

Mid-week E-News October 22, 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.
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Psalm 90:1-2

God's Eternity...A Prayer of Moses

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting, You are God!

The Reynoldsburg First Presbyterian Church...

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the years of Faithful Ministries of the Pastors, Elders and Members of this congregation...

As of October 25, 2020, the building, dedicated and named First Presbyterian Church of Reynoldsburg, together with the land on which it stands, and all objects remaining in it, will be commended to other purposes; the building will be vacated and the congregation dissolved. In lieu of a Closing Service in this pandemic time, the church building will be open on Sunday, October 25 from 1:30 to 3 pm for any member who wishes to visit, sit in a favorite pew one last time and meditate, and take a memento or personal item, such as a Bible, hymnal, or other item as a reminder of their time of being in the fellowship of the Reynoldsburg First Presbyterian Church. Members of the Administrative Commission will be on hand to answer questions. Face coverings and social distancing will be required. Many words of gratitude go to the members of the PSV Administrative Commission who have completed the careful and difficult process of the closing and dissolving of this congregation. Thanks to these persons: The Reverend Roger Au; The Reverend Patricia Moats; The Reverend Charlotte O'Neil; Elder William Lucas; and Elder Lawrence Hayes, Reynoldsburg First PC Clerk.



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.

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/>



We welcome the Reverend Nathan J. Loudon to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Nathan will serve as the 23rd Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, Ohio. Nathan will be installed by the Reverend Mark Gauen, Presbytery Moderator, on Sunday, October 25 at 3:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Church.

Westside Urban Ministry(WUM) Annual Coat Drive for Kids!!

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Broad Street Presbyterian Church and Overbrook Presbyterian Church Drive By Drop Off Sites for Coats for Kids

The Presbytery's Westside Urban Ministry (WUM) is once again providing winter jackets (and hats and mittens) to Columbus City Schools' kids. WUM collects new or gently-used winter gear from our Presbytery Churches (P.C.), the Harmony Project, and others, and then

distributes about 20 coats to a school's nurse or counselor for them to give to a child when she/he comes to school with no coat, hat or mittens. Last year we were able to supply coats to 66 schools!

Because COVID-19 has closed the door to so many of our church buildings, we are having 4 Drive By Drop Off sites for you to bring your winter gear:

November 7: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Overbrook P.C.

November 7: 10 a.m. – noon at Covenant P.C.

November 10: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at Covenant P.C.

November 14: 9 a.m. -noon at Broad Street P.C.

You don't even have to get out of your car! We have people take it from your backseat or trunk! We are often asked, "What sizes do you need?" We need mostly elementary and middle school size jackets. But we can also use lined or heavy hooded sweatshirts for the high school kids.

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 p.m.** at Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church and via Zoom (a blended meeting) with face masks and social distancing rules observed.

Presbytery Commission for Operations (CPO) News... During the recent 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.

Stewardship Kaleidoscope

Stewardship Kaleidoscope is an annual conference offering excellent plenary speakers, informative workshop leaders, provocative worship experiences, and incredible networking opportunities for all who are passionate about stewardship and generosity. Drawing leaders from across the Lutheran Church (ELCA) and the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) and beyond, Stewardship Kaleidoscope is designed to help participants explore stewardship, in its many colorful dimensions!

Our mission is to create an annual event that:

- Ignites generosity among Lutherans and Presbyterians
- Gives practical tools for cultivating generosity in congregations
- Expands the leadership capacity of those who lead stewardship initiatives
- Cultivates adaptive approaches for funding Christ's mission

Venues vary annually, and you can count on Stewardship Kaleidoscope to provide Real Tools for Real Ministry!

Stewardship Season Shared Mission Support video created by Rosemary Mitchell

Here's the

link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/lcblldohy6arkkhy/Shared%20Mission.mp4?dl=0>.



Preparing for Advent with Covid-19 Restrictions

By the Reverend Neil MacQueen

The team at 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.

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



Scioto Valley Presbytery is 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.

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 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. 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



Presbyterian Church (USA)

It's not too late to pull off a virtual Alternative Giving Market!

Earlier this year, we made a plan to send this very email out to you — a message in October that would serve to inform you about how to incorporate the Giving Catalog into your Alternative Giving Markets.

We never predicted when we made those early plans that many of our congregations would still be gathering virtually. We didn't imagine that "getting creative on how to stay connected" would still be the norm!

We know you are just getting warmed up. There's nothing determined Presbyterians can't do, with God at our side. We encourage you to not abandon your plans of an Alternative Giving Market, but instead reimagine what the experience can look like.

Alternative giving markets help encourage giving that's deeply personal to each member and afford individual congregations the opportunity to craft a unique event that works for

their community. The Presbyterian Giving Catalog works that way, too, offering a collection of gifts that represents a large variety of work being done around the world. It allows people to make gifts that touch their hearts.

<https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org/gifts/>

Continued Prayers for Healing...

Thanks for all your prayers from the Reverend Mary and Bill Gause, Pastors at Overbrook Presbyterian Church, and parents of Will Grey, who is recovering from a lengthy surgery.

Remember in Prayer... The family and friends of the Reverend James Michael Moran of Powell, who died recently. Jim faithfully served Grove City Presbyterian Church from 1993-2007. He retired from ministry after serving the Community United Presbyterian Church in Cranberry Township, PA.

Remember in Prayer... The family and many friends of Dorothy Butz, widow of the Reverend Robert Butz, who served as the pastor of our Eastminster Presbyterian Church for many years and an interim pastor of the Westerville First Presbyterian Church. Dorothy has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church for nearly 30 years.

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR OCTOBER

Sunday, October 25
Reformation Sunday

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 Savings Time ends

November 17, 2020
3 p.m.

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley by Zoom

Mark your calendar for 2021
November 7-9, 2021

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

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. 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/>

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

This popular retreat designed for our Presbytery pastors and church professionals has been postponed to November 2021. 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. The 2021 retreat will feature David LaMotte as the Retreat Leader.

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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