

Mid-week E-News April 8, 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

PSV GLOBAL MISSION NETWORK EVENTS...

MISSION ENGAGEMENT ZOOM CLASSES in APRIL and MAY

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

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

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 12

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

Tuesday, April 13

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

Wednesday, April 14

2 pm

PSV Ministry Initiatives Board (MIB) Zoom Meeting

Saturday, April 17

10:30 a.m. - noon

MISSION ENGAGEMENT ZOOM CLASS

Tuesday, April 20

4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team (CT) Zoom Meeting

Thursday, April 22

EARTH DAY
For worship resources and information:
pcusa.org/earthday

Saturday, April 24
PSV PW Spring Zoom Gathering
10 am

Tuesday, April 27
1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO)
Zoom Meeting

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.

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

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Bill Gause, Stated Clerk, statedclerk@psvonline.org

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Presbytery Office: 614-847-0565.

A PRAYER OF PRAISE...

Be praised, my God, by butterfly and dragonfly wings exercising for their first flight.

Be praised by lightning and thunder causing spring showers.

Be praised by the silent voice of grass growing and trees budding.

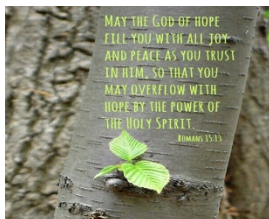
Be praised by all the colorful flower trumpets of spring.

Be praised by downy feathers freshly dried on newly hatched ducklings and chicks.

Be praised by the songs of birds, crickets and frogs.

Be praised, my God, by all your creation which tells of new life.

by Mary Goergen, O.S.F.



Presbyterian Women (PW) Spring Gathering 2021 Theme "Overflowing with Hope" April 24, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM

Persons wishing to attend the Zoom-based PW Winter Gathering should register by April 22 to Martha Pool via email (preferred) mipool53@gmail.com or by calling and leaving her a voicemail message at 740-407-1708. A Zoom invitation and meeting agenda will be emailed no sooner than 24 hours prior to the gathering. If

more than one person will be sharing your Zoom meeting, you may include their names when you register.

The Zoom meeting can be accessed by video and audio using pc, laptop, iPad, or smartphone and even by the old-fashioned way (audio only), by calling on a phone.

Read the PW Spring Newsletter at: <https://psvonline.org/events/pw-spring-gathering-via-zoom-april-24-2021-1000-a-m/>

Grant available to Presbytery of Scioto Valley Congregations!

Congregations of the presbytery are once again invited to take advantage of a \$500 grant that has been approved by the Presbytery Commission for Congregation Life. Some congregations took advantage of the \$500 technology grant when it was offered in 2020, but many of our congregations did not. This round, we have also included re-opening expenses in addition to technology expenses as eligible for up to \$500 in reimbursement from Presbytery. The intention of the grant is to help equip our congregations with technology for ministry or with resources for reopening their buildings in the midst of Covid. As many churches are discovering, we will likely be utilizing technology for worship, learning, fellowship, and administration for the indefinite future, and we certainly have much to do to ensure the safety of those who enter our buildings when they reopen.

One way to take advantage of the grant would be to purchase equipment that allows your congregation to stream worship and other activities to social media platforms. Congregations who wish to take advantage of the grant for technology or reopening expenses should make their purchases and submit their receipt(s) to the presbytery for reimbursement no later than September 1, 2021. Please email receipts to dagmar@psvonline.org or mail them to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, 4131 N. High Street, Suite B, Columbus, OH 43214. May you be blessed as you continue in ministry in these challenging times!

Healthy Boundaries Training for Pastors

The Synod of the Covenant is partnering with its Presbyteries to provide Healthy Boundaries Training for pastors by *Leaderwise*. Three training opportunities will be available in 2021. The first on-line boundaries training will be May 18 and 19, 9-11:30 am. (The deadline for registration is May 5.) There will be no cost for participants taking this training since it is subsidized by the presbyteries in our Synod.

