

**Mid-week E-News April 1, 2021**

# *The Presbytery* OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

*February 18, 2020*

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley includes 88 churches with a membership of 13,520 (updated March 23, 2021). 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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## **Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Calendar**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4**

**RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER SUNDAY**

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

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

**MISSION ENGAGEMENT CLASSES in APRIL and MAY**

**Third Saturdays: 10:30 - noon; April 17, and May 15!**

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

For more information, or to register, email Les Sauer at [lessauer@hotmail.com](mailto:lessauer@hotmail.com)

## **PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONS' MEETINGS**

**MONDAY, APRIL 5**

12:30 p.m. PSV Commission for Church Professionals Zoom Meeting

3:00 p.m. PSV Commission for Congregational Life Zoom Meeting

**MONDAY, APRIL 12**

3:00 p.m. PSV Commission for Presbytery Operations Zoom Meeting

**Tuesday, April 13**

10:00 a.m. Older Adult Ministry Team Zoom Meeting

**Saturday, April 17**

10:30 a.m. - noon

**MISSION ENGAGEMENT CLASS**

**Tuesday, April 20**

4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting

**Tuesday, April 27**

1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach

**2021 PRESBYTERY STATED MEETING DATES...**

May 18, September 21, and November 16.

Presbytery meetings will be held via Zoom until in person meeting is deemed safe.

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**Your Presbytery staff persons, are available. Do not hesitate to call.**

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**PRAYERS FOR THIS HOLY TIME...**

***Maundy Thursday...***

"May we live in the light of your forgiveness, O Christ. Free us from guilt. Give us lives of freedom, expressed in love for you and for others."

***Good Friday...***

"Bring us together in your love, O Christ. May hurts be healed and wholeness be found (From: *Living into Lent*. by Donald K. McKim)

***Easter Sunday...***

Hear the good news! "the kingdom comes not with power, but with those who listen to the meek; not with loud shouts, but with children whispering hope in each other's ears; not with the cold reality of death, but with the unexpected joy of an empty grave." (From: *Grace will walk us home*. by Thom M Shuman)

**"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.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pt-0321-oghs>



**Celebrating April 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 April.

The Reverend Elizabeth R. Wagner 4-6-2014

The Reverend Mary E. Shields 4-7-1991

The Reverend John Edward Birkner 4-9-1989

The Reverend Roger C. Au HR 4-10-2011

The Reverend Mary Gause 4-27-2003

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### **The Reverend Donald Pendell, Honorably Retired PSV Minister Writes a Letter to the Columbus Dispatch...**

March 21 marked not only the end of winter and the beginning of spring, but also my 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday, and a great cause for celebration and gratitude. How is this possible, considering my two replaced hips, diabetes, heart attacks, COPD and the threat of Covid-19? While all of these have kept me in the house (excluding doctor visits and afternoon strolls with my walker and my son), during this past year, I have actually been healthier than I have been for years. Not even a cold – masking works. My social life has increased: electronically. Our church services are available online 24/7, as are Zoom Bible studies and telephone conference prayer groups. My church's four pastors are busier than ever, and membership is growing. Our food pantry ministry has grown, and our deacons have "every member monthly phone calls." My church, Worthington Presbyterian Church, announced that last year we paid off all the hospital bills of some of Ohio's poorest in 29 counties. That really makes my "winter of most-content" one of real gratitude. Thank you Jesus!

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### **Me? A Preacher? A Preaching Workshop May 8 & 22, 2021**

This two-session workshop, sponsored by Maumee Valley Presbytery, is designed for Presbyterians within the Synod of the Covenant who are interested in learning about the preaching process and perhaps preaching to their own congregations. The workshop will be held Saturdays, May 8 and 22, 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M., via Zoom. In addition to the two 3-hour Zoom sessions, participants should plan on five to ten hours of work on their own before each session.

**Leaders:** The Rev. **Jeanne Gay**, pastor at Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Toledo and the Rev. **Chip Hardwick**, Ph.D. in Homiletics/Preaching from Princeton Seminary, Synod leader.

