

Mid-week E-News July 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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This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

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### **Presbytery of Scioto Valley Prays for Congregations and Pastors...**

During the summer you are encouraged to especially hold all of our congregations and their pastors in prayer as we carefully begin to return to in-person worship and gatherings.

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## **The Groveport Presbyterian Church Celebrates the 168 Years of Ministry and Mission in the Groveport area.**

*Members, Elders, Pastors, Friends and Neighbors gathered on Sunday, July 11 for the closing worship service in the Groveport Presbyterian Church. They gave thanks to God for the mission and service of this faithful congregation over its 168-year history.*

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

**Summer Fireside Chats at the Rusty Bucket in Clintonville:** The Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals is inviting pastors to join in the popular Fireside Chats on the third Thursdays in July and August. These gatherings are scheduled for **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.

**Hanging Rock Area Pastors in the Hanging Rock Area:** Pastors in the southern area of the Presbytery are invited to Monthly Lunch Gatherings on the last Wednesday of the month. The next gathering will be on July 28. The place will be announced soon.

### **2021 Mission Work Team, October 17-23**

Scioto Valley adults, age 18 and over, are invited to join the Presbytery's 2021 Mission Work team. This team will be serving with the West Virginia Mission Advocacy & Workcamps in the work in poverty recovery with the people in Colcord, West Virginia. The cost per person will be \$400 to cover lodging, food, travel and work supplies. Some scholarship assistance may be available. For more information, email: [jeannie@psvonline.org](mailto:jeannie@psvonline.org).

## Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Calendar

### JULY

#### Thursday, July 15

3:00-5:00 p.m. Summer Gathering 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 at work, in the office and remotely.**

**Do not hesitate to email or call.**

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### Update from the Presbytery Staff... by Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Commissions and Committees are encouraged to keep meeting on Zoom at least through August. Although the Overbrook building is still locked, the Presbytery is usually staffed Monday-Thursday, 9-4. We are using the entrance on the north side of the church building, and encourage any visitors to come in through this entrance directly into our offices.

**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#**

### Covid-19 Update/Guidelines

Information from our colleagues in the Presbytery of Cincinnati...

- The Delta variant is in all 50 states and currently makes up more than 50% of new cases in the US and 80% of new cases in the Midwest.
- The Delta variant is 60% more infectious than the original variant Alpha, and about twice as infectious (200%) as the original virus. That means it has and will continue to spread very rapidly, particularly in unvaccinated people.

- Those who have both doses of an mRNA vaccine are more than 80% covered against Delta. Those who only have one shot are about 30% covered. The J&J shot is also effective at about 65% coverage.
  - The Delta variant has shown that it can evade certain elements of the vaccine.
  - New COVID cases in the US are above 20,000 per week for the past several weeks. Hospitalizations and deaths are also increasing in 42 states.
  - 99% of deaths are in unvaccinated people.
  - The Delta variant has infected some vaccinated individuals. Generally, symptoms are mild, but they can still be infectious.
  - Globally, although this varies greatly by country and region, 25% have received one dose and 25% have received two doses.
  - Spikes are beginning globally, again primarily in unvaccinated individuals.
- CDC guidance continues to require masks for unvaccinated individuals and recommends all people stay masked when gathering with people indoors who are not family.

### **Neighborhood Mission Grants! For PSV Congregations...**

As you are excitedly looking to evaluate and expand your ministry in your local congregation, remember that through the Commission on Nurture and Outreach, the presbytery provides Neighborhood Mission Grants! These grants will assist congregations that seek to be missional churches within the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Neighborhood Mission Grant program honors the way your congregation reaches out in the name of Jesus Christ to your neighbors and community. For more information on these grants (up to \$2,000)

[Visit our website](#)

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### ***PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach News...Youth Ministries...***

#### **Presbytery of Scioto Valley Youth Retreat**

Camp Akita for grades 6 - 12  
**Saturday, January 29, 2022, at 10:30 am until Sunday, January 30 at noon**  
 Theme - "Attitude of Gratitude"  
 NO confirmation track (if there's interest we might offer a separate one day event)  
 Cost \$80 by January 6, \$100 after that through January 23  
 We will observe COVID protocols

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**Presbyterian Youth Triennium** - Triennium is set for **July 24 - 27, 2022 in Indianapolis**. This national youth conference for those entering 9th grade through graduating seniors (and chaperones!) is an AMAZING event. The cost is \$515 for registration PLUS around \$150 pp for lodging. The Presbytery Commission on Nurture and Outreach will cover the cost of a bus, and plans to set aside \$10,000 in scholarships. There will be lots more information coming this fall from co-registrars Martha Pool and Jenni Whitford.

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#### **Fall Idea Exchange- Zoom Meeting, August 19**

Education for all ages - Christian Educators, Youth Directors and Volunteers will explore where to start in planning this Fall, Covid concerns for our children, how to engage Youth as part of the whole church, and ways to keep adults growing spiritually. Led by Jenni Whitford, Certified Christian Educator and Katie Kinnison, Teaching Elder.

