

Mid-week E-News December 3, 2020

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

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Celebrating December 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 December.

The Reverend Keith Jones – 12-1-2007

The Reverend Amy Miracle – 12-1-1991

The Reverend Philip L. Bougher – 12-8-1974

The Reverend Dallas M. Dryburgh – 12-8-1991

The Reverend Mathias G. Akih – 12-13-2006

The Reverend Laurence E. Miller Jr. – 12-17-1967

The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford – 12-21-2003

The Reverend Larry L. Wickliff – 12-28-1969

The Reverend Carol R. Weiss – 12-29-1967



FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT....

We have just begun a new church year as we prepare for the birth of the Christ child. The stories and themes of our Christian faith bring us hope as we near the end of 2020, the year of the pandemic. Advent draws us out of this year's Ordinary Time, this time of continued challenges. We find a time to open our lives to renewed hope and peace as we read a prayer from *Feasting on the Word Advent Companion*: "Merciful God, you call us to goodness and lead us on right paths. You encourage us with your coming and urge us to keep watch, that we might greet you with heads raised high when you come to restore all of creation. Watching and waiting, we pray for this world that needs your saving power...Through Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen."





ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES FROM THE PRESBYTERIES OF THE SYNOD OF THE COVENANT

The Presbyteries of the Synod of the Covenant are offering you an Advent gift: Full pre-recorded worship services for each of the four Sundays of Advent Christmas Eve and the Sunday after Christmas. Links will be available on the Synod of the Covenant website: www.synodofthecovenant.org.

December 6 – Sharon Core and Cathy Ulrich (Presbyteries of Eastminster and Western Reserve)

December 13 – Synod of the Covenant Staff

December 20 – Cal Bremer and Fran Lane-Lawrence (Presbytery of Lake Michigan) Christmas Eve – Matt Skolnik (Presbytery of Muskingum)

December 27 – Dan Saperstein (Presbytery of Lake Huron)

STAY TUNED—these are going to be a great celebration across the Synod!

ALSO: Two fully recorded services for November 22nd, Reign of Christ Sunday, both focused on Matthew 25:

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley: This Matthew 25 worship service was created with the help of persons from 18 of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley congregations, synod Executive Chip Hardwick, and General Assembly colleague, Chris Roseland. This service can be downloaded from the Presbytery of Scioto Valley FACEBOOK page, or through the link: <https://youtu.be/7e-6WTe56iY>

The Presbyterian Mission Agency: drawing from the Worship in a Matthew 25 Church resource available on the Matthew 25 website, this worship also includes the new Matthew 25 hymn, "Jesus, Be With Us," sharing the vision of Matthew 25 through images and song. The Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, president and executive director of the PMA, will bring the sermon, and the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, will bring the blessing and charge. The video will be shared at pcusa.org/matthew25-worship for viewing and downloading by Nov. 18, 2020. **Both of these services can be used on any date!!**



Office of the General Assembly Stated Clerk urges churches to stay the course on virtual worship.

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, says now is not the time to return to in-person gatherings. Read his message.

https://www.pcusa.org/news/2020/12/1/stated-clerk-urges-churches-stay-course-virtual-wo/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Presbyterian+Church+USA+Weekly+News&utm_campaign=Weekly+News+-+Nov-Dec+25-01%2C+2020

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Continuing guidance for congregations in the Pandemic Urgent Advice Regarding COVID-19 Precautions

To: Sessions and Congregations of Scioto Valley Presbytery
From: The PSV Coordinating Team

Recently, the State of Ohio has seen a marked spike in COVID-19 infections, resulting in hospitalizations and deaths at their highest rate since late May. The coronavirus is spreading at critical levels in every county of our Presbytery. Because of this recent spike some public schools have suspended in-person learning. We encourage our churches to do so as well. The Center for Disease Control warns that the nation is on a pace to generate over 400,000 new COVID-19 cases a day by March 1. If we do not act to contain this spike through vigilant and sustained efforts that include masking, social distancing, disinfection, and restricting unnecessary meetings and travel, hospitals may become overloaded and thousands may die. To read the entire document please visit:

<https://psvonline.org/publication/continuing-guidance-for-congregations-in-the-pandemic-urgent-advice-regarding-covid-19-precautions>

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-join?zmt=ZCE>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?zmt=49QGzm>

Healthy Boundaries Training for Pastors-Mark your calendar!

For all pastors serving churches or in validated ministries; CREs; and certified Christian Educators: Healthy Boundaries 101 and 201 on Zoom will be offered early in 2021.

You will attend a 2-hour session each day.

Healthy Boundaries 201: Thursdays, 6-8 pm, January 21, 28 and February 4

Healthy Boundaries 101: Tuesdays, 9-11 am, January 19, 26 and February 2

More information will be coming soon! Watch the Presbytery website.

