

Mid-week E-News June 17, 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 Father's Day Prayer...**

they are not as silly as TV shows portray them  
nor as perfect as greeting cards show.  
some know the right thing to say  
while others stumble for words.  
some are mature beyond their years  
and some are more childish than we are.  
yet, we give you thanks, Abba God,  
for those dads, granddads, uncles, sons,  
brothers, mentors, colleagues, teachers  
who frustrate us, who fail us,  
and yet who model for us who you are:  
that in foolishness there is wisdom  
in weakness there is strength  
in grace their is justice,  
in love there is hope. Amen.  
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## Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Calendar

### JUNE

#### Thursday, June 17

3:00-5:00 p.m. Fireside Chat for Pastors, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville

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

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?meeting=6028122020&from=calendar\\_invite](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?meeting=6028122020&from=calendar_invite)

#### Tuesday, June 29

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

#### Wednesday, June 30

11:30 a.m.

Lunch Gathering for Hanging Rock Area Pastors  
Arch and Eddies in Jackson

### JULY

#### Thursday, July 1

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Afternoon Tea and Conversations for Pastors  
West Berlin PC Picnic Pavilion, 2911 Berlin Station Rd., Delaware

#### Tuesday, July 6

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

#### Monday, July 12

1:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life Zoom Meeting

#### Thursday, July 15

3:00-5:00 p.m. Fireside Chat for Pastors, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville

#### Tuesday, July 20

4:00 p.m. PSV Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting

#### Tuesday, July 27

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

#### Wednesday, July 28

Hanging Rock Area Pastors Lunch Gathering

### 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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### **Summer Gatherings for PSV Pastors...**

***Rusty Bucket in Clintonville:*** The Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals is inviting pastors to join in the popular Fireside Chats on the third Thursdays of June, July and August. These gatherings are scheduled for **June 17, July 15, and August 19, 3-5 pm**, and will be held at the Clintonville Rusty Bucket, 4109 N. High Street, in Columbus. The gatherings are designed to offer an opportunity for informal conversation and refreshments with pastoral colleagues in the Presbytery.

***Pastors are also invited to an Afternoon Tea and Refreshments at the West Berlin Presbyterian Church Picnic Pavilion in Delaware County:*** Pastors will gather in the church's delightful outdoor picnic area for an afternoon tea and fellowship on **July 1, 3-5 pm**. This gathering is graciously being hosted by the West Berlin Presbyterian Church pastor and members. The church is located at 2911 Berlin Station Road, Delaware.

***Pastors in the Hanging Rock Area are invited to Monthly Lunch Gatherings in the Jackson area on the last Wednesdays of the month, June 30 and July 28.***

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## **LeaderWise Training in Healthy Boundaries**

This boundaries training focuses on strategies to foster mental health, emotional resiliency, and well-being. The Synod of the Covenant is sponsoring Zoom boundaries trainings over the course of 2021. 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. (5 CEUs will be granted upon completion of the program.) There is no cost for this training; participating presbyteries and the Synod are fully providing this experience for you.

**August 18 and 19, 2021** , 6:00 – 8:30 pm each day.

Registration Deadline 8/5/21. This session is primarily for volunteer church leaders (ruling elders, youth/children ministry volunteers, personnel committee members, deacons, etc.)

**November 9 and 10, 2021** 10:00 am – 12:30 pm each day

Registration Deadline 10/27/21. This session is primarily for Pastors/Teaching Elders/Commissioned Ruling Elders

Register here: <https://synodofthecovenant.org/leaderwise-registration/>

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## **Update from the Presbytery Commission for Presbytery Operations...** *by Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter*

PSV Commissions and Committees are encouraged to keep their people safe by continuing to meet on Zoom at least through August. The Presbytery Conference Room is still officially closed as the Overbrook Presbyterian Church building continues to be locked. However, persons may connect with the Presbytery Office by calling Dagmar or Jeannie at the Presbytery Office or by email. The Presbytery is usually staffed Monday-Thursday, 9-4. We are using the entrance on the north side of the church and encourage any visitors to come in through this entrance directly into our offices.

## Presbytery of Scioto Valley Prays for our Congregations...

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.



The 225th **General Assembly** of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be held June 17 -July 9, **2022**, as a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting based in **Louisville, KY**. Some committees will be in person, in shifts, June 17 - July 2; Plenary will be online only July 5-9.

For more information visit: <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga/>

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## Looking for Curriculum for Youth Ideas Exchanges via Zoom? Thursday, June 17, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This will be a time of sharing ideas about resources and programming for grades 6 - 12.

We will explore what is working -and not working - in our churches, PLUS learn about great resources (many of them are FREE!!)

Thursday, June 17 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Register in advance for this meeting:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkcOupqDwuGtw7diMXIIM\\_yZiQYScTCKY](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkcOupqDwuGtw7diMXIIM_yZiQYScTCKY)

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



**A Memorial Service for the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Martin** will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2:00 P.M., at the Dublin Presbyterian Church, 5775 Dublinshire Dr., Dublin, Ohio. His family

invites all to celebrate with them their father's life and witness as pastor, chaplain, neighbor, and friend.



