

Mid-week E-News October 1, 2020

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

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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

"Praise the LORD!" Psalm 147:1a
*How good it is to sing praises to our God;
we could continually offer our thanks to you for all you do for us,
but it seems more delicious to be constantly murmuring to
one another like our grandparents in the wilderness. © 2020 Thom M. Shuman*

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/>



A Presbyterian Gift...World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world.

Zoom Youth Game Night Sunday, October 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/j/84451234567>



A Call to Awareness and Response by Reverend Ann Palmerton, Associate Pastor, Columbus Broad Street Presbyterian Church...

Victims of domestic violence tell others how abuse affects them physically, mentally and spiritually. At LSS CHOICES and The Center for Family Safety and Healing, faith can be a source of strength and guidance for victims, an important part of their identity and community, and an essential element in decision making and healing. Many victims turn to their faith for support when faced with abuse. You may see this in your congregations.

Your help is needed in addressing the spiritual needs of survivors of abuse. As a faith leader, you can play a unique and important role in helping victims.

Safe Havens offers an online learning opportunity for local faith leaders that will take place over the course of three sessions in October. [Safe Havens](#) is a group of faith leaders who believe that every congregation can be a safe haven for victims of domestic violence. They have facilitated this event in more than 25 communities across the United States, and the feedback from faith leaders has been very positive.

This very important conference will give an opportunity to learn about the trauma that victims experience and the ways we can work together to help people in Franklin County stay safe.

Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse and LSS CHOICES and The Center for Family Safety and Healing Present: Partnering to Address Domestic Violence.

Cohort #1 Tuesdays, October 13, 20 and 27 from 10 a.m. to noon

Register here by October 5th EXTENDED

<https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingid=84451234567>

OR Cohort #2 Thursdays, Oct 15, 22 and 29 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Register here by October 5th EXTENDED

<https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingid=84451234567>

This is a training for faith leaders (clergy and lay), domestic violence advocates and anyone who is interested in understanding the importance of a faith-based response to domestic violence. **If you have any questions** bpowers@lssnetworkofhope.org

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>

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.

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. 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.



The Presbyterian Women (PW) Fall Newsletter is now available! to read visit:

<https://psvonline.org/presbytery-leadership/nurture-outreach-commission/pw-presbyterian-women/>

The Synod of the Covenant is downsizing and moving its offices to the Detroit area. and are holding a flash furniture and office supply giveaway to make sure that all of the stuff will find a good home. Folks can reserve and pick up items on Thursday 10/1 from 6 to 8 pm and Saturday 10/3 from noon to 2 pm. Visit this link to see what is available...

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



Scioto Valley Presbytery is becoming a Matthew 25 Presbytery!

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 are beginning this work...For more information, go to the PC(USA) website www.pcusa.org and read about this initiative. Begin to dream about what you might do. Resources about dismantling structural racism are on our website at www.psvonline.org. Check out our

presbytery Facebook page. Twelve of our PSV churches have already officially claimed the work of Matthew 25.

The PSV Commission on Nurture and Outreach (CNO) is committed to spreading this invitation so we can all embrace the Matthew 25 initiative. 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

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

OCTOBER MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENT

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)**

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Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqce2orzqiHdBEBOVqb8DdBGLRqJiE75M>

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...

**Congregations and members in the
Presbytery of Scioto Valley**

A Recent Article in PRESBYTERIANS TODAY....

Troubled Times Call for New Things

By: Christine Burns, Commissioned Ruling Elder, Fredericktown First Presbyterian Church

We have been living in a tumultuous time in our history. As the weeks of COVID-19 dragged on, the pastors and other leadership of our church has grown weary. There has not been enough respite for most, and my colleagues in ministry got little time away from the task of new ways to prepare deliver sermons, especially in places where technology is more than a little sketchy if it exists at all. As the time wore on, I heard the struggles of weariness, but I was also sure that the incredible resilience and adaptability of our congregations was serving to energize others of my colleagues just as the congregation at Fredericktown First was lifting and energizing me. I posted it as a blog, I preached it as sermon, and then took a chance and contacted "Presbyterians Today" in hopes that it might be a venue to let our faithful congregants know much they are doing for us, the pastors. Editor Donna Jackson included, as

part of a larger article, a section entitled "Newfound Energy", with some of our conversation. I am blessed greatly by this congregation and I invite you to read about them in the latest issue of Presbyterians Today (New Found Energy) <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pt-0920-traditions/>

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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