

Mid-week E-News September 2, 2021

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

February 18, 2020

Visit our website

"O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." Psalm 104:24
September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of the Earth

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance seeks to bring hope and healing after the Category 4 storm. You can help

by Rich Copley | Presbyterian News Service

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Doppler radar imagery indicates that the eye of Ida made landfall along the southeastern coast of Louisiana near Port Fourchon around 1155 a.m. Central Time. (Photo courtesy of NOAA)

And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. — Romans 5:5

LEXINGTON, Kentucky — As news comes in of the devastating effects of Hurricane Ida in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** (PDA) is organizing a response that will help sustain life and restore hope in the coming days.

"Our hearts break and rise up in prayer for the people of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast, where the catastrophic damage from last year's hurricanes in Lake Charles, February's freeze and spring flooding, along with the continuing impact of COVID are still largely unrepaired, and the burden on the people of this hard-hit state is overwhelming," the Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, director of PDA, said Sunday. "The PC(USA) must stand with our siblings in the region as they seek to serve as wounded healers for those who have not had equitable access to rebuilding and whose vulnerability in the face of new threats is significant.

"Right now, we need the church's prayers and financial assistance." read more..

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterians-ready-to-help-the-gulf-coast-recover-from-hurricane-ida>

Help is needed for Afghanistan...

The PSV Global Mission Network wants congregations in our presbytery to have the following information about how to assist Afghan refugees, and to feel free to contact Rev. Les Sauer (HR), CNO liaison to the Global Mission Network for additional local information if needed:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/pda-blog/2021/08/18/afghanistan-evacuations-and-refugees/>

[Afghanistan Evacuations and Refugees - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#)

As we watch the news about the fall of Afghanistan to the Taliban and the evacuation of U.S. troops and other government personnel, our minds are racing to think of all that is needed in such a time of humanitarian crisis. Our hearts go out to those who are trying to flee and those with... Read more »www.presbyterianmission.org

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE AND NATION OF AFGHANISTAN

Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director,
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

God of Compassion, God of Peace, God of Justice: You, O God, are the One who sees the forgotten; speaks with the Voice of the silenced; remembers and redeems those who are lost and without hope.

Hear our prayer for the people of Afghanistan, those fleeing for refuge, those left behind, those who cannot find a way out.

Stated Clerk urges US to provide 'constructive, humanitarian support' for people of Afghanistan

PC(USA)

Offers *Call of Prayer/Action*...

More than 100,000 people have lost their lives over the past 20 years as a result of the war in Afghanistan.

Adults, children and those fighting to protect their freedoms have perished in senseless attempts to clamp down on human rights and justice for all. Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly PC(USA)

For the complete article and prayer visit:

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2021/8/30/stated-clerk-urges-us-support-afghanistan>

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>



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 September.

The Reverend Dr A. Bruce Henderson HR **9/1/1959**

The Reverend Thomas H. McGloshen PH.D. HR **9/1/1963**

The Reverend Steven R. Garstad **9/3/1978**

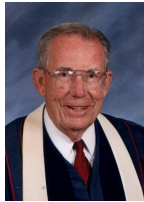
The Reverend Greg Callision **9/8/1985**

The Reverend Edna C. Mason HR **9/8/1974**

The Reverend J.Ross Slaughter **9/8/198**

The Reverend Lawrence R. Hoffmann HR **9/15/1985**

The Reverend Jean Seitz HR **9/15/1985**
The Reverend Virginia Teitt **9/16/2003**
The Reverend Beverly A. Schmidt HR **9/22/1985**
The Reverend Patricia A. Stout HR **9/22/1991**
The Reverend Alice L. Phillips **9/25/1994**
The Reverend J. Robert Gray HR **9/26/1971**
The Reverend Robert E. Martin **9/27/1987**
The Reverend Lyndon E. Whybrew HR **9/27/1964**
The Reverend Glenn J. Craig **9/28/1975**
The Reverend John W. Quist **9/28/1969**



We share with you the recent death of the Reverend Richard D. Ellsworth. "Rev", as he was called, faithfully served the Central College Presbyterian Church in Westerville for over 50 years. Our prayers are with his family and his many colleagues and friends, near and far. Visitation will be at Moreland Funeral Home, 55 E. Schrock Road, Westerville on Friday, September 3, 5-8 PM. A Celebration of Life will be held at Central College Presbyterian Church, 975 S. Sunbury Road, Westerville on Saturday, September 4, 11:00 AM, followed by a graveside service at Blendon Cemetery and reception at the

church.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Calendar

Visit our website to view the calendar.

