

Mid-week E-News November 12, 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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God of Peace and Tranquility, amid the turmoil of today, you enter the liminal spaces that words cannot bridge. You are there, and alive, with the answers that no one else can provide. You are there and breathe calm into the unsettled confusion of the days we are living. You are always there at the speaking of our hearts when words cannot say what we feel. Thank you for your very presence that brings peace and tranquility. Amen.
Christine Burns, Commissioned Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Fredericktown

Presbytery of Scioto Valley meeting by Zoom November 17th

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley will meet on November 17th for its 256th "Regular" stated 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 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.

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 3:30 p.m.

The Presbytery is Called By the Holy Spirit

Moderator: Minister of Word and Sacrament Mark Gauen

Convening the Meeting

Adopt Special Rules for Virtual Meetings

Declaration of a Quorum and Formation of the Roll

Adoption of the Meeting Agenda

To Worship God

The Work of the People, "Come, Great Spirit!" By Chris Neufeld-Erdman

To Steward Christ's Work

Seating of Corresponding Members

Consent Agenda

(note: this includes the Nominating Committee Report, 2021 meeting dates, and the extension of deadline for design and discernment commission to report)

Staff Reports

- a. Rev. Dr. Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter
- b. Jim Wilson, Acting Stated Clerk

Announcement of New Business

(must be emailed to jawilson@vorvs.com by end of staff reports)

To Celebrate Christ's Mission

1. Greetings from the Synod Executive, Rev. Dr. Charles B. (Chip) Hardwick

Commission Reports

2. Commission for Church Professionals – Rev. Ann Melick

FOR ACTION:

- Full-time and Part-time Positions Policy*
- Equal Employment Opportunity Policy*
- Celebrations of retirement and new ministry
- Report of Actions Taken on Behalf of Presbytery
- Terms of call

3. Commission for Presbytery Operations – RE Jim Hines

FOR ACTION: 2021 Budget*

4. Commission for Nurture and Outreach – RE Kathi Bubb

FOR ACTION: Vital Congregations Initiative

5. Ministry Initiatives Program

FOR ACTION: Revisions to program

New Business (if any)

Installation of the Moderator and Vice-moderator

Evening Prayer

Announcements

Adjournment

* This item is presented for a second reading (i.e., for action), which means it can be amended, debated and voted upon at this meeting. It was presented for a first reading at the presbytery meeting on September 15, 2020.

The Presbytery packet, and instructions for accessing the meeting will be available soon. Here is a link to the agenda: <https://psvonline.org/publication/11-17-2020-presbytery-meeting-agenda/>

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/>

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@vorvs.com, and he will be glad to help.



Greetings from the Board of Pensions from the Reverend Dr. Doug Portz

I hope all are healthy and well. I wish we could be together in person, but as the coronavirus pandemic prevents that from happening, I write to share these key updates from the Board of Pensions. If you have questions, my colleagues in Philadelphia and I are happy to assist. Blessings, Doug Portz, Church Consultant

Statement on Racial Justice

The Board of Pensions stands in support of racial equality, and against deeply ingrained prejudices against Black Americans and other people of color simply because of the color of their skin. With full support of all at the Board, we share this statement with you. Follow the link to read the full text of the statement. Translations in Korean and Spanish are available as well. For more resources regarding racial justice, please visit PC(USA)'s website.

Fall 2020 Board of Directors Meeting

As a result of positive financial outcomes, Directors approved a dues holiday for participants in the Medicare Supplement Plan. The \$275 monthly cost for each member and spouse enrolled in the plan is excused for December 2020. The cost of the Medicare Supplement Plan remains unchanged in 2021 for the fourth year in a row. For more information, please see the Board Bulletin.

Other Notable Headlines

- COVID-19 resources – For more resources from the Board of Pensions regarding COVID-19, please visit our website.
- State-based pricing for the dental PPO plan begins in 2021—Previously, there was a single price for the national plan. Pricing details will be available in your employer agreement.
- THRIVE - Plan members and their spouses or partners are educated and engaged in personal financial planning as part of a larger exploration of identity, health, and vocation in retirement.
- A 2% Experience Apportionment for the Pension Plan took effect July 1—These are increases in accrued pension benefits for both active and retired pension plan participants. Pensions have increased 26.4% over the past eight years due to experience apportionments.
- Express Scripts – Starting January 2021 the Board of Pensions will be transitioning from OptumRx to Express Scripts as the benefit manager for our drug program. All members will be receiving information about the change in coming weeks. For more information please go to the Board of Pensions website.
- A Reminder: Once the Employer Representative for your church has filled out the Employer Agreement and employees have completed their Annual Enrollment, employees will be ready to enter 2021 with seamless coverage. If in the new year, there is a salary change, the Employer Representative for your church must make the change in Benefits Connect within 60 days before or after the compensation change occurs. Employees are encouraged to access their personal Benefits Connect account a week or so later to check and make sure the change is correct. This will ensure that the employee's pension credits, medical deductibles and Death and Disability benefits are calculated correctly.

