

Mid-week E-News August 26, 2021

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

February 18, 2020

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Blessings we take for granted are often forgotten. Yet every day God "loads us with benefits." Each day's unique beauty: the angle of the sun, the white clouds stretched out across the blue afternoon sky, and the gold and pink sunset. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits. Psalm 68:19 NKJV

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Calendar

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

Saturday, August 28 - 9:30 a.m., Presbyterian Women Summer Gathering via Zoom

Monday, August 30 - 12:30 p.m., PSV Commission for Church Professionals (CCP)
3:00 p.m., PSV Commission for Congregational Life (CCL)

Monday, September 6 - Labor Day, Presbytery Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7, 4 p.m., Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting, Presbytery Planning.

Monday, September 13, 3 p.m., Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Zoom Mtg.

Tuesday, September 14, 10 a.m., Older Adult Ministry Task Team Zoom Meeting.

Thursday, September 16, 10 a.m., Certified Ruling Elder Task Team Zoom Meeting.

Tuesday, September 21, 3:00 p.m., Presbytery Meeting.
Presbytery meetings will be held via Zoom until in-person meetings are deemed safe.

Sunday, September 26, 2-4 p.m. Review of 2020 Congregational Session Records
Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church, 142 Purvis Avenue, Bremen, OH 43107

Tuesday, September 28, 1 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO).

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 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.

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.

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.

Sunday, September 12, at 4 p.m., New Pastor Installation!

Waverly First Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Scioto Valley

Invite you to celebrate the Installation Service of Called Pastor, the Reverend Jane Johnson.

The installation service will be held at the church, located at 211 Schmitt Drive, Waverly.

A supper will follow the service.

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#**

Memorial Service for the Reverend Jim Browne

Sunday, September 5, 2021 at 2 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church 222 Schoolhouse Lane, Columbus, OH 43228. Jim died in April, 2020, but we were 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

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

Matthew 25 Event: The Death Penalty- September 18, 2021

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>

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.

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.

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Presbyterian Women(PW) PSV Summer Gathering via Zoom August 28, 2021, 9:30 a.m.-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 or 740-407-1708.

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 6969 Livingston Avenue, in Reynoldsburg, is issuing an invitation to the congregations of our Presbytery of Scioto Valley congregations to come and enjoy a concert of classical and faith music, performed by Macedonian concert pianist, Toshe Temelkov, on August 29th at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. This is a no-admission-fee event, but a freewill offering will be taken. To request a promotional flyer please contact Linsie Rose at secretary@parkviewpresbyterian.org or 614-866-5451.

2021 Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Covenant

September 18, 2021, 9:30-11:30 am, via Zoom (seats limited!)



Theme: What My Grandmothers Taught Me

Bible Study overview by Rev. Cheri Harper, PW staff (Mission Associate)

Keynote by Rev. Kathy Reeves, Moderator-elect for Churchwide PW 2021-2024

Overview of two Thank Offering grant recipients:

Koinonia Project in Belize (building a daycare center and Sunday school)

The Castle in Centerville, OH (Mental Health drop-in center)

Business Meeting will include Financial Report, Election of Leaders & News from the Synod of the Covenant (by Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick, Interim Synod Executive)

How to Register: Email the following information to Susan Ochs, s2123@aol.com, by September 13, 2021:

Your Name, Phone Number, Email address & Your Presbytery's Name. You will receive a registration confirmation.

Then on September 16, you will receive a zoom invitation giving you the link and login information needed for Zoom and gathering documents including agenda for the gathering.

Cost to attend: \$0. A suggested offering will be received that will be split among the two Thank Offering Grant recipients that you will hear about during the gathering. More info will be sent with Zoom invitation. In the meanwhile, find a picture of your grandmother (or a woman of faith standing in for your grandmother) or a candle to light to have with you at the gathering.

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.

PSV YouTube channel - www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery.



The annual Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference will be held in Cincinnati, September 13-15, 2021. 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>>**

On the Road to G.A.

As the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approaches another historic General Assembly next year, church leaders are making sure that all voices are heard across the denomination. In its recent monthly meeting, the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly received updates on the planning as well as efforts to make this a more inclusive gathering.

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From the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Coronavirus/COVID-19 — Latest church resources for congregations and members.

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

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/>

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.

Update: Rev. Mark Gauzen, past Moderator of the Presbytery, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Westerville, new Email address: pastormark@fpcw.us

Resources Available at the Presbytery Office...

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.

- ***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)

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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