

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Mid-Week E-News August 13, 2020

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The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

Mission and Vision Statement

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

Presbytery Calendar

AUGUST

**Tuesday, August 18
4 pm**

PSV Special Meeting
on Zoom

Two Business Items:

-Elect Elder Jim Wilson
as the PSV Temporary
Stated Clerk through
12-31-2020

-Elect Elder Bob
Gustafson as the PSV
Temporary Treasurer
through 12-31-2020

PSV Coordinating
Team (CT) Zoom
Meeting

**Tuesday, August 25
1 pm**

PSV Commission for
Nurture and Outreach
(CNO) Zoom Meeting

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Special Meeting Via Zoom, Tuesday, August 18, 4 pm

A Special meeting of the Presbytery will be held on Tuesday, August 18 at 4 pm via videoconferencing. Mark Gauen, Moderator of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, in accordance with our Presbytery Bylaws, has called a Special Meeting of the Presbytery for the purpose of electing a Temporary Clerk and a Temporary Treasurer for the Presbytery.

The Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) has requested this special Presbytery meeting due to business that needs to be conducted before our scheduled Presbytery meeting in September and the Coordinating Team has concurred. This business requires two signatures from elected officers. Hence the need for the special election.

An email copy of this announcement is also being sent out. If you do not get the email, please call the Presbytery Office, or email: Jeannie@psvonline.org and provide an email address. Next week another email will be sent with instructions on how to enter the meeting and information about the election of the Presbytery Temporary Stated Clerk and Temporary Treasurer.

For more information click on the link:

<https://psvonline.org/events/coordinating-team-2-2020-08-18/>

Monday, August 31

12:30

PSV Commission for
Church Professionals
(CCP) Zoom Meeting

3 pm

PSV Commission for
Congregational Life
(CCL) Zoom Meeting

SEPTEMBER



**Tuesday,
September 1**

3 pm

PSV Commission for
Presbytery Operations
CPO

**Sunday,
September 6**

Season of Peace
Begins

Visit pcusa.org to learn
about resources.

**Monday,
September 7**

Labor Day

**Sunday,
September 13**

Christian Education
Week Begins

Transitional Ministry Training for Pastors...

Transitional Ministry is a much-needed way to provide leadership and help congregations see themselves with new excitement in changing times. Transitional ministry is much more than just being a placeholder to fill the gap between one pastor leaving and another being found. For many congregations, the time of transition can be frustrating and filled with uncertainty. However, it is in that journey together that pastors trained in the art of transitional ministry are able to walk with a congregation and help them see a future of hope in the midst of a time of change.

Our presbytery, like many others, currently has many churches that will soon be between pastoral leadership. A pastor has re-located or has felt the Spirit calling them to others places or work, or maybe has retired are common reasons for a congregation to find themselves without a pastor. There are many pastors who find their true calling in helping churches in transition. It can be challenging work, but very rewarding as the pastor focuses on the health and vitality of the congregation and walking with them as they seek just the right leader for a time such as this.

The PSV currently has a real need for ministers trained in the art of Transition. Earlier in the COVID-19 crisis, the staff and leadership of the presbytery had scheduled a training class led by national leaders to train pastors from everywhere in this work. That class had to be cancelled, but the need has not diminished. If you are interested in learning more about training as a Transitional Minister, please go to this link and read about it.

<https://www.transitionalministryeducation.net/>

The Board Of Pensions (BOP) of the PC(USA)...

Each year the BOP sets a time for selecting benefits for the coming year. The Employer Agreements are now available on Benefits Connect at pensions.org/2021benefits.

There are changes and new benefits that make it possible for churches to enroll their pastors who are not installed. The new *Minister's Choice* package, available in 2021, offers savings for non-installed ministers working at least 20 hours per week. For more information, visit the Board of Pensions website.

