

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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Constant Contact has upgraded and has brought changes to the PSV Mid-week E-News. Therefore, we are continuing to work on a new design. For questions, email: dagmar@psvonline.org

225th Presbytery Meeting Zoom Video Conference

On September 15, 2020, the Presbytery held its 225th Regular meeting by Zoom.

Presbytery Opening Prayer by Moderator Mark Gauen

"Mighty God, you are the rock in the midst of raging seas; you are the lamp that lights our way; we turn to you for hope, we turn to you for guidance. Today, we have come together as the Presbytery of Scioto Valley to conduct the business of your church in this time. We cannot do this without you, O God. We are in the midst of a deep, dark fog—a recession that threatens our livelihoods, a movement that threatens our prejudices, an election that threatens our relationships, a pandemic that threatens our lives. We are lost and only you can show us the way through. So, on this day of a very unique Presbytery meeting, we humbly beseech you to guide all of us so that together what we say here and what we do here may be a manifestation of your will, not ours. Help us to be patient as we learn to use your gift of technology. Grant us wisdom as we discuss the issues before us. Show us how we, as individuals, as churches, and as a presbytery can be beacons of light in these dark times. Help us in this meeting, and in our lives, to demonstrate to the world the power of your love. Amen."



PRESBYTERY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS...The meeting was attended by more than 94 Commissioners, and much important business was transacted. While the meeting required the adoption of special rules for electronic voting, there was very little else to limit the commissioners in their work. Worship was a compelling spoken praise hymn. A highlight of the meeting was the examination and overwhelming approval of Candidate Edward Lewis for Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Edward, a full-time chaplain, has also been serving as the pastor of the Columbus Bethany Presbyterian Church. The Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) also celebrated the retirement of the Reverend Preston Shealy, Boulevard Presbyterian Church. Commission reports from the Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) included a second reading of a per capita relief policy to help congregations who see a 10% or greater reduction in their rolls. Also included was a first reading of a one year per capita relief for all congregations. In addition, there was a first reading of 3 options for the 2021 Presbytery budget. The Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) sought and joyously achieved the support of the Presbytery in

becoming a Matthew 25 Presbytery. This PC(USA) initiative honors Christ's call to be a church of action, where God's love, justice and mercy stream in to change the world. Uniting all Presbyterians in our common identity to do mission, our focus is on three core commitments: dismantling systemic racism, eradicating systemic poverty, and building vital congregations. The Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) reported on the 33 technology grants given to congregations to assist with online worshipping needs. While we missed being in the same room, it was good to come together, honoring the connections among our pastors, elders and congregations in our call to follow Jesus Christ. More information about this Presbytery Meeting will be available in the Meeting Minutes, which will soon be available on the Presbytery website.

Matthew 25 Video Worship Service available now!

A complete video worship service focused on Matthew 25 is now available for any congregation to use on any Sunday they might choose. This Matthew 25 worship service was created with the help of persons from 18 of our congregations, our synod Executive Chip Hardwick, and our General Assembly colleague, Chris Roseland. The many and diverse videos were beautifully put together by Elder Dirwin Clemons from our Rose Run Presbyterian Church. This service can be downloaded from the Presbytery FACEBOOK page, or through the link: <https://youtu.be/np5YWV6-RYM> For questions, email: Jeannie@psvonline.org

You are invited to a Zoom webinar September 23 at 7 pm

Topic: ELECTION 2020: Judges and Courts Do you want to be a better informed voter? Do you want to learn more about how the court system works in Ohio and the important role elected judges play in it? Mark your calendar for September 23, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. when Overbrook's Matthew 25 team will sponsor a Webinar event featuring a speaker from the Ohio Fair Courts Alliance, a non-profit, non-partisan group that works with the Ohio League of Women Voters on voter education. The presentation will cover the impact of the Courts on our daily lives, what makes a good judge, and what judgeships are on the November ballot. Here is the link for the webinar on **Sept 23 at 7pm** Please click the link below to join the webinar <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87451275588>

Or iPhone one-tap : US: +13017158592,,87451275588# or +13126266799,,87451275588#

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International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87451275588>



Israel and Palestine - An Invitation to Conversation
September 29, 12 p.m. via Zoom

Register in advance for this webinar

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qjlaYDoSSxuH2RG75N6w2w

Peace and Global Witness Offering

The Special Offerings of the PC(USA) are celebrations of specific ways God has been made known to us. The Peace and Global Witness Offering is promoted during A Season of Peace (September) and received on World Communion Sunday (the first Sunday in October).

Extend your peace to us, O Christ, that we might build places of kindness and generosity, reconciliation and compassion. May our gifts join our voices in blessing all of creation with your justice and peace, at all times, in all ways. Amen

Information on Special Offerings: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/>

Great Lakes Association of Presbyterian Church Educators

Presents an Online Event in October - *Equipping The Church to Welcome*

All: Gender Identity/FluidityPronouns. This event will feature the Rev. Shanea D. Deonard and the Rev. Jess Cook, and will be held on October 14th at 7 pm and October 15th at 10 am. This will be a meaningful opportunity for all church ministries, Christian Educators, Pastors, Christian Education Ministries and Member Care Ministries. Link to sign up:

<http://www.glapce.org/2020-fall-event.html>. Participants may sign up for one or both events. Events are free. Once you sign up you will receive the zoom link.

