

Mid-week E-News February 11, 2021

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

February 18, 2020

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A Prayer for the Season of Lent...

The Lenten season begins on Wednesday. Gracious Lord, be with us at every moment and in every place. Give us the strength and the courage to live this season faithfully, so

that, when Easter comes, we will be able to enjoy the new life you have prepared for us. Amen.

(Adapted from: [Show Me The Way: Readings For Each Day in Lent](#), By Henri J. M. Nouwen)

Two Hundred and Fifty Seventh Stated Presbytery Meeting Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 3:30 p.m.

Watch for Information on this Zoom Meeting...

PSV Stated Clerk Candidate and Presbytery Treasurer Candidate to be Elected at the February 16th Presbytery Meeting...

The Presbytery Nominating Committee is pleased to bring to the February 16th Presbytery Meeting their candidates for election as the Stated Clerk and Treasurer for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV). The Committee, along with the Presbytery Operations Human Resources team, voted to recommend the Reverend Bill Gause as the Presbytery's Stated Clerk and Elder Bob Patterson as the Presbytery's Treasurer. Reverend Gause serves as the Senior Pastor of the Columbus Overbrook Presbyterian Church, and Elder Bob Patterson is a member of Westerville Central College Presbyterian Church.



Special Event on Doing Justice and Loving Kindness

Saturday February 13th from 10:00 – 11:30 am

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, 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 Presbyterian 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/>

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Meeting Calendar

PSV GLOBAL MISSION NETWORK...

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

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

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

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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

February 15 Presidents Day

Tuesday, February 16, 3:00 p.m. (sign in)

STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING 3:30 p.m.

Presbytery Meetings continue to meet via Zoom, until meeting in person is deemed safe and appropriate.

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Tuesday, February 23, 1 p.m.

Zoom meeting - Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO)

Saturday, February 27, 10 a.m.

Zoom Winter Gathering of Presbyterian Women (PW) in Scioto Valley Program will inform and reflect the PW Justice and Peace concerns.

Leadership: Stephanie Pierce - Eviction

Amanda Woods - Financial Literacy

Future 2021 Presbytery Meeting Dates

May 18, September 21, and November 16.

Held via Zoom until meeting in person is deemed safe and appropriate.



Mission Engagement Opportunity

The presbytery's Global Mission Network is sponsoring zoom-groups on the third Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. - noon. The course is 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.

"MISSION ENGAGEMENT 101."

****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>

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. For more information, go to the PC(USA) website www.pcusa.org. CNO (PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach) has appointed Matthew 25 Ambassadors who can speak to your Mission/Outreach/Service Committees and/or Sessions to explain more about Matthew 25. Check out pcusa.org/matthew25

Session Records Review...

Update from the PSV Commission for Congregational Life...

In order to be in compliance with the Book of Order, session records are to be reviewed annually or every 2 years. We have been doing every 2 years. Therefore, 2020 session records need to be reviewed this year. We are hoping to move forward with summer and early fall opportunities to have your records reviewed if we can do so safely. Stay tuned in the next several months for the plan. For questions: contact Marquell Segelken @ dsegelke@columbus.rr.com.



PSV Self-Development of People program grants awarded...

As your congregation begins to prepare for the 2021 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS), please note that our Presbytery's Self-Development of People program was able to award two grants to organizations in this presbytery last year as a result of our unified giving through the OGHS.

The Mid-Ohio Workers Association received \$4,999.00 for outreach to the Hispanic community (see their "thank you" video: [SWAP2021 ok.mp4](#)), and the Franklin County Youth Council was awarded \$3,000.00 for its "Keep It Moving" project.

Grant applications are received throughout the year and funded, based on national SDOP criteria, to any group within the bounds of our presbytery that are:

- Presented, owned, and controlled by the group of economically poor people who will benefit directly from it.

- Address long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression.
- Be sensitive to the environment while accomplishing its goal(s) and objectives.
- Not advocate violence as a means of accomplishing its goal(s) and objectives.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/sdop/criteria-for-funding/>

If you know of a community group, formal or informal, that might wish to apply, please contact either the SDOP Committee moderator, Carla Wilks of Bethany Presbyterian Church: cwilks03@yahoo.com , or Rev. Les Sauer (Honorably Retired Pastor) Church Nurture and Outreach Commission liaison to the SDOP Committee: lessauer@hotmail.com



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February 17 - April 4, 2021

One Great Hour of Sharing
For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) in a world of disaster, hunger, and

oppression. Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Most congregations receive OGHS on Easter Sunday, Passion/Palm Sunday or both, while many receive it throughout Lent. However, your congregation is welcome to celebrate this Offering at any point in the year.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Congregations Lifted Up in Prayer

The Commission for Congregational Life is committed to helping congregations promote and nurture healthy, faith-filled relationships and ministries in their congregations and communities. Our weekly Email news is highlighting our 88 congregations, celebrating their ministries and lifting them up in prayer. We hope you and your congregation will join in celebrating our congregations and holding them in your prayers.



