

Mid-week E-News January 14, 2021

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

February 18, 2020

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"God of Love, We've Known Division"

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending")

*God of love, we've known division and we've seen its awful cost.
We have struggled as a nation, and there's much that we have lost.
We have been a house divided — and, divided, we can't stand.
May our nation be united; give us peace throughout this land.
Turn us, Lord, from what divides us — fear that drives us far apart,
greed that leads to great injustice, racist ways that break your heart.
May we seek what brings together — hearts that bear each other's pain,
care and mercy toward our neighbors, love that welcomes strangers in.
May we all, in conversation, speak the truth and listen well.
May we hear, across this nation, stories others have to tell.
May we learn from other cultures and be blessed by their worldview;
May we serve with one another — loving others, loving you.
You have challenged us to goodness; you have shown a kinder way.
It's your love that now inspires us as we seek a better day.
May we end our harsh division; may we stop the hate and fear.
Make us one, Lord, as a nation; may we be united here.*

Tune: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; attributed to Benjamin Franklin White ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending") **(MIDI)** Text: Copyright © 2020 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.

Prayer at the reopening of the joint session of Congress, Jan. 6, 2021

Rev. Barry Black

"Lord of our lives and sovereign of our beloved nation, we deplore the desecration of the United States Capitol building, the shedding of innocent blood, the loss of life, and the quagmire of dysfunction that threaten our democracy. These tragedies have reminded us that words matter and that the power of life and death is in the tongue. We have been warned that eternal vigilance continues to be freedom's price. Lord, you have helped us remember that we need to see in each other a common humanity that reflects your image. You have strengthened our resolve to protect and defend the Constitution of the United

States against all enemies domestic as well as foreign. Use us to bring healing and unity to our hurting and divided nation and world. Thank you for what you have blessed our lawmakers to accomplish in spite of threats to liberty. Bless and keep us. Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to do your will and guide our feet on the path of peace. And God bless America. We pray in your sovereign name, Amen."



PSV's 2021 VIRTUAL PIE EVENT News...

The 2021 PIE (Partners in Education) Annual Event gathered people from over 30 of our congregations for these popular leadership training classes, workshops and presentations. Over 160 registrations were received for the 2021 Zoom PIE event! During the two sessions of this year's PIE, held on Saturday, January 9 and Wednesday, January 13, participants heard inspiring speakers and gathered helpful information for their ministries and church activities. Many words of thanks and gratitude go to the 2021 PIE planning team led by Elder Kathi Bubb and Jenni

Whitford, members of the Presbytery Commission for Nurture and Outreach.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Congregations To Be Lifted Up in Prayer

Beginning with this week's Email news, we will be lifting up our congregations, celebrating their ministries and holding them in prayer. If you have particular information about your congregation, please email it to: dagmar@psvonline.org, and we will try to include this in our articles about your congregation. We will begin alphabetically to share about our 88 congregations. As we share and celebrate our wide variety of congregations, we hope you and your congregation will join with us and lift them up in prayer too.



The Amanda Presbyterian Church

began life as the Clearcreek Church. The Reverend William Jones, was the first pastor. He was

also the first moderator of the former Columbus Presbytery. On April 4, 1834, the Columbus Presbytery voted to divide the congregation of the Clearcreek Church into two churches. The church of Amanda and the church at Tarleton were then formed. From 13 original members the congregation grew to 90 within a year. A frame house of worship was erected but was later abandoned as a church in 1879. On February 10, 1878, during the pastorate of the Reverend McMillen, the congregation voted to put up a new building on land given to the congregation in 1845 by John and Charlotte Bogle. The building was completed April 19, 1879. A chancel was added in 1896, and a new Christian



The Amesville Presbyterian Church

was organized March 26, 1892, under the leadership of Charles R. Fisk, a

mission worker who became its first pastor. Leaders from the Athens Presbyterian Church and the Canaan Presbyterian Church assisted in the organizing process. The first building was a 30 by 40 foot brick structure in what was known as Mudsock, an area just west of the present village of Amesville. In 1858, the congregation moved to the Amesville Academy which was located across from the present building into which the congregation moved in 1867. For much of its history, the Amesville congregation has been linked with the New England congregations and with the Amesville United Methodist congregation. In February 1987 this long-time working relationship was formalized in the

Education unit in September of 1957. A new carillon unit added a spiritual element to the entire community of Amanda. This small membership congregation is currently served by Liz Tietz, Commissioned Pastor.

establishment of the Amesville-New England Ecumenical Cooperative Parish. The Amesville congregation has been involved in the larger work of the denomination both through financial support and involvement of its leaders.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Meeting Calendar January

Monday, January 18 - Presbytery office closed

Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

HEALTHY BOUNDARIES TRAINING AND UPDATING FOR PASTORS...