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.

Thursday, September 16, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Fireside Chat, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.

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.

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.

Memorial Service for the Reverend Jim Browne, Retired Pastor.

The service will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 222 Schoolhouse Lane, Columbus, OH 43228. Jim died in April, 2020. You can join the service: The in-person service will also be on Zoom. In addition, a recording will also be made and made available.

Douglas Browne is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Memorial-Jim Browne

Time: Sep 5, 2021 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom

Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84975955083?pwd=ZVArVndCRlF0RXZUb3pHM2xBamNyUT09>

Meeting ID: 849 7595 5083

Passcode: 061970

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,84975955083# US (Washington DC)

+13126266799,,84975955083# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 849 7595 5083

**Sunday, September 12, at 4 p.m., New Pastor Installation!
The Waverly First Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Scioto
Valley Invite all...**

to celebrate the Installation Service of Waverly's Called Pastor, the Reverend Jane Johnson. The installation service will be held at the Waverly church, located at 211 Schmitt Drive, Waverly. A supper will follow the service.

**Study Leave and Educational Options for Pastors –
From Rev. Annie Melick, Commission for Church Professionals**

A few weeks ago, I took study leave to be trained as a conflict mediator. It was 5 days (40 hours) of training on Zoom. The content was so good, but that much “zooming” was rough!

This season has been difficult for many pastors to even take their vacation and study leave due to Covid restrictions, and yet we need time away, possibly more than ever.

I’ve put together a short list of study leave and educational opportunities below. Many of these are offered online so they will be available regardless of the pandemic situation. Let me know if you are aware of others, and I will share those. Don’t forget – our Church

Professionals Retreat is coming in November. Also, check out the Presbytery of Scioto Valley

Policy for Sabbatical Leave <https://psvonline.org/publication/policy-sabbatical-leave-policy/>

- How to Craft an Effective Sermon by Friday <https://www.backstorypreaching.com>
- Shalom: Six Perspectives on the Pursuit of Peace and Justice <https://lmpeacecenter.org>
- Facilitating Healthy Pastor-Congregation Relations - <https://lmpeacecenter.org>
- Leadership Series 2021-22; Finding One’s Own Path in the Midst of Anxious Families, Congregations, and Communities - <https://www.healthycongregations.com>
- GPS For Leadership: Finding One's Way in the System, Thinking Differently About Life and Learning - <https://www.healthycongregations.com>
- Preaching Workshops - <https://synodofthecovenant.org/2021/03/26/explore-these-opportunities-to-train-and-strengthen-preachers/>
- Art of Transitional Leadership - <https://lakesandprairies.org/event/art-of-transitional-leadership>

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

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 Will offer Two Mission Work Trips the Week of October 17-23

Scioto Valley adults, age 18 and over, are invited to join one of the Presbytery's 2021 Mission Work teams.

WVMAW TEAM IN COLCORD W.VA.

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

PDA MISSION WORK IN WILMINGTON, NC.

This team will be serving with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance partners in storm reconstruction and rebuilding work in the Wilmington, NC area. 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 put your name on the work team list, 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.

Visit our website

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>>**



2021 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

October 26-28, 2021

VIBRANT AND FAITHFUL AGING: LEGACIES ACROSS GENERATIONS

*"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He,
I am He who will sustain you" (Isaiah 46:4a)*

Our National POAMN conference is featuring our longtime friends Donna and Dennis Haines from Missouri, leading our music and worship. We will observe communion during Thursday's worship, please come prepared with your own elements. Our Keynoter is internationally-recognized author and speaker Missy Buchanan, from Texas. She along with our workshop leaders bring a wealth of knowledge, wisdom, and experience in addressing the many aspects associated with aging.

We are working with technology partner GNTV Media Ministry to bring you a quality and informative virtual experience. The total cost for three days is only \$75, and if your time is limited you will be able to use the pass code issued only to paid registrants to watch at your leisure after the conclusion of the conference.

LEARN MORE October 2021, 26-28

Sign up today! **REGISTER**

This conference is offered in partnership with the Office of Christian Formation of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, PCUSA.

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

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.

efforts to make this a more inclusive gathering.

Get the next edition of
“On the Road to GA”
in your inbox
Subscribe Today

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

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.

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.



Like us on Facebook:



Visit our website

Presbytery of Scioto Valley | 4131 N. High Street, Suite B, Columbus, OH 43214 www.psvonline.org

[Unsubscribe {recipient's email}](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by jeannie@psvonline.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!