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The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

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A Prayer For a Time Like This... Teach us Your Ways...

By [Andrew Schwartz](#) (Contributed by Bill Matson)

Creating God, with an engaging spirit you never fail to meet us where we are, ever faithful while calling us into each tomorrow with the excitement and adventure of new possibilities. As we greet this new day, facing realities we find overwhelming, let us not be burdened with a sense of hopelessness and despair.

Teach us your ways, O God.

Grace us with the courage, strength and hopefulness to meet and engage this day exactly as we find it. Teach us your ways.

May the challenge of each new day embolden our resolve to live ever more faithfully while seeking truth and justice. Teach us your ways.

Let our voices be well-tuned and persuasive as we speak and sing of a creation saturated with your love and transforming presence. May we learn well from the faithfulness of your engagement, O God, as we seek to co-create with you a world that is welcoming, safe and a place of well-being for all of creation. Amen.



Celebrating February Ordination Anniversaries of Pastors in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley

One of the ministries of the Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals is to support the minister members in our Presbytery and to support these faithful servants and to celebrate their ordination anniversaries. This month we recognize and lift up in prayer the following ministers who are celebrating the anniversaries of their ordinations to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the month of February.

The Reverend Janice Hilkerbaumer 2-1-1972

The Reverend Frank LeBlanc 2-4-2006

The Reverend Ann Melick 2-8-2015

The Reverend Desiree M. Youngblood 2-10-2008

The Reverend David M. Redding 2-12-1995
The Reverend Charlotte O'Neil 2-15-2004
The Reverend H. C. Paul Kim 2-20-2000
The Reverend Dr. Bruce A. Kreuzer 2-20-1994
The Rev. Allison T. Bauer 2-26-2006
The Reverend Peter Galbraith 2-27-2011

PSV Healthy Boundaries Training 101

Guest Participant shares a Note of Thanks!

A Message to the Class From The Reverend Mena Mohany...

Last week, I attended the online Zoom training about boundaries with a group of foreign Pastors in Scioto Valley, taught by Don Hilkerbaumer. This was the first time to attend an online training full of questions and discussions with solely English speaking colleagues. This made me confused and worried especially since I am still learning the English language.

After the training was concluded, they sent me the training recording. Yesterday I re-listened to the recordings with high concentration to my replies on the questions. The impression that I had after the meeting (it was even confirmed after listening to the recordings) is how much I am impressed with the amount of encouragement, acceptance and high respect that they showed me in spite of being from a different culture and having a different way of thinking and speaking with fair English language. So I was speaking slowly during the meeting, with low concentration and sometimes I didn't fully comprehend the questions that I was answering. Not at once did anyone said a word that was offending or even smiled a mocking smile that might hurt me. I am really impressed how wonderful these people are and I wonder how they have this great capability on accepting, encouraging and even respecting a person who is still trying to develop his skills. I really pray that God will help me, and help us all and give us the same heart. I want to tell all in the group...Thanks!



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.

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

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

Zoom Healthy Boundaries 201

Monday, February 8, 3 p.m.

Zoom meeting - Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO)

**Tuesday, February 9
10 a.m.**

PSV Older Adult Ministry Team zoom Meeting

4 p.m.

PSV Coordinating Team Meeting

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

February 15 Presidents Day

**Tuesday, February 16, 3:00 p.m.
STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING**

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



Special Event on 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, Eradicating Systemic Poverty, and Building Church Vitality. This event is FREE and we ask that you

register: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwscOCgrTIuGdGT-](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwscOCgrTIuGdGT-zCK_KRBJt1d1tCxEX-M)

[zCK_KRBJt1d1tCxEX-M](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/>

PSV PIE Leadership Training Update and Resources

We continue to celebrate two great PIE Leadership Training Events earlier this month. The printed materials shared at all five workshops are now available on the website psvonline.org under Presbytery Leadership, then Nurture & Outreach Commission, then Forms and Resources.



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 Committee liaison to the SDOP Committee: lessauer@hotmail.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 lifting up 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.



Chillicothe First Presbyterian Church

In the summer of 1797, the Reverend William Speer, a young Presbyterian Minister, started exploring the Northwest Territory, then an almost unbroken wilderness. Traveling on horseback he came to Chillicothe at that time just a year old. In this settlement he found fourteen persons who were Presbyterians, and he organized the "New Hope Church." The group met in a half-finished log cabin standing near the corner of Riverside and Bridge Streets.



Circleville Presbyterian Church

The Circleville Presbyterian Church was organized early in 1822 with 22 active members. The first pastor, the Reverend William Burton, was installed at the Pickaway County Court House on Friday, September 13 of that same year. The first meeting house was constructed between 1826 and 1828 on the site of the present building. It was the first church edifice erected in Circleville.

