

Mid-week E-News July 29, 2021

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

"Inspire, Strengthen, And Challenge Congregations For Christ's Mission."

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Prayers of Thanks...

We give thanks to you, O God...
We recount your wonderful deeds. Psalm 75:1

Let your hearts overflow with thankfulness.
Colossians 2:7, NEB

Sunday, August 1, 3 p.m.

Covenant Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Scioto Valley invite everyone to the Installation Service of Covenant's Called Pastor, the Reverend Joel A. Esala. The installation service will be held at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2070 Ridgecliff Road, Columbus.



Commission for Congregational Life (CCL)

The purpose of CCL is to promote and nurture healthy, faith-filled relationships within and among congregations and the presbytery through facilitation, communication, and coordination.

Review of 2020 Congregational Session Records Dates...

The PSV Commission for Congregational Life has set three opportunities to do the record reviews. 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

Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Upcoming Events.

CCP works to foster the faith and vitality of those who are called to professional ministry—pastors, associate pastors, designated pastors, interim pastors, honorably retired teaching elders, stated supply, temporary supply, teaching elders in specialized ministry, inquirers, candidates, commissioned ruling elders, certified Christian educators, and ministers at-large.



SUMMER GATHERINGS FOR PASTORS...

The Summer Fireside Chats sponsored by CCP are designed to offer an opportunity for PSV pastors to gather for informal conversation and refreshments. The NEXT Fireside Chat will be on **August 19, 3-5 pm**, and will be held at the Clintonville Rusty Bucket, 4109 N. High Street, in Columbus.

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*

PASTORS OF PSV WEEKLY CHAT MEETING ON ZOOM. This informal gathering of PSV pastors is held on each Thursday at 1 pm.

To
join: <https://zoom.us/j/588789104?pwd=cDBEUm8yYnNIS0RUK3dwZG5KVFMvZz09>
Meeting ID: 588 789 104, Password: 463317, One tap
mobile+13126266799,588789104#

Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) News, Updates and Upcoming Events.

To provide and nurture educational, connectional, and outreach opportunities, which promote growth in discipleship, encourage congregational mission partnerships, and support special areas of ministry, such as peacemaking, youth and campus ministry.



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

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: August 19, 2021 7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJMkcOurpz8rG9HxxUodTd8AggyUJGzli8vu>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information to join the meeting.

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.



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

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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Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Summer Newsletter 2021

<https://psvonline.org/publication/pw-summer-newsletter-2021/>

Upcoming Youth Ministries Events in 2022

**Presbytery of Scioto Valley
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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Lancaster

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.

Goals for this staff person:

-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.

Interested applicants should email a cover letter, resume, and references to church@firstpbc.org

Higher Education Scholarships for Christian Leaders Award Winners

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.

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

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

Training in Healthy Boundaries for Pastors, Elders and Leaders

The Synod of the Covenant is sponsoring Zoom boundaries trainings 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>

CDC Guidelines - Covid Update

from Lisa Allgood, Executive Presbyter, Cincinnati Presbytery

Current CDC guidelines are changing for places with more than 50 new cases per 100,000; most of those are in the south and southwest but include every major city you can name. You can see the map here: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

The CDC director has suggested that even vaccinated people in hard-hit places and crowded environments should consider going back to wearing masks. While reported breakthrough levels are still low (5914 out of 161 Million people vaccinated), and transmission by vaccinated people also low, asymptomatic infection and transmission is still possible. It's the unvaccinated people that are significant risk and who are carrying the pandemic forward. Here's the chilling stat: 50% of ALL COUNTIES across the entire US are at the highest risk level for community transmission, and another 17% are at "substantial" risk. Less than 9% are at low risk. And the level of community transmission is increasing by about 18% currently.

This came across my news feed from a physician as part of the "top 5 places not to go" – rated #3:

3. Avoid Churches or Places of Worship

Delta spreads quickly and these places provide the perfect situation for it to spread. Usually poorly ventilated the danger is increased because folks speak, sing, and sometimes shout. If they are carriers of the Delta coronavirus, you are likely going to catch it. If you catch it, you will bring the virus home with you. These gatherings are also less likely to have adequate physical separation and inadequate ventilation.

Please – a personal plea from me as Lisa, not as Presbyterian: Get Vaccinated and encourage others to do the same. This is the only way we will beat COVID. Stay safe. And show Extreme Grace to those who don't believe what you believe. The Kingdom needs you.

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.



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.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Calendar

Monday, August 9, 3 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Zoom Meeting.

Tuesday, August 17, 4 p.m. PSV Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting.

Thursday, August 19, 10 a.m. Certified Ruling Elder Task Team Zoom Meeting.
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. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO).

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Calendar continued

Monday, August 30, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals (CCP)
3 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life (CCL).

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.

Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter, jeannie@psvonline.org, Cell: 614-562-1775.

Bill Gause, Stated Clerk, statedclerk@psvonline.org

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.

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.

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 Dagmar at 614-847-0565.



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