**You are invited to a Zoom meeting. When: Aug 19, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)** Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMkcOurpz8rG9HxxUodTd8AggyUJGzli8vu](https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?zmt=1631953200000&mt=1631953200000)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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**The Commission on Nurture and Outreach is putting together a Presbytery Prayer Team**, and invites you to join! We are looking for some prayer warriors throughout our presbytery, who will be led by the Rev. Alice Phillips. We will meet once a week on Zoom to pray for specific and general concerns of our presbytery. If this stirs your heart to join this team, or if you would like more information, please contact Alice at 740-391-2531 or by email: [revalp@neo.rr.com](mailto:revalp@neo.rr.com)

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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](http://www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery), under Matthew 25.



## **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)

### **Review of 2020 Session Records -**

We have set three opportunities to do the record review. These are:

#### **Sunday, September 26, 2-4 PM**

Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church, 142 Purvis Avenue, Bremen, OH 43107

#### **Sunday, October 10, 2-4 PM**

First Presbyterian Church, 210 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Marysville, OH 43040

#### **Saturday, October 30, 10 AM-12 PM**

Mifflin Presbyterian Church, 123 Granville Street, Gahanna, OH 43230

## First come first serve - free gently used VBS supplies and

**decorations** from Cokesbury's "Knights of North Castle" themed VBS product line. The supplies and decorations include the starter kit and more. For more details please contact Christine, Office Administrator at First Presbyterian Church of Grove City, phone 614-875-4322 or email [fpcofgc@gmail.com](mailto:fpcofgc@gmail.com).

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## Reynoldsburg Unity Presbyterian Church is looking for...

### **Music in Worship Director and Organist**

**Music in Worship Director.** Position includes directing chancel choir, working with pastor to develop meaningful music program and to encourage congregational singing, and the oversight of any additional choirs, including hand bell choir. This person will also arrange and schedule special music presentations for the special liturgical seasons of the year. Additional details of position will be shared at interview.

**Organist/accompanist,** to accompany all regularly scheduled and special worship services, provide Preludes and Postludes, and accompany and rehearse with the chancel choir. This is a part-time position and will require an interview and demonstration of keyboard skills. This employee will have right of first refusal for all weddings and funerals and will be supervised by the Music in Worship Director. Additional details of position will be shared at interview. Email resume and contact information to:

Linsie Rose [linsie.rose89@gmail.com](mailto:linsie.rose89@gmail.com) or Jon-Scott Allen [tunewallah@insight.rr.com](mailto:tunewallah@insight.rr.com)

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## Ostrander Presbyterian Church is Looking for Pastor

The congregation of Ostrander Presbyterian church is a small membership church of 37 members, and is seeking a part-time pastor (25% appointment). The church has an active children's Sunday School program. The six-member Session serves the roles of Elders, Trustees and Deacons.

**Pastoral position responsibilities:** Conduct Sunday Worship including Holy Communion. Visit shut-ins and members who are seriously ill. Be available for general pastoral duties such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Serve as moderator of Session. Provide counseling and support to individuals and families as needed.

**Qualifications:** CREs or Retired Ordained Pastors are welcome to apply. Salary: ¼ time CRE \$10,120/yr., based upon 12 hours/week or ¼ time Retired Ordained Pastor \$12,650 based upon 12 hrs./week. Salaries are based upon Scioto Valley Presbytery minimum recommendations. Mileage and reimbursement at current federal recommendation for work conducted on behalf of the church. Paid vacation and continuing education to be negotiated.

**To Apply:** Submit a resume with a summary of qualifications and experiences relevant to the position responsibilities. Include a list of three references. Send by mail or electronically to: Nikki Conklin, Ostrander Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 242, Ostrander, Ohio 43061 614-582-8959 or e-mail: [Conklin.1@osu.edu](mailto:Conklin.1@osu.edu)

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## Memorial Service for the Reverend Jim Browne

Sunday, September 5, 2021, at 2 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church 222 Schoolhouse Lane, Columbus, OH 43228. Jim died in April 2020, but we were not able to do a proper memorial service, due to the pandemic. You can join the service:

[https://m.facebook.com/events/120461506843262/?source=6&ref\\_notif\\_type=plan\\_user\\_invited&action\\_history=null&src=email\\_notif](https://m.facebook.com/events/120461506843262/?source=6&ref_notif_type=plan_user_invited&action_history=null&src=email_notif)

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## Resources are available at the Presbytery Office

Contact: [dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org) or call 614-847-056

- ***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

- Presbytery of Scioto Valley Directory.

- **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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## The Synod of the Covenant is sponsoring Zoom boundaries trainings over the course of 2021. **Training in Healthy Boundaries for Leaders, Elders and Pastors...**

The LeaderWise boundaries trainings focus 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 p.m. 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 p.m. 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/>



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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## 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*. The 2021 guide is available on the POAMN website and can be downloaded at [www.poamn.org](http://www.poamn.org) under the "Resource" tab.

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/>



## 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 \(prcli.org\)](#)

**The Red Cross is seeking Volunteers.** We are reaching out to you to ask for your help with promoting a current critical volunteer need in our community.

Please help us to spread the word about the current need for Office volunteers at our local Red Cross office

We are looking for a few individuals that would be willing to train and assist our local Red Cross office with daily administrative tasks (such as: Answering phones - Making copies - General Receptionist duties - General office support and more).

We are looking for individuals that could help at the local office one or more days a week. Our hours of operation Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We are looking for individuals that are: friendly and outgoing and have great customer service skills. All training will be provided in person or via on-line training. For more information email me at [jill.sorrells@redcross.org](mailto:jill.sorrells@redcross.org)



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