Tuesday, January 19 and 26, and February 2

Zoom Healthy Boundaries 101: Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m.

Tuesday, January 19

4 pm PSV Coordinating Team

January 21 and 28, and February 4

Zoom Healthy Boundaries 201: Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.

PSV GLOBAL MISSION NETWORK...

Global Mission Network will be sponsoring **five zoom-groups on the third Saturday of each month** from 10:30 a.m. - noon, **January 23**

(Future meetings: February 20, March 20, April 17, and May 15.)

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

Tuesday, January 26, 1 p.m.

Zoom meeting - Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO)

February

Monday, February 1, 12:30 p.m.

Zoom meeting - Commission for Church Professionals (CCP)

Monday, February 1, 3:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting - Commission for Congregational Life (CCL)

Tuesday, February 2, 9-11 a.m.

HEALTHY BOUNDARIES TRAINING AND UPDATING FOR PASTORS...

Zoom Healthy Boundaries 101

Thursday, February 4, 6-8 p.m.

HEALTHY BOUNDARIES TRAINING AND UPDATING FOR PASTORS...

Zoom Healthy Boundaries 201

Monday, February 8, 3 p.m.

Zoom meeting - Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO)

Saturday, February 13, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Doing Justice & Loving Kindness: An Intro to Matthew 25

An On-line event to introduce and support the work of the PC(USA) Matthew 25 Initiative

To Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwscOCgrTIuGdGT-zCK_KRBJT1d1tCxEX-M

Tuesday, February 16, 3:00 p.m.

Presbytery meets via Zoom, until meeting in person is deemed safe and appropriate.

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Future 2021 Presbytery Meeting Dates

May 18, September 21, and November 16.

Most likely to be held via Zoom, until meeting in person is deemed safe and appropriate.

Healthy Boundaries Training for Pastors

For all pastors serving churches or in validated ministries; CREs; and certified Christian Educators: Healthy Boundaries 101 and 201 on Zoom. Cost \$25.

2-hour sessions each day, All three Sessions must be attended, choose one.

- 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



Mission Engagement Opportunity

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 mission co-worker in Tanzania. 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. We are asking for commitments from pastors/moderator and mission leadership to take part together in what we're calling: "**MISSION ENGAGEMENT 101.**"

****Session 1 (January 23)** - "What is mission? What is our mission? Why do we do mission?" Conversation with Michael and Rachel Ludwig, serving in Niger

****Session 2 (February 20)** - "New Testament Models of Mission" Conversation with Mark Hare and Jenny Bent, serving in Costa Rica

****Session 3 (March 20)** - "Power and Money in Mission, historically and today" Conversation with Jed Hawkes Koball and Jenny Valles Koball, serving in Peru

****Session 4 (April 17)** - "What is Presbyterian about doing mission? How do congregations plug in?" Conversation with Victor Makari and Doug Dicks, serving in Israel and Palestine

****Session 5 (May 15)** - "Next steps--where do we go from here? Growing engagement in global mission in your congregation." Conversation with Dan and Elizabeth Turk, serving in Madagascar

For information, or to register, email Les Sauer at lessauer@hotmail.com
To see the event flyer visit: <https://psvonline.org/publication/13505>

Doing Justice and Loving Kindness: An Intro to Matthew 25" is an on-line event to introduce and support the work of the PC(USA) Matthew 25 Initiative on Saturday February 13th from 10:00 – 11:30 am.

After a brief worship and introduction, participants can choose from one of three workshops: Dismantling Structural Racism, featuring CBS sports broadcaster James Brown, Eradicating Systemic Poverty, and Building Church Vitality.



This event is FREE and we ask that you register:

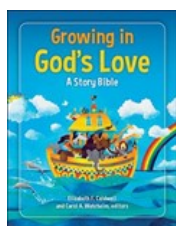
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwscOCgrTIuGdGT-zCK_KRBjT1d1tCxEX-M. This event is sponsored by the Presbytery Commission on Nurture and Outreach.

