

**Mid-week E-News April 15, 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](mailto:lessauer@hotmail.com)*

### **PRESBYTERY CALENDAR**

**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](http://pcusa.org/earthday)**

**Saturday, April 24**

PSV Presbyterian Women (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.

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

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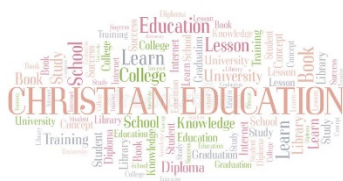
### FIND GOD EVERYWHERE...

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, the birds of the air, and they will tell you, ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you, and fish of the sea will declare to you. "

*Job 12: 7-8*

### Prayers for the Family, Colleagues and Friends of the Reverend Frank Hare...

Frank died at home on April 9, 2021. Frank was an honorably retired minister member of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Frank served pastorates in the southern area of Scioto Valley, and was a leader in the Appalachian area. He was a teacher, pastor and an administrator. He was coordinator of the Coalition for Appalachian Ministry (CAM), a leader in camping and mission ministries, and an active leader in the Amesville community and area, even serving as the Mayor of Amesville for 20 years. Frank will be especially missed by his wife Catherine, their children and their families. We all give thanks to God for Frank Hare, a life well-lived! Calling hours will be held at the Jagers Funeral home in Athens on Friday, April 16, from 2-4 and 6-8. A Memorial Service celebrating Frank's faithful life will be held on April 17 at 11 am at the Amesville Presbyterian Church.



### Thinking about Summer Christian Education?

Thursday, April 15, 7 p.m. via Zoom...Don't miss this opportunity for ideas, inspiration and 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/join/zoom/register/tZ0pdemspzqoHNd6aaFSLkCR7\\_tQ7co\\_u75x7o](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZ0pdemspzqoHNd6aaFSLkCR7_tQ7co_u75x7o)

### 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>

### **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.

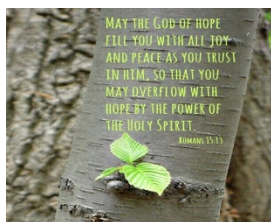
See more at: [www.poamn.org](http://www.poamn.org)



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APRIL 22 | APRIL 27 | MAY 7



### **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](mailto: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/>

### **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/meeting/register/tJUudu2ppjMoHdeu54Ik1sFKOkQV5800Hyw>

### **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](mailto: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!

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### **Healthy Boundaries Training for Scioto Valley 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. Sign up now for this required Boundaries Training for all pastors currently serving! (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\*\*](#).

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### **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"

**Higher Education Scholarships for Christian Leaders:** Students in undergrad, associates, vocational, or their first theology masters program are encouraged to apply for these scholarships. Applications due 5/31/21. Learn more here: [Grants and Scholarships - Synod of the Covenant](#)

**Leadership Development Workshops:** The Synod is offering several workshops through LeaderWise over the course of 2021, around topics such as Racial Justice, Boundaries, Emotional Intelligence, Conflict Management, and Committee on Ministry/Committee on the Preparation for Ministry. Learn more here: [Leaderwise Registration - Synod of the Covenant](#)

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## Looking for an Opportunity to Work in Disaster Recovery...

The Presbytery of Miami Valley is partnering with Brethren Disaster Ministries to rehabilitate a tornado damaged home in Trotwood. Want to be a part of creating a home for a first-time homeowner who was impacted by the Memorial Day tornadoes in 2019?

Want to share your DIY skills, or learn new ones and make new friends, working alongside members of Brethren Disaster Ministries - our team leaders?

Can you volunteer for a minimum of three consecutive days in the week beginning on a Monday, with a maximum of five days? (Must be 18 years and up.) Additional funds for this project are coming from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the PMV Tornado fund, and gifts from individuals and congregations.

Volunteers will sign up with BDM and work under the guidance of trained BDM team leaders, who will be able to provide training as well as any tools or materials needed. The weeks and the number of volunteers needed are outlined below. Consider volunteering as a group/team from your church, or individually.

MAY 9-15: 6 Volunteers, JUNE 27-JULY 3: 12 Volunteers, JULY 11-17: 6 Volunteers  
AUGUST 15-21: 12 Volunteers, SEPTEMBER 12-18: 6 Volunteers

For more information please contact **Sally Dyer** at [sbdyer@gmail.com](mailto:sbdyer@gmail.com) or the Rev. **Terry Kukuk** at [ep@miamipresbytery.org](mailto:ep@miamipresbytery.org) .

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## 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 histories, stories and 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 Old Stone Presbyterian Church

The Old Stone Presbyterian Church of Delaware was founded in 1810 by the Reverend Joseph Hughes. The current sanctuary was built in 1835. In the early 1970's, the church had

dwindled in numbers and was forced to consider closing its doors. Through the financial support of the Presbytery, the church was able to call a full-time pastor in 1977. An educational wing was completed in 1988 which gave the church the much-needed Sunday School and fellowship space. In August of 1989, a fire destroyed the sanctuary and central portion of the church. The educational wing was saved from fire destruction but suffered smoke and water damage. The congregation united in the determination to rebuild the church using the stone walls that had been left standing. The church was rededicated in 1991. The church grew and became self-supporting again. Today, the Old Stone Presbyterian Church is a lively, mission-oriented, friendly and welcoming faith community in the continuing growing Delaware County, just west of downtown Delaware. Old Stone Presbyterian Church is an intergenerational community of faith rooted in the love of God. Worship is not only centered in prayer, it is expressed in everything the church family does. This congregation is deeply rooted in the Holy Scriptures, life's only guidebook, and is a welcoming community for everyone!



### Delaware West Berlin Presbyterian Church

The West Berlin Presbyterian Church (Delaware County) was founded on January of 1876 by 18 members of the Berlin Station community. The building in which this small membership congregation worships was built in 1877 at a cost of \$1,700. An annex was added in 1957, and two purchases of adjacent land provided a four-acre site. In 1933, Gladys McNamara was elected an Elder in the church and was the first woman Elder to represent a church in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. The mission of West Berlin

Presbyterian Church is to follow God's law and act in true faith by being a welcoming place where community members come to learn, take part in worship, find fellowship and serve those in need for the glory of God. This faith community is delightfully and effectively led by Commissioned Pastor, Doctor Robert Gustafson.

## 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 sixth mark of congregational vitality is **Caring Relationships**. We talk about church families a lot – how evident is it that people love each other within your church family? Church can't be a social club or clique. Despite our reputation in the culture, followers of Christ are called to forego judgment and to outdo one another in giving each other honor. Is it safe to ask questions in your congregation? Can you talk about controversial and complicated subjects without dividing into factions? What is the level of trust? We all need to feel worthy of love and to feel like we belong; this is true for members who have been there all their lives and for someone walking in who has never been to a church before. Does *everyone* feel included? Is it safe to be vulnerable? Radical hospitality, journeying with folks through hard things, telling the truth of our lives and moving beyond forgiveness to reconciliation are all part of communities that prioritize caring relationships. For a brief video on this sixth Mark go to our PSV Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/You.R.Presbytery/videos/1243283789420205>

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>

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### **Pentecost Offering...**

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

#### **Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.**

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

#### **Nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come.**

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/>**

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

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