

# Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News July 16, 2020

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## *The Presbytery* OF SCIOTO VALLEY

Mission and Vision Statement

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

### Calendar

**JULY**



**Tuesday, July 21**

4 pm

PSV Coordinating Team  
Zoom Meeting

**Thursday, July 23**

1 pm

PSV Nominating  
Committee  
Zoom Meeting

**Tuesday, July 28**

1 pm

PSV Commission for  
Nurture and Outreach  
(CNO) Zoom Meeting

### Elder Kathi Bubb, Gahanna Mifflin PC

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

Serving as a Commissioner to the 224th General Assembly, I was a member of the

Committee on Business Referrals which was composed of the people who would have been the moderators and vice-moderators of the twelve to fourteen General Assembly committees.

Those committees normally do the work of the assembly by considering items of business sent to it by presbyteries and other denomination entities, and bringing them, often in amended form,

to the floor of the assembly. Due to the logistic constraints imposed upon us by the pandemic, the

Committee on Business Referrals took on the responsibility of considering those items that were critical to the life of the PC(USA) and could not be put off until the 225th GA here in Columbus (most of them having financial and staffing implications). It was very difficult to defer so many important and timely actions until 2022. However, our committee, which met several times before the rest of GA, was able to craft statements on the COVID-19 epidemic and Racial injustice which were then passed by the assembly. Memorable moments included the election of new co-moderators Elder Elona Street-Stewart & The Rev. Gregory J. Bentley on the first ballot, and worshipping with 700+ Presbyterians on zoom. We were thoughtfully advised by the Office of the General Assembly and the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly, and



Elder Kathi Bubb

**Remember in Prayer**



*The family, colleagues,  
and friends of...*

The Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Martin, who died on Thursday, July 9, 2020. A memorial service celebrating Tom's life and ministries will be held and live streamed at 2 PM on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at the Dublin Presbyterian Church, 5775 Dublinshire Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

Guests are required to wear masks, and appropriate social distance guidelines will be followed. During Tom's retirement years, he served as the transitional pastor of the Dublin Presbyterian Church and Stated Supply for the Ostrander Presbyterian Church.

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The Presbytery of Scioto Valley PW Summer Gathering scheduled for August 22, 2020, has been cancelled.

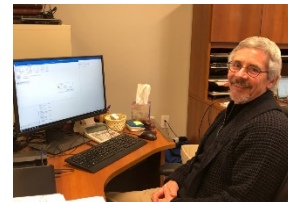
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supported by an amazing tech crew. This year's General Assembly was not what I had envisioned, nor hoped for, but I do believe that the Spirit of God was moving among us, through us and perhaps even in spite of us.

**THANKS AND MANY GOOD WISHES...**

**To Jim Wagner, PSV Treasurer**

Jim Wagner, Treasurer for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, has decided to accept the position of Business Administrator for the Presbytery of Philadelphia beginning August 1. We will miss Jim with his expertise and wide experience in the financial and accounting profession. We are grateful for his service and time with our presbytery. Jim's wife Liz, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Logan, will also be missed by both the Logan Church and the Presbytery. Liz has been an active member of the Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals. We wish them both many blessings as they serve the church in new places. The Presbytery will temporarily fill the role of PSV treasurer and begin a search for a new treasurer later in the year.



Jim Wagner

**Scioto Valley Churches in Pastoral Transitions...**

Your Presbytery Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) members are busy supporting and guiding congregation who are finding themselves in need of transitional pastors or are already in the process of searching for new pastors. These churches in various stages of the transition journey, are in all areas of the Presbytery, from Portsmouth to Delaware County.

These churches include: First Presbyterian Portsmouth, First Presbyterian Waverly, First Presbyterian Washington Court House, Hilliard Presbyterian Church, Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Lancaster, First Presbyterian Wilkesville, First Presbyterian Middleport, Kingston Mt. Pleasant, First Presbyterian Logan, Hanover Presbyterian, Covenant Presbyterian, Boulevard Presbyterian, Old First Presbyterian, Rose Run Presbyterian, Liberty Presbyterian.



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Bulletin Inserts...