Transitional Ministry Training Available Online October 12-16



If you are interested in learning more about training as a Transitional Minister, please go to this

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

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies is offering a Week 1 training in October. You can find information about this transitional ministry training and register at the following link:

<https://synod-of-lakes-and-prairies.events.idloom.com/the-art-of-transitional-leadership2020>

The Synod of the Covenant Wants to Help Fund Your Ministry

Grant applications for the Synod of the Covenant will be reviewed beginning October 1, 2020. Racial Ethnic Grants are for congregations primarily composed of people of color who want to reach out to their neighborhoods, and New Covenant Grants support PCUSA churches and institutions which are fostering congregational redevelopment and transformation, multicultural and justice ministries, or ministries to college students. The review of scholarship applications has begun, but it's not too late to apply for the emergency/pandemic grant for students seeking their first degree post-high school or their first theology degree. For more information please visit:

<https://synodofthecovenant.org/synod-ministries/grants-and-scholarships/>

Broad Street Presbyterian Church is looking for Volunteers

Broad Street Presbyterian Church Food Pantry has been serving our neighbors since 1971. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have seen a huge increase in need and are now serving over 1000 families per month. We serve an average of 45 families from all over Columbus a day at the Pantry and deliver to 3 neighborhood senior centers. Each family receives canned goods, cereal, pasta, rice as well as fresh produce, milk, eggs and frozen meat. 46% of the families we serve have children in the household, 36% include seniors. Volunteers are key to our success and fill a variety of roles. Curbside delivery volunteers prepack boxes and deliver food to shoppers in their car Monday-Friday 8:30-11:30 am. Curbside produce volunteers load produce into shoppers vehicles Wednesday afternoons. MOF Delivery volunteers help unload food delivered from Mid-Ohio FoodBank Mondays from 11am-1pm. And Senior Delivery volunteers help pack and deliver orders to nearby senior centers Wednesdays (some) and Thursdays 10:30 am-1pm. To keep

everyone safe, we require masks for all (volunteers and shoppers), temperature checks and gloves for volunteers. So that we can practice social distancing, the number of volunteers/staff in the pantry is limited. Here is a link to a story about the Food Pantry featured in the 9/9 Presbyterian Outlook that tells a little more about our work.

<https://pres-outlook.org/2020/09/ohio-food-pantry-responds-to-food-insecurity-during-covid-19/>

To sign up, use the Sign Up Genius link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a48a8aa2ca4fe3-pantry> If you are only available for a shorter time or are looking for a very low contact position, contact Kathy Kelly-Long, kklong@bspc.org.



Ministers Choice Plan in 2021

Employers can now sign up for 2021 BOP Benefits...Each year the PCUSA Board of Pensions (BOP) sets a time for selecting benefits for the coming year. The Employer Agreements are available on Benefits Connect at:

[pensions.org/2021benefits](https://www.pensions.org/2021benefits). Once the church has signed their Employer Agreements, open enrollment for benefits will run from October 26 to November 13. 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. Minister's Choice is a new benefits package that provides important financial protection for ministers. Coverage under the Minister's Choice Plan includes the Defined Benefit Pension Plan, Death and Disability Plan, Temporary Disability Plan, and Employee Assistance Plan. Minister's Choice also expands access to assistance and education programs now available only through Pastor's Participation. Employer cost for Minister's is 10 percent of effective salary. For more information, visit the Board of Pensions website. <http://www.pensions.org/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES...

Overbrook Presbyterian Church Personnel Ministry Team is looking to fill a Part-time Director of Children's Ministry. We'd like to have a candidate identified before the end of the year.

For more information contact Debbie Ryan at daryan43214@aol.com

Plain City Presbyterian Church is seeking an organist/pianist for their worship services.

If you are interested, please contact Rita McCray, Search Committee Chair at teawithrita@yahoo.com

Congratulations to The Rev. Dr. Charles Smith! Charlie, former PSV Moderator, former member of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley and former pastor of the Newark Second Presbyterian Church, has been named Interim Presbytery Pastor for Indian Nations Presbytery. This Oklahoma City-based regional governing body of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is comprised of 45 churches in southern and southwestern Oklahoma.



Services for The Reverend John Stull will be private and may be viewed by live stream on Sunday, September 20 at 11 am. Link can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/BSPCColumbus>. No Facebook account is required. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, Ohio Health Hospice or Broad Street Presbyterian's Food Pantry. The link to the service will be available forever.

Keep in Prayer...the Reverend Ron Botts, pastor of the Ostrander Presbyterian Church. Ron's wife, Toni, died this week after a battle with cancer. A celebration of life is being planned.

**PRESBYTERY CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENTS**

Tuesday, September 22, 1:00 p.m.

Commission for Nurture and Outreach Zoom meeting

Columbus Bethany Presbyterian Church

New Date: September 27 at 7 p.m.

The Ugandan Choir, A Virtual Program Time and access code to be announced soon.
For more information contact: Mrs. Iola Dunbar at 614-929-5257.

Tuesday, September 29, Noon-1:30 p.m.

Renowned theologian The Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, Founder and President of Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem, will be leading a webinar for our presbytery. on **"Israel and Palestine Today: An Invitation to Conversation"**. Doug Dicks, PC (USA) Associate for Ecumenical Partnerships in Israel and Palestine, will provide some Presbyterian context. More information coming soon.

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 4, 7-8 p.m.

Fall Presbytery Youth event is going virtual, with a

Zoom Game Night (for youth in grades 6 - 12)

Contact Kathi Bubb kathibubb@gmail.com for the zoom link. Each church must have at least one adult online with youth from their church. Please do not share this link on FB or your webpage, only with youth and adults who are signing up.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqce2orzgiHdBEBbOVqb8DdBGLRqJjE75M>

November 17, 2020, 3 p.m.

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV)

PASTORS OF PSV WEEKLY CHAT MEETING ON ZOOM

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#

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