

Mid-week E-News August 19, 2021

# The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

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**A Prayer for the Community.** Loving God, you fill all things with a fullness and hope that we can never comprehend. Thank you for leading us into a time where more of reality is being unveiled for us all to see. We pray that you will take away our natural temptation for cynicism, denial, fear and despair. Help us have the courage to awaken to greater truth, greater humility, and greater care for one another. May we place our hope in what matters and what lasts, trusting in your eternal presence and love. Listen to our hearts' longings for the

healing of our suffering world. (Please add your own intentions...)

Knowing, good God, you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. Amen. *(From a prayer by Richard Rohr.)*

## **PSV's Continued Guidance for Covid-19/Delta Variant....**

Many of our areas have returned to the highest level red in the CDC's data tracker for high levels of community transmission of COVID-19. Therefore, it is important to get vaccinated to prevent serious illness and hospitalization. It is also very strongly advised by our Presbytery Coordinating Team that masks be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status. See the CDC map here: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

## **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 GATHERING FOR PASTORS...**

The Summer Fireside Chat for pastors will be Thursday, **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, 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:jeannie@psvonline.org).

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

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.

[Visit our website](#)

## **Presbyterian Women(PW)PSV Summer Gathering**



To be held via Zoom on Saturday, August 28, 9:30-11:30 am.  
The PW Bible Study will be introduced and the study's artist will also speak.  
Register by August 26 by contacting Martha Pool,  
[mjpool53@gmail.com](mailto:mjpool53@gmail.com) or 740-407-1708.

## **Upcoming Youth Ministries Events in 2022**

**Presbytery of Scioto Valley YOUTH RETREAT 2022**  
**Camp Akita for grades 6 - 12, Theme: "Attitude of Gratitude"**

**Saturday, January 29, 10:30 am - Sunday, January 30, noon.**

*(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, July 24 - 27, 2022 in Indianapolis.**

Triennium is the PC(USA) national youth conference for those entering 9th grade through graduating seniors (and chaperones!) 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.

**Presbytery Prayer Team...**

This Prayer team will meet once a week on Zoom to pray. 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)

**PSV YouTube channel - [www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery](http://www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery).**

**The Synod of the Covenant is offering...**

**1) Matthew 25 Grants; 2) Monthly Preaching Workshops; 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/>



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

This conference offers excellent plenary speakers, informative workshop leaders, provocative worship experiences, and incredible networking opportunities for all who are passionate about stewardship and generosity. **[Learn more and register>>](#)**

**Peacemaking and Global Witness Special Offering...**

**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 through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

For more information, visit [pcusa.org/peace-global/resources](http://pcusa.org/peace-global/resources)

**Temporary storage is needed for a pastor returning to Scioto Valley.** Needed space for furniture - about the size of 1 car garage or a bit less. Could be church space if secured. There could be some compensation. Temporary timeline from September 2021 - April/May 2022. Contact Rebecca: [tolle325@hotmail.com](mailto:tolle325@hotmail.com) for further information.

### 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.](#)

#### 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).

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### Review of 2020 Congregational Session Records Dates...

The PSV Commission for Congregational Life has set three opportunities to do the Session records 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 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Marysville, OH 43040

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

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

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**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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**The Presbyterian Planning Calendars 2021-2022 are here!**  
**Arrangements for pick up or delivery can be made now.**  
**Contact: [dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto: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](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org) or call 614-847-0565)

**Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO)**

Purpose: 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.



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