

Mid-week E-News September 23, 2021

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

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A Prayer for the Here and Now...

GOD of all times and places: YOU live in the human scene, not aloof from it. In our miseries and in our glorious moments, YOU share our lives! Amen!!!

(From: *Grace Keeps You Going* by Mac N. and Anne Shaw Turnage)



Highlights from the Presbytery of Scioto Valley 259th Stated Meeting September 21, 2021

The September Presbytery Meeting held on Zoom gathered over 100 Presbyterians from 45 congregations in Scioto Valley. Moderator Kae Merold convened the meeting with a lovely prayer for the whole presbytery. Along with the committee and commission reports, those gathered enjoyed being renewed by seeing each other, hearing prayers and enjoying inspirational worship moments. Thanks to everyone who gathered and those who made this gathering go smoothly, Moderator

Kae Merold, Vice-Moderator Bob Gustafson, Stated Clerk Bill Gause and our technology guide, the Reverend Doug Browne. The next Presbytery Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, via Zoom.

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 important that masks be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status.

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

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



September 5 - October 3, 2021
Peace & Global Witness.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.

Hurricanes. Earthquakes. Wildfires. Refugees. A resurgent pandemic. Political upheaval. The end of the Summer of 2021 has dealt the world a plethora of challenges, and as God's hands and feet in this world, we are called to respond. This week's Justice & Peace Monthly comes at the end of the Second Annual Presbyterian Week of Action and the beginning of A Season of Peace, a time to deepen our pursuit of peace, culminating in receiving the Peace & Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 3. Read on to see the many ways Compassion, Peace & Justice ministries are working for peace and healing in our world and how you can help.

Learn more about Peace & Global Witness →

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

Visit our website to view the calendar.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Calendar

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).

NOVEMBER 16, 2021, PRESBYTERY STATED MEETING

The 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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From the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

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

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.

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*

Sign up now for this popular retreat. Registration forms available on the Presbytery website.

Retreat cost: \$375 Single; \$275 Double (Meals Included)

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#



PASTORS NEW TO SCIOTO VALLEY...

Welcome to the Reverends Jane and Ron Johnson! Jane and Ron have recently transferred from Redstone Presbytery in Pennsylvania into the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Jane is the newly-installed pastor for the First Presbyterian Church in Waverly. Ron is in the process of becoming the next called pastor for the First Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth. Welcome Jane and Ron!



PSV Honorably Retired Pastor, Skip Jackson, Visits 58 Libraries

(From an article BY DENNIS BIVIANO COLUMBUS PUBLISHED 11:22 AM ET SEP. 18, 2021)

Skip Jackson calls himself a book person but he was never much of a library person. Skip said he's now reading 20 books a month and 175 for the year. The long-time pastor of Indianola Presbyterian Church in Columbus developed a passion for reading and visiting libraries after he retired. Jackson writes about the experience in his blog **Skip's Retirement Explorations**. In 2018 as Skip was retiring, he had most of the days free and was searching for a new hobby. Skip switched over to cooking dinners and weekdays that took up some time, but Skip wondered what else he would do. As he looked at the all the libraries that Columbus was building, he found them interesting architecturally. Jackson said he is a fan of mysteries, thrillers and science fiction. He pairs the library trip with a visit to a neighborhood non-chain restaurant. "I've been in parts of the city I've never been in before in 18 years in Columbus. It's made me more familiar with the whole community," said Jackson. And with a granddaughter due next month, the first time grandfather is working on building up his children's book collection. He hopes this hobby, turned passion project will help the younger generations appreciate the number of great resources and community provided by the local libraries. You can read Jackson's blog [here](#).

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Prays for Congregations and Pastors...

Prayers for the families, friends, colleagues and church families of our PSV pastors who have died in recent months, or whose lives and ministries have been celebrated this year.

Reverend James Browne
Reverend Tom Martin
Reverend Bill Campbell
Reverend Frank Hare
Reverend Richard Ellsworth
Reverend Charles Ping
Reverend Reid Huntley
Reverend Steve Garstad
Reverend Hyung Choon Yang



Happy 101st Birthday! A very special Presbyterian elder at our McArthur Church, Eleanor, will be driving her Lexus to her church on her 101st birthday, October 3, 2021. Surprise Birthday cards can be sent to her at the McArthur Presbyterian Church, 202 W. High Street, McArthur, OH 45651.

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

PSV Mission Work Trip Cancelled for October 17-23, 2021

We regret to announce that the Presbytery Mission Work Trip in West Virginia has been cancelled for this year due to increasing health risks. We look forward to the next opportunity to schedule a work trip in a safer time.

Matthew 25 Zoom Event: Church and Politics - October 16

Join us as Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, the Associate Director for Advocacy in the PC(USA), leads us in a reflection on the challenging relationships between worship, justice, politics, partisanship and the body of Christ. Saturday, October 16th from 10:00am to 11:30am. To register:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkd-2sqD8jGdwiMF4kDyLSJ0p3sprw2CSq>

Matthew 25 Zoom Book Study: Poverty

Join friends from around the presbytery for a book study on *Broke in America: Seeing, Understanding and Ending US Poverty* by Joanne Samuel Goldblum and Colleen Shaddox. We will meet on zoom for two consecutive Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on November 10 and 17. This is sponsored by the Matthew 25 team from the Commission on Nurture and Outreach. Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUzf-mpqDkuH9wXFSdLw8HKqRdmIW_6TZ1L

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

Jacob's Porch is an OSU campus ministry that is supported by the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), the United 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 a weekly bible study/topical discussion on Wednesday nights at 7 pm and have low-church contemporary worship and a meal on Sunday nights at 7:07 pm. Jacob's porch is located just east of the Student Union at 45 E 13th Ave, Columbus, OH 43201.

Ways to Support Our OSU Campus Ministry - Jacob's Porch

At our September presbytery meeting you got to meet Rev. Grant Eckhardt, the Pastor at [Jacob's Porch](#), and learn about our new partner in Campus Ministry at Ohio

State University. He mentioned several ways churches in the presbytery can support Jacob's Porch, so we wanted to follow up in case your churches would like to help. **First**, be sure to visit their [website](#), or [follow on social media](#) to learn more about their ministry.

Second, consider having your group bring a meal, reach out to office@jacobsporch.com to request further information and get the sign-up list. **Finally**, if your church has the means to support campus ministry and would like to give something additionally to support this mission, you can do so by making a purchase from [Jacob's Porch's Amazon Wishlist](#) or you can [give directly here](#)

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.

Check out the flyer and find the applications:

<https://psvonline.org/events/triennium-at-indiana-convention-center-july-24-27-2022/>



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



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 General Assembly (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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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/>.

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.



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.**

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