

Mid-week E-News October 29, 2020

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

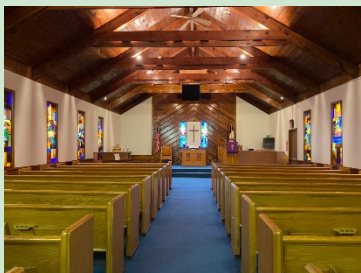
"Inspire, Strengthen, And Challenge Congregations For Christ's Mission"

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Constant Contact has upgraded and has brought changes to the PSV Mid-week E-News.
For comments and questions, email: dagmar@psvonline.org

"For you have maintained my just cause;" Psalm 9:4a
we turn the page to check the stock market,
and forget the story about the folks being evicted.
we switch channels to find the score from last night's late game,
never noticing the lonely child kicking the football around
in the schoolyard closed because of the rising cases.
we read the latest social media posts,
and as our blood pressure rises,
we forget about mailing the note to a friend.
but you remember them all each and everyone © 2020 Thom M. Shuman



The Reynoldsburg First Presbyterian

Church...*Prayers of Thanksgiving for the years of Faithful Ministries of the Pastors, Elders and Members of this congregation...*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 now be commended to other purposes. In lieu of a Closing Service in this pandemic time, the church building was open on Sunday, October 25 from 1:30 to 3 pm for any

member who wished to visit, sit in a favorite pew one last time and meditate, or 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 were on hand to answer questions. 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.

PWPSV Hosts Successful Gathering

On Saturday, October 24, nearly 40 people took part in the Fall Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PWPSV). The Gathering, which was held on Zoom, featured speakers on the topic of food insecurity and hunger. Malik Perkins, public relations manager for the Mid-Ohio Food Cooperative, gave an overview of the organization's work and described how COVID has affected its work. Representatives from three PSV churches—Portsmouth First, Iberia, and Covenant—described the food pantries operated by their churches and also talked about how the pandemic had changed the way they operate. Following the business meeting, PWPSV moderator, the Reverend Charlsie Ramsey, installed new leaders; two women, Elder Louise Davidson of Covenant Presbyterian Church and Barbara Young of Utica Presbyterian Church, were given honorary lifetime memberships in PW. The PWPSV Winter Gathering will be held on February 27, 2021, and also on Zoom.



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/>

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! **For your convenience, 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 Presbyterian Church

November 7: 10 a.m. – noon at Covenant Presbyterian Church

November 10: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church

November 14: 9 a.m. -noon at Broad Street Presbyterian Church

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.

WUM Supports West High School

Even in this pandemic year, WUM is working closely with West High School in Columbus to reward kids for good behavior. West High teachers reward students for good behavior by giving them "Cowboy Bucks". The students can then spend their Cowboy Bucks on gifts for their friends and family by shopping at the annual Holiday Store, which is stocked and operated by WUM. This year WUM will stock the Holiday Store with ear buds, sporting equipment, and Bath and Body Works products and the kids will make their shopping selections virtually rather than in-person. WUM operates 100% on donations, and WUM invites people and congregations to donate either by a check to the Presbytery, or on this GoFundMe link:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/2020-west-high-cowboy-buck-holiday-store?utm_sour



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

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT NEWS

Higher Education and COVID/Emergency Scholarship Winners. The Synod of the Covenant is delighted to announce that it has awarded more than \$40,000 in scholarships to 61 students from 8 presbyteries and 18 churches. These awards, ranging from \$350 to \$1500, include winners of the Higher Education Scholarships and COVID/Emergency grants.

The Higher Education Scholarships include 39 bachelor degrees, 6 associate degrees, 1 vocational degree, 2 other degree, and 4 theology scholarships, while 9 students to date have been awarded COVID/Emergency grants. (Applications for this latter grant program can be received until December 4, 2020, through an application at www.synodofthecovenant.org.)

Scholarship recipients in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley for the 2020-21 academic year:

Bethany Presbyterian Church of Columbus: Kalia Lawson, COVID/Emergency and Kyle Lawson, COVID/Emergency

Covenant Presbyterian Church: Tristan Kueper, Higher Education

Ramseyer Presbyterian Church: Shanelle Abbiw, Higher Education; Fredricka Agyekum, Higher Education; Akua Agyen, Higher Education and COVID/Emergency; Wilberforce

Doffour Amaning, Higher Education and COVID/Emergency; Kofi Amponsah, Higher Education; Nana Anim-Boateng, Higher Education; Daizy Asante, Higher Education; Nana Kofi Sarpong Brefo, Higher Education; Ben Danso, Higher Education; Akosua Ofosuhene, Higher Education; Priscilla Oppong-Amoh, Higher Education; Wendy Oppong-Amoh, Higher Education; Evelyn Otu-Danquah, Higher Education and Ruth Yeboah, Higher Education.



Preparing for Advent with Covid-19 Restrictions

By the Reverend Neil MacQueen

The team at [Rotation.org](https://www.rotation.org) has just launched an extensive new forum at their site all about "[Preparing for Advent 2020](https://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.



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/>



Presbyterian Mission - Mission

Crossroads 2020 pcusa.org/missioncrossroads

Promoting environmental sustainability through God's Mission in Costa Rica. Between the two of them, Mark Hare and Jenny Bent have been working with Presbyterian World Mission since 1997.

Mark led agricultural training programs in Nicaragua and Haiti before he and Jenny moved to the Dominican Republic in 2012. While Mark continued serving in Haiti, commuting monthly, Jenny began partnering with the Dominican Protestant Church as it

prioritized outreach to marginalized communities served by its churches, equipping them to mobilize their own resources while working for sustainable change. In January, Mark and Jenny accepted a new call to promote environmental sustainability and community outreach alongside Latin American Biblical University (UBL), an ecumenical seminary on the eastern edge of San Jose, Costa Rica. A critical objective will be to nurture a common vision and mutual understanding among staff, students, professors and local communities, leading to workable strategies for ecological practices and holistic food production. Mark feels honored to be working with UBL, a seminary that recognizes the connection between theology, community and the environment. Through his work in Nicaragua, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and now Costa Rica, he has developed a deep appreciation for practical theology. "I realize how important it is to address people's spirituality as they move towards sustainable change," Mark said. Jenny's work in Community Health Evangelism in the Dominican Republic has given her abundant opportunities to practice love through walking alongside, listening to and supporting communities as they determine what they need to do to thrive. Support Mark and Jenny's work in Costa Rica: pcusa.org/donate/E200356

Prayers for Healing...

Please pray for Dave Lewis, who is recovering from heart bypass surgery at Riverside Hospital. Dave and his wife Eloise are active elders from Oak Hill, southern Ohio and are the sort-of founders of the Scioto Valley Presbytery's adult mission work trips.

PRESBYTERY of Scioto Valley (PSV) Meeting Calendar November 2020

November 1

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Daylight Savings Time ends

Monday, November 2

12:30 p.m.

PSV Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Zoom Meeting

3 p.m.

PSV Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Zoom Meeting

November 9

3 p.m.

PSV Commission for Presbytery Operations Zoom Meeting

November 17

3 p.m.

PSV Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley by Zoom

November 24

1 p.m.

PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Zoom Meeting

November 26

Thanksgiving Day

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](https://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/>

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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