

**Mid-week E-News November 11, 2021**

# *The Presbytery* OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

February 18, 2020

*WE give thanks to you, O God,  
WE give thanks and call upon your name.  
We recount your wonderful deeds. Psalm 75:1, A new translation.*



### **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.

## **Coming Events and Updates**

### **The Presbytery Invites all to join in Celebration!**

Sunday, November 14, 2021, 3:00 p.m.  
Elder Judy Baker's Commissioning Service  
Woodside Presbyterian Church  
295 Woods Avenue, Newark, Ohio.





## The Presbytery of Scioto Valley 260th Stated Meeting November 16, 2021, 3:30 p.m. via Zoom

Please note that the meeting will open at 3:00 p.m. to allow commissioners to be checked-in in an orderly fashion. The chat window will be allowed for all participants, both for general conversation and person-to-person communication, until 3:55 pm for the purposes of greeting one another and informal conversation.

Ruling Elders, Teaching Elders, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Christian Educators. You are invited to participate in the important work of the church in this different forum, but all important matters we are faced with will be addressed.

Your Zoom Link Invitation will be coming to you via Constant Contact.

In case you did not receive your invitation contact Dagmar at [dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org)

## Great Lakes PAM Region Virtual Event: "Copyright and Church Music in 2021"

Copyright is a word that musicians and clergy often avoid because we don't understand the complexity of the law. Of course, this doesn't mean we don't try to do the right thing, but have you found yourself wondering if our churches are indeed doing what is right?



This session for church musicians and clergy will serve as a primer to copyright and how it impacts church music with helpful hints and tools to navigate the often-confusing world of copyright. Presenter Christopher Dent, Director of Music at Indianola Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Ohio, will lead a discussion on some of the basics of copyright law and how it can impact the church, including reproduction, performance, and streaming. We will also talk about resources that can help make our job easier. **This event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 1:00-2:00pm EST**, and it will be recorded for later viewing for those who can't attend during the event.

**You may register for this FREE webinar by clicking here.**

This virtual event is brought to you by the Great Lakes Region of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. All are welcome!



## 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/j/6428342834?pwd=MTZlLWpqcDkuH9wXFSdLw8HKgRdmIW6TZ1L>

## Fireside Chat for Pastors , Thursday, November 18, 3-5 p.m., Rusty Bucket

Sponsored by the Commission for Church Professionals. An opportunity to connect with your colleagues for conversation and refreshments. Join this gathering at the Clintonville Rusty Bucket, 4109 N. High Street, in Columbus.

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/>.



### Better Together!

This year the Presbytery collected a record number - close to 500 - jackets and coats in our Coats for Kids Drive and enjoyed the fellowship that comes with joining hands in service. **"Thank You"** to each person and congregation, many new to the Coat Drive this year, for putting your hearts and hands into this ministry coordinated by the Presbytery's Cap City Helping Hands. We will keep you updated

as this ministry distributes coats to school nurses and counselors for emergency use in their schools!

**The Church Professionals Retreat** was held at Deer Creek Lodge and Conference Center, November 7-9, with David LaMotte who presented to the participants Worldchanging 101: Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness. Pastors from 20 congregations, as well as retired clergy members had the opportunity to hear ideas about how large societal changes happen and what roles in those changes can and should be! This popular event is scheduled for November 6-8, 2022. at Deer Creek Lodge and Conference Center Mark your calendar!



## Presbytery Meeting Calendar

**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.

Thursday, November 18, 1 p.m., Nominating Committee Zoom Meeting.

Thursday, November 18, 3-5 p.m., Fireside Chat, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.

**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 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.

**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#**

## **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 and Updates for 2022

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

**The Youth Retreat has been postponed.** 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 to November 12-13, 2022.**

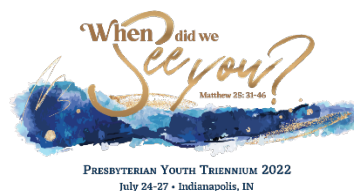
*From Kathi Bubb, chairperson of the PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach.*

### 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/>



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July 24-27 • Indianapolis, IN

### 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.



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**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**

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**Association of Presbyterian Educators  
(APCE) Annual Event  
February 9-12, 2022 in Chicago**  
For all Presbyterian Christian educators, pastors,  
volunteers, and their faith communities

The Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators (APCE) circle of faith will gather February 9-12 in Chicago to welcome new people into the circle, to celebrate the great cloud of witnesses that formed the first circles, to reflect on broken circles and those excluded from circles, and to imagine ministries beyond the circle gathered to our neighborhoods, our cities, and the world.

The 2021 APCE in-person Annual Event was postponed because of the pandemic and replaced with a very successful first-ever virtual APCE Annual Event, "Anything but Ordinary Time."

In 2022 APCE will celebrate with the in-person event "Circle of Faith: 50 years + one and beyond" of connecting, enriching, empowering, and sustaining the ministries of educators, pastors, volunteers, and their faith communities. The Annual Event hopes to explore and challenge one another to seek and build upon God's grace-filled, ever-widening Circle of Faith.

**Learn more about the APCE 2022 Annual Event>>**

## 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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## From the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

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

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