Sign up now: email: dagmar@psvonline.org

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/>

Learning Ministry Skills for Today's and Tomorrow's Church Pastors, Staff, COMs and Congregational Leaders February 8-12, 2021

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies Presents The Art of Transitional Leadership - **Online**
Whether it is a change in leadership or a changing community, leading a congregation through change is both challenging and rewarding. It takes knowledge, skill, resilience and spiritual strength to navigate the waters of change in a way that leaders and congregations thrive. This training is for individuals who are considering ministry in temporary settings (as an interim, transitional or designated pastor) or are experiencing ministry in these transitional times. Materials presented will include the basics of transitional ministry and will be of value to all congregational pastors regardless of their ministry setting. Best practices in transitional ministry include ways to enter the congregation and community, how to analyze a congregation's strength and growing edges, and how to assist a congregation in moving toward a vibrant future. This training will delve into navigating change, the pastor as a spiritual interpreter of transition, family systems, mission focus ministry, conflict mediation, and building resiliency.

Participants completing the full 30 hours of training will meet the requirements for Week I Transitional Ministry Education. If you want a certificate of completion, you must actively participate in all sessions in their entirety. We will meet Monday-Thursday from 9:00-11:30, 1:30-4:30 and Friday from 9:00-noon. Tuition and fees cover the tuition as well as the costs of taking the Thomas Kilman Inventory and the Intercultural Development Inventory. To see the flyer go to <https://psvonline.org/publication/the-art-of-transitional-leadership-learning-ministry-skills-for-todays-and-tomorrows-church/>

Registration opened this morning. <https://synod-of-lakes-and-prairies.events.idloom.com/the-art-of-transitional-leadership2021>



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

Chris H. Roseland PCUSA Mission Engagement Advisor News

Diane Moffett, J. Herbert Nelson, and the leadership of the Mission Agency is preparing a recorded **worship service based on the Matthew 25 Vision** for congregations to use however and whenever they like. Here's the link to notice:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/matthew25-worship/>.

The **Presbyterian's Today Advent Devotionals** are free and on-line this year.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterians-todays-advent-devotional-extended-through-christmastide/>,

and here's the direct link to the Devotionals

homepage: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/advent2020/>.



Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Updates.....

PSV Congregations... Update from Rev. Lee Platt, Chair of Commission for

Congregational Life regarding **Congregational Meetings**

A number of churches have asked about holding annual congregational meetings. Some are doing their meetings via Zoom which is acceptable. However, if your bylaws require a person-to-person meeting, hold the Zoom meeting and later, when in-person meetings become safely possible, announce a Congregational meeting to change the bylaws to reflect that meetings may be held either in-person or virtually.

PSV Older Adult Ministry Committee Newsletter

December 2020

To: Anyone over 50 and those who minister to those over 50:

Greetings from the Older Adult Ministry Committee of Scioto Valley Presbytery

We are sending this via email, but you will find it as well on the Presbytery website under Nurture and Outreach Commission, Older Adult Ministry.

In our Covid-19 world we all hear stories of 90+ persons who are managing ZOOM, while we also hear stories of those who are feeling shut-in, shut-out, lonely and discouraged. While

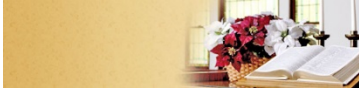
each person is dealing with these times in his/her own way, we are aware of those who may long for the old "snail mail way of receiving messages."

To that end our small committee has prepared a potpourri of resources for you. You, or whomever it is in your congregation who cares for these folk, may use them as you wish, as a mailing to some of your shut-in members, assembling the pieces which fit their situations. Or you may find sermon tidbits, or thoughts for a weekly mailing. Whatever is useful for you, we send to you with joy. To read the Older Adult Ministry Newsletter

visit: <https://psvonline.org/publication/the-presbytery-of-scioto-valley-older-adult-ministry-committee-newsletter-december-2020/>

PSV Westside Urban Ministry (WUM) Pandemic Success=650 Coats in Our All-Presbytery Coat Drive. **Thank you** to all who donated new and gently used children's coats for the Presbytery's Westside Urban Ministry's (WUM's) annual coat drive. Even in this year when most church doors are closed, WUM was able to collect over **650 coats**, plus hats and mittens, thanks to **YOUR** generosity. Special thanks to Columbus Overbrook, Covenant, and Broad Street churches for letting WUM use their driveways for Drive-By Coat Drop-Offs, and to Columbus Hoge for letting WUM store and sort coats in their building. This Thursday, December 3, Columbus City Schools staff will come to Hoge to pick up their coats – just in time for winter weather!

Any Presbyterians at Bath & Body Works? The Westside Urban Ministry (WUM) is looking for a contact who works at Bath & Body Works. Why? Because WUM is looking to buy 300 Bath & Body Works items at as deep of a discount as is possible. We will use the items as gifts for West High School kids as a reward for good behavior and school engagement this Christmas season. Please contact Patti Nussle at nussle@columbus.rr.com by the end of the week if you can connect us! Thank you!



Remember in Prayer...

The family and friends of Elder Larry Hayes, who recently died unexpectedly. Larry was the highly respected Clerk of Session of the recently closed Reynoldsburg First

Presbyterian Church.

PRESBYTERY of Scioto Valley (PSV) Meeting Calendar

Mark your calendar for 2021

Partners in Education (PIE)

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

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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>

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