

Mid-week E-News February 18, 2021

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

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Creator, this Lenten season, open our eyes to the injustices around us. May we begin to build the foundation for a world that is honoring and pleasing to you.—one that removes fear and values everyone. Amen.

The Rev. Rebecca Barnes, Coordinator for the Presbyterian Hunger Program.



WELCOME!!! Newly-Elected Officers of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV)...

PSV Stated Clerk The Reverend Bill Gause

The Reverend Bill Gause is a minister member of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley and the pastor of the Overbrook Presbyterian Church in Columbus. Bill has a wide variety of interests and experiences in addition to his vast education. Bill has a Master of Divinity, a Master of Arts in Christian Education, a Master of Arts in Teaching and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He is pleased to be serving the Presbytery as the Stated Clerk.

PSV Treasurer Elder Bob Patterson

Elder Bob Patterson is an elder and deacon in the Central College Presbyterian Church

Two Hundred and Fifty Seventh Stated Presbytery Meeting Highlights...

The Presbytery Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, February 16 gathered over 100 persons from across the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

Highlights of the Meeting included the Election and the Installation of the Reverend Bill Gause as the PSV Stated Clerk and Elder Bob Patterson as the PSV Treasurer.

Many words of thanks were spoken in gratitude for the expert work of our temporary Stated Clerk Jim Wilson and our temporary Treasurer Bob Gustafson.

The work of the meeting, which included Commission reports and actions, was surrounded by inspiring and creative worship experiences. Warm greetings were expressed by two special guests: the Reverend Chip Hardwick, Synod of the Covenant Executive, and James Rissler from

in Westerville. Bob has significant budget management experience. He has experience as a financial planner, consultant, director of technology services and a college teacher. Bob has church leadership experience in the areas of budget, finance, stewardship, education, mission, vision and strategy.

the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program.

THE NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 18.



PSV'S COMMITTEE ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS (COLA) NEWS... THANKS TO OUR COLA TEAM!!!

Since the 225th General Assembly of the PC(USA) has been relocated to Louisville, Kentucky, our Scioto Valley COLA planning team members have been graciously thanked and relieved of the big responsibility of leading the hosting of the 2022 General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio.

Many words of gratitude go to The Reverend Justice Ofosuene, The Reverend Rebecca Tollefson and Elder Jim Wilson for their preliminary work in the planning and preparation for the hosting of the General Assembly within the bounds of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley in Columbus, Ohio.



Mission Engagement Opportunities

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 Classes"

****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>

PRESBYTERY MISSION ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM on

Saturday, February 20, 2021

The Reverend Dr. Cynthia Holder Rich

As we prepare for our meeting this Saturday, February 20, for Session 2 of Mission Engagement 101, Mission Co-Workers Mark Hare and Jenny Bent share three blogposts about their work. We encourage you to read some of what Mark and Jenny have sent, AND the list of scriptures sent last week. Then, **START NOTING YOUR QUESTIONS**. We are hoping for a truly interactive session this week. Sharing your questions in the chat box will help us all learn together.

<https://faithfoodfamilycostarica.blogspot.com/>

[Faith, Food and Family: Promoting Sustainability in Costa Rica](https://faithfoodfamilycostarica.blogspot.com/)

faithfoodfamilycostarica.blogspot.com

[The Dominican Evangelical Church \(IED\) and Community Health Evangelism](https://faithfoodfamilycostarica.blogspot.com/)

A roundup review of the CHE work in southwestern Dominican Republic: Blog #10 As many of you know, Jenny and I are mission workers with the Presbyterian Church (USA), working for their international mission outreach agency, World Mission (PC(USA) World Mission). markandjennycsied.blogspot.com

[Mark and Jenny--MPP/PC\(USA\): What does El Niño feel like?](https://markandjenny--pcusa.blogspot.com)

The source of potable water, for drinking and cooking, is also drying up. The source for that piped in water is set of springs about four miles up the mountain, outside of a set of communities globally known as the Bassin Zim zone.

markandjenny--pcusa.blogspot.com

Rev. Cynthia Holder Rich, MDiv, MCE, PhD, Lecturer in Theology

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Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Meeting Calendar

February 20, March 20, April 17, and May 15
PSV GLOBAL MISSION NETWORK EVENTS...

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

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

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.



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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.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Program (OGHS) addressed the needs of disasters, hunger, and oppression. 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering at Work Locally...

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 within the bounds of our presbytery last year as a result of our unified giving through the OGHS.

<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

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

PSV Congregational Session Records Review...

According to 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.

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 Christ Presbyterian Church

As Columbus was growing to the north and east, seeds for two churches were planted. In 1890, two lots at the corner of St. Clair and Leonard were donated and a chapel was built. The chapel was dedicated the following year, and services were under the direction of First Presbyterian Church (Broad Street). In July 1894, St. Clair Presbyterian Church was formally organized. Meanwhile, a congregation was organized in the Linden area in 1905. The first building was located at Myrtle and Greenwich. A retired Presbyterian minister, Dr. Kohr, served for twelve years. Kohr Presbyterian Church was dedicated in 1915. In 1925, St. Clair moved to Leonard and Hamilton. In 1951, a changing neighborhood and the construction of I-71, forced St. Clair to move. They chose a site just south of Oakland Park and Cleveland Avenue. Ten years later, they built at a new site, on Cleveland Avenue, near Morse Road. The name was changed to Northview. In 1976, Kohr Memorial and Northview merged to form Christ Presbyterian Church. In 1988, a new sanctuary was built. Christ Church continues to faithfully serves its community under the faithful leadership of Commissioned Pastor Elder Pam Patterson.



Columbus Covenant Presbyterian Church

Covenant Presbyterian Church in Upper Arlington, Ohio, began in 1953, after a study determined the need for a church in the area. Worship services were held in a theater, with church school classes in the upstairs of a nearby restaurant. In 1964 the church moved to its present site which has had many additions in recent years.

Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community sharing the glory of God's love with all. Its people are deeply involved in the mission of the larger community through many organizations such as food pantries, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Hoge Memorial ministries, support for mission ministries in the area and other far-reaching activities. The breadth and depth of programming offers Bible studies and community programs, including Covenant Presbyterian Women, and other ministries.

Covenant's members throughout the history of the congregation have been dedicated to a caring and nurturing ministry as well as to educating themselves. The Reverend Joel Esala serves as the Pastor.

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

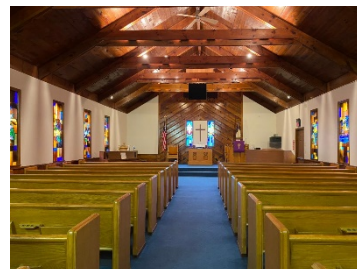
Lenten worship services... Many thanks to all of you who filled out a survey about the worship services that the Synod coordinated for Advent! Your responses indicated that you would find Lenten worship services helpful, so your presbytery and synod



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, book shelves and kitchen items. If you or your church can use some of these items, please contact Bill Lucas, 614-557-8624.



Your Presbytery Staff Persons 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. Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter, jeannie@psvonline.org, Cell: 614-562-1775
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Presbytery Office: 614-847-0565

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#**

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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