

**Mid-week E-News October 8, 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](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org)

"There is a day  
when the road neither  
comes nor goes, and the way  
is not a way but a place."

*Wendell Berry*



and love...

## **Celebrating the October Ordination Anniversaries of The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Pastors...**

One of the ministries of the Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals is to support the minister members in our Presbytery. We thank and honor our pastors with anniversaries in the month of July and thank them for faithfully serving with energy, intelligence, imagination

The Reverend Preston S. Shealy 10-1-1986

The Reverend Elizabeth B. Rice 10-4-1992

The Reverend Scott W. Schnapp 10-8-2017

The Reverend Dr. Cynthia Burse 10-9-2005

The Reverend Richard S. Hays 10-10-1976

The Reverend William R. Leety 10-10-1971

The Reverend Ann R. Palmerton 10-12-1986

The Reverend Patricia A. Moats 10-16-2011

The Reverend Trip Porch 10-20-2013

The Reverend D. Keith Moser 10-27-1955

The Reverend David R. Faulkner 10-28-1979

The Reverend Todd Tracy 10-28-2012

The Reverend Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont 10-28-1990

The Reverend Michael W. Woods 10-28-2008

The Reverend Martha Campbell 10-30-1994

The Reverend William Gause 10-30-1999

## **PSV Global Mission Network News** by Reverend Les Sauer...

It's been quite some time since we all gathered to discuss ways to move our PSV Global Mission Network forward. Recently, Ginny Teitt, Jeff Schooley, and I had a conversation with Rev. Dr. Cynthia Holder Rich, a minister member of our presbytery, who has been serving as a Mission Coworker in Tanzania and is currently on home assignment in Columbus due to the pandemic. Cynthia teaches theology and mission at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania graduate seminary, Tumaini University Makumira. She agreed to bring some ideas to a **Zoom meeting on Thursday, October 8 at 1:00 p.m.** For information about this Zoom meeting, email: [lessauer@hotmail.com](mailto:lessauer@hotmail.com).

If you weren't able to be a part of our presbytery/CNO Zoom conference on "**Israel Palestine Today: An Invitation to Conversation**," we do hope you'll take the opportunity to check it out using the recorded link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/7nY1F9WJaP-V5NdKZ5vohBnwbF18400Hhk20kS3tPduPE1llg6tbe0j9042vqMgZ.23n1Ucdkbh-AFO03>

Last week we were honored to have the The Reverend Dr. Mitri Raheb, Founder and President of Dar Al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem, and Doug Dicks, PC(USA) Associate for Ecumenical Partnerships in Israel and Palestine, share with our presbytery on zoom about the current situation in Israel and Palestine. They shared five things that we can do - prayer, pilgrimages, political advocacy, projects (support projects such as planting trees) and products (purchasing gifts from the website of the Al-Kahf Arts & Crafts Center in Bethlehem, which aims to revive the local community's sense of beauty, strengthen Palestinian cultural identity, and cultivate local artistic talent - [www.annadwa.org](http://www.annadwa.org) A video of the webinar is available. Contact Kathi Bubb for information at [kathibubb@gmail.com](mailto:kathibubb@gmail.com)



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

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 5<sup>th</sup> EXTENDED

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsde2uqzkqH9CGqG6RHrAx6-EPz8LQGEFy>

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

Register here by October 5<sup>th</sup> EXTENDED

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0lcOmhgD8iE93tnTLzCM8U8kstc-dthVaR>

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](mailto:bpowers@lssnetworkofhope.org)

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### **Freedom a la cart life changing opportunities** by *Katie Kinnison*

During this pandemic the relapse and overdose rates of people with substance abuse disorder has surged. There are women in our communities who battle their addictions daily while also healing from being trafficked sexually. Freedom a la cart is a catering company who offers life-changing employment and ongoing help to survivors of human trafficking. You can support these women by ordering food, meal preparation kits, or Christmas cookies. You not only get delicious homemade products; you give employment and all sorts of resources to brave and glorious survivors. To learn more, go to [freedomalacart.org](http://freedomalacart.org) or contact Rev. Katie Kinnison at [katierkinnison@gmail.com](mailto:katierkinnison@gmail.com).

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### **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.

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### **Register for the remaining Fall 2020 Pathways Online Courses at Union Presbyterian Seminary**

Courses are open to all, including Commissioned Ruling Elder candidates, or any individual seeking further knowledge & edification. Each course meets weekly for five (5) weeks, 7:00pm – 9:00pm EST. Two courses, Reformed Theology/Church History and Teaching the Bible, begin next week The Reformed Theology/Church History course is seeking interested participants for a second section, beginning Monday, October 19. For more info, click here: [Pathways Online Courses](#) For questions contact Tinsley Jones, Director of Program Development, Leadership Institute Union Presbyterian Seminary [www.upsem.edu/leadership-institute](http://www.upsem.edu/leadership-institute)



### **Preparing for Advent with Covid-19 Restrictions** *By the Reverend Neil MacQueen*

The team at [Rotation.org](http://rotation.org) has just launched an extensive new forum at their site all about "[Preparing for Advent 2020](#)." It's specifically geared towards creative solutions and adaptations for celebrating and

teaching this Advent with COVID restrictions in

place. <https://www.rotation.org/forum/celebrating-advent-and-christmas-in-2020-during-the-covid-pandemic>

Topics and resources include:

- Advent Worship and Christmas program suggestions and adaptations.
- At-home lessons and activities.
- Ideas for enacting social distancing for Live Nativity events and a new "Advent Trails" concept.
- An at-home "Advent Haggadah" (meal) celebration.
- and a "Blue Christmas" forum discussing ideas for helping our members through this particularly anxious season, and especially those who suffer with grief or despair.

