

Mid-week E-News December 10, 2020

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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A Prayer for the Second Week of Advent...

by Thom M Shuman

God, enlarge our hearts, so we become compassionate.

Deepen our souls, so we may overflow with your grace.

Broaden our minds, so we discover you in each person.

Fill us with your love, so we may share it each and every day.

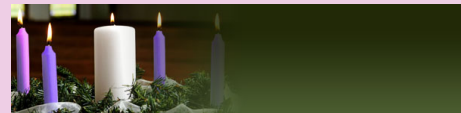
ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES FROM THE PRESBYTERIES OF THE SYNOD OF THE COVENANT

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

December 13 – Synod of the Covenant Staff

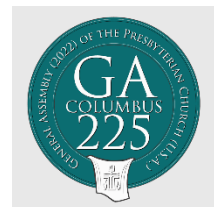
December 20 – Cal Bremer and Fran Lane-Lawrence (Presbytery of Lake Michigan) Christmas Eve – Matt Skolnik (Presbytery of Muskingum)

December 27 – Dan Saperstein (Presbytery of Lake Huron)



The 225th General Assembly of the PCUSA Will be Held in Louisville, KY in 2022...

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) has approved moving the 2022 General Assembly from Columbus, Ohio to Louisville, Kentucky. This new plan for the 225th GA will feature a hybrid assembly that will include both in-person and online meetings.



The in-person portion of the assembly will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, the site of the PC(USA) national offices. The assembly's 13 committees would hold in-person meetings over a two-week period, with all plenaries being held online with the exception of an initial quorum gathering. To read the entire report

visit: <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2020/12/4/225th-general-assembly-move-louisville-2022/>



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.

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Continuing Guidance for Congregations Regarding COVID-19

The State of Ohio continues to experience 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. 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 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZiIqdeurpz8iEtWYIFTxvEXELixhcvEBLZCE>

Wednesday, January 13 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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Healthy Boundaries Training for Pastors-Mark your calendars!

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.

2-hour sessions each day, All three Sessions must be attended:

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

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

Sign up now: email: dagmar@psvonline.org



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

PCUSA Mission Agency News... Diane Moffett, J. Herbert Nelson, and the leadership of the Mission Agency have prepared a recorded **worship service based on the Matthew 25 Vision** for congregations to use however and whenever they like. Here's the link: <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/>.

Matthew 25 News...From the Reverend Diane Moffet...

I am excited to share with you that yet another member of your presbytery, Unity Presbyterian Church, Reynoldsburg in Ohio, just signed on to become a [Matthew 25 church](#). I appreciate your continued support.

The COVID-19 pandemic has redefined what community means and I offer my gratitude for churches and mid councils who, during these unprecedented challenges, are keeping their focus on serving others. Given the current unrest and protest in our nation, the call to be a Matthew 25 church is even more compelling.

Jesus calls us to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned and poor. By joining us on this journey, we are uniting in common mission to become a more relevant presence in the world.

If you have any questions about the Matthew 25 invitation, please contact me at 502-569-5040 or by [email](#). When we practice justice, love and kindness, we are a living translation of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your support.

The Rev. Dr. Diane Moffet, President & Executive Director
Presbyterian Mission Agency, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Updates, and more.....

Mission Engagement 101 Opportunity

A five-session course on Global Mission engagement to launch in January. Become a WORLD MISSION TRAVELER! Your passport is free! The presbytery's Global Mission Network will be sponsoring five zoom-groups on the third Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. - noon, beginning on January 23, 2021.

The course will be led by the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Holder-Rich, a teaching elder from our presbytery currently serving as a PC(USA) mission co-worker in Tanzania, and formerly pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Findlay. Each monthly class will feature PC(USA) mission co-workers for half an hour (from Niger, Costa Rica, Peru, Palestine, and other countries), along with a specific missiological theme for each session.

Plan now to join this exciting way to engage your members and leaders in Global Mission next year. We are asking for commitments from pastors/moderator and mission leadership to take part together in what we're calling "Mission Engagement 101." Join us and travel the world safely!

For more information, or to register, email Les Sauer at lessauer@hotmail.com.

PSV Congregations...Lee Platt, Chair of PSV Commission for Congregational Life

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.

Is your church struggling with how to do virtual-online worship during these times of distance worship? Your Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) would like to know what you are doing that is working, and what your questions might be. You could assist the congregations struggling with the details. Contact Lee with your ideas and questions: lelandw@msn.com.

PSV Older Adult Ministry Committee Newsletter

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. 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) NEWS...

One of your Presbytery's mission activities is to provide encouragement and hope to students at West High School. WUM does this each year by sponsoring a Christmas Store, where the kids can shop for gifts using their "Bucks" earned for good behavior. This year, with school 100% online, only 258 of the 708 kids at West High are actually participating in online learning. Working hand in hand with the school's social worker, WUM is sponsoring a Christmas gift bag for each of the 258 kids, encouraging them to stay in school and letting them know they are loved. This Sunday afternoon WUM will, in a socially-distanced method, assemble the 258 gift bags. Thank you to all PSV churches that have donated to this mission activity!

A 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.

I just wanted to send a quick note of thanks to you and your church! What a blessing it was today to pick up those coats and hat and gloves and know the love that went in to collecting them. We so appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. It is so nice knowing that local organizations and places are in support of our schools and families in the community. I am SO excited to be able to give these to families in need! They are much needed items during this time of COVID. We have several families in need who will be so encouraged during this time. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts! You all are a blessing and encouragement. I thank the Lord for you all! Binns Elementary.

Keyboard Free to any Church or church organist for in home practice if you pick it up! Wurlitzer, 2 rank keyboard, 13 foot pedals with 30 stops plus 3 coupler, 2 sustain & master volume tabs, also tabs for reverb, vibrato & Spectra Tone Chorus. Size: 46 " wide, 24" deep, 36" high. Nice wood finish with matching original bench all in excellent condition, older model. Call Pastor Art or Gail Reed between 10 AM & 10 PM @ 740-965-5102.

The Art of Transitional Ministry Leadership Training February 8-12, 2021

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies will offer *The Art of Transitional Leadership* Online. 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. The classes 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: <https://psvonline.org/publication/the-art-of-transitional-leadership-learning-ministry-skills-for-todays-and-tomorrows-church/> Registration is now open: <https://synod-of-lakes-and-prairies.events.idloom.com/the-art-of-transitional-leadership2021>

PRESBYTERY of Scioto Valley (PSV) Meeting Calendar

**Monday, December 14
3 p.m.**

Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Zoom meeting

Tuesday, December 15

4 p.m.
PSV Coordinating Team Zoom meeting

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ANNUAL RETREAT FOR PASTORS...

November 7-9, 2021

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Annual Church Professionals Fall 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#



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