

Mid-week E-News April 29, 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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A Prayer for the Springtime...

Lord of the springtime, Lord of flower, field and fruit, smile on us in these earnest days when the work is heavy and the toil wearisome; lift up our hearts, O God, to the things worthwhile--sunshine and night, the dripping rain, the song of the birds, books and music, and the voices of our friends. Lift up our hearts to these this day and grant us Thy peace. Amen. *(from: W E B DU BOIS)*

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Calendar

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Saturday, May 1

10 a.m.

CNO Zoom Event

"Understanding How Historic and Structural Racism Have Shaped Central Ohio's Neighborhoods Today"

Monday, May 3

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

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

Tuesday, May 4

1:00 -2:00 p.m. Transitional Pastors Zoom Meeting

Monday, May 10

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

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

The presbytery's Global Mission Network has been 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 features PC(USA) mission co-workers along with a specific missiological theme.

A request from the PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach...

PLEASE Subscribe to your PSV YouTube channel!!

Two new videos of workshops in our presbytery have been posted on our YouTube channel - Summer Idea Exchange from April 15 and Global Mission Engagement 101 Session 4 from April 17. These and other videos, including Matthew 25 events, the PW winter gathering, previous Global Mission Engagement 101 sessions, PIE Leadership Training and more, can be accessed at YouTube.com. Then search for Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

Subscribe to our YouTube channel Today!!

When we reach 100 people, we will be able to customize.

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

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

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) CT has not changed its guidance on re-opening congregations. This is still a time for caution. Your presbytery leaders will 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/>

Looking for Curriculum and Youth Idea Exchanges?

The Commission on Nurture and Outreach (CNO) is pleased to offer TWO upcoming Idea Exchanges in our presbytery:

Curriculum Idea Exchange: Looking at resources for children, youth and adults...

Thursday, May 20 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsdeuurzgtHdaWLiVd1ImfjUzMRI9a129Y>

Youth Idea Exchange: Sharing ideas about resources and programming for grades 6 - 12

Thursday, June 17 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkcOupqDwuGtw7dioMXIIM_vZIqYS cTCKY

Questions? Contact Kathi Bubb, chair of CNO at kathibubb@gmail.com



New and Used Coat Collection

Saturday, May 1, 9-noon

Columbus Overbrook Presbyterian Church

With winter nearly over, it's time to put away your winter jackets and coats. As you do, if you find you have children's coats that will not fit your own children next year, please consider donating them to someone else's child. The Presbytery's West Side Urban Ministry (WUM) will be

collecting new and used children's coats on Saturday, May 1, 2021 in the parking lot of Overbrook Presbyterian Church from 9am – noon. These coats will go to Columbus City School children in the fall.

Questions? Call Connie Jump at (614) 832-4355. Thank you!

Presbyterian Mission Engagement and Support Resources

Our PCUSA Mission Engagement Advisor is offering resources that can be helpful to you, your ministry and your congregation.

Here are links for the following videos:

- Shared Mission, "When did we see you?": <https://vimeo.com/presbyterianmission/sharedmission2020>
- GA Per Capita Giving, "Blessed be the tie that binds": <https://vimeo.com/presbyterianmission/percapita2020>

Thank you for your time. We greatly value your partnership.

Presbyterian Mission Engagement and Support

Rev. Chris Roseland, Mission Engagement Advisor, chris.roseland@pcusa.org

Commission for Congregational Life Technology Grant money is still available to Presbytery of Scioto Valley Congregations!

Congregations of the presbytery are 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 as your congregation re-opens.

Persons 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.

Worthington Presbyterian Church is seeking a Preschool Director. The position posting may be reviewed on [LinkedIn](#) or [Indeed](#). For questions or additional information, contact Rev. Dr. Tom Rice: trice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.



