

Mid-week E-News October 28, 2021

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

February 18, 2020

A Thursday Morning Prayer...

*My Lord and my God, a new day has come to my door, fresh and full of life.
With gratitude and a sense of wonder, I greet this day and You, my God!*

(From: Prayers for the Domestic Church, by Edward Hays)



Coming Very Soon! Advent Idea Exchange...

Thursday, Oct 28th 7:15-8:15p.m. on Zoom

(this workshop will be recorded)

Advent Wreath Liturgies, Christmas Pageants, Nativities, Candles, Advent in a Box, Advent Workshops, Chrismons, Caroling, Longest Night Services, Jesse Tree... indoors, outdoors, virtual and live.....**So Many Options.** Join Teaching Elder Katie Kinnison and Certified Christian Educator Jenni Whitford for a time of sharing and gathering ideas as you plan for Advent 2021. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcsdeGtqDkpE9PySs91hQtpKed7LOyOnwsa>

"He answers and said to them, He that has two coats, let him impart to him that has none; and he that has meat, let him do likewise."

A Request for your Congregations: Can You Help Give 10 Kids' Coats for Kids Drive? The Presbytery's Capital City Helping Hands (CCHH) (formerly **WUM**) ministry asks each congregation: Can you find and give 10 kids' coats – gently used or new – Coats for Kids Drive? Our Presbytery, with 87 congregations, could easily provide 1,000 kids in the Central Ohio area with warm coats if each congregation provides 10 coats! Can you commit to this action in ministry? Here are how some congregations are acting on this call:

1. Put up a coat rack in your sanctuary, and invite people to place a coat on it;
2. Ask your PW to help you collect coats;
3. Use \$100 from your Deacon's fund, go to the Salvation Army, and buy 10 used kids' coats;
4. Ask your members to use their Costco Rewards check to buy 10 kids' coats at Costco;
5. And more possibilities...Drop off your 10 coats at the Presbytery office Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

(Since the building is locked, call the Presbytery Office before dropping off.)

Or, drop them off at the drop-off sites on Saturday, **November 6, from 9 am – noon:**

1. Presbytery offices/Overbrook PC parking lot at 4131 North High Street in Columbus 43214; and

2. *Covenant PC parking lot at 2070 Ridgecliff Road, at the corner of Ridgecliff and Redding Roads, in Columbus, Ohio 43221. Thank you!*

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/>



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/>.



Matthew 25 Zoom Book Study: Poverty November 10 and 17, 2021

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 Presbytery Commission on Nurture and Outreach. Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUf-mpgDkuH9wXFSdLw8HKqRdmIW_6TZ1L

Presbytery Calendar

Thursday, Oct 28th 7:15-8:15p.m. Advent Idea Exchange on Zoom (this workshop will be recorded)

Saturday, October 30, 10-12 noon, Review of 2020 Congregational Session Records at Mifflin Presbyterian Church, 123 Granville Street, Gahanna, Ohio.

Monday, November 1, 1 p.m., Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Zoom Mtg.

Monday, November 1, 3 p.m., Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, November 2, 12 noon, Presbytery Staff Meeting

Sunday, November 7, 5 p.m. - Tuesday, November 9, 11 am, PSV Church Professionals' Retreat at Deer Creek State Park.

Tuesday, November 9, 3 p.m., Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Zoom Mtg.

Wednesday, November 10, 7-8:30 p.m. Matthew 25 Zoom Book Study: Poverty

Tuesday, November 16, Presbytery Stated Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, November 17, 7-8:30 p.m. Matthew 25 Zoom Book Study: Poverty

Thursday, November 18, 10 a.m., Certified Ruling Elder Task Team Zoom Meeting.

Tuesday, November 23, 10 a.m. Older Adult Ministry Task Team Zoom Meeting.
Tuesday, November 23, 1 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO).

Your Presbytery staff persons are at work, in the office and remotely.

Do not hesitate to email or call.

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THE STRUGGLE IS REAL SERIES!

How the Church can Understand Ways to Listen, Engage & form Relationships with Communities to address mass incarceration issues and their connection to poverty

Join the Dialogue and Listening Forum with the PCUSA Co-Moderator Rev. Gregory Bentley, other Church and Community Leaders & those formerly incarcerated on:

- Poverty Engagement and Intentional Action by churches stepping outside their walls to form relationships and live out loving their neighbors
- Best practices about relationship building and developing partnerships with communities
- Presence and activism, explore & learn ways to take concrete actions to eradicate poverty

Date: Tuesday, November 9

Time: 2 – 3:30 p.m. Eastern time

REGISTER HERE



Rev. Gregory Bentley,
Co-Moderator, PC (USA)
Huntsville, AL



Bonifacio Aleman,
Health Equity Program Manager,
LifeSpring Health Systems
Louisville, KY



