

Mid-week E-News August 5, 2021

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

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One of the ministries of the Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals is to support the minister members in our Presbytery by celebrating 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 August.

Reverend Catherine M. Bogue 8-2-1998

Reverend Joan Bolinger 8-8-2009

Reverend Gordon E. Johnson 8-10-1958

Reverend Leland Platt 8-11-2002

Reverend Karen J. Chakoian 8-19-1984

Reverend Arthur A. Reed 8-20-1989

Reverend Rebecca J. Tollefson 8-29-1981

Prayer Concerns in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley...

Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:5

Prayers for the family of the Reverend Hyung Choon Yang, honorably retired, who died in Osaka, Japan. He ministered in the Korean Presbyterian Church.

Prayers for the family of the Reverend Dr. Charles Ping, honorably retired, President Emeritus, Ohio University. Dr. Ping died in Athens, Ohio.

Prayers for the family of the Reverend Reid Huntley, honorably retired, who recently died in Columbus, Ohio.

Prayers for Commissioned Pastor Jim Snyder, pastor of the Oak Hill Sardis and Moriah Churches, in the recent death of Jim's wife, Patti.

Prayers for the family of Mary Jean Gish who died recently. She was the wife of the Reverend Robert Gish, who died in 2013. He served the Pickerington Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church.



Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the recently installed pastors, the Reverend Trip Porch and the Reverend Joel Esala. Trip was installed on July 18 as the pastor of the Indianola Presbyterian Church in Columbus, and Joel was installed on August 1 as the pastor of the Columbus Covenant Presbyterian Church.

THANKS to the Reverend Jennifer Eastman-Hinkle for her 7 years of faithful service as the pastor of the Dublin Presbyterian Church. The congregation celebrated her ministry and offered words of gratitude to Jennifer as she said goodbye to the Dublin church family. Jennifer is taking some time to enjoy her family and see what God calls her to do next.



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 gathering will be on **August 19, 3-5 pm** at the Clintonville Rusty Bucket, 4109 N. High Street, in Columbus.

2021 Fall Church Professionals Retreat at Deer Creek State Park

PASTORS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS....

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 for Education - 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/meeting/register/tJMkcOurpz8rG9HxxUodTd8AggyUJGzli8vu>

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

Campus Ministries in Columbus. MINISTRIES CELEBRATED BY THE PSV COMMISSION FOR NURTURE AND OUTREACH...

Jacob's Porch is an excellent reformed campus ministry that is supported by the ELCA, the Methodist church, and the Mennonite church. Seeing their great work, our Presbytery has decided to partner with them fully to house our ministry to Ohio State (OSU) students. They offer an open-minded come-as-you are environment and have a focus on relational ministry. They have a weekly bible study/topical discussion offered on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm and have low-church contemporary worship and a meal on Sunday nights at 7:07pm. Jacob's porch is located just east of the Student Union at 45 E 13th Ave, Columbus, OH 43201.

Indianola Presbyterian Church

If your students are looking for a church home while at OSU, we recommend they go to [Indianola Presbyterian Church](#). This is an historic university church that is walkable from campus and draws in not only students but people and families of all ages from the surrounding neighborhoods of Columbus. They have a traditional worship service at 10:30 a.m., and also have a very casual, down-to-earth, "come as you are" atmosphere. Located at 1970 Waldeck Ave. Columbus OH 43201.



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 (WVMAW) in the work of poverty relief with the people in the Colcord area in 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...

This Prayer team will meet once a week on Zoom to pray. Contact the Rev. Alice Phillips to join in this prayer team. 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 Presbytery Commission for 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 PW Summer Newsletter 2021

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

Upcoming Youth Ministries Events in 2022

Presbytery of Scioto Valley YOUTH RETREAT 2022

Camp Akita for grades 6 - 12

Saturday, January 29, 10:30 a.m. until

Sunday, January 30, noon.

