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The Presbytery **OF SCIOTO VALLEY**

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

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we pray for hope to be our companion,
for grace to be our balm,
for love to be the gift we share,
for inclusion to become our lifestyle,
for our faith in you to never waver,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.
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Celebrating the November 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 and to support these faithful servants and to celebrate their ordination anniversaries. This month we recognize and lift up in prayer the following ministers who are celebrating the anniversaries of their ordinations to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the month of November.



The Reverend Dr. Reid D. Huntley 11-1-1961
The Reverend Michael C. Ludwig 11-1-2009
The Reverend Phyllis A. Heffner 11-2-1980
The Reverend Judith Birdsall 11-3-1985
The Reverend Margaret Yochum 11-4-2012
The Reverend Joon Won Lee 11-8-1998
The Reverend John J. Manos 11-11-1956
The Reverend Mark Pierce 11-16-1986
The Reverend Mark L. Gauen 11-23-1986
The Reverend Kevin W. Heckathorn 11-28-1999
The Reverend Karen Stahr Bloom 11-29-1992
The Reverend Richard D. Ellsworth 11-30-1958
The Reverend Deborah A. Lewicki 11-30-1997

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_source=

Presbytery to Meet by Zoom on November 17th

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley will meet on November 17th for its 256th "Regular" meeting. As in September we will meet by Zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Business will include a second reading, debate and a vote on the Presbytery's 2021 budget, and second readings of the Relief from Per Capita policy, the Full-time and Part-time Pastoral Positions, and the Equal Employment Opportunity policy. While we will again try to focus on business items that require action, we will experiment with greater flexibility in allowing time for information and announcements than we did in September. The Presbytery packet, and instructions for accessing the meeting will appear on the Presbytery website www.psvonline.org soon.

Continuing guidance for congregations in the Pandemic

As we see increasing incidences of Covid-19 in our communities, congregations are reminded that whether to hold in-person worship remains a difficult decision each session must wrestle with. Resources for this decision-making are available at <https://psvresources.org/on-reopening/>. We know that a number of congregations, as the pandemic lasts longer and longer, are wrestling with how to hold congregational meetings, install officers, and do a number of the sorts of things we think of as "in person"

events as Presbyterians. The good news is that you are not alone in this, and a number of congregations have come up with creative, faithful ways for handling these events in a thoroughly Presbyterian way. If you want information or counsel on how your congregation can manage such events, please reach out to Jim Wilson, our acting stated clerk, at jawilson@vorys.com, and he will be glad to help.

Perhaps you know of someone to share this information with? Presbytery of Scioto Valley in Search of Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley is now receiving applications for a Stated Clerk and a Treasurer, both to begin serving January 4, 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/>

Per Capita Update - PSV Commission for Presbytery Operations...

In order to help congregations with budget planning questions, here is a brief update regarding Per Capita. At the September Presbytery meeting, we had the **FIRST READING** of a per capita relief motion that would eliminate per capita payments for all churches during 2021 - with the resumption of per capita in calendar year 2022. We (the Commission for Presbytery Operations) were a bit surprised that the motion did not receive as much support as we expected from the Presbytery. In fact, we received a fair amount of negative feedback regarding the motion. Consequently, this relief motion will be **WITHDRAWN** at the upcoming November 2020 meeting. Per capita collections will remain unchanged for 2021 at a rate of \$37.75 per member.

A separate motion was passed by the Presbytery, after the 2nd reading, that grants relief to congregations that have a reduction of 10% or more in reported membership. Under the old rules, your membership at the end of 2020 (for example) would be used to set your per capita for 2022. Under the motion passed at the May 2020 Presbytery meeting, your church would get immediate relief - meaning that your year-end 2020 membership would determine your 2021 per capita - not your 2022 per capita. It is the responsibility of the congregation to report the numbers reduction and to request that this relief be granted

Thanks for Your Support - Christine Burns, CRE, Fredericktown First

As we further engage in this difficult atmosphere of COVID-19, a number of our churches have faced challenges that we never imagined. Even in these trying times, many of our congregations have continued their faithful commitment to paying both mission and per capita to support the work and connection of our denomination. At the end of the 3rd quarter, the following churches have paid all of their per capita for the year and we thank them for this support. Amanda, Bremen Bethel, Chillicothe, Covenant, Indianola, Overbrook, St. Andrew, Delaware West Berlin, Dublin, Frankfort, Gahanna Mifflin, Greenfield-Pisgah, Mt. Pleasant, Harrisonville, Iberia, Ironton, Kingston Whisler, London First, Marion Lee Street, Middleport First, Newark Second, Woodside, Oak Hill Bethel, Ostrander, Pataskala First, Pataskala Jersey, Reynoldsburg Unity, Sunbury Condit, Washington Court House First, Waverly First, Wilkesville and West Rushville Rushcreek. If

you have paid and are not listed here, the check may have crossed in the mail. There is plenty of time to get your per capita and mission contributions in for the end of the year. Also greatly appreciated are those 37 congregations who have contributed \$126,912.00 in mission dollars to support in addition to per capita. To everyone, every congregation, who has paid part of or installments, our gratitude goes out to you as you navigate these challenging times and still make the mission of the church your priority.



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



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](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...**

and incorporate the Giving Catalog into your Alternative Giving Markets. 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

Congratulations to the Reverend Irvin S. Moxley

The Faithful Steward Award is the highest recognition for an alum or friend of Louisville Seminary who has made a noteworthy, seminary-wide impact, sets a standard of excellence that is an inspiration for others to follow, or has supported or directed fundraising for a specific seminary priority project. The 2020 Louisville Seminary Faithful Steward Award winners are: Karen Devaisher, Irvin Moxley, Morgan Roberts and James Tinsle.

The Reverend Dr. Moxley was ordained in Louisville Presbytery and served as the organizing pastor at Peace Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY. Irv has served as Executive Director for the Presbyterian Community Center, field work supervisor and adjunct faculty at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary; field instructor, Kent School of Social work, University

of Louisville; Associate Synod Executive for Ethnic Church Affairs and Acting Synod Executive for the Synod of the Covenant. Rev. Moxley is an honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley where he served as Presbytery Moderator and pastor of Columbus Bethany Presbyterian Church, Brookwood Presbyterian Church and Covenant Parish.

PRESBYTERY of Scioto Valley (PSV) Meeting Calendar November 2020

November 9

12:30 p.m.

PSV Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Zoom Meeting

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>

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