

Mid-week E-News October 15, 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 this new design.

For comments and questions, email: dagmar@psvonline.org

"God is a refuge for us." Psalm 62:8c

You are the bed ready to cradle us when we collapse.

you are the easy chair where we can curl up in to read stories of hope.

you are the tub filled with hot soapy water to ease our achy souls.

you are the heart which is always open to us. © 2020 Thom M. Shuman

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Search...

Presbytery Stated Clerk and Presbytery Treasurer

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley is now receiving applications for a Stated Clerk and a Treasurer, both to begin serving January 1, 2021. Information about these positions and the job descriptions are available on the Presbytery website. If interested in serving the presbytery in one of these important positions, please send a letter of interest and a resume to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, 4131 N. High St., Suite B, Columbus, Ohio 43214, or by email to: jeannie@psvonline.org.

<https://psvonline.org/publication/presbytery-of-scioto-valley-search-for-presbytery-stated-clerk/>

<https://psvonline.org/publication/presbytery-of-scioto-valley-search-for-presbytery-treasurer/>



Be a part of the new way to be Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley!

Join us Saturday, October 24, 10-11:30 am, on Zoom for our Fall Gathering. Learn more about it at <https://psvonline.org/presbytery-leadership/nurture-outreach-commission/pw-presbyterian-women/>

Please register no later than October 22 to attend. Yes, you need to register so we know where to send the zoom invitation. Zoom invitations will be sent out no earlier than noon on October 23 with more instructions. **IF YOU DON'T GET YOUR ZOOM INVITATION AFTER NOON ON OCTOBER 23, CALL MARTHA POOL (740-407-1708).** Martha Pool will be holding two instructional periods on Oct. 23 (2-4 pm and 7-9 pm) to connect and get individual help in exploring Zoom. You must tell her (via email or phone call) that you want to do this so she can send you an invitation (which will be different than the one for the actual Fall Gathering). Please take advantage of this. You can do this! You'll find out how to change views, where the Chat box is, and a few more things. You will be given plenty of practice so you will feel comfortable the next day. Really!

To register for the Fall Gathering or to request an invitation to a help session on Oct. 23, send your name, the name of your church (including city), phone number, and email address to Martha Pool via email (preferred) mipool53@gmail.com or by calling and leaving a voicemail message at 740-407-1708.

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 Presbyterian Church, 2930 W. Broad Street 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

Any congregation interested in learning more about our hands-and-feet ministry of the Presbytery is invited to our meeting on **Monday, October 26, at 6:30 pm** at Hoge and via Zoom (blended meeting) with face masks and social distancing rules observed.

Presbytery Commission for Operations (CPO) News...

During this month's meeting of CPO on Monday, October 12, the Commission took the action to recommend no increase in 2021 Per Capita. This recommendation will be voted on at the November 17 Presbytery Meeting.

PSV's Annual Fall Church Professionals Retreat Postponed...

This popular retreat designed for our Presbytery pastors and church professionals has been postponed. The retreat that was scheduled for November 1-3, 2020 at Deer Creek Lodge and Conference Center has been postponed to November 7-9, 2021. Watch for information about next year's retreat.



Preparing for Advent with Covid-19 Restrictions

By the Reverend Neil MacQueen

The team at [Rotation.org](http://www.rotation.org) has just launched an extensive new forum at their site all about "[Preparing for Advent 2020](http://www.rotation.org/forum/celebrating-advent-and-christmas-in-2020-during-the-covid-pandemic)." 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.

This resource will be especially helpful this year because so many traditional community Advent activities are being canceled or curtailed due to the pandemic.

The PC (USA) Board of Pensions (BOP) Plans...

Each year the PCUSA Board of Pensions (BOP) offers different plans for pastors. Plan information is at: [pensions.org/2021benefits](http://www.pensions.org/2021benefits). 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/>

Synod of the Covenant News...Racial Ethnic Grants Extended

The Reverend Dr. Chip Hardwick, Interim Synod Executive

The Synod's Grants Committee has extended the deadline for Racial Ethnic Grant Applications to November 1, 2020. These grants are up to \$5,000 for congregations of color for the purpose of reaching out to their neighborhoods. We would love to be able to support outreach and mission efforts. A direct link to a web announcement about the change in deadline is: <https://synodofthecovenant.org/2020/10/08/deadline-for-racial-ethnic-grants-extended-to-11-1-20/>

For questions, email: grants@synodofthecovenant.org or call: 309-530-4578



Scioto Valley Presbytery is 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. 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

Remember in Prayer...

The family, friends, and the Circleville Presbyterian Church family in the recent death of the Reverend William (Bill) Campbell. Bill died on October 2, 2020 in Middlebury, Vermont. Bill was ordained in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley in 1966. He faithfully served for 25 years as the pastor of the Circleville Presbyterian Church. Bill was actively involved in the life, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, and was one of the first leaders of the Presbytery's annual Fall Church Professionals Retreat. Bill retired in 2008 and relocated in Vermont.

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Thursday, October 15

1 p.m.

Nominating Committee Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, October 20

4 p.m.

PSV Coordinating Team (CT)
Zoom Meeting

Monday, October 26

6:30pm

Westside Urban Ministry via Zoom (blended/hybrid meeting)
Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church and Zoom
Face masks and social distancing rules observed.

Tuesday, October 27

1 p.m.

PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach
Zoom Meeting

November 1 - Daylight Saving Time ends

November 17, 2020

3 p.m.

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley

Mark your calendar for 2021
November 7-9, 2021

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Annual Church Professional Retreat
Deer Creek Resort, Mount Sterling, Ohio

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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