**Cost:** about \$20 for textbook (Text: A Sermon Workbook: Exercises in the Art and Craft of Preaching, by Thomas H. Troeger and Leonora Tubbs Tisdale, Abingdon: 2013)

Any Presbyterian in Michigan or Ohio considering a call to preach is welcome to register.

**Register via Zoom now>>**

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### **OFFICE SPACE NEEDED...for Midwest Ministry...**

#### ***Does your church building have unused space?***

**Midwest Ministry**, an organization for developing Health, Holiness and Wholeness for Ministry Leaders, is in search of a new office space in Columbus. An ideal space would include 2 offices, a reception area, storage space for files, supplies, and a copier.

Also needed will be occasional access to a conference room, but this will be scheduled around others if this is a shared space. For more information, contact: -

Vickie P. McCreary, PhD, Psychological Consultant/Counselor. Clinical and Administrative Supervisor, Columbus. Midwest Ministry Development Service: 614-442-8822

Email: [vpmmcmmnds@gmail.com](mailto:vpmmcmmnds@gmail.com), [www.midwestministrydevelopment.org](http://www.midwestministrydevelopment.org)

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### ***Worship Opportunity... Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m.***

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia F. Burse; The House of Redemption; Faith Ministries Church, 2747 Agler Road, Columbus, OH. <https://www.faithministries.church/>

## 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 your friends and colleagues in this excellent global mission program.



**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>

## Thinking about Summer Christian Education? from the PSV

**Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO)** *Elder Kathi Bubb, Chairperson*

The Commission on Nurture and Outreach is hosting a Summer Idea Exchange on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm on zoom. Need ideas, inspiration or help on what to do this summer? We'll talk about summer Sunday School, VBS (virtual? in-person? indoor or outside?), summer camp, mission/outreach, fun family nights (game night, hike, bike ride, dog show, popsicles in the park) and more. This gathering is especially for those churches who do not have a staff person for Christian Education, though all are welcome! Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pdemspzgoHNd6aaFSLkCR7tQ7cou75x7o>

## Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN)

### POAMN is offering 3 free webinars!

The Circle of Life - April 22 @ 7:00 - 8:00 pm EDT

You will need to register for each session separately. Connection information will be sent to you in your registration confirmation email.

See more at: [www.poamn.org](http://www.poamn.org)



CELEBRATING LONGEVITY

• AROUND THE WORLD •

APRIL 22 | APRIL 27 | MAY 7

## Saturday, May 1, 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. "Understanding How Historic and Structural Racism Have Shaped Central Ohio's Neighborhoods Today"

The PSV Commission on Nurture and Outreach (CNO) is offering an online event Saturday, May 1, 10:00 -11:30am "Understanding How Historic and Structural Racism Have Shaped Central Ohio's Neighborhoods Today", led by Michael Wilkos, Sr. Vice President, Community Impact, United Way of Central Ohio.

Columbus and Central Ohio have both experienced considerable growth over the past decades compared to our nearby cities. We are often on lists of up-and-coming regions in the country. However, our progress has not been evenly felt. Central Ohio has some of the highest rates of income and racial segregation in the United States. Housing costs have been soaring all decade while incomes have not kept pace. Some areas of the region are experiencing rapid gentrification while other areas of the region struggle. This presentation uncovers structural and historic racism and how they have contributed to inequity today. Covering far ranging issues from highways, housing programs, busing, and redlining—and how they have contributed to the inequities of today.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUudu2ppjMoHdeu54jIk1sFKOkQV5800Hyw>

### **Guidance From Your Presbytery Coordinating Team (CT)...**

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) CT recently sent updated/re-opening guidance to our church pastors and Session clerks. This communication is also available on the presbytery website and Facebook page. Your presbytery leaders continue to hold all pastoral leaders and congregations in prayer as together we cautiously move through this pandemic time.

<https://psvonline.org/presbytery-leadership/coordinating-team/forms-and-resources/>

### **Guidance from our PCUSA Mission Agency...**

Even vaccinated people should continue precautions like masks, social distancing and frequent handwashing. For more information,

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

### **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 Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Westminster is a church where everybody knows your name. Small and friendly, Westminster is a congregation that cares for one another and reaches out to feed the hungry and minister to the homeless in the neighborhood, city, and God's world.

