

Mid-week E-News September 24, 2020

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

"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being." Psalm 104:33
when i inhale a deep breath so i can release it as righteous fire on
all who irritate me, or speak words with more bitterness than
they offer to me, touch the breath and transform it into the cooling balm of grace, as a song
of gentleness and peace for everyone
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Mission Co-workers Michael and Rachel Ludwig.

We are sharing with you about our ministry:

- 1.) To let you know that the PCUSA has stopped all travel for PCUSA workers (including us) through December 2020. So it is likely that we won't be able to visit any of you in person.
- 2.) To offer possible pieces for your worship services with a mission focus that you can use when it works well into your schedule.



We relate so much to how Paul is feeling as he writes in Romans chapter 1: "I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now)"

Since we won't be able to visit in person, we have some videos included in this email for your use as you are interested or able. If there's something specific that would fit just right into one of your pieces for a worship service, go ahead and make a request, and we'll try to work with you on it. Please do keep in touch as it is so encouraging for us to hear from you. To view the video click on the underlined text:

- **Sermon** - with Scripture reading from Romans 12:1-8 (Theme: Offering ourselves to God in worship with perspectives from Niger)
- **Children's sermon** to go with the above sermon - 4 mins.
- **Minute for Mission Update** - 4 mins.
- **Minute for Mission Update with addition of short children interviews** - 6.5 mins.
- **Learning from our neighbors** - local ways of using scraps for toys (4 mins)

- **What you need to learn to be a kid in Niger** (5 min)
 - **What you bring to worship** (3 min)
 - **Learning from locals** - local ideas for practical handwashing (4 min)
 - **Recent Sermon** - based on John 4:5-26 and Proverbs 25:25 (Theme: Being open for mission means being vulnerable and listening)
- If you were able to use a video, please let us know. It helps us with record keeping for who we're connecting with.
- Peace be with you, Michael, Rachel, Adeline, Simeon, Zach, Isaac and Hassan Ludwig
- Support this ministry at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/E200513>



Recent Presbytery Meeting Affirms Accepting the PC(USA) Invitation to Become a Matthew 25 Presbytery!....By Katie Kinnison and Kathi Bubb

At the September presbytery meeting, commissioners voted overwhelmingly that the Presbytery of Scioto Valley become a Matthew 25 Mid-Council. What does it mean to be a Matthew 25 Presbytery? Matthew 25 is a PC(USA) initiative that has three focuses - Building Congregational Vitality, Dismantling Structural Racism and Eradicating Systemic Poverty. We now have before us specific commitments that demand our attention. Are we willing to build congregational vitality, to dismantle structural racism, and to eradicate systemic poverty? If so, it is time to begin. Do not be overwhelmed. Find a place to start: go to the PC(USA) website www.pcusa.org and read about this initiative. Talk with your community and name what you need to learn. Begin to dream about what you might do. Resources about dismantling structural racism are on our website at www.psvonline.org, and more resources are forthcoming. Check out our presbytery Facebook page. Just begin. Eleven churches have already officially claimed the work of this Matthew 25 challenge to take up anew the call of Christ. Where is the Spirit of the Living God calling you to begin?

The Commission on Nurture and Outreach (CNO) is committed to spreading this invitation for all our PSV churches to embrace the Matthew 25 initiative. We hope that by becoming a Matthew 25 mid-council and partnering with congregations, we can together multiply and intensify our loving commitment to radical and fearless discipleship. CNO has appointed Matthew 25 Ambassadors who can speak to your Mission/Outreach/Service Committees and/or sessions to explain more about Matthew 25. Contact Jeannie Harsh for more information or check out pcusa.org/matthew25



Matthew 25 Video Worship Service Available...

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 Clemans from our New Albany Rose Run Presbyterian Church. This service can be downloaded from the Presbytery FACEBOOK page, or through the link: <https://youtu.be/7e-6WTe56iY> For questions,

email: Jeannie@psvonline.org

Israel and Palestine An Invitation to Conversation

September 29, 12 p.m. via Zoom

The Reverend Dr. Mitri Raheb, Founder and President of Dar Al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem, will be the webinar leader.

In Mitri Raheb's *Faith in the Face of Empire: The Bible Through Palestinian Eyes (2014)*, Raheb demonstrates both how "Empires create their own theologies to justify their occupation" and how "God comes into the Middle East to defeat the geo-politics of the region." He maintains that this is the narrative of the scriptures, and he teaches us to look at our world through this lens. Raheb insists that memory can be a prison or a prophecy and calls us to choose the latter – to take what we have learned from our stories and "to go forward and invent a new future and a new untold narrative." For God says again and again, "Behold, I do a new thing." While Empire "wants to control the storyline," the people of God are called to a different narrative. This book is an education for Western Christians about Palestinian reality and it is a cry for justice. It is a work of hope for the people of Palestine: "What the Middle East sorely needs today is this Spirit that helps people overcome their victimhood, assume responsibility, and undergo transformation from the status of objects in world history into subjects, actors, and positive contributors toward a new society." Raheb calls us to a brave hope, for what is hope but "living the reality and yet investing in a different one." Register in advance for this webinar. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qjlaYDoSSxuH2RG75N6w2w



Peace and Global Witness Offering

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received on World Communion Sunday (the first Sunday in October). <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/>

Zoom Youth Game Night, Sunday, Oct 4

A Presbytery-wide Fall Virtual Event for Youth in grades 6-12, will be held on Sunday, October 4, 7-8 p.m. 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/tZYqce2orzqiHdBEBOVqb8DdBGLRqJjE75M>



Great Lakes Association of Presbyterian Church Educators Presents an Online Event for Educators 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. 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

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies is offering Week 1 training October. 12-16. 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 PC (USA) Board of Pensions *Ministers' Choice* Plan

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. 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. 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...