See the event flyer at: <https://psvonline.org/publication/doing-justice-loving-kindness-an-intro-to-matthew-25-saturday-february-13th-from-1000-1130-am/>

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



Virtual "At Home" Sunday School for children (and families) Jenni Whitford, Educator, Worthington Presbyterian Church

Beginning last September, Worthington Presbyterian Church (WPC) has been offering TWO "At Home" Sunday School options for K-6th graders. The curriculum we are using is "Growing in God's Love" A Story Bible Curriculum (PCUSA) [https://www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Item/13638/Story-](https://www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Item/13638/Story-Bible-Curriculum.aspx)

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The Director of Children's Ministry records a 15-minute video with song, prayer, Bible story, wonder questions and a short activity. Parents can add to the lesson with "At Home" supplemental activities, ideas and book and video recommendations, which are emailed to the families each week. Families can watch the video alone, just do the "At Home" lesson or do both pieces. Families can do one thing one week and a different thing next week. Families can do Sunday School on a Tuesday night or a Friday afternoon....whenever it works best for their family. Each week is a stand-alone lesson, you do not have to do the lesson before.

If you would like to see a sample of what is emailed to families, or see the videos Jenni creates, or if you have questions, please contact Jenni Whitford, Director for Children's Ministry at the Worthington Presbyterian Church, 614-885-5355.

If you are exhausted, if you don't have staff to try to do this or if you have 2 or 3 families in your congregation, please contact Jenni to join WPC's Virtual "At Home" Sunday School. We would love to partner with some of our smaller churches and be a resource for you.



The APCE Virtual Event - Anything But Ordinary February 4-5, 2021

APCE is the Association for Presbyterian Church Educators
How will the 2021 Virtual Event be like other Annual Events?

The Virtual Event offers the best in the way of worship, plenary and workshops each day. Special events that are regularly a part of the Annual Event, like awards presentations, the corporation meeting, regional gatherings, the book store, the Marketplace, and even a spirituality center will all take place. For more details visit...

<https://apcenet.org/2021-annual-event/>

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

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies will offer this training designed for individuals who are considering ministry in temporary settings (as an interim, transitional or designated pastor). Materials presented will include the basics of transitional ministry and will be of value to all congregational pastors regardless of their ministry setting. 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. 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>

News from our Presbytery Nominating Committee...

Our PSV Nominating Committee and Operations Human Resources Team have been busy with the search for a Stated Clerk and a Treasurer for our Presbytery. The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that they are unanimously recommending the Reverend Bill Gause, pastor of the Columbus Overbrook Presbyterian Church, as their candidate for the position of the PSV Stated Clerk to be elected at the February 16 Presbytery Meeting. This part-time position of Stated Clerk for our Presbytery is currently being filled by elder Jim Wison, who has been graciously and effectively serving as the Temporary Stated Clerk. The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Stated Clerk serves as the Presbytery corporate secretary and parliamentarian. The Clerk also provides support to the Presbytery Commissions, committees and other entities of the Presbytery.

Per Capita Relief Policy...

Under this "relief policy", the Presbytery will grant immediate relief to any congregation who has experienced a 10% or more loss of membership during 2020 and will base 2021's per capita on your year 2020 membership. If you have had a significant loss of membership in 2020, you can apply for relief under this policy and your 2021 per capita will be based on your year-end membership as of 2020 – not 2019 as under the current policy. If you want

to request relief under this new policy, please email either Bob Gustafson, Temporary Treasurer; John Wyckoff, Financial Assistant; or Dagmar Romage, Administrative Assistant. This relief will not be automatic.

- Robert Gustafson - gustafson15@gmail.com
- John Wyckoff - accounting@psvonline.org
- Dagmar Romage - dagmar@psvonline.org

From Your Presbytery Staff- *Jeannie, Dagmar, John, Jim and Bob*

Our presbytery offices may still be closed, but we're available to serve! We, your Presbytery staff persons, continue to work in a hybrid style—from the office and from home. We are all available to assist you especially in regular office hours, via email, phone, or Zoom conference calls:

Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter, jeannie@psvonline.org, Cell: 614-562-1775

Dagmar Romage, Administrative Assistant, Email: dagmar@psvonline.org

Presbytery Office: 614-847-0565

John Wyckoff, Financial Assistant, Email: accounting@psvonline.org

Jim Wilson, Temporary Stated Clerk, Email: jawilson@vorys.com

Bob Gustafson, Temporary Treasurer, Email: gustafson15@gmail.com

A SECURITY MESSAGE FROM JEANNIE HARSH, EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER....Some scammers have once again created a fake "gmail" address in my name. In fact, it looks like it came from me. It is a scam! It does not mean I was hacked. However, I cannot prevent it from happening. I regret that the scammer has somehow gotten some of your emails. Please ignore them, and do not respond to any emails requesting money or gift cards.

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

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



Continuing Guidance for Congregations Regarding COVID-19

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



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