

Mid-week E-News July 22, 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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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.

PRAYER CONCERNS in the Presbytery...

**Blessed are they that mourn:
for they shall be comforted. *Matthew 5:5***

Peace and prayers for Elder Richard (Dick) Mickley, whose wife, Carol, died on July 17 at the Brookdale Senior Living Center.

Dick is a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) in the First Presbyterian Church in Marysville. A funeral service for Carol will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 22 at the First Presbyterian Church in Marysville. Reverend Jeffrey Schooley, pastor of the Marysville Church, will officiate.

Please hold in prayer the Reverend Amy House and husband Phil in the recent unexpected death of their 11 year old son, Phillip.

Calling hours will be at the Evans Funeral home, 4171 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, on Friday, July 23, 4-7 p.m. A Service will be held on Saturday morning, July 24, at 11 a.m. at the Unity Presbyterian Church, 6969 E. Livingston Avenue, Reynoldsburg. Pastor Amy is currently serving as the transitional pastor at the Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Delaware County.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Calendar

Tuesday, July 27

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

Wednesday, July 28

11:30 a.m.

Hanging Rock Area Pastors Lunch Gathering
Toro Loco in Jackson

Sunday, August 1, 3 p.m.

Installation of Called Pastor Reverend Joel A. Esala
Covenant Presbyterian Church
2070 Ridgecliff Road, Columbus

Monday, August 9

3 p.m.

PSV Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO)
Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, August 17

4 p.m.

PSV Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting

Thursday, August 19

3-5 p.m.

Fireside Chat for Pastors
Clintonville Rusty Bucket

Monday, August 23

6:30 p.m.

CAP CITY HELPING HANDS CCHH (formerly WUM),
ministry of the Presbyterian churches in the Scioto Valley Presbytery

Tuesday, August 24

1 p.m.

PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO)

Wednesday, August 25

Noon

Hanging Rock Area Pastors' Lunch

Monday, August 30

12:30 p.m.

PSV Commission for Church Professionals

3 p.m.

PSV Commission for Congregational Life

2021 PRESBYTERY STATED MEETING DATES...

September 21 and November 16

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

**Your Presbytery staff persons are at work, in the office and remotely.
Do not hesitate to email or call.**

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Bob Patterson, Treasurer, treasurer@psvonline.org
Dagmar Romage, Administrative Assistant, dagmar@psvonline.org
John Wyckoff, Financial Assistant, accounting@psvonline.org
Presbytery Office: 614-847-0565.

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.

THANKS to God for the mission and service of the many members of the Groveport Presbyterian Church throughout the church's 168-year history. The Presbytery's Groveport Administrative Commission members continue the work in this important ministry of celebrating the years of faithful ministry and addressing all of the details in the work of closing the Groveport Presbyterian Church.

Commission members are the Reverend Jon Carlisle, the Reverend Phyllis Heffner, Elder Yvonne Gustafson, Elder Bill Lucas, Elder Bill Acklin, and Elder Margaret Ann Cottrill, Groveport Church's Clerk.



COMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES...

2021 Mission Work Team in West Virginia: October 17-23, 2021

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, or to obtain an application to participate in the work trip, email: jeannie@psvonline.org.

2021 Fall Church Professionals Retreat at Deer Creek State Park November 7-9, 2021 Retreat Leader: David LaMotte **Theme: *Worldchanging 101: Moving Beyond Hero Stories***

Review of 2020 Congregational Session Records Dates...

The PSV Commission for Congregational Life has 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 5th Street, Marysville, OH 43040

Saturday, October 30, 10 AM-12 PM

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

SUMMER GATHERINGS FOR PASTORS...

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.

Summer Fireside Chats at the Rusty Bucket in Clintonville: The Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals is inviting pastors to join in the NEXT Fireside Chat. The next gathering is scheduled for **August 19, 3-5 pm**, and will be held at the Clintonville Rusty Bucket, 4109 N. High Street, in Columbus. These gatherings are designed to offer opportunities for informal conversation and refreshments.

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#**

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 the Presbytery website.

