

Mid-week E-News March 18, 2021

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

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The Presbytery of Scioto Valley includes 88 churches with a membership of 13,884. Surrounding the metropolitan center of Columbus, Ohio, the Presbytery extends northward to Marion, east to Newark, west to London and southward to the Ohio River. The southern portion of the presbytery is distinguished by an Appalachian culture, where there are many small towns and much rugged open country. Scioto Valley Presbytery is represented in 21

Counties: Athens, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Madison, Marion, Meigs, Morrow, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Union, and Vinton.

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Mission Engagement Opportunities Continue

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 in 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
To see the event flyer visit: <https://psvonline.org/publication/13505>

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Meeting Calendar

PSV GLOBAL MISSION NETWORK EVENTS...

MISSION ENGAGEMENT CLASSES

Saturdays: 10:30 - noon; March 20, April 17, and May 15!

(PSV Global Mission Network is sponsoring zoom-groups on the third Saturdays of March, April and May, from 10:30 a.m. - noon)

Join us for Session 3 this Saturday, March 20; 10:30 - Noon
"Power and Money in Mission, historically and today"

Conversation with Jed Hawkes Koball and Jenny Valles Koball, serving in Peru.

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

Tuesday, March 23, 1 p.m.

Zoom Meeting - Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO)

2021 PRESBYTERY MEETING DATES...

May 18, September 21, and November 16.

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

Worship Resources for Lent and Holy Week...

Online worship experiences are available from our Synod 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](#)

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 Korean Presbyterian Church

In 1969, God gathered the Korean immigrants and students in the Columbus area and started the first Korean church. It was the non-denominational Korean Church of Columbus. During the '70's and '80's, the number of Korean immigrants increased as a result of changes in the immigration laws that opened doors for Korean immigrants. Many denominations started Korean churches.



Columbus Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Late in 1912, the Columbus Presbytery decided to establish a church at the north end of Columbus. Land was purchased at Oakland Park Avenue and Broadway Court. A chapel was built, and the first service held September 27, 1914. In 1915 Oakland Park Presbyterian Church was formed. The congregation outgrew the building after World War II. In 1950, a new church was planned at North High Street and Croswell Road. With the move to the



Even though the Presbyterian Church is the largest denomination in Korea, it was the last one to start in this area. The Korean Presbyterian Church of Columbus offered its first worship service at the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in October 1991 as a new church development of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Reverend Bok Sun Kim served as the first pastor from November 1991 to May 1992, and the Reverend Sung Koo Yoon, as the second pastor from November 1992 to August 1994.

On October 10, 1993, the church was organized as the 113th church of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. In November 1994, the congregation moved to the Worthington Presbyterian Church and was graciously housed there for several years.

As this new congregation grew, they found land and built a lovely church building in Southern Delaware County. The Korean Presbyterian Church of Columbus is faithfully led by the Reverend Joon Won Lee as pastor. Joon also serves on the Presbytery's Commission for Church Professionals.

new location in 1953, the congregation voted to change the name to The Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

Overbrook PC continues to be a caring community of disciples of Jesus Christ. The church welcomes and celebrates all. They are a community of God's people who serve the needs of God's diverse creation through worship, community outreach, education and fellowship.

Overbrook pastors, members and leaders faithfully work to be a center for worship, action and support in the heart of the Clintonville Community in the Columbus area. The church has an excellent and highly respected weekday preschool. A few years ago, this welcoming congregation remodeled classroom spaces to make a home for the offices of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

The Overbrook congregation serves both world and neighborhood as they live out their commitment to local and global mission and ministries. Overbrook is faithfully led by Senior Pastor Reverend William Gause and Associate Pastor Reverend Mary Gause.

From Your Presbytery Coordinating Team (CT)...

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) CT will be sending updated and re-opening guidance for congregations by email later this week.

On Tuesday, March 16, your CT appreciated a Zoom meeting with Lisa Allgood, Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Cincinnati. Lisa is a trained and experienced immunocytochemist and has extensively studied the Coronavirus. Lisa has made several presentations about COVID-19 throughout the country. You will be able to hear and see some of these presentations in the links in this E-News. Visit our PSV YouTube channel to hear and see her presentation to our CT this week.

Scioto Valley Presbytery's particular and updated CT guidance for our congregations is being compiled by Jim Wilson, Bob Gustafson and members of the PSV Coordinating Team. Watch your email for this information.

The link below is the current guidance prior to this E-News.

<https://psvonline.org/publication/church-opening-and-closing-guidelines-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

Lisa Allgood video from PSV's CT meeting on Tuesday, March 16 is available on our presbytery's new YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4ybDKRw00j_q83Gsk8B9mA

Guidance from our PCUSA Mission Agency...