Doug Portz, Church Consultant, M: 267-788-4962, dportz@pensions.org
Member/Employer Services, 800-773-7752, Mon-Fri 8:30-7:00pm EST

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/>

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Partners in Education (PIE)



PIE on ZOOM. Partners In Education Leadership Training Days, with workshops on elder training, deacon training, clerk training, faith practice toolkit and self-care for clergy. The same workshops will be offered both days.

The event is FREE, but please register:

Saturday, January 9 from 10:00 - 11:30 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZiQdeurpz8iEtWYIFTxvEXELixhcvEBLZCE>

Wednesday, January 13 from 7:00 - 8:30 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZEtcOqupzqtG9XSoKq9wD5CdTWTrC49QGzm>

Ohio congregation finds a creative and safe way to receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering

by Emily Enders Odom | Presbyterian News Service

LOUISVILLE — While Sunday morning worship and congregational fellowship, not to mention Circleville's annual Pumpkin Show — in that priority order, of course — would normally have brought the members of [Circleville Presbyterian Church](#) together this fall, these are strange times.

Read more at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pumpkins-for-peacemaking/>

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.

Westside Urban Ministry(WUM) Annual Coat Drive for

Kids!! Broad Street Presbyterian Church: Drive By Drop Off Site for Coats for Kids

The Presbytery's Westside Urban Ministry (WUM) is 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.

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

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

POAMN is looking for writers for our 2021 Older Adult Ministries Planning Guide



The Presbyterian Church USA designates the first Sunday in May each year (May 2, 2021) as Older Adult Sunday, a day of honoring and celebrating those oldest saints within congregations across the nation.

In preparation for Older Adult Sunday and as an ongoing resource, POAMN creates, edits and publishes an Older Adult Ministries (OAM) Planning Guide. The theme of the 2021 OAM Planning Guide will coincide with our 2020 virtual conference themes, Stronger Together: Faith in Action Across Generations, and Shaping Faith in Crisis: Peace by Piece. We are currently looking for submissions of creative ways to honor older adults on May 2, 2021 and throughout the year. Does your congregation/organization offer programs/events to engage the generations as you minister for, to, and with older adults? Have you created ministries/programs based on the current crises we face as communities and as a nation? We would love to share with others ideas in providing older adult ministries throughout the generations. Please consider writing an article that can be used in the 2021 OAM Planning Guide. Articles can be about a program you offer within your congregation, partnerships you have formed with other organizations, or other activities/events you provide for older adults within your community. Articles should be about the "how to" of various ministries with older adults through multicultural and/or intergenerational engagement.

Articles should be 500-2,000 words in length and need to be submitted by the December 15, 2020 deadline to be considered for inclusion in the 2021 OAM Planning Guide. Submission does not guarantee inclusion in the 2021 OAM Planning Guide and articles may be maintained to use at a later date. POAMN reserves editorial rights of all articles submitted. Please submit your article and include your short bio, to Ginny Nyhuis at gnyhuis@frontier.com.



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...

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/>



Prayers for Healing... for Lois Sensenbrenner, spouse of the Rev. Ed Sensenbrenner, honorably retired. Lois fell last week and suffered a skull fracture. She was taken to Riverside Methodist Hospital and after two days was moved Mt. Carmel Rehabilitation Facility in Westerville. Get well cards can be mailed to 4984 Golf Village Drive, Powell, Ohio 43065.

Remember in Prayer... Karen Zent, her family and friends in the recent death of her husband Rex. An active member/elder of Dublin Presbyterian Church, Karen is serving on the Presbytery Commission for Operations (CPO).

PRESBYTERY of Scioto Valley (PSV) Meeting Calendar November 2020

**November 17
3 p.m.**

PSV Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley by Zoom

**November 23
6:30 p.m.**

Westside Urban Ministry (WUM) Zoom Meeting

November 24

1 p.m.

PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Zoom Meeting

November 26
Thanksgiving Day

Mark your calendar for 2021

Partners in Education (PIE)
Saturday, January 9 from 10:00 - 11:30 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIQdeurpz8iEtWYIFTxvEXELixhcyEBLZCE>

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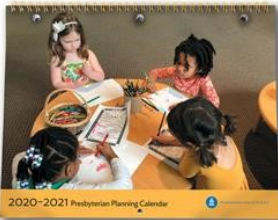
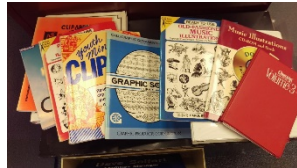
November 7-9, 2021

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 mobile+13126266799,588789104#

Available: Church Art Pro CD's and a binder which include clip art. Contact Laurie Johnson: lauriejohnson@covenantpcusa.org or call 614-451-6677



Presbyterian Planning Calendars are still available!

This 16-month calendar will start with September 2020 and end with December 2021. It contains many planning aids for pastors and other church leaders. This popular calendar includes lectionary for Sundays and special days, liturgical days, liturgical colors, resource information for PC(USA) programmatic emphases, updated synod, presbytery and Presbyterian Mission Agency staff directories, a color foldout synod/presbytery and

world maps. The cost is \$10 each. Email: dagmar@psvonline.org.



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