

Mid-week E-News March 4, 2021

# The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

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## Celebrating March 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 March.

The Reverend Robert R. Tolar Jr. 3-3-1991

The Reverend Dr. Thomas F. Rice 3-12-1994

The Reverend Kyle Doebler 3-19-2015

The Reverend Karen Petersohn-Jung 3-22-1992

The Reverend Rebecca Hart HR 3-25-1984

The Reverend Oluf Kongshaug HR 3-26-1983



**The "NEXT CHURCH" Conference...** 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. This year the conference is a **FREE live-streamed event, March 5-7**. There is still time to sign up!

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

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

### 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 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 16, 4 p.m.**  
**Zoom Meeting - PSV Coordinating 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.

*YOU ARE INVITED...*

### **To Join in 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/tZ1ofu6rpjktGdGJshu6AOoQaQTWPAm5BkIw>



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

## 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 Highlands Presbyterian Church



The Highlands Presbyterian Church began in 1965 when the Presbytery of Columbus bought a parcel of land on Smoky Row Road in northwest Franklin County. But it was the summer of 1977 before the (now) Presbytery of Scioto Valley called the Reverend Philip L. Ferguson as the organizing pastor for the new congregation.

The church's name was chosen to signify its parish location on the high ground between the Scioto and Olentangy Rivers. A regular worshipping congregation began meeting in March 1978 at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington. The congregation was formally organized on October 15, 1978, with 74 charter members. The first building unit was dedicated in March 1982, and a later addition was dedicated in October 1988. The congregation has always had an excellent music program, a heart for mission and a strong commitment to families and children. Today, the Highlands Presbyterian Church is faithfully led by the Reverend Keith Jones.

### Columbus Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church



In 1906, Hoge Memorial built a new church on Eureka Avenue on the west side of Columbus. It was named for Dr. James Hoge, a pioneer religious leader in Franklin County and Moderator of General Assembly in 1832. In 1954, the church held its first service in its new building at 2930 West Broad where the congregation still worships today.

This church has always supported mission and been involved in the community and continues today. The Hoge Presbyterian Church currently houses and is committed to the Presbytery's WUM (Westside Urban Ministry) program. This mission ministry is a cooperative ministry with the Presbytery and several congregations.

Currently, the Hoge Memorial congregation is faithfully led by Elder Tom Billman, Commissioned Pastor.

## News from the PSV Commission for Congregational Life...

*The Reverend Lee Platt, Chairperson*

The Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) has approved up to \$500 technology grants to congregations requesting financial assistance to purchase needed technology equipment as a result of the COVID pandemic limitations. This can also be used for needed technology as the church re-opens. An application form will be available soon.

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

*Elder Kathi Bubb, Chairperson*

Educational Events videos, information and Training Day Resources will be available soon! Several persons have been asking about when they can see the videos from some of CNO's recent events, such as the PIE Leadership Training Day in January, the Matthew 25 event in February, and the on-going monthly Mission Engagement 101 events. These and other resources will soon be available on our own presbytery's YouTube site - stay tuned!



## PSV Presbyterian Women Gathering Recap

On Saturday, February 27, 2021, the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PWPSV) held its Winter Gathering using Zoom. This gathering of women in congregations from across the Presbytery focused on the theme of justice and peace. Moderator Charlsie Ramsey opened the meeting by welcoming Pat McBride, moderator of PW in the Synod of the Covenant. Ruth Cooper from Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, presented devotions pointing out how for “everything there is a season” including lament.

Following the business meeting, Covenant Presbyterian Church member Stephanie Casey Pierce, a postdoctoral scholar at the Ohio State University’s John Glenn College of Public Affairs, presented information on eviction, explaining how the pandemic has affected evictions. Amanda Woods, Ohio coordinator for America Saves, discussed the importance of financial literacy and pointed the group to a number of resources. Rev. Ramsey adjourned the meeting with prayer. The next PWPSV Gathering is scheduled for April 24, 2021.

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

One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world. 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 the least. Through gifts to the Special Offerings, we directly support people experiencing hunger, homelessness, thirst, imprisonment, sickness, and deprivation, as well as welcoming the stranger.

## 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)



The Synod of the Covenant is a Matthew 25 Synod, where congregational vitality is a key goal. Lifelong Christian formation is one of the marks of a vital congregation, and the support of campus ministries is a critical way that the Synod promotes congregational vitality.

The Synod has two endowment funds whose proceeds are used to support the 22 campus ministries throughout the Presbyteries in the Synod of the Covenant. Thanks to the generosity of our Synod, The Presbytery of Scioto Valley will receive a total of \$10,549.71 over four quarters beginning this month.

The Synod of the Covenant, under the faithful leadership of the Reverend Dr. Charles Hardwick, is grateful to be able to support the campus ministries partners through these gifts and prays that the Holy Spirit will continue to use these ministries to touch students’ lives with the Good News.



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The Presbytery offices are still closed. However, your Presbytery staff persons, continue to work in a hybrid style-from the office and from home. Do not hesitate to contact:  
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### **The 225th General Assembly of the PCUSA is Planning for the Future...**

Watch for more information and updates regarding the plans for this hybrid assembly.

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### **Youth Director Position in Norwalk, Ohio...**

The First Presbyterian Church of Norwalk, Ohio is looking for a full-time youth director. A job description is found on the church website at the following link: <https://www.firstpresbyterian.net/job-openings>

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