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PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach News...

Upcoming Youth Ministries Events

Fall Idea Exchange- Zoom Meeting, August 19, 7 p.m.

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 7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:



**Coming in 2022...
Presbytery of
Scioto Valley**

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMkcOurpz8rG9HxxUodTd8AqgyUJGzli8vu>

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

The Commission on Nurture and Outreach is putting together a Presbytery Prayer Team

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

Youth Retreat

Camp Akita for grades 6 - 12
Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. 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, 2022 \$100 after that through January 23
We will observe COVID protocols.

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.

We have reached over 100 subscribers to our new PSV YouTube channel - 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, 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.

PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach(CNO) 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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Lancaster, OH **Open Position: Children & Family Ministries Director**

Part-time schedule, flexible hours of 15-25 hours a week, including Sunday morning, committee meeting and special event presence and participation is required.

Overall Purpose of the Position:

- To lead a ministry that impacts the children and parents of the Lancaster First Presbyterian Church congregation and community.
- To create a balance between traditional and contemporary methodologies to both strengthen our existing ministry and provide a clear vision for how we can better reach the young families of our community.

The CFM Director is characterized by a love for Christ and others, a passion to see children and families grow in the gospel, and a support for the vision, mission, and values of Lancaster First Presbyterian Church. **Interested applicants should email a cover letter, resume, and references to church@firstpbc.org**

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 or Jon-Scott Allen tunewallah@insight.rr.com

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. Salaries are based upon Scioto Valley Presbytery minimum recommendations.

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 43061614-582-8959 or e-mail: Conklin.1@osu.edu

The post-pandemic future of the church...

By the Rev. Charles B. Hardwick, Ph.D., Interim Executive, The Synod of the Covenant.

I'd be glad to have any conversations that you think would be helpful. I think there are lots of implications and I hope to write some follow-up shorter articles about the impact of what I call the **Great Virtuality** on the future of the church.

[The post-pandemic church in the Great Virtuality - The Presbyterian Outlook \(pres-outlook.org\)](http://www.presbyterianoutlook.org)

Memorial Service for the Reverend Jim Browne...

Sunday, September 5, 2021 at 2 p.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 222 Schoolhouse Lane, Columbus, OH 43228. Jim, an honorably retired minister member of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, died in April, 2020. The family was 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

The Synod of the Covenant Announces Higher Education Scholarships for Christian Leaders Award Winners

These Higher Education scholarships are funded in part by per capita payments from the almost 700 Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations and more than 100,000

The Synod of the Covenant is delighted to announce that it has awarded almost \$40,000 in scholarships to 56 students from 10 presbyteries and 29 churches. These awards, ranging from \$500 to \$1,000, go to the winners of the Higher Education Scholarships for Christian Leaders. These scholarships include 45 bachelor degrees, 4 associate degrees, and 7 theology scholarships. Of the 56 scholarships 27 were given to people who self identified as Black, Korean, Asian, and African. This year, in addition to articulating their career goals, applicants also reflected on how they work toward building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and/or eradicating systemic poverty. These areas of ministry characterize the Matthew 25 movement within the Presbyterian Church (USA), of which the Synod of the Covenant is a part.

members, mostly in the states of Ohio and Michigan, throughout the Synod of the Covenant.

We give thanks to God and pray for our scholarship winners in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

Columbus Ramseyer Presbyterian:

Shanelle Abbiw, Nana Adwoa Brefo, Fredricka Agyekum, Akua B. Agyen, Bernice Agyepong, Daizy Asante, Isaiah Boateng, Ben Danso, Akosua Ofosuhene, Priscilla Oppong, Emmanuel Amoako Okyere, Wendy Oppong-Amoh, Ronald Yeboah and Ruth Yeboah.

Newark Second: Amanda Waser

Worthington: Peter Okyere

The Synod of the Covenant is sponsoring Zoom boundaries trainings...
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. 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>

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/>



Resources Available at the Presbytery Office...

(Contact: dagmar@psvonline.org or call 614-847-0565)

- **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 or call 614-847-0565.



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