

Mid-week E-News February 25, 2021

# The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

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*Excerpts From **A PRAYER FOR LENT...**By Ann Weems*

Holy is the time and holy is this place,  
and there are holy things that must be said.  
Let us say to one another what our souls whisper..  
O Holy One, cast your tent among us;  
come into our ordinary lives and bless the living!

These days stretch before us,  
and those of us who believe,  
yearn to feel Your presence,  
yearn to be Your people;  
and yet, the days fill with ordinary things.  
with no time left  
for seeking the holy.

Spiritual contemplation is all right  
for those who have the time,  
but most of us have to make a living.

Most of us have to live in the real world.  
where profanity splashes and blots out  
anything holy.

Where, O Holy One, can we find you in this unholy mess?  
How, O God, can we find the holy in the ordinary?

## **PW Winter Gathering – February 27, 2021**

Today is the last day to register and request the Zoom link for the PW/PSV Winter Gathering on Saturday, February 27, at 10 am!



Please send your name, church (include city), phone number and email address to Martha Pool [mjpool53@gmail.com](mailto:mjpool53@gmail.com). And if you need to find out how to connect to Zoom, contact Martha also 740-407-1708.

More information can be found in the winter newsletter on our website: [www.psvonline.org/presbytery-leadership/nurture-outreach-commission/pw-presbyterian-women/](http://www.psvonline.org/presbytery-leadership/nurture-outreach-commission/pw-presbyterian-women/)

Feel free to pass this information along to anyone who might be interested in attending.



**NEXT Church** is for teaching elders, students, educators, church members, youth leaders and ruling elders who care about the flourishing of the church of Jesus Christ in ways

that are relevant to our communities, with a distinctively Presbyterian witness. They are offering a FREE live-streamed gathering March 5-7.

<https://nextchurch.net/gathering/2021-national-gathering/>



## **Join us for a "Matthew 25 Roundtable" Zoom meeting Saturday, March 13, 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

Members from Matthew 25 churches in our presbytery will be sharing what their churches are doing, as well as give others a chance to share and ask questions. This event is for both current Matthew 25 churches AND for those seeking more information. Please register

at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZIoFu6rpiktGdGJshu6AOoOaOTWPAm5BkIw>

## **Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Meeting Calendar**

### **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

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And if you need to find out how to connect to Zoom, contact Martha also 740-407-1708.

### **March**

#### **PSV GLOBAL MISSION NETWORK EVENTS...**

**Mark your calendar for March 20, April 17, and May 15**

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](mailto:lessauer@hotmail.com)

**Monday, March 1, 12:30 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting - Commission for Church Professionals (CCP)**

**Monday, March 1, 3:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting - Commission for Congregational Life (CCL)**

**Tuesday, March 2, 1 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting - PSV Transitional Pastors' Monthly Group Meeting**

Email: Annie@melick.net for information.

**Monday, March 8, 3 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting - Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO)**

**Tuesday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.**

**Zoom Meeting - Older Adult Ministry Team**

**Tuesday, March 23, 1 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting - Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO)**

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### **2021 Presbytery Meeting Dates**

May 18, September 21, and November 16.

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



### **WESTSIDE URBAN MINISTRY COAT DRIVE**

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of a number of PSV congregations, Westside Urban Ministry (WUM) had another successful coat drive. During October and November 2020, Broad Street, Covenant, and Overbrook hosted drive-by coat drop-offs; other congregations collected coats and delivered them to Hoge PC.

In late November, over 650 coats were sorted and bagged for distribution to schools on the West Side of Columbus: 24 bags for elementary schools; 16 bags for middle schools; and 10 bags for high schools. On December 3, 2020, school personnel drove to Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church and collected the coats for their schools.

After the first of the year, more coats were donated, including some from First Community Church that had come through Burlington Coat Factory. These coats have been distributed to schools, including the Hilltop Learning Extension Center.

WUM thanks all the congregations and individuals who helped make the coat drive successful. In a year that has been difficult for many, school children on the West Side have warm coats.

