

**Mid-week E-News November 4, 2021**

# *The Presbytery* OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

February 18, 2020

*A Morning Prayer by Wendell Berry...*

**When I rise up, let me rise up joyful like a bird...**

**When I fall, let me fall without regret like a leaf.**



*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 November.*

The Reverend Michael C. Ludwig 11-1-2009  
The Reverend Phyllis A. Heffner HR 11-2-1980  
The Reverend Judith Birdsall HR 11-3-1985  
The Reverend Margaret Yochum 11-4-2012  
The Reverend Joon Won Lee 11-8-1998  
The Reverend John J. Manos HR 11-11-1956  
The Reverend Dr. Mark Pierce 11-16-1986  
The Reverend Mark L. Gauen 11-23-1986  
The Reverend Kevin W. Heckathorn 11-28-1999  
The Reverend Karen Stahr Bloom HR 11-29-1992  
The Reverend Deborah A. Lewicki HR 11-30-1997



### **Celebration of Life Service for The Reverend Dr. Irvin S. Moxley**

Visitation will be held from 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. on Friday, November 12, at Broad Street Presbyterian Church, 760 E. Broad St, Columbus, OH 43205 with a celebration of life service to follow at 3:30 p.m., at the church. In remembrance of Irv's life, the family requests that charitable donations be made to the Westminster-Moxley Scholarship at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Online gifts can be made at <https://www.lpts.edu/forms/donate/> or mail a check to: Louisville Seminary (LPTS), 1044 Alta Vista Road, Louisville, KY 40205. Please indicate your donation is for the "Moxley Scholarship."

This scholarship fund was established in 1996 by the Presbytery of Transylvania to honor the former Westminster Presbyterian Church, an African American congregation, and the

Rev. Dr. Irvin Moxley, the second African American student to graduate from LPTS. The scholarship supports African American students who are pursuing a career in parish ministry. A livestream of the service will be available.

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**Saturday, November 6, from 9 am – noon:** Kids' Coats for Kids Drive? The Presbytery's Capital City Helping Hands (CCHH) (formerly **WUM**) ministry. A middle school nurse in Columbus reached out to us.... Last night, the temperature dipped to below freezing in Central Ohio. Like me, you may have thought about protecting your outdoor plants. For a middle school nurse in the Columbus City Schools, she thought about protecting her kids who came to school TODAY with no coat. This nurse reached out to us and asked if we are doing anything with coats this year.

**YES! WE ARE COLLECTING CHILDREN'S COATS FROM GENEROUS DONORS LIKE YOU AT THESE CHURCHES ON SATURDAY, NOV. 6, 2021, FROM 9 AM – NOON:**

First Presbyterian Church of Grove City, 4277 Broadway, Grove City, OH 43123

Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2070 Ridgecliff, Upper Arlington, OH 43221

Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 4131 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

You will not even have to get out of your car! Just drive up, and we can unload for you!

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**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/tZUsfmpqDkuH9wXFSdLw8HKqRdmIW\\_6TZ1L](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsfmpqDkuH9wXFSdLw8HKqRdmIW_6TZ1L)

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**Presbytery Calendar -**

**Daylight Savings time November 7, Remember the time change!**

**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).

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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 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.

## **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.

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**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#**

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## Congregational News



### **Wilkesville First Presbyterian Church celebrates 200 years, 1821 – 2021.**

The church was founded in 1821 by the Reverend William R. Gould who came from Connecticut Home Missionary Society to establish churches in Gallipolis and Wilkesville. The church has been very active in community events, helping those in need. To commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Wilkesville First Presbyterian Church a float was decorated for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on October 17. Preacher Brenda Foley recalled 200 years of memorable events. It was followed with birthday cake and refreshments.

***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](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)

## Upcoming Youth Ministries Events in 2022

### **Presbytery of Scioto Valley YOUTH RETREAT 2022 News and Update!**

**After careful consideration, acting with the utmost caution and concern for the youth and their parents, the youth retreat planning team decided that an indoor overnight event with kids from around the presbytery is too risky and/or too exclusionary if vaccines are required. Therefore, the retreat has been postponed. A date in the fall is being considered.**

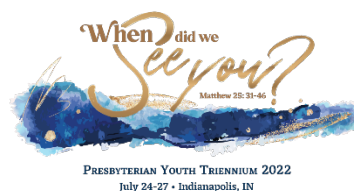
*From Kathi Bubb, chairperson of the PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach.*

## 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.

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.



**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](mailto: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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