In 1838 the national church split over ecumenical and other issues. Thus were formed what were later called the New

The second pastor, called in 1805 was Dr. Robert Wilson, who served until 1824 when he left to become President of Ohio University. During Dr. Wilson's pastorate, the church was housed in a handsome, two-story brick building on Second Street and in 1816 the first Sunday School in the area was founded.

In 1846 during Dr. Thomas Woodrow's pastorate, the "Old Rock" church was dedicated. It was located on west Main Street just west of the courthouse and the old jail.

In 1893 the cornerstone was laid for a new church building on the same site. This stone building with an imposing square tower was not completed until 1897 in time for the Centennial Celebration.

The Reverend Benjamin Judd, Jr. had been called as the pastor in 1955 and it was under his leadership that our present church was built on property acquired from Mrs. John Traquair, a member of the church. Our new church was dedicated in 1958.

This historic church continues to grow and serve its community under the creative leadership of the Reverend Jason Link. The Chillicothe congregation continue to be committed to building a strong balance program of ministry and mission for all persons of all ages.

School and the Old School denominations. For over 40 years, Circleville had two Presbyterian churches—First (New School) and Central (Old School).

Circleville has provided two Presbytery moderators in the second half of this century. The Reverend Donald E. Mitchell was moderator of the old Columbus Presbytery in 1954. In 1982-83, Elder Edward Grigg served as moderator of the Presbytery of the Scioto Valley. The church has remained active in Presbytery affairs and has sent four delegates to General Assembly over the past forty years.

While the turn-of-the-century edifice has been maintained, a new Christian Education wing was added in 1965 under the leadership of the Reverend Henry Walters. It has continued to provide adequate space for many important activities.

In 1997, the Circleville congregation celebrated its 175th anniversary. If there is one thing which stands out over the years, it is the effort on the part of local Presbyterians to work with other churches. From the early co-operation with the Congregationalists, to the county-wide Preaching Mission, to the Union Bible School, which includes Presbyterians, Lutherans, Catholics and Episcopalians, Presbyterians in Circleville have made many ecumenical efforts and believe we are all one in Christ Jesus.

Historic Church News...Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church Receives an 8th Generation New Member!

By Dee Mowry, Clerk of Session... Our Grandson, A.J. Ray, joined Bremen-Bethel last Sunday which pleased grandma and grandpa. It is also interesting to note that A.J. is the 8th generation to belong to Bremen-Bethel. His great, great, great, great, great grandfather, Abel Everitt gave the ground for the Bethel Presbyterian Church which was built in 1828. The church bought the lot next to the original lot for \$1.00. The contract to build the church was \$380.00, \$100.00 was to be paid in currency and the remainder to be paid in wheat. In 1932 the Bethel Church merged with the Bremen Church to form the Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church. The old Bethel Church stood until about 1935 when it was dismantled and moved to North Berne where it was a saloon. In 1952 A. J's great, great Grandmother, Grace (Everitt) Mericle was ordained, along with Miss Margaret Holcomb, as the first female ruling elders in the Bremen Church. Great, great, great uncle, Rev. Dr. Eli Mowry was a Presbyterian Missionary in the Orient for 40 years. Both parents of A.J., Joan (Mowry) Ray and Andy are ruling elders. Grandmother Kathy Mowry is Bremen-Bethel Treasurer and Grandpa, D. Dee Mowry is clerk of session.

A World of Thanks to our Congregations...

In the midst of a pandemic, when many PCUSA congregations were unable to worship in person, or became stretched beyond what they believed they could do, new ways to worship had to be engaged and celebrated. Amid financial hardships, the faithful members of the worshipping communities of our presbytery rose to extraordinary



measures to support the connectational nature of our denomination through the payment of per capita. Many of our churches paid all of their per capita despite the difficulties because it is just that important that we keep our commitment to our sister churches across the denomination. In fact, 61 of our Presbytery of Scioto Valley congregations paid 100%, or more, of their per capita, with many others paying a large portion to support the mission and operations of our denomination and our presbytery. 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 through your dedicated contributions of per capita. In a year that was fraught with potential barriers, we worshiped and worked our mission in new ways to stay always connected, always faithful, and always listening for the reforming work of the Holy Spirit to speak her wisdom. Well done, good and faithful servants!

PSV Stated Clerk Candidate to be Elected at the February Presbytery Meeting...

The Presbytery Nominating Committee is pleased to bring to the February 16th Presbytery Meeting their candidate for election as the Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV). The Committee, along with the Presbytery Operations Human Resources team, voted unanimously to recommend the Reverend Bill Gause as the Presbytery's Stated Clerk. Reverend Gause serves as the Pastor of the Columbus Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

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](#)

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:

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

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.
Tojoin: <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.

PSV GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION...

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

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.

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



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