

Mid-week E-News December 2, 2021

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

February 18, 2020

Advent....Peace and Unity!

Grant us in the days to come a full understanding of what it means to belong to you; help us to see that being your child sets us free to love, to practice compassion, to work for justice. Build in us humble spirits that enable us to look upon all persons as equals. Generate in us the energy and courage that will make us peacemakers and healers in ways that you will call blessed. In the Season of Advent ahead, as we reflect upon and pray for the church, increase our appreciation for the diversity that makes it whole, the variety of traditions that provide wisdom, the power of the Spirit that gives it unity.



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 December.

The Reverend Keith Jones 12-1-2007
The Reverend Amy Miracle 12-1-1991
The Reverend Philip L. Bougher HR 12-9-1974
The Reverend Dallas M. Dryburgh 12-8-1991
The Reverend Mathias G. Akih 12-13-2006
The Reverend Laurence E. Miller Jr. HR 12-17-1967
The Reverend Jane Johnson 12-19-1999
The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford 12-21-2003
The Reverend Larry L. Wickliff HR 12-28-1969
The Reverend Carol R. Weiss HR 12-29-1967



We hold in our thoughts and prayers the family, colleagues and many friends of the Reverend Dr. George O. Mehaffey, honorably retired, who died on November 19, 2021. George faithfully served congregations in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Florida and Ohio. A Celebration of Life Service is being planned for early in the New Year.

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.



Coming Events and Updates...

Cowboy Bucks Christmas Store...*Info from the Cap City Helping Hands*

Your generous donations are needed by **11 December, 2021**. Please contact Natalie Alter for pick up... email her at alinefromnat@aol.com or text 614-806-7144. Donations are requested by the Cap City Helping Hands (CCHH), a Scioto Valley Presbytery mission, which has partnered with West High School in Columbus to ensure continued support of their Cowboy Buck's Christmas Store program. The students earn "cowboy bucks" from their teachers following West High School's matrix of "Be safe, be responsible, be respectful." For many of their students, the holiday store represents their only opportunity to **earn money and** purchase items to give to their family and friends. Some of the more popular items are phone chargers, earbuds, Bath and Body Works lotions and sprays, Axe/Old Spice body wash for men, sketch books, stuffed animals and toys for their younger siblings **and anything OSU**. CCHH's goal is to purchase **or have donations of** 1600 items (average 2 per student). The students, teachers and social workers at West High School say **THANK YOU!!**

Per Capita and Mission Giving Update

from Robert Patterson, Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Treasurer

Per Capita and Mission Giving represent the primary way the PC(USA) churches support the mission of our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly.

The Presbytery approved continuing the Per Capita for 2022 at \$40.00 per member. Each church's total Per Capita is calculated on the number of members on the church roll as of December 31, 2020, as reported through the annual Statistical Report.

The 2022 Per Capita is distributed as follows: Presbytery of Scioto Valley, \$27.80; Synod of the Covenant - \$3.25; General Assembly, \$8.95.

Congregational Mission Giving supports ministries in the Presbytery and throughout the denomination. Mission support giving level is at the discretion of the congregation. Unless otherwise specified by the congregation the dollars will be divided as follows: Scioto Valley Presbytery 67%, General Assembly (PCUSA) 32%, Synod of the Covenant 1%. You will receive more communication in the near future. PSV Treasurer treasurer@psvonline.org.



Live Nativity Worship Experience at Broad Street Presbyterian Church

On Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m., you and anyone from your congregations are invited to join us for a hands-on, interactive 30-minute outdoor worship experience. There will be four stations along our story path that share the story of the birth of Jesus. We will sing carols and end with *Silent Night*. This is designed with children and families in mind but is fun and

meaningful for all ages. Dress for the weather!

News from the Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO).

Let us help you train your church leaders!! **Our annual Presbytery Leadership Training Day "Partners in Education" (PIE) will be offered twice:**

Live on Saturday, January 8 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Worthington Presbyterian Church (cost \$15 for lunch), and **on Zoom from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Tuesday, January 11** (workshops only). Topics for the workshops include elder and deacon training, discussion of legal issues in the church, a youth ministry roundtable, information of Matthew 25, and a conversation about Vital Congregations for churches in transition. IN ADDITION we have two great keynotes - Michael Wilkos from United Way on "Poverty in Central Ohio", and Carlton Johnson from the PC(USA) Mission Agency on "Vital Congregations - What's Next?" Both keynotes will be recorded for later viewing on our YouTube channel.