Granville, First Presbyterian Church is looking for a part-time (20-24 hours per week) Senior High Youth Coordinator for nine-months.

The candidate will:

1. Coordinate all services and activities with the Church leadership and the Christian Education and Faith Foundation Committee.
2. Coordinate faith programming for Senior High Students.
3. Support and stimulate student activities in and outside the Church.
4. Communicate and coordinate with student families.
5. Attend staff meetings and coordinate activities with the Director of Christian Education and Faith Formation.

Preferred experience and education:

1. College degree preferred or equivalent.
2. 3-5 years' experience in senior high support type services.
3. Previous Church affiliation.
4. Strong relationship building skills.
5. Strong experience building communication using technology.

Compensation: Up to \$20 per hour. Benefits, vacation, and holidays prorated. Contact: Ellen Clark, Director of Christian Education and Faith Formation at eclark@granpres.org.

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. Resumes will be accepted up to October 15, 2020.

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. Volunteers are key to our success and fill a variety of roles. 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.



The Synod of the Covenant is downsizing and moving our offices to the Detroit area and are holding a flash furniture and office supply giveaway to make sure that all of the stuff that we no longer need will find a good home. Folks can reserve and pick up items on Thursday 10/1 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Saturday 10/3 from noon to 2:00 pm, so the timing is close. Visit this link to see what is available...

<https://synodofthecovenant.org/2020/09/18/flash-furniture-and-office-supply-giveaway/>

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Columbus Bethany Presbyterian Church September 27 at 7 p.m.

Bethany Presbyterian Church is pleased to invite you to a Virtual Concert for the Imani Milele Children's Choir of Uganda. You may connect via Zoom and see the program or listen in via cell phone. We had planned to host them in person but due to the COVID19 pandemic they are forced to stay in South Carolina and try to connect with their friends across the country virtually.

We also encourage you to visit the website to become more familiar with the group if you were unable to attend either of their previous concerts at the church. You may make a love donation on the website, <http://imanimilele.com/> or visit the online store to purchase some of the items that are made by the children, <http://www.imanimilelestore.com/>. You may also send a check made out to Bethany with Imani Milele in the memo and the funds will be forwarded to them. Funds raised help to provide for their current expenses, costs for the orphanage and the development of new buildings for their school.

This is the third time that Bethany Presbyterian Church has hosted the Imani Milele Children's Choir of Uganda and we are looking forward to your support for this event.

Topic: Imani Milele Children's Choir

Time: Sep 27, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7640792220?pwd=TzRtcGN4YVhvaUVrZ3RDU012WUlpUT09>

Meeting ID: 764 079 2220. Passcode: 929574

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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. Register in advance for this webinar. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qjlaYDoSSxuH2RG75N6w2w

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/tZYqce2orzqjHdBEBOVqb8DdBGLRqJjE75M>

Monday, October 5

12:30 p.m.

PSV Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Zoom Meeting

3 p.m.

PSV Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Zoom Meeting

Monday, October 12

3 p.m.

PSV Commission for Presbytery Operations Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, October 20

4 p.m.

PSV Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, October 27

1 p.m.

PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach Zoom Meeting

November 17, 2020

3 p.m.

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV)

Peace and Prayers for...

The Reverend Jennifer Eastman Hinkle, pastor of the Dublin Presbyterian Church, in the unexpected death of her father-in-law.

The Reverend Cynthia Holder-Rich, PSV Minister Member and Mission Worker, who recently experienced the death of a brother, and is now recovering from recent knee surgery.



Congregational News... On October 3, 2020, Eleanor Benedict of our McArthur Presbyterian and Trinity Episcopal Joint Ministry will celebrate her 100th birthday! Eleanor is a delightful and active church member who drives a new Toyota! She has served the McArthur Presbyterian Church as Deacon, Elder, Elder Commissioner to the Stated Meetings of the presbytery and has served on the Pastor Nominating Committees for a number of pastors over the long history of McArthur Presbyterian Church.

Eleanor is an active member of the community and supports the work of the library. She is also a long-standing member of the local chapter of the "Red Hat" ladies and brings a cheerful and warm heart to everyone she meets. At almost 100, Eleanor still has a school girl giggle, a sharp memory, excellent driving skills, and a wonderful and loving way of looking at life. Join with her family in wishing Eleanor the happiest of birthdays. If you would like to send Eleanor a message, you can do so through her daughter, Cindy Rice at <https://www.facebook.com/cindy.rice.94>.

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>

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