The first worship was held on Dec. 4, 1955. The first group organized at Westminster was a group called the Westminster Winners to make calls for 10 weeks. Over 100

people attended the first social event which was a "Get Acquainted Night" covered dish held on Feb. 18, 1956 at the local school.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the church building at the corner of Amesbury Way and Schoolhouse Lane in Lincoln Village was held on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1956. The church was officially organized on April 8, 1956 with 100 members. The first worship service was held on October 4, 1956. By Nov. 1959 the membership was 398. A 3-year building fund campaign was launched on Oct of 1960 to add an additional church school facility. The area around the church continued to grow with many more houses and churches in the area.

A building campaign ensued in the beginning of the 21st century when decisions were made to revamp the sanctuary and the church entrances to make the church more accessible for anyone with mobility challenges.

Today this faithful, nurturing congregation under the leadership of the Reverend Doug Browne continues to emphasize a sense of belonging to the community, with a commitment to mission throughout the world.

### **Delaware Concord Presbyterian Church** Organizing Pastor, The Reverend Ginny Teitt

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Under the faithful leadership of the Rev. Ginny Teitt, the Concord Presbyterian Church is a new church development in Delaware county. This Christ-centered congregation continues to grow and develop in this growing area of the Presbytery in Concord Township.  
All are welcome!



## **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 Seven Marks of Vital Congregations...**

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

As part of our Matthew 25 initiative, the PC(USA) has named seven marks of vital congregations. **The fourth mark** or quality that alive congregations embody is to **Empower Servant Leadership**. This is both about *who* is doing the leading and about *how* it is being done. Each member, of all ages, learns to name and claim her spiritual gifts. Each is valued for what he brings to the community. It isn't merely the pastor's job to create a church that others value. Power isn't something to be assigned and hoarded. The power of the Spirit is available to all, and the fruits of the Spirit can be seen among people who honor one another and share both burdens and responsibilities. Ideas for ministry – and the resources for fulfilling them – come from the congregation and not just the staff. We can do so much more – with lighter hearts and deeper joy – when many gather together to create beloved communities that go out into the world with God's healing love. For a brief video on this Fourth Mark go to our PSV Facebook page:

<https://business.facebook.com/You.R.Presbytery/videos/143227674383765/>

For the Third Mark go to our PSV Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/1439775046247598/videos/1085119735329697>



Mark 2's video can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/1439775046247598/videos/760310924620503>

And you can read about the Seven Marks here: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/ToolkitDAVID4.22pm.pdf>

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**"Walking toward Peace: The True Story of a Brave Woman Called Peace Pilgrim"** by Kathleen Krull and illustrator Annie Bowler. Perfect for **Women's History Month**, ending on March 31, the book tells the true story of Peace Pilgrim, a female activist and spiritual leader who sacrificed everything to travel by foot around America promoting peace. Written by Kathleen Krull, a widely honored author of nonfiction books for children, "Walking toward Peace" presents a hopeful story that inspires and celebrates peace. It also encourages readers to step out for what they believe and features lively, inviting artwork by illustrator Annie Bowler.

Flyaway Books is a picture book program dedicated to themes of diversity, inclusivity, compassion, and kindness. For more information, visit [www.flyawaybooks.com](http://www.flyawaybooks.com).

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**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](mailto:daryan43214@aol.com).

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**Fredericktown First Presbyterian Church is seeking an Office Secretary/Receptionist.** This position is to work in the church office Monday–Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The qualified candidate must be proficient in Microsoft Word, with some working knowledge of Excel and PowerPoint. Pay will be commensurate with experience. The secretary will assist the pastor and other committee persons with various tasks, including work with the website and social media and assisting the Clerk with entries in the church rolls and minutes books. Interested parties may contact our general email box at [office@firstfredpres.com](mailto:office@firstfredpres.com) for a full job description and application. The position description and application can also be found <https://www.firstfredpres.com/employment>

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

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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>**

**Meeting ID: 588 789 104, Password: 463317, One tap mobile+13126266799,588789104#**



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