More information here: <https://media.myworshiptimes31.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/81/2021/11/30153622/PIE-Leadership-Training-Day-2022.pdf>

Neighborhood Mission Grant Recipients

Through the per capita commitment from our congregations, the Commission on Nurture and Outreach (CNO) has been able to fund four Neighborhood Mission Grants:

- Bremen Bethel - "Breakfast to go" bags for school children.
- Mifflin - "Closet for Kids" provides hygiene products for two area schools.
- Indianola Presbyterian Church - utility assistance for Afghan refugees.
- Cap City Helping Hands (formerly WUM) - West High School Cowboy Bucks Holiday Store.

If your congregation would like to know more about any of the projects and how you can get involved, contact the presbytery office.

Seeking a Worship Musician

Hilliard Presbyterian Church is seeking a worship musician to play the piano for weekly Sunday morning services at 10 am. The musician will choose an appropriate prelude and postlude, work with the worship leader regarding hymns for the service and play a short piece for offertory music. Additional accompaniment may be requested for additional services during Lent, Easter, and Christmas. The musician will be compensated \$125 per service. Please contact Beth Lewis at 614-307-0094.

Presbytery Meeting Calendar

- December 6, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Zoom Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Zoom Meeting
- December 13, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations (CCP) Zoom Meeting
- December 14, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team (CT) Zoom Meeting

2022 Presbytery Meeting Dates

Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 15, 2022, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 20, 2022, 3:30 p.m.

**Your Presbytery staff persons are at work, in the office and remotely.
Do not hesitate to email or call.**

Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter, jeannie@psvonline.org, Cell: 614-562-1775.

Bill Gause, Stated Clerk, statedclerk@psvonline.org

Bob Patterson, Treasurer, treasurer@psvonline.org

Dagmar Romage, Administrative Assistant, dagmar@psvonline.org

John Wyckoff, Financial Assistant, accounting@psvonline.org

Presbytery Office: 614-847-0565.

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

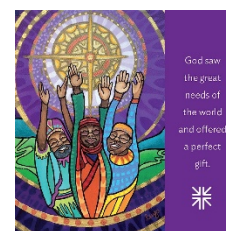
tools to offer, including many more digital resources than ever before. Mission Specialist for

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>



A note from the Rev. Jon Carlisle, transitional pastor, Columbus St. Andrew.

If worship leaders are looking for a local Focus on Mission pitch for the Christmas Joy Offering, go to:

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/story/christmas-joy-offering-empowers-ministry-ohio-chur/>

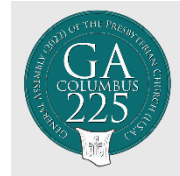
for a touching story about the Rev. Dr. Shelley Wiley before she began pastoring First Presbyterian, Jackson, Ohio.



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/>.

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.

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

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.

Columbus Brookwood Presbyterian Church Building Sold and the Site will be Senior Housing. *News From the Columbus Dispatch USA TODAY NETWORK*

The Brookwood Presbyterian Church site on East Livingston Avenue on Columbus' near east area will soon become home to a 103 unit independent senior living facility. Plans are underway to construct the facility with one- and two- bedroom rental units at 2685 E. Livingston Ave. When it likely opens in the fall of 2023, Tradition at Brookwood will be managed by National Church Residences, one of the country's largest nonprofit owners and operators of senior affordable housing, with campuses in 25 states. Traditions at Brookwood will be a mixed-income facility for those age 55 and older, with 26 affordable housing units and 77 market-rate units. National Church Residences plans to save and incorporate into the facility several architectural features of the church — including the cross from its chapel and stained-glass windows — to pay homage to its long history within the community.

A December Message from Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter

I want to let you know that I will be enjoying a "mini-sabbatical" during the month of December.

This is a new journey for me since I have not participated in a sabbatical during my years of ministry with the Presbytery. I am honored that the Commission for Presbytery Operations has affirmed this gift of sabbath time for me in December. Our Presbytery has a policy on sabbatical leave that says the "purpose of a sabbatical is to enhance and strengthen a minister's effectiveness by giving an uninterrupted time to care for one's own well-being, and to return to work with renewed energy and enthusiasm." This sounded exciting to me, and I am looking forward to this special time. Since I am an extrovert, I will really miss the many connections that I enjoy with all of you, my treasured friends and colleagues throughout our Presbytery. However, all will be covered as the Presbytery Office will normally be open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. -4:00 p.m., with Dagmar Romage making sure all details are covered. I look forward to catching up with all of you when I return after Christmas. Meanwhile, many blessings to each and all of you! Jeannie

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.



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.

[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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