The registration is available at [Leaderwise Registration - Synod of the Covenant](#).

Preaching courses are available to people throughout the Synod of the Covenant.

[Explore these Opportunities to Train and Strengthen Preachers - Synod of the Covenant](#).

- Maumee Valley Presbytery is offering a two day workshop by zoom on Saturdays May 8 and 22 for people who might want to preach in their home church/get their feet wet.
- Alma College/Lake Huron Presbytery is offering a four Thursday evening workshop by zoom beginning on July 8 to help train people to go on a supply preaching list
- The Synod with the leadership of our Synod Executive Chip Hardwick is offering a series of one-off workshops for frequent preachers, beginning on Wednesday May 5, called "How to Preach on Social Justice without Losing your Convictions or Getting Fired"

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



Thinking about Summer Christian Education?

April 15, 7 p.m. via Zoom

Need ideas, inspiration or help on what to do this summer? Creative ideas for 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 will be available. 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/joining/register/tZ0pdemspzqoHNd6aaFSLkCR7_tQ7co_u75x7o

Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN)

POAMN is offering 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



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 -11:30 am "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/join/zoom/register/tJUudu2ppjMoHdeu54jIk1sFKOkQV5800Hyw>

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

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) CT will continue to review and offer updated/re-opening guidance for our congregations. We all know that this is still a time for caution. 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.



Delaware First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of Delaware was founded in 1810 under the leadership of Joseph S. Hughs, a Presbyterian from Pennsylvania. The congregation worshiped alternately in three locations - Delaware, Liberty, and Radnor until 1836.

The Delaware church met in the county courthouse until 1825. It was there that Rutherford B. Hayes was baptized as an infant and President John Quincy Adams attended services. In 1825 a small stone structure was built on the present site in downtown Delaware. A large brick sanctuary was built in 1834.

The church has a long history of involvement in civic life and world-wide mission and has generously supported missionaries throughout the years.

Delaware First is a welcoming and sense of family intergenerational church that values relationships with God, one another, the community and the world. This faithful congregation is currently led by the Reverend Deb Patterson as pastor.

Delaware Liberty Presbyterian Church

Near the birthplace of Tecumseh, in the year 1810, a handful of white settlers met to organize Liberty Presbyterian Church. Rev. Joseph Smith Hughes was called as the first Minister of the Gospel in 1815.



The style and spirit of the church was set by the ministers and elders who served Liberty Church in its formative years. They possessed "liberal education and oratorical powers" plus a penchant for festivity and sport. Ministry with and for increasing numbers of settlers grew and flourished through the years. The first building was erected in 1820 and still stands today.

This large and lively congregation continues to be committed to passionate preaching and living out the Gospel in its mission and ministries. Liberty is currently in a time of transition as the congregation begins to search for the next called pastor. This faithful congregation is currently led by the Reverend Kemper Huber as transitional pastor and the Reverend Kyle Doeblar as Associate Pastor.

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 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 fifth mark** of congregational vitality is **Spirit-Inspired Worship**. Worship doesn't just make us "feel good." It is not rote or mechanical. It is not entertainment. Our worship should thrive on wonder, gratitude, and hope. Yes, we hunger and thirst for God: may our worship be sites of God experiences, of connection with the Holy and with Mystery. All are invited into active participation with the Spirit of the Living God. We offer praise, lament, thanksgiving, stories and questions, as we seek salvation for our wounds and those of the world. We search the scriptures, sing our faith, and sacrament our way into new life. We find comfort, wisdom, call, challenge, and transformation. The truth is that God longs to be in relationship with us, and worship needs to open us to the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

For a brief video on the Fourth Mark go to our PSV Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/You.R.Presbytery/videos/175120581102698/>

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>

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: vpmmcmmms@gmail.com, www.midwestministrydevelopment.org

Information about the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)...

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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