Theme - "Attitude of Gratitude"

(There will not be a confirmation track at the Retreat.)

Cost \$80 by January 6, 2022. \$100 after that through January 23

We will observe COVID protocols.



2022 PC(USA) 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. Watch for more information 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.

Position Openings...

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Columbus...

Is looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant to begin August 2021. The hourly rate will be \$14.00/hr. for a 20-hour week, 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Please contact Chris Cvar at 614/440-5700 or Email: chriscvar@gmail.com

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: Lead a ministry that impacts the children and parents of the Lancaster First Presbyterian Church congregation and community: Create a balance between traditional and contemporary methodologies strengthen our ministry and provide a clear vision for how to reach the young families in the community.

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

The Synod of the Covenant is offering: 1) Matthew 25 Grants, 2)Monthly Preaching Workshops, and 3)Boundaries Training.

1. The grant application for the **Matthew 25 Grants** is available at <https://synodofthecovenant.org/synod-ministries/grants-and-scholarships/>. These grants are up to \$5,000 for PCUSA churches and ministries and are due on 9/30/21. Special attention will be given to applications from communities of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (These grants replace the prior New Covenant and Racial Ethnic Grants.)

2. I'm leading the **monthly preaching workshop** that is the first Wednesday of every month from 10:00 to 11:30 by zoom. It will be this Wednesday 8/4/21. It's called "Opening Your Listeners to New Perspectives." Interested parties can learn more/register at <https://synodofthecovenant.org/2021/05/28/opening-your-listeners-to-new-perspectives/>.

3. The deadline to sign up for the 8/18 and 8/19 **Boundaries Training** through LeaderWise is August 5 (this coming Thursday). It is targeting non-paid-pastoral-leaders (think personnel committees, youth/children's volunteers, sessions, etc.), though anyone can attend. There is one remaining session on November 9-10, for pastoral leaders. Learn more/register at <https://synodofthecovenant.org/2021/04/08/boundaries-training-what-would-you-do/>

Stewardship Kaleidoscope in Cincinnati, Ohio September 13-15, 2021



The annual Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference will be held in Cincinnati September 13-15. Over two dozen workshops will be available to in-person attendees.

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 (U.S.A), the ELCA, and other ecumenical partners, Stewardship Kaleidoscope is designed to help participants explore stewardship in its many colorful dimensions! **[Learn more and register>>](#)**

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 at 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 Presbyter: 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing!

With gratitude for their continued and generous participation, we lift up the following congregations of the **Scioto Valley Presbytery**, who have given to One Great Hour of Sharing for at least 20 years!

Please join us in celebrating congregations within your presbytery who have participated in One Great Hour of Sharing for **at least 20 years!** What a wonderful milestone! This is *especially remarkable* considering the challenges of 2020 with the pandemic.

As you continue the work that God has called you to do in your community and around the world, know that we are here to help. Please look to Special Offerings as a resource.

Thank you again for sharing in this ministry that proclaims that we are the Church, Together.

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH
First Presbyterian Church, Athens, OH
First Presbyterian Church, Logan, OH
Circleville Presbyterian Church, Circleville, OH
Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH
Indianola Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH
First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, OH
First Presbyterian Church, Westerville, OH
Worthington Presbyterian Church, Worthington, OH
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH
First Presbyterian Church, Delaware, OH
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, OH
Presbyterian Church of Johnstown, Johnstown, OH
Utica Presbyterian Church, Utica, OH
Highlands Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH
Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church, Pickerington, OH
Dublin Presbyterian Church, Dublin, OH

[Special Offerings](#)

Can you help!

Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church in Kettering is looking for accompaniment books for the Presbyterian Hymnal and the Chalice Hymnal that anyone would like to sell or give to the church. We are in need of both, as ours are starting to fall apart. So, we are looking for copies that are in pretty good shape. If you can help, please email Diane Sheffield at dsheffield@sugarcreekchurch.org

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

[Visit our website to view the calendar.](#)

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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