

Mid-week E-News November 18, 2021

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

February 18, 2020



An Examen Prayer of Gratitude for the Day...

As you end each day, light a candle and become more aware of God's presence.

After a few minutes of quiet, reflect on two questions:

For what moment today, am I most grateful?

For what moment today, am I least grateful?

Coming Events and Updates...

Fireside Chats for PSV Pastors Thursday, November 18, 3-5 p.m.

Our Church Professionals Commission will be hosting the last of our 2021 Fireside Chats for pastors' tomorrow afternoon, Thursday, November 18, 3-5 p.m. at the Clintonville Rusty Bucket, 4109 N. High Street in Columbus. As in previous gatherings, we will be located on the outside porch area. Please wear your mask so we can continue to keep each other as safe as possible. Appetizers will be provided.



Brief Highlights from the November 16, 2021 Presbytery Meeting

A highlight of the recent Presbytery Meeting was the installation of Commissioned Ruling Elder Dr. Bob Gustafson as the new Moderator for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Many words of gratitude go to outgoing Moderator Kae Merold for her gracious and expert leadership as the Moderator of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Other highlights of this Presbytery Meeting were the election of new members to the Presbytery Commissions and the election of PSV Commissioners to the 2022 General Assembly. The new budget for 2022 was passed and new meeting dates were approved for the 2022 Presbytery Meetings. Watch for more details and information about this 260th Stated Meeting of our Presbytery.



The Presbytery Invites all to join in the celebration for the Commissioning Service for Dr. Mark A. Johnson, Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) Sunday, November 21, 2021, 4 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 211 Garfield Avenue, London, Ohio.



The Presbytery Invites all to join in the celebration of the Ordination and Installation of Edward K. Lewis Sr. as pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church. Sunday, December 5, 4:00 p.m. Columbus Bethany Presbyterian Church 206 N. Garfield Ave., Columbus.

Preaching Workshop for Pastors and other Preachers...

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/>.

Presbytery Meeting Calendar

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).

Thanksgiving Day - Presbytery Office Closed

**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 has elected two Minister Commissioners to the 225th General Assembly. The Reverend Dr. Mark Parsons, First Presbyterian Church, Gallipolis, and the Reverend Ron Johnson, First Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, were elected as the Scioto Valley Minister Commissioners to GA. 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.

Elder Judy Baker is commissioned to serve the Woodside Presbyterian Church.

The Presbytery gathered ministers and elders from across the presbytery to participate in and celebrate the commissioning of CRE Judy Baker, as the pastor for the Newark Woodside Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, November 14, 2021, 3:00 p.m. Congratulations to Judy and the Woodside congregation.

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
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Congregational News

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

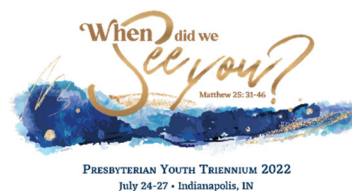
Upcoming Youth Ministries Events and Updates for 2022

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 87 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 or visit <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy>



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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