Columbus Bethany Presbyterian Church

In 1917, the Bethany Presbyterian Church began with the migration of several families with Presbyterian backgrounds came from the Carolinas to Columbus.



Columbus Broad Street Presbyterian Church

In September, 1887, the Reverend Frances Marsten accepted a call to be the founding pastor of Broad Street Church. Three moderators of the General

On July 21, 1918, Bethany Presbyterian Church was chartered with 24 members. As a mission church, financial assistance was provided and the Reverend Walter H. Houston served as Supply Pastor. The Reverend Henry Cooper accepted the pastorate of the church and preached his first sermon on September 15, 1918.

In 1920, the lot at 206 North Garfield, where the church now stands, was purchased for \$1,800. The cornerstone of the first unit was laid on October 9, 1921, with a rousing ceremony that included the 24 charter members. Today, Bethany is blessed to have Edward Lewis, PSV Candidate for Ministry, as the pastor.

Assembly and a McCormick Seminary president have served as pastor.

The historic commitments of this church have centered on community outreach and neighborhood ministries. In addition, the gathered community has enjoyed a strong and vital worship and educational ministry over the years.

The Reverend Amy Miracle is currently serving as the Pastor along with the Reverend Ann Palmerton as Associate Pastor. Broad Street Clerk of Session Elder Jim Wilson is currently serving the presbytery as the Temporary Stated Clerk.

A World of Thanks to our Congregations...

Amid financial hardships, many of our churches paid all of their 2020 per capita. In fact, 61 of our Presbytery of Scioto Valley congregations paid 100%, or more, of their per capita. A total of \$406,463.00 was contributed for per capita, with an additional amount of \$158,098.00 in generous funds donated through mission fund commitments. Thank you for your support of the ministry and mission of our presbytery, our synod, and the General Assembly!

Special Resources for Lent and Holy Week..

From The Reverend Neil MacQueen...

The creative Christian educators and pastors at www.rotation.org have been collecting and creating resources for teaching and celebrating Lent and Holy Week at-home and online in 2021. In addition to lessons families can enjoy at home and teachers can use online, there are ideas for youth and entire congregations to learn and celebrate in socially responsible ways during the pandemic. Look for the links to these special resource forums on the Homepage of www.rotation.org

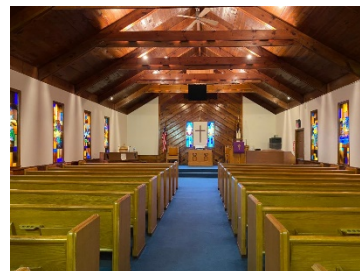
Lenten worship services... Many thanks to all of you who filled out a survey about the worship services that the Synod coordinated for Advent! Your responses indicated that you would find Lenten worship services helpful, so your presbytery and synod leaders are putting together online worship experiences to give church staff and volunteers a week off, to serve as personal devotions for you, and to give you new ideas for worship.

These worship services have been selected according to which dates you indicated would be the most helpful. You can find all of the information here: [Synod Coordinating Lenten Worship Videos - Synod of the Covenant](#)



Reynoldsburg First Presbyterian Church Building

News...The church building is in the process of being sold. There are many items that are available inside the church building. There is an organ, a piano, chancel furniture, pews, bookshelves and kitchen items. If you or your church can use some of these items, please contact Bill Lucas, 614-557-8624.



Peace and Prayers for our Pastors who have recently lost family members:

Reverend Joon Won Lee and family, in the death of Joon's father in late 2020. Joon is the pastor of the Columbus Korean Presbyterian Church.

Reverend Dr. Shelley Wiley and family, in the recent death of her mother-in-law. Shelley is the Transitional Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Jackson.

Reverend Steve Brand and family in the recent death of his mother. Steve is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Newark.

Your Presbytery Staff are always ready to serve you...

The Presbytery offices are still closed. However, we, your Presbytery staff persons, continue to work in a hybrid style-from the office and from home. Do not hesitate to contact us.

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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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Continuing Guidance for our PSV Congregations

From Your Presbytery Coordinating Team (CT)

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley strongly discourages in-person worship, meetings and gatherings during the current phase of the Pandemic. Although the vaccines are coming, the Presbytery will continue to recommend physical distancing and the wearing of masks. The new more transmittable strain reinforces the concerns underlying this strong recommendation.

Church Opening and Closing Guidelines during COVID-19 pandemic
<https://psvonline.org/publication/church-opening-and-closing-guidelines-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

The 225th General Assembly of the PCUSA to be held in Louisville, KY

The 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 will likely 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/>



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