The Presbyterian Women (PW) of PSV Spring ZOOM Gathering on Saturday, April 24 was a gathering *Overflowing with Hope* for all the women gathered. It was a day filled with community building in the midst of thanking and recognizing faithful leaders Charlsie Ramsey, Beth Malchus-Stafa and Betty Kennedy. Out-going Moderator Reverend Charlsie Ramsey, who was awarded an Honorary Life Membership during the meeting, offered her gratitude for the patience, support and kindnesses she received as PW Moderator. Elder Martha Pool was elected and installed as the new Moderator of PW for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

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 beginnings, histories, stories and ministries. We hope you and your congregation will join in celebrating our congregations and holding them in your prayers.

Fredericktown First Presbyterian Church

The village of Fredericktown was first plotted in 1807. In 1808, the first church in this pioneer village was the Presbyterian Church. This church held its services in the log cabins of various members, and then in the schoolhouse which was on the village square. After the war of 1812 services were held in the blockhouse on the bluff on East First Street. In 1840 the first permanent facility was built. Membership thrived and by 1845 Fredericktown First Presbyterian church helped organize two new churches in nearby communities. In 1885 a new and larger facility was constructed at 17 S. Main Street. That brick building is now a national landmark and is still in use.

In 2006, hoping to meet the needs of the community and to grow the church, Fredericktown First truly stepped out in faith to build a new addition with bright Sunday school rooms and a beautiful fellowship hall where community and congregation alike could gather for some of the most important events of human life. Celebrations of life and birth, meals and weddings, and gatherings for police and fire personnel are frequently welcomed. Commissioned Pastor Christine Burns says the church family wants to be known as more than just building history and tradition in the Village of Fredericktown. Seeking to be a church of today has led them down new paths. When faced with COVID-19, they found new ways to reach out to

Gahanna Mifflin Presbyterian Church

Mifflin Presbyterian Church, founded in 1840, is located in a fast-growing family community on the East Side of Columbus, Ohio. Once a small rural town, Gahanna is known for its active churches. Mifflin Presbyterian Church is the second oldest. Its name comes from the township. Membership continues to grow due to the large number of families who are moving into and around the Columbus Metropolitan area. The many members who have been received in the past several years represent a cross-section of the community. They have included married couples, families with young children and/or teenagers, as well as some retired and senior citizens.

Presently, the church is enjoying the fruits of its evangelism and ministry. The expansion of the facility began in 1990, which doubled the existing space to more than 30,000 square feet. The result is a glorious fellowship hall and additional classroom and meeting space to fill the needs of a growing congregation. The building is an excellent facility, planned and built to serve the community in which it is located. Over the years, the church has supported many outside organizations as well as church related functions. Mifflin prides itself in reaching out to all ages and interests.

As a result of the steady growth in the Gahanna area, the Reverend David Bubb,

both the congregation and those who might be looking for hope in challenging times. The efforts of the members to build up an online presence with streaming and social media was part of an article in the September 2020 issue of "Presbyterians Today"!

pastor, along with talented staff and energetic volunteers, continue to faithfully serve the Mifflin Presbyterian Church family and the community through this challenging time.



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. For information on these marks of vital congregations, go to our Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Facebook page.

For a brief video on the 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>

The Healthy Boundaries Training is free this year for All PSV Pastors!!!

The Synod of the Covenant in partnership with its Presbyteries, including Scioto Valley, is offering 3 boundaries trainings over the course of this year. Each training will be 5 hours online via zoom, 2.5 hours each day for 2 consecutive days. Sign up for whichever one fits best into your schedule. There is **no cost** for these trainings, and they are easily accessible on-line. Our presbytery, along with the synod and our partner presbyteries will be providing these workshops for free. Don't miss this opportunity to get updated on your required training in healthy boundaries!

- May 18 and 19, 10:00 am -12:30 pm each day (Registration Deadline 5/5/21)
- August 18 and 19, 6:00 - 8:30 pm each day (Registration Deadline 8/5/21)
- November 9 and 10, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm each day (Registration Deadline 10/27/21)

To register for a workshop, or others offered through LeaderWise in 2021, visit [Leaderwise Registration - Synod of the Covenant](#). You'll receive the zoom information after you register.

Preaching courses available...

Higher Education Scholarships for Christian Leaders: Students in undergrad, associates, vocational, or their first theology

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.