*"The Session of Indianola Presbyterian Church invites the Presbytery of Scioto Valley to the Service of Installation for the Reverend Trip Porch at the Church, 1970 Waldeck Ave. on Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 3 pm."*

(This will be an in-person service but we will be live-streaming to the PSV Facebook and YouTube.)

## **Certified Ruling Elder (CRE) Training Program Looking for Ministry**

**Candidates...** The Presbytery of Scioto Valley is in need of good pastoral leadership to serve in our small membership congregations. The presbytery offers a certified ruling elder training program designed to accommodate any schedule. If you have interest, or you think someone in your congregation might be interested in the training to serve as a commissioned pastor, please contact Kae Merold, moderator of the Presbytery's Certified Ruling Elder Task Team, [pastorkae@rrochio.com](mailto:pastorkae@rrochio.com).

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**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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## **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)

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## **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!
- The Rev. Carlton Johnson, Associate Director for Vital Congregations, Vital Congregations program of the PC(USA) can help our congregations come out of COVID with new energy and purpose. The presentation can be viewed on our YouTube page - [www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery](https://www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery), under Matthew 25.

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### Resources are available at the Presbytery Office

#### ***The Book of Confessions***

The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part I; Cost \$9

#### ***The Book of Order 2019-2021***

The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part II; Cost \$8

Please contact [dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org) or call 614-847-0565.

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**Are you looking for Pulpit Supply, check out the Pulpit Supply list here:**  
<https://psvonline.org/presbytery-leadership/church-professionals-commission/documents-resources/pulpit-supply/>

### Presbyterian Planning Calendars 2021-2022

This 16-month calendar (starting with September 2021, and ending with December 2022) contains many planning aids for pastors and other church leaders. Includes lectionary for Sundays and special days, liturgical days, liturgical colors, resource information for PC(USA) programmatic emphases, updated synod, presbytery and Presbyterian Mission Agency staff directories, color foldout synod/presbytery and world maps. The cost is \$10 each. Calendars are expected around mid-August, arrangements for pick up or delivery can be made at that time. To reserve your calendar(s) please contact [dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org) or call 614-847-0565.

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## **Metropolitan Area Church Council (MACC) Update...**

*by the Reverend Dr. George O. Mehaffey*

The Columbus Metropolitan Area Church Council (MACC) met on June 7, with representatives present from the Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, and PC(USA).

The discussion focused on issues of Gang Violence, Immigration, Evangelism and Communication. Scioto Valley Metropolitan Area Church Council (MACC) members are the Rev. Ron Botts, the Rev. Larry Miller, Elder Mark Stansbery, and the Rev. Dr. George Mehaffey. The Metropolitan Area Church Council members will meet again September 13, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., at Westwood Retirement Home, 5800 Forest Hills Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43231 (formerly known as Friendship Village). Interested persons are welcome to attend!

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## **Every Church Can Have "Mid-week Prayer Meetings" By Phone -- FREE**

Thanks to the FREE CONFERENCE CALL.COM: This can be used for ministries for shut-ins, new moms, recovering patients at home or rehab who can now be a part of weekly, or more often interactive prayer and discussion groups in their own church. Here is how it works:

1. At a predesignated time, each participant calls 515-606-5922 and is answered by a voice thanking them for helping people connect free around the world!
2. The caller is advised to enter a six-digit access code number, followed by the #sign.
3. Meetings usually last 15 to 30 minutes and include: breaking news, joys, concerns, and updates of parish news. Meditations of some daily devotional, the Lord's Prayer" in unison, followed by the benediction.

This may be the only outside contact the shut-in has, and the pastor makes 15 home contacts in 30 minutes! "*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations*" with your phone.

*Submitted by the Rev. Don Pendell, 92, honorably retired, and still going strong!*

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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.

<https://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org/conference>

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## Synod of the Covenant webinar shares wisdom on the challenges of preaching about race by Mike Ferguson | Presbyterian News Service.

LOUISVILLE — A mostly white group of more than 40 preachers tuned in Wednesday to hear the Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick — who in turn did his share of listening during an informative 90-minute online session he hosted — lead a webinar with this provocative title: “Preaching about Racial Justice without Losing your Conviction or your Job.” View the webinar [here](#). Chip Hardwick, interim executive with the [Synod of the Covenant](#), first prayed and then opened the workshop by offering preachers this assurance: We can never preach a sermon bad enough to prevent God from speaking. Then he laid out some of his assumptions: Read more: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/love-logic/>

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

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

## 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. It also includes model worship services. The 2021 guide is available on the POAMN website and be downloaded at [www.poamn.org](http://www.poamn.org) under the "Resource" tab.

## Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) - Coronavirus/COVID-19 Resources Worship, Pastoral & Governance Resources. Reopening after the pandemic.

### Coronavirus/COVID-19 Resource Center

All resources are from PC(USA) agencies unless otherwise noted.

[https://www.pcusa.org/covid19/?utm\\_source=ActiveCampaign&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Daily+News+from+the+Presbyterian+Church+%28U+S+A%29&utm\\_campaign=Daily+news+-+June+7%2C+2021](https://www.pcusa.org/covid19/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Daily+News+from+the+Presbyterian+Church+%28U+S+A%29&utm_campaign=Daily+news+-+June+7%2C+2021)

## 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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