Monica Jahner,
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Lansing, MI



Katie Talbot,
Neighbor to Neighbor,
Holyoke, MA



Minister Chibueze Okorie
Church of the Gethsemane,
Brooklyn, NY



Norris Henderson
Founder & Executive Director,
Vote/Voters Organized to Educate
New Orleans LA

SDOP is connected to the Matthew 25 Initiative (www.pcusa.org/sdop and <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>)



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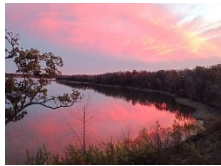
The 225th General Assembly (GA) will be held in the summer of 2022. Our presbytery is taking applications for our Minister and Elder Commissioners to GA. Our Commissioners will be voted on during our November 16th Presbytery Meeting. You can access the Nomination form on the presbytery's homepage, or by clicking



here: <https://forms.gle/ftApoeZMiCZB4Ttv8> The PC(USA)'s 225th General Assembly will be taking place June 18 - July 9, 2022 as a Hybrid Assembly. Committee sessions will be in Louisville, KY, and Plenary sessions will be online.

Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Events.

Purpose: 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

Deer Creek State Park, November 7-9, 2022.

SIGN UP NOW!!!

WORLDCHANGING 101:Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness

Guest Leader: David LaMotte. David is an award-winning songwriter, speaker and author. All participants will receive a copy of David's book.

Pastors and Christian Educators Sign up now! Space is limited. Single Room: \$375;

(Double Room: \$275) (Meals included) Single Rooms are Recommended.

Email: dagmar@psvonline.org.

Bread for the Journey: Going Deeper Into Vital Congregations **November 9 at Deer Creek State Park**

by the Reverend Katie Kinnison and the Reverend Amy House

Coming to the Church Professional's Retreat? Remember the retreat program finishes before lunch, and you are going to have to eat somewhere. Why not a free lunch and some good information that could enliven your ministry and you? Stay for an extra hour with our presbytery's Vital Congregations Facilitators Rev. Amy House and Rev. Katie Kinnison. We will explain more of the basic logistics, make a good case for how pastors could end up doing less work and share the load more, explain how this initiative can be used by churches in transition, offers ways for you to present Vital Congregations to your church, and give you some good resources. Our first round of cohorts (some for pastors and we hope some for elders too) will begin in January. To register email Amy at revamyehouse@gmail.com or Katie at katierkinnison@gmail.com

Ordinations, Installations and Commissioning!

The Presbytery Invites all to join in the following celebrations...

November 14, 3 p.m., Elder Judy Baker's Commissioning Service, Newark Woodside Presbyterian Church.

November 21, 4 p.m., Elder Mark Johnson's Commissioning Service, London First Presbyterian Church.

December 5, Pastor Edward Lewis Sr., Ordination and Installation Service, Columbus Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Portsmouth First Presbyterian Church Welcomes New Pastor!

The Reverend Ronald N. Johnson was installed as the newly-called pastor for the First Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth on Sunday, October 17. Pastor Ron and his wife, Jane, recently transferred to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley from the Redstone Presbytery in Western Pennsylvania. Jane is the recently installed pastor for the Waverly First Presbyterian Church. Welcome Ron and Jane!

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.

Purpose: 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

A Ministry Celebrated by PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach... OSU Campus Ministry - Jacob's Porch

At our September Presbytery Meeting we 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...**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.

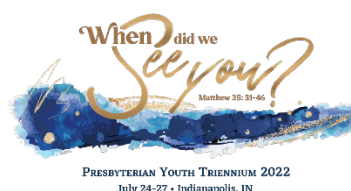
2022 PC(USA) Presbyterian Youth Triennium

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/>



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.



Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

...to the congregations who generously give their Per Capita and mission dollars for the work and ministry of our Presbytery, the Synod of the Covenant and the General Assembly! Your gifts and generosity make a difference near and far.

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.



Comments and Continuing Support from PSV Coordinating Team (CT) By CT Chairperson, Elder Jim Wilson

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to raise difficult issues and questions for all of our congregations, please know that your Presbytery staff and leadership hold all of our pastors and congregations in prayer. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any of your questions or concerns for your congregation or yourself.

Christmas Joy Offering. We continue to offer resources to help you and your congregations interact with the Special Offerings. Our Facebook group, **Special Offerings: Promoting Presbyterian Mission Together**, is a great source for these. If you haven't yet joined, take a minute and do so. **Our Website** has a multitude of tools to offer, including many more digital resources than ever before. Mission Specialist for Special Offerings & the Presbyterian Giving Catalog Presbyterian Mission Agency, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202, Phone: 502.569.5187. Email: **deidra.may@pcusa.org**

On the Road to the 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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