

## Mid-week E-News May 6, 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.

[Visit our website](#)



"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." —*St. Therese of Lisieux*

### Celebrating May 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 May.



The Reverend Mark Stephen Merold HR 5-13-1973  
The Reverend Joel A. Esala 5-15-2016  
The Reverend Dr. Myong Sun Kim 5-15-2011  
The Reverend Leslie Sauer HR 5-17-1971  
The Reverend Dr. Shelley C. Wiley 5-18-1986  
The Reverend Dr. Jeannie C. Harsh 5-21-2013  
The Reverend David L. Bubb 5-22-1984  
The Reverend Evan D. Fisher HR 5-23-1965  
The Reverend Robert E. Salmon HR 5-24-1970  
The Reverend Elizabeth D. Terry HR 5-31-1981  
The Reverend Randy Terry HR 5-31-1981

## Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Calendar

### Monday, May 10

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

### Tuesday, May 11

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

### Saturday, May 15

10:30 a.m. - noon

MISSION ENGAGEMENT CLASS - Session 5

Next steps--where do we go from here?

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

### Tuesday, May 18

3:30 pm

Presbytery Meeting via Zoom

### Tuesday, May 25

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

### May 31 - Memorial Day

## 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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Presbytery Office: 614-847-0565.

## Mission Engagement Opportunity Continues

**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>

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.

## 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.

**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](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)

**Our next Matthew 25 Zoom workshop will be Saturday, June 5th, 10-11:30**

**a.m. Extraordinary Time: Coming Out of COVID with Vitality. The Rev.**

**Carlton Johnson, Associate Director for Vital Congregations will**

**be our speaker.** We will reflect on our call to follow Christ at this moment in time. As our churches go back to in-person worship and we find ourselves doing more than "going back to normal" we face an opportunity to follow God in amazing adventures. Come help us explore the astonishing truth that "perhaps we were made for a time such as this." (Esther 4:14) Questions?

**Presbyterian Mission Engagement and Support Resources**

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

Here are links for some PCUSA 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>

Contact Rev. Katie Kinnison  
@gmail.  
To register go  
to [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkceuhpzgsGdG24jqDdcc\\_o mNFpx3Ybmgb](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkceuhpzgsGdG24jqDdcc_o mNFpx3Ybmgb)

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## 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/tZAsdeuurzqtHdaWLiVd1ImfjUzMRI9a129Y>

**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\\_yZIgYS cTCKY](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkcOupqDwuGtw7dioMXIIM_yZIgYS cTCKY)

Questions? Contact Kathi Bubb, chair of CNO at [kathibubb@gmail.com](mailto:kathibubb@gmail.com)

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## Feedback from "Understanding How Historic and Structural Racism Have Shaped Central Ohio' Neighborhoods Today"

Last Saturday, over 40 folks from our Presbytery heard a wonderful presentation from Michael Wilkos, Sr. VP - United Way, Columbus. He shared lots of data, history, and the backstory of what our neighborhoods look like, who lives in the different neighborhoods of greater Columbus and how systemic racism has shaped our community. You can view his presentation on our presbytery's YouTube channel. You can also view the recently added interview with sportscaster James Brown, who talks to the Rev. Alice Phillips about racism and his faith. Check them out at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), then "presbytery of Scioto Valley", PLEASE subscribe to our channel when you watch a video - once we reach 100 subscribers, we can customize our channel.

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## 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.



### Gallipolis First Presbyterian Church

Gallipolis, located near the Ohio River in southern Ohio, was settled by the French in 1790. The church was organized on June 9, 1815. Meetings were first held in the Courthouse on the Public Square. The cornerstone for the present building was laid in 1828. The first minister was the Rev. William R. Gould, a missionary from the Connecticut Missionary Society, was installed in 1815 at an annual salary of \$200.

The Gallipolis congregation represents diverse talents and interests and is known for strong community participation and support of mission, and local outreach. This congregation continues to accept new challenges as circumstances change and God's grace allows. The church is currently being faithfully served by the Rev. Dr. Mark Parsons as the pastor.

### Galloway Presbyterian Church

In 1872 carpenters contracted for and started the Methodist Church in Galloway. However, on October 8, 1922 thirty-five members from the United Brethren congregation and fifty-seven Methodists voted to join the two congregations together and became Presbyterians. As the Methodists had the larger building it was decided to use it for the Presbyterian Church. Reverend Ben Harrop was the first minister.

Today, the Galloway congregation continues to exhibit small town hospitality and friendship in the midst of a busy metropolitan community in the west side area of Columbus. This faithful congregation enjoys the leadership of the Reverend Thom Shuman as pastor.



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**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](#)**

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### 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 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](mailto:kathibubb@gmail.com)**. Time is of the essence - assessments must be completed by May 26th.

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### **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](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org) or mail them to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, 4131 N. High Street, Suite B, Columbus, OH 43214.

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### **Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN) News...**

The Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network provides many resources including the *POAMN's Tour Guide for Celebrating Longevity*. This publication is filled with a variety of program ideas and articles shared by POAMN members. It also includes model worship services to consider using when planning worship that celebrates older adults. The 2021 guide is now on the POAMN website and be downloaded at [www.poamn.org](http://www.poamn.org) under the "Resource" tab, where you will also find copies from past years.

**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#**



### **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>

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### **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/>

The Marysville, First Presbyterian Church in downtown Marysville is seeking a Bookkeeper and Church Business Administrator. For more information and the job posting, visit: <https://fpcmarysville.com/jobs/>

### **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. 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/>



### **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

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

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

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

### **Presbyterian Historical Society <http://www.history.pcusa.org/>**



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