to:

<https://presbyteryofboston.org/Resources/Covid-19-Resources/Worship-Services>, and select the Google Drive video link found on the page.

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



Reverend Jimmie Hawkins

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

"RAISING RACIAL AWARENESS"

A Presbytery-wide Conversation July 23 noon and 7 p.m.

Sponsored by the Commission on Nurture and Outreach

"**RAISING RACIAL AWARENESS**", a four-week presbytery-wide conversation on race, will begin on July 23. Each participant will receive a list of articles, videos, podcasts, etc. (maximum of 20 minutes each) to read, watch or listen to, one for each day. Participants will be invited to an introduction on Zoom on Thursday, July 23 at noon or 7:00 pm. During the conversations, participants will share observations, new learnings, and challenges with other church members and friends from around the presbytery. Email Kathi Bubb, kathibubb@gmail.com for more information and the Zoom link.

Racial Justice Resources from the PC (USA)

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.

You Are Invited to the Virtual New Wilmington Mission Conference July 17-19, 2020...

Reverend Ginny Teitt - Conference Director and Pastor, Concord Presbyterian Church

The New Wilmington Missionary (now Mission) Conference, the oldest and sole-surviving mission conference, after meeting for 115 years meeting in the quaint town of New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, on the campus of Westminster College, will be held virtually. This year's Conference will not be held in the lakeside amphitheater with sawdust covered floors, adorned by flags of countries around the globe. In the months since the COVID-19 pandemic that has changed the way that we do church and limited gatherings in-person,

the NWMC Board of Managers and volunteer leaders have been praying, planning and preparing for something those young, dedicated founding visionaries never could have imagined. We have been inspired as we discern how to present a virtual, interactive global mission conference. I invite you to join the upcoming free virtual New Wilmington Mission Conference 2020 July 17 to 19 from the comfort of your own homes to hear words of encouragement, learn of mission opportunities, and listen to updates from co-workers and global partners located in places around the world. Learn more at nwncomissions.org. In a time of unprecedented uncertainty, in the midst of a global pandemic that has reached every country and culture, this one thing is certain; we need to be the church together! **Register here today:**

<http://nwncomission.org/nwmc-2020/register-for-the-virtual-conference>

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#

Westerville Central College Presbyterian Church invites you and your child(ren) to experience our Everest *Virtual* VBS program this year, July 14-19!

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

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 and open to all. 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.

Synod of the Covenant PW 2020 Zoom Business Meeting, July 18 at 9 a.m.

This year because of Covid 19 we had to cancel our annual PW Gathering. We are however having our annual Business meeting by zoom and would like to invite you and the members of your PW Presbyteries. Please distribute this email to all our PW sisters within our synod.

Hope to see you then. Pat McBride, SoC PW Moderator

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83326310370?pwd=dmF5bXZCWk1iYXFOQ2NDZnkweWJ0dz09>

Meeting ID: 833 2631 0370 Password: 141648

One tap mobile +13017158592,,83326310370#,,,,0#,,141648# US (Germantown)

+13126266799,,83326310370#,,,,0#,,141648# US (Chicago)

Presbyterian Planning Calendars for 2020-2021

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. Place your order, Email: dagmar@psvonline.org.

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