**Tuesday,
September 15**

3:30 pm

PSV Presbytery
Meeting on Zoom

**SYNOD OF THE COVENANT UPDATES ON GRANTS...Chip Hardwick, Interim
Executive SOC**

The Synod of the Covenant wants to support congregations and students. Because of all the transition, these applications are going out later than we would prefer for them to go out. Scholarship applications will be reviewed beginning 8/31/20 and New Covenant and Racial Ethnic Grants beginning 10/1/20. (Note: These are not deadlines; they are beginning points.)

If you dig into the applications for the Racial Ethnic or New Covenant grants, you'll see that we have added a letter of endorsement from the EP, GP, or Stated Clerk (if there is no EP or GP). The Grants Committee's hope is that this will build a stronger relationship and connection between you and your congregations, and the Synod and you. Rev. Charles B. Hardwick, Ph.D., Interim Synod Executive Synod of the Covenant, Presbyterian Church (USA), 309-530-4578 or synod.covenant@gmail.com

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#

Guidance to Congregations Considering Re-Opening

Elder James A. Wilson, PSV Temporary Stated Clerk

As congregations consider returning to in-person worship or re-opening their buildings, Sessions must be mindful of both their legal and fiduciary duty to take reasonable steps to minimize the risk of spreading Covid-19 infections by worship or other church activities and their ordination vows to "watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service" (W-4.0404b) and "give[s] full expression to the rich diversity of the church's membership" (G-3.0103). This includes assessing whether a plan promotes expanding those who can worship or has the effect of excluding individuals whose risk factors prevent participation in in-person worship. In carrying out these obligations, we strongly urge Sessions to consider the following guidance for congregational safety:

<https://psvonline.org/publication/guidance-to-congregations-considering-reopening-james-a-wilson/>

Worthington Presbyterian Church is seeking a Membership and Data Coordinator

The Worthington Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time Membership and Data Coordinator. This position is 30 hours per week, primarily during normal operating hours Monday-Friday, with the occasional evening or weekend as needed. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please click on the following link for a position description: <https://www.worthingtonpresbyterian.com/employment-opportunities.html>.

Interested persons should e-mail a cover letter, resume, and the names and contact information for three references to employment@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

Granville First Presbyterian Church is seeking a Temporary Senior High Youth Coordinator

First Presbyterian Church in Granville, Ohio, is calling a person to fill the position of Temporary Senior High Youth Coordinator through May 2021. If you are interested, or know of someone, please see the following link for more information <https://www.granpres.org/openinterimposition>.

Interested parties should email a cover letter and resume to Ellen Clark, Director of Christian Education and Faith Formation at eclark@granpres.org.

PSV CONGREGATIONS ARE BECOMING MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATIONS...

Congratulations to the 10 congregations of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley who have applied for and have been designated as Matthew 25 churches within the PC (USA). These congregations have answered the call to accept the Matthew 25 invitation. Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation, you can help your church and our denomination become a more relevant presence in the world. We recognize Christ's urgent call to be a church of action, where God's love, justice and mercy shine forth and are contagious. The 10 PSV congregations who have already committed to be Matthew 25 congregations are: West Berlin Presbyterian Church in Delaware, First Presbyterian Church in Waverly, Overbrook Presbyterian Church in Columbus, First Presbyterian Church in Athens, First Presbyterian Church in Grove City, Plain City Presbyterian Church, Condit Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church in London and Broad Street Presbyterian Church and Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church in Columbus. Additional congregations are in the process of affirming this call along with the Presbytery. This call commits congregations and the presbytery to work towards Building Congregational Vitality, Identifying and Dismantling Structural Racism, and Eradicating Systemic Poverty.



Go to <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/matthew-25-sign-up-my-congregation> and complete an application to sign up your church. Join others in our presbytery and across the denomination in a common purpose to bring alive the commitment to "serve the least of these" in our communities and around the world.

The NEW 2020-21 Presbyterian Planning Calendars have arrived!

This 16-month calendar starts with September 2020 and ends with December 2021. It contains many planning aids for pastors and other church leaders. This popular calendar includes lectionary information 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 fold-out synod/presbytery and world maps. The cost is \$10 each.

For information, or to get your calendars, contact 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., Virtual Meeting

November 17, 2020, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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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