Science and commonsense agree: Even vaccinated people should continue precautions like masks, social distancing and frequent handwashing. Read

more <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/a-shot-of-hope>

Trained as an immunocytochemist and a graduate of the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, Lisa Allgood spent 36 years as an executive in the pharmaceutical industry. She is a Commissioned Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Cincinnati.



Act Now! Time-Sensitive Offer for Stewardship Resources

Until March 31st, the entire library of stewardship resources from Ecumenical Stewardship Center (ESC) is available for \$100. This includes each issue of *Giving* magazine (which once was provided to PCUSA churches via the denomination), and theme materials for more than 20 annual stewardship programs. Due to declining financial support, ESC will dissolve after March 31. Despite this unfortunate circumstance and in a great spirit of generosity, ESC is offering their entire digital library of resources and videos (including license to use by one congregation per purchase) for \$100. Go to www.stewardshipresources.org, click on "Subscribe," then look for "Generosity 365 Subscription for Congregations." Do it before Holy Week!



The Seven Marks of Vital Congregations...

By the Reverend Katie Kinnison,
PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach



As part of our Matthew 25 initiative, the PC(USA) has named Seven Marks of vital congregations. The second one is **Intentional Authentic Evangelism**. How do you scare off a Presbyterian? Mention *evangelism*. No, that's not true of all of us, but there is a certain kind of sharing the gospel that feels like a hammer. Having a formula for talking about Jesus is artificial, and it simply does not work for most of us. And... if God is at the center of our lives and we profess Jesus Christ as Lord, how can we not reveal that to those around us? We need to help people find their "God language" – words to express their experiences of the holy and their commitment to kingdom-building justice. Intentional Authentic Evangelism is all about relationships. We get to know people because we want to know them, because becoming closer is already bringing God's dream for the world closer. In the context of those relationships, we cannot help but reveal our love for God, our commitment to Christ, our life in the Spirit. May it be so. Head on over to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Facebook for a brief video about this second mark of congregational vitality.

<https://www.facebook.com/You.R.Presbytery/videos/146868257298034>.

And you can read about the Seven Marks

here: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/ToolkitDAVID4.22pm.pdf>

News from the PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO)

Elder Kathi Bubb, Chairperson

Thanks to all who participated in our Matthew 25 Roundtable last Saturday! Many great ideas were shared - you can check them out at the recording of your time together our NEW YouTube Channel -

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4ybDKRw00j_g83Gsk8B9mA.

Be sure to subscribe to the page, as we will get some perks once we reach 100.

Lenten Laments for Racial Injustice...

According to the Rev. Dr. David Gambrell, associate for worship in the PC(USA) **Office of Theology and Worship**, the practice of lament is an appropriate form of worship and prayer for the season of Lent. "The psalms of lament provide a model for us — a way to acknowledge the contrast between the evil, injustice and violence of this world and the promise of God's realm of righteousness, justice and peace," he said.

In the illustration below, you can see what Spring Church came up with for the bi-weekly worship services during Lent and Easter. In each lament, Spring Church prays from **Psalm 90, in the Message**. The opening and closing words sound the same from week to week: "God, in sadness we come to you. We all end up in the same place — we all come from the dust, and we all return to the dust."

"And help us to love as you love, even in the valley of the shadow of death." Read more:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/lenen-laments-for-racial-injustice/>

"One Great Hour of Sharing" A Special Offering of the PC(USA)

This Special Offering has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love and care with neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by the One Great of Sharing Offering are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self Development of People.

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

The Columbus Overbrook Presbyterian Church is seeking a Part-time Director of Children's Ministry to serve the church by leading and supporting educational ministries with children including Sunday School for children up to grade 5, Nursery Care, a quarterly children's activity, and a summer week-long opportunity for children. For more information contact Debbie Ryan at daryan43214@aol.com.



A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR MINISTRY...A complete set of (Paperback) of the current Westminster/John Knox Commentaries (individual books of the Bible) are looking to find a good home. I would like these wonderful books to go to someone who could use them. Interested persons may contact via email at RevMrs2@gmail.com in order to arrange transfer. Plus, other good study materials are available.

The Presbytery offices are still closed. However, your Presbytery staff persons, are available. Do not hesitate to contact:

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OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

The Presbyterian Giving Catalog helps New Mexico congregation to support life-giving water initiatives... read more at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/let-the-rivers-run>

Presbyterian Historical Society <http://www.history.pcusa.org/>

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>
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