

## Mid-week E-News June 3, 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 of Praise...**

Apprehend God in all things, for God is in all things.  
Every single creature is full of God and is a book about God.  
Every creature is a word of God.

If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature--even a caterpillar--  
I would never have to prepare a sermon. So full of God is every creature! *Meister Eckhart*

### **Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Calendar**

**Saturday, June 5**

**10-11:30 am**

**Matthew 25 Zoom workshop**

"Extraordinary Time: Coming Out of COVID with Vitality".

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6qrjMjHtCpjg0BemssRjZqxU4Bqp6w>

**Monday, June 7**

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

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

**Tuesday, June 8**

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

**Monday, June 14**

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

**Tuesday, June 15**

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

**Thursday, June 17**

10:00 a.m. Certified Ruling Elder Task Team meeting on Zoom

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Youth Ideas Exchange on Zoom**

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkcOupqDwuGtw7dioMXIIM\\_vZIqYSCTCKY](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkcOupqDwuGtw7dioMXIIM_vZIqYSCTCKY)

**Tuesday, June 29**

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

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

**September 21, and November 16**

Presbytery meetings will be held via Zoom until in-person meetings are deemed safe.

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

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**Matthew 25 Zoom workshop Saturday, June 5, 10-11:30 a.m.**

**"Extraordinary Time: Coming Out of COVID with Vitality".**

*The Rev. Carlton Johnson, Associate Director for Vital Congregations will be the 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)*

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIpf-6qrjMjHtCpiq0BemssRjZqxU4Bqp6w>

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**Celebrating June 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 June.

The Reverend Robert C. Briley HR 6-1-1966

The Reverend Theresa C. Gifford HR 6-1-1974

The Reverend Julian Taggart HR 6-1-1972

The Reverend Otto M. Zingg HR 6-1-1962

The Reverend Sydney V. Jackson HR 6-2-1991

The Reverend Neil MacQueen 6-2-1985

The Reverend Michael O. Wilson 6-2-1985

The Reverend Dr. Alan D. Wendt HR 6-3-1973  
The Reverend Kemper J. Huber 6-4-2006  
The Reverend Judith M. Hoffhine HR 6-5-1988  
The Reverend Dr. Robert J. Armstrong HR 6-6-1957  
The Reverend Dr. George O. Mehaffey HR 6-7-1957  
The Reverend Jane P. Mykrantz HR 6-8-1980  
The Reverend Richard G. Riedel HR 6-11-1959  
The Reverend Susan Warrenner Smith HR 6-11-1995  
The Reverend Gareth D Baker HR 6-13-1967  
The Reverend Dr. Timothy Jones HR 6-13-1965  
The Reverend Robin W. Obetz HR 6-13-1999  
The Reverend Steven B. Brand 6-14-2009  
The Reverend Jeffrey A. Schooley 6-14-2014  
The Reverend Rawley D. Boone HR 6-15-1966  
The Reverend Francis R. Nagy HR 6-15-1956  
The Reverend Donn F. Vickers HR 6-17-1662  
The Reverend Harold L. Clark HR 6-18-1960  
The Reverend Jonathan T. Carlisle HR 6-19-1977  
The Reverend Carroll C. Meyer HR 6-20-1971  
The Reverend Dr. Linda Mercadante 6-21-1987  
The Reverend William J. Eldridge 6-22-1984  
The Reverend Jeffrey P. Jaynes 6-22-1980  
The Reverend Dr. Mark E. Parsons II 6-23-2019  
The Reverend Edward Sensenbrenner HR 6-24-1962  
The Reverend Justice Agyemang Ofosuene 6-25-2006  
The Reverend Dr. Thomas J. Mori HR 6-26-1962  
The Reverend . W. Donald Pendell HR 6-26-1955  
The Reverend Dr. Jason Link 6-27-2004  
The Reverend Ronald Botts 6-28-1970  
The Reverend Charlsie Ramsey HR 6-28-1998  
The Reverend Marion T. Redding Stenner HR 6-29-1980  
The Reverend Sharon Sauer HR 6-30-1991



### **PSV Pastors' Informal Gatherings this Summer...**

Watch for the dates for PSV pastors to gather in June, July and August. These informal gatherings will include Third Thursday afternoon Fireside Chats at the Clintonville Rusty Bucket, Last Wednesday Hanging Rock area Lunches in Jackson, and an afternoon gathering on July 1 at the Delaware West Berlin Presbyterian Church outdoor picnic shelter.

### **Presbytery of Scioto Valley Congregations Lifted up in Prayer.**

Each week the Email news has been highlighting our congregations and celebrating their beginnings, histories, stories and ministries. During the summer you are encouraged to especially hold all of our congregations in prayer as we carefully begin to return to in-person worship and gatherings.

### ***PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach...***

**We did it!** We have reached over 100 subscribers to our new PSV YouTube channel - [www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery](http://www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery).

You can watch recorded programs, including:

- "Understanding How Historical and Structural; Racism Have Shaped Central Ohio - Neighborhoods Today" with Michaelo Wilkos from United Way
- Summer Idea Exchange with educators in our presbytery
- Global Mission Engagement 101, session 1-4
- Interview with Sportscaster James Brown on racism
- Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering and more!!

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## Looking for Curriculum for Youth Ideas Exchanges?

The Commission on Nurture and Outreach (CNO) is pleased to offer:

**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)

## PC(USA) Curriculum News...

**New FOLLOW ME Curriculum from the PC(USA) - [Follow Me : PC USA Store](#)**

**Sunday School Curriculum Overview - [Sunday-School-Curriculum-Overview-booklet-revised-April-2021-2.pdf \(prcli.org\)](#)**

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## 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 conference will begin on Monday, September 13th at 2 PM Eastern and will conclude on Wednesday September 15th at 12:30 PM Eastern. For a detailed look at the schedule, please click [here](#).

Stewardship Kaleidoscope is an annual conference offering excellent plenary speakers, informative workshop leaders, provocative worship experiences, and incredible networking opportunities for all who are passionate about stewardship and generosity. Drawing leaders from across the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) and other ecumenical partners, Stewardship Kaleidoscope is designed to help participants explore stewardship, in its many colorful dimensions!

Our mission is to create an annual event that:

- Ignites generosity.
- Gives practical tools for cultivating generosity in congregations.
- Expands the leadership capacity of those who lead stewardship initiatives.
- Cultivates adaptive approaches for funding Christ's mission.

Venues vary annually, and you can count on Stewardship Kaleidoscope to provide Real Tools for Real Ministry! <https://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org/conference>

## Changes are coming to Triennium, a life-changing event for thousands of Presbyterian youth and young adults...

LOUISVILLE — The 2022 version of Presbyterian Youth Triennium will feature **a Matthew 25 framework**, activities that will extend a full year following Triennium and enough innovation to send thousands of high schoolers and young adults scurrying to register — once registration goes live this winter. Among other changes, organizers are moving the popular every-three-years event, set for July 24-27, 2022, from the campus of Purdue University, which has hosted Triennium since 1983, to a place where everyone involved can enjoy around-the-clock air conditioning: the **Indiana Convention Center** in Indianapolis, as well as at least eight nearby hotels, most of them connected to the convention center by pedestrian walkways. All attendees will enjoy their meals together in a large assembly hall at the convention center. Meals together will also include Bible study, games — and one of PYT's signature components, music. For more information visit:



<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/changes-are-coming-to-triennium-a-life-changing-event-for-thousands-of-presbyterian-youth-and-young-adults>

**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#**

## 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.



## 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-](https://www.pcusa.org/news/2021/4/16/coga-approves-docket-225th-general-assembly)

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