

Mid-week E-News August 12, 2021

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

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Gracious and Amazing God, Creator of all...

We give you thanks and praise for summertime joys...for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your creation...for the long days and warm sun... for vacation times when we can walk on sandy beaches and grassy yards...for the increased daylight time each day to be with family and

friends...we give you thanks and praise! Awesome God, we offer you our thanks and praise for all of life! Amen!

Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO)

To provide organizational support to the daily operation of the Presbytery, to hold the Presbytery accountable to its members, and to comply with all state-mandated not-for-profit organizational requirements.

Important Notice From your Presbytery Staff...

Many persons on our Presbytery contact list have received emails supposedly from Dagmar with a request to open an invitation to participate in a project. These have been created by a "hacker". Please ignore them and delete them as soon as possible. Our Presbytery IT person is aware and has taken the actions to stop these from continuing. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jeannie by email or text.

Continued Guidance for Covid-19/Delta Variant....

Franklin County has moved to the highest-level red in the CDC's data tracker for high levels of community transmission of COVID-19. It is important to get vaccinated to prevent serious illness and hospitalization. It is strongly advised that masks are worn indoors by everyone regardless of vaccination status.

See the CDC map here: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

PSV's First Ministry Initiative Board (MIB) Grant Awarded!

The Presbytery Ministry Initiatives Program was created to support development and initial implementation of imaginative efforts in congregational development, mission and ministries. This program is supported by the Presbytery's Church Development Fund.

The first congregation to receive a grant is the Fredericktown First Presbyterian Church. Fredericktown recently received an MIB grant of \$40,000 to creatively turn the sanctuary basement into a café for the community. Fredericktown is a community that has an active senior population. Demographics have also revealed an increase in younger and larger families, with lower incomes. Important community changes have limited gathering spaces for seniors and statistics have shown that our younger families may not be deemed economically distressed enough to receive assistance from other sources.

As Fredericktown First searched for a new way to reach out, a team made up of the congregation and the session looked for ways to offer the unused space under the sanctuary to purposes beyond our doors. With the spirit of Matthew 25 at heart, "*For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...*," this team dreamed a big dream. The space is large, with a fireplace and conversation area, and plenty of room for tables to serve 40-50 people at a sitting. The Ministry Initiative Grant, set aside yearly from the Church Development Fund of the Presbytery, seemed like it might be just what was needed to be able to start this new ministry of feeding those who are in need of a meal and thirsty for the companionship of others.

Thanks to the Ministry Initiatives Board grant, work is in progress to have a fall opening of **The Friday Café**, which was designed to serve the community. The Café will initially be open every other Friday for lunch, with soup, salad, dessert, and beverage as the meal. Meals will be free to all who come in need of food and socialization.

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.



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 p.m.** 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, with 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.

Matthew 25 Event: The Death Penalty

Plan now to gather for another Matthew 25 Zoom Event, Saturday, September 18th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. We will discuss The Death Penalty, race, poverty, and pending legislation in Ohio. Elder Glen Schmidt, community organizer Nate Brown, and Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Executive Director of the Ohio Council of Churches, will help us understand the history of capital punishment in this country, learn what is happening right now in our Ohio legislature, and explore what it means to act with justice. To

register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlcuChrDouGdY-69kHGCGCGX4W3RqRnUvK>

MINISTRIES CELEBRATED BY THE PSV COMMISSION FOR NURTURE AND OUTREACH...

Campus Ministries in Columbus...

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.

[PSV 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 per person 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.

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 Synod 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. Synod Executive Chip Hardwick will be leading the **monthly preaching workshop** that is the first Wednesday of every month from 10:00 to 11:30 by zoom. 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. **Boundaries Training** through LeaderWise has 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>>**](#)

'We are tearing down the Creation God has given to us'

On the eve of Monday's dire UN climate report, the Stated Clerk offers Presbyterians for Earth Care words that challenge all of us to do better.

by Mike Ferguson | Presbyterian News Service

LOUISVILLE — On the eve of [a United Nations report released Monday](#) that predicts dire and nearly immediate consequences to human health and safety due to global warming, the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II told the [Presbyterians for Earth Care](#) conference Sunday that it's high time we started treating the Earth in a way that's more respectful of the God of life, "who tapped us on the shoulder this morning and breathed another breath of life on us."

The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) used the occasion of the impending release of Monday's 3,000 page report by the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#), which assesses the science related to climate change for the United Nations, to hammer home his message. As the planet warms, the IPCC report says, places will get hit more not just by extreme weather but by multiple climate disasters that occur simultaneously, such as what's going on now in the Western United States, where heat waves, drought and wildfires are compounding the damage. **Read the article:** <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/we-are-tearing-down-the-creation-god-has-given-to-us/>

Peace & Global Witness Special Offering...

confronting hopelessness, thwarting division. Empowering congregations and individuals to become peacemakers themselves. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.

your impact. Equipping Peacemakers in Congregations and Around the World.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Visit pcusa.org/peace-global/resources for more information.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

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

Temporary storage is needed for a pastor returning to the area. Furniture basically. Needed space - about the size of 1 car garage or a bit less. There could be some compensation. Temporary timeline from September 2021 - April/May 2022. Contact Jeannie Harsh or Rebecca Tollefson for further information.

On the Move! Reverend Ed and wife Lois Sensenbrenner, First Community Village, 1803 Riverside Drive, Fairfax, Apartment 103, Columbus, OH 43212.

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.](#)

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).

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

3 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life (CCL).

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

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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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.

The Presbyterian Planning Calendars 2021-2022 are here!
Arrangements for pick up or delivery can be made now.
Contact: dagmar@psvonline.org or call Dagmar at 614-847-0565,
Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Resources 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

- Presbytery of Scioto Valley Directory.

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



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