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**Columbus Church  
Enjoys Outside  
Worship...**



Reverend Lee Platt, Pastor Glen Echo Presbyterian Church in Clintonville has enjoyed taking their worship service outdoors. On a Sunday recently, this small membership congregation gathered twenty-two people who social distanced, wore masks, celebrated worship safely, enjoyed God's beautiful creation and had fun.

**"RAISING RACIAL AWARENESS"**

A Presbytery-wide Conversation July 23 noon and 7 p.m.  
Sponsored by the PSV Commission on Nurture and Outreach (CNO)

- Have you ever heard the term "white privilege" and thought "I don't have any special privileges"?
- Have you ever heard the term "systemic racism" and thought "isn't racism over?"
- Have you ever wanted to ask questions about other races or learn more but never felt like there was a safe space to do it?
- Have you ever felt hopeless about racism issues and wished you knew a way to help?
- Have you ever wanted to understand more about racial issues but didn't know where to start?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions, then join us for **"RAISING RACIAL AWARENESS"**, a four week presbytery-wide conversation on race. Each participant will be invited to an introduction on Zoom on Thursday, July 23 at noon or 7:00 pm and will receive a list of articles and videos (maximum of 20 minutes each) to read and watch, one for each day. Conversations will be held on the following three Thursdays at noon or 7:00 pm, during which time participants will be invited to share observations, new learnings, and challenges with other church members and friends from around the presbytery. Email Kathi Bubb, [kathibubb@gmail.com](mailto:kathibubb@gmail.com) for more information and the Zoom link.

**Becoming a Matthew 25 Church...What's That About???**

We are hearing and seeing a lot about the denomination-wide initiative for becoming a Matthew 25 Church. What does this mean and how do you begin? There are already many PC (USA) congregations that identify themselves as Matthew 25 churches. The denomination hopes to multiply the number of congregations committed to radical discipleship. Using the scripture message from Matthew 25, the national church is seeking congregations who embrace one or more of three focuses found in the links below:

[Building congregational vitality](#), [Dismantling structural racism](#), or [Eradicating systemic poverty](#). The first step to becoming a Matthew 25 church is



to sign up and pledge. One of these is probably already a part of your mission work in your community. Perhaps some of you are already involved in all three. The denomination wants to be a resource to help you identify through their resources and strengthen you with training and curricula; everything to help you strengthen relationships, transform your church, and bring alive your commitment to "serve the least of these" in your community and around the world. Whether you are just starting on your Matthew 25 journey or are fully engaged and active in your community, you may find these resources helpful as you seek to "unleash the spirit" of the Matthew 25 vision! <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/welcome-kit/>

### **O GOD OF HOPE AND HEALING...A Pandemic Prayer By Christine Burns, CRE**

O God of Hope and Healing. We stand as your children, terribly vulnerable against pandemic odds. We are distanced and lonely for human and personal contact; exhausted with finding ways to care for ourselves and one another as you have trusted us to do. Confusion pervades our minds as we try to sort out what we see and hear. We are not the first of your children to seek you in a time such as this. You led your people through a wilderness more vast and uncertain than the times we find ourselves living through, but that has been difficult to recall this under the weight of our 21<sup>st</sup> century burdens. Restore us, O Lord. We cry out for restoration to some sense of normal. Renew in each of us strength more voracious than the pandemic virus we endure. Light a fire in us to continue to fight the good fight and bring hope to others. Make us resilient, especially when the situation seems impossible and the stakes are so high. Your grace lives and shines through your troubled children. We are honest and admit that we are frightened, but the Holy Spirit lives and shows that we are never abandoned; your love is a promise, your promise, and in this covenant, we trust and pray for healing. Amen.

### **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 [nwnmissions.org](http://nwnmissions.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://nwnmissions.org/nwmc-2020/register-for-the-virtual-conference>**

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

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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.

## 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.

## 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>

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## PSV RESOURCES WEBSITE...for SCIOTO VALLEY PASTORS AND CONGREGATIONS

**PSV Resource Website...**The Presbytery leaders created a website, [www.psvresources.org](http://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.

## 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

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## 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. You may place your order anytime. Email: [dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto: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](http://www.psvonline.org). Telephone: 614-847-0565 or 800-244-7207; Fax: 614-847-4359