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**

Racial Justice Training Available for Scioto Valley...

To Register: <https://synodofthecovenant.org/leadership-development-workshops>

Our Synod, the Synod of the Covenant, in cooperation with its presbyteries, is offering high quality leadership training to members of our presbytery. Racial Justice Training is one of these.

In this day and age, we can't afford to ignore the impact racism has had on our country and in our churches. Each of us needs to do our own work. In this program, **each participant will take the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI), which is the premier assessment of cross-cultural acumen, have a 1:1 debrief with a LeaderWise psychologist, and then participate in a ½ day workshop for the group led by 2 LeaderWise staff members who are certified to administer and teach the IDI.** During this Zoom workshop, participants will learn more deeply about cross-cultural competence; constructions in in diversity, equity, and inclusion; reflect on their own opportunities for increasing competence; and begin to create their own development plan for increasing their competence.

You can receive a refund grant of \$75 (that is half the \$150 fee for the testing and individual consultation) if you also take part in a follow up meeting to discuss how to share what you learned with our presbytery. Please contact Kathi Bubb for information about this: kathibubb@gmail.com. Time is of the essence - assessments must be completed by May 26th.

A Personal Comment: "This testing and consultation was part of a recent transitional ministry class that, I, Rev. Katie Kinnison, completed. Having interpretive feedback about my own inclinations allowed me to process the information in a much deeper and targeted way than

had I only learned the terminology. We need help to see our blind spots and this test is a valuable resource to do just that."



International Peacemakers to return in 2021

June 1 is the application deadline for becoming a host.

LOUISVILLE — Continuing a nearly 40-year tradition, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is once again hosting individuals from around the globe who will serve as International Peacemakers.

Each year, the **Presbyterian Peacemaking Program** welcomes an international cadre of leaders from partner organizations and denominations. They visit churches in the United States to provide a global perspective about issues impacting the world. To read the entire article

visit: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/international-peacemakers-to-return-in-2021>

Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) approves docket for the 225th General Assembly, between June 18-July 9, 2022

Members ponder what's in store for future Assembly gatherings
Rick Jones | Office of the General Assembly - April 16, 2021



The docket for the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has been confirmed and conversations continue about what happens for the 226th gathering in 2024. Thursday was a busy final day for the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly during its virtual three-day spring meeting. Staff from the Office of the General Assembly will be working with mid council leaders in an effort to move the process of electing commissioners along so that training and preparation for the new hybrid model can begin.

Read more: <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2021/4/16/coga-approves-docket-225th-general-assembly>

Older Adult Week

To help congregations prepare for Older Adult Week, which starts Sunday, the **Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN)** presented the first of three webinars as part of its Celebrating Longevity Around the World series. The webinars are focused at looking at different cultures as a way to learn more about how to honor and value older adults.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/webinar>

Kirkmont Center: A PLACE FOR ALL PEOPLE IN ALL SEASONS.

Kirkmont is a camp and retreat center serving public and private school groups, non-profit organizations, youth groups, sports teams, music and art associations, churches and faith based groups of all denominations, families, businesses, and individuals. Our goal is to provide you with a renewing camp, outdoor education, or retreat experience. Kirkmont is located in Logan County near Bellefontaine, OH and consists of 278 acres nestled among gently rolling hills and pine groves. Kirkmont Center is classified by naturalists as one of the most unique parcels of land in the State of Ohio, and offers many opportunities for school groups, universities, and adult education. During the summer of 2021 Kirkmont Center will

continue to offer a \$50 discount to each weekly camper from PC(USA) churches in the four presbyteries Kirkmont serves. Kirkmont Center has not increased rates for three years and continues to be one of the lowest priced summer camps.

Kirkmont also will continue to offer respite to clergy staying in the Habitat House Sunday night through Friday night at \$40 a night. The house is near the labyrinth and hiking trails, air conditioned with a kitchen, living and dining area, bathroom with shower, and two bedrooms. For more information visit: <https://www.kirkmontcenter.org/>

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/>

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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