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***Don't Gather Together!*** (Tune: Kremser ("We Gather Together"))

*A fun song by the Rev. David Gambrell, PCUSA Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA)*

Don't gather together! We might be contagious.  
Our state's Covid cases are way off the chart.  
Don't say it's courageous; it's disadvantageous  
to be here in this place less than six feet apart.

Don't gather together! This room is not airy.  
I've just read the latest from the CDC.  
Till this sanctuary is not quite so scary  
The breath of God alone will be breathing on me.

Don't gather together! We're under the weather.  
Reschedule the potluck (not anytime soon).  
Till we are all better don't be super-spreaders.  
O come, Emmanuel, and make us immune.

Don't gather together without vaccination;  
the only thing we want to spread is the Word.  
Let our congregations escape tribulation.  
God, grant us antibodies; Lord, save our herd!



## 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 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](mailto:lessauer@hotmail.com)  
To see the event flyer visit: <https://psvonline.org/publication/13505>

## 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.

Matthew 25:31-46 calls us to actively engage in the world around us so that our faith comes alive. The Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) offer the whole Church a way to embody Matthew 25 through the Spirit-inspired stories and gifts which place us in partnership with those who have least. Through gifts to the Special Offerings, we directly support people experiencing hunger,

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homelessness, thirst, imprisonment, sickness, and deprivation, as well as welcoming the stranger.

### **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](mailto:cwilks03@yahoo.com) , or Rev. Les Sauer (Honorably Retired Pastor) Church Nurture and Outreach Commission liaison to the SDOP Committee: [lessauer@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://pcusa.org/matthew25)

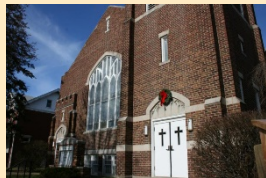
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### **PSV Congregational Session Records Review...**

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](mailto: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 Crestview Presbyterian Church**

Crestview

Presbyterian Church was organized in 1915 and incorporated in 1922.

The church faithfully serves the Clintonville area in an area between Arcadia Avenue and East North Broadway. The church continues to host many local groups including Alcoholics Anonymous.



#### **Columbus Glen Echo Presbyterian Church**

In April 1916, a group of thirteen

members of the First United Presbyterian Church on Long Street decided to start a church in the north end of Columbus. The congregation was formally organized in May 1918 with twenty-four charter members and was served by students from Xenia Theological Seminary until September when

Crestview Church is actively involved in local mission including the Community Resources Center and Faith Mission. A yearly Strawberry Festival is held for the neighborhood during the month of June. There are Sunday School classes for children and adults and adult choir, bell choir and children's choir.

The church is faithfully led by Elder Carol Bogaards. Reverend Lee Platt, a neighbor pastor, serves as the Session Moderator and celebrates the sacraments with this small, but strong, congregation.

the Reverend Harry A. Thompson was appointed by presbytery to supply the congregation. He remained pastor until July 1927.

In 1930, the cornerstone of the present building was laid at the corner of Calumet Street and Cliffside Drive. The stone building, on the edge of a cool, shaded ravine, blends with the beauty of the forest trees.

This small membership congregation is faithfully led by the Reverend Lee Platt as pastor. Over the years and continuing into the future, this congregation welcomes and hosts a variety of community ministries and services.



## Special Resources for Lent and Holy Week..

*From The Reverend Neil MacQueen...*

The creative Christian educators and pastors at [www.rotation.org](http://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](http://www.rotation.org)

**Lenten worship services...**Created by presbyteries in the Synod of the Covenant. These online worship experiences are available for your worship services or to serve as personal devotions for you. 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.

**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/>

<https://pda.pcusa.org/>



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## 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.

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## The 225th General Assembly of the PCUSA Plans for the Future...

The PCUSA design team for the 225th General Assembly, a working group of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA), has begun its work. The team will engage Mid-Council Leaders, advocacy committees, denominational agency leaders, and others on a variety of issues related to the participant experiences at General Assembly including, Commissioner training and support, and overture submission and other topics as needed. Watch for more information and updates regarding the plans for this hybrid assembly.

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