It's truly a unique resource. Nothing as extensive or as varied like it anywhere. We think it's an especially important topic this year because so many traditional community Advent activities are being canceled or curtailed due to the pandemic and adding to the stress are the church shut-downs and general turmoil in the country and economy. If ever folks need the church to step up with innovative, comforting, and hopeful help, this would be the year and the season.

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### **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 must be made by October 9. They are available on Benefits Connect at: [pensions.org/2021benefits](http://pensions.org/2021benefits). Once the church has signed their Employer Agreements, open enrollment for benefits will run from October 26 to November 13. For more information, visit the Board of Pensions website <http://www.pensions.org/>

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### **Presbytery of Scioto Valley Search for Presbytery Stated Clerk and Treasurer...**

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley is beginning the process of searching for a Stated Clerk and a Treasurer to begin serving in these roles the first of 2021. Currently the Presbytery is especially grateful to Jim Wilson and Bob Gustafson who are temporarily filling these important positions through 2020.

The Stated Clerk acts as the corporate secretary, is a member of the Presbytery staff team and provides support to the presbytery's commissions and committees. The Treasurer works closely with the presbytery staff team and the various commissions to prepare and present budget and audit information. The full job descriptions and application information will be available on the presbytery website soon.

#### **PRESBYTERY CALENDAR OCTOBER MEETINGS**

##### **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



On September 6, the Reverend Janice Hilkerbaumer officiated at the wedding of the Reverend Karen Chakoian and Roland Fellows. Karen is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Granville. A very small in-person congregation gathered to witness their vows (only their children were in attendance), but a large number participated online and church members joined in a drive-by celebration following the service. (If you would like to see the wedding, here's the youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2HoFDOekg>)

## **Westside Urban Ministry(WUM) Annual Coat Drive for**

**Kids!!** Fall is here and chilly temperatures are arriving! The Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV's) urban ministry is conducting its annual Coat Drive. We are asking congregations to collect and donate coats which will be sorted and provided to local schools (pre-school - high school). Coats are further distributed to kids via school nurses and social workers. New and gently used coats are accepted. We ask each to be clean with working zippers and secured buttons. Coats are being sorted at Hoge Memorial (2930 W Broad St) on November 21 where coats can be dropped off beforehand. Questions or requests for assistance to arrange pick ups can be directed to Patti Gorman at: [pgorman0708@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pgorman0708@sbcglobal.net)

## **Congregational News...Delaware First Presbyterian Church**

*MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEALS TRIPLED BY TAKE-OUT*



Food Preparations.



Serving the Community.



Meals ready for pick-up.

Last April, in the wake of COVID-19, First Presbyterian Delaware named a "Faith in Action" committee to respond to the needs of their community. The group met on zoom and with the encouragement of Pastor Deb Patterson made the following plans.

- organized a clap out at shift change for Grady ER staff in May.
- encouraged the mission committee to donate \$3,000 to a COVID-19 Emergency Relief fund through United Way of Delaware County.
- Initiated "Sparks of Joy" and "Fam O'Gram" letters and cards to local nursing homes.
- added two more community meals per month for curbside pickup and drive thru during the pandemic.

By adding two more meals per month, the committee's decision has made an important impact in the community. The pre-Covid-19 gatherings at round tables each month has

been transformed to walk-up or curbside pickup at the back door of the church. It was also decided to take a set number of meals (30) to White Sands, a mobile home park for those with very low income and also the Londontown apartment complex.

In the months that have followed volunteers at Delaware First Presbyterian have increased the carry out meal preparation from 60 to 180 meals per evening. Emily Hinton, Volunteer of the Kitchen Ministry, manages the meals. She says they have benefitted from donations in addition to the usual support from the church Mission committee. They have also partnered with a local bakery to provide dessert at a discounted rate from time to time. This has helped the bakery stay in business and provided extra special sweets for the carry out meal.

On the second and fourth Thursday and the third Sunday of each month from 5 to 5:30pm folks who need a meal can walk up or drive through at the back door of the church where members hand them a bagged complete meal. Deacons also deliver meals to the homebound members of the congregation. Other members make the deliveries at the two other locations. From July through August, 699 meals were served.

Many churches are distributing groceries and produce which is very important, but having a meal cooked so you can take it home or to a nearby bench and eat it is a different and important service.



## Scioto Valley Presbytery 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:Jeannie@psvonline.org)

**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  
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