

Mid-week E-News December 23, 2021

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

February 18, 2020



hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may abound in

Merry Christmas from the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

Jeannie Harsh
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Bob Patterson
Dagmar Romage
John Wyckoff

May your Christmas season be filled with cheer, warm memories, and happiness. Here is hoping you and your families have a heartwarming, fantastic Christmas. Sincere thanks for your commitment to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, its churches, and communities. May this lead us to greater service of the Lord in 2022.
Bob Gustafson, Moderator 2022, Presbytery of Scioto Valley

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!



Christmas Variety Show from Delaware

First Presbyterian Church. Members and friends put together a Christmas Variety Show video this year and we'd like to share it with all of you.

We invite you to sit back and enjoy the sounds of the season along with some Christmas cheer! Merry Christmas from

Delaware First Presbyterian Church! <https://youtu.be/AHZPQRCQPzI>

Virtual Worship Service for 12/26 Now Available

The virtual worship service offered by the Synod of the Covenant and the Michigan Black Presbyterian Caucus for the First Sunday of Christmas, 12/26/21, is now available at [Virtual Christmas Service - Synod of the Covenant](#). It includes almost 40 participants, with leadership from throughout the Synod. You and your church can find links there to stream the service on YouTube, to download it as an MP4, or to read it as a fairly complete manuscript of the whole service. You can also find a worship bulletin.

The Synod's theme for 2022 is "*in Our Synod we'll try anything to support and equip leaders who attend to God's creative, emerging future.*" The Caucus and the Synod hope that this service will support worship leaders, tech teams, and preachers by giving them a Sabbath before 2022 begins. You might use the service for personal devotion or for corporate worship on 12/26/21.

If you have questions about the service, please email Synod Executive at chip@synodofthecovenant.org. God bless you this Christmas!

Thanks so much for supporting and praying for this service.
God bless you this Advent,
Chip Hartwig, Synod Executive

Our annual Presbytery Leadership Training Day "Partners in Education" (PIE) will be offered twice:

Let us help you train your church leaders!!

Live on Saturday, January 8, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

at Worthington Presbyterian Church (cost \$15 for lunch, checks payable to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley).

Masks Required for this event.

Sign up here: <https://psvonline.org/events/https-media-myworshiptimes31-com-wp-content-uploads-sites-81-2021-11-30153622-pie-leadership-training-day-2022-pdf/>



On Zoom from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11 (workshops only).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvcOysrDkrEtf53DtWpffqbASgwT6nATPS>

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 You Tube channel.

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

Presbyterians impacted by and responding to weekend tornado outbreak.

LEXINGTON, Kentucky — Saturday afternoon, in the face of devastating loss, First Presbyterian Church of Mayfield, Kentucky invoked Scripture:

"The bricks have fallen down, But we will rebuild with smooth stones;
The sycamores have been cut down, But we will replace with cedars." (Isaiah 9:10)

[READ MORE](#)

The needs for the response will be great. God’s people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

GIVE: Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/DT21, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device. You can also text PDA to 41444 to donate.

ACT:

- **Download** and use the bulletin insert.
- **Gift of the Heart Kits** are a hands-on way to help others this Advent season.
- To register your interest in future rebuilding efforts, email PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org. You will be notified when volunteer opportunities are available.

Stay informed and like us on Facebook (facebook.com/PDAcares), download resources at pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources and share updates with your congregation.

PRAY: As we awake to news of devastation and death from another natural disaster, we pray. May the hope, peace and love of the Christ child comfort and keep us all.

- Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, President and Executive Director, Presbyterian Mission Agency

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>

Presbytery Meeting Calendar 2021

December 23, Presbytery Office Closed - Merry Christmas!

2022

January 3, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Zoom Meeting
3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Zoom Meeting

January 8, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. PIE Leadership Training Day (PIE) in person, at Worthington Presbyterian Church.

January 10, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations (CCP) Zoom Meeting

January 11, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. PIE Leadership Training Day (PIE) on Zoom.

January 18, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team (CT) Zoom Meeting

January 25, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) 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 are at work, in the office and remotely.
Do not hesitate to email or call.**

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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#



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/>.

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.

If you would like to join a Vital Congregations pastor cohort, or a cohort of lay leaders for churches in transition this January, please contact the Reverend Katie Kinnison at katiekinnison@gmail.com



Scioto Valley is a Matthew 25 Presbytery!

Matthew 25 is a PC(USA) initiative that has three focuses -

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Prayer Group

A new Presbytery-wide, phone-based prayer group has been established under the Commission for Nurture and Outreach. The group meets by



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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

phone for 15 minutes each Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM to share requests from across the whole Presbytery and pray.

As Presbytery Moderator, I want to thank the Reverend Don Pendell (Honorably retired) and the Reverend Alice Phillips (Plain City Presbyterian church) for organizing this group. If you want to join the call please contact Alice Phillips at 740-391-2531 or revalp@neo.rr.com.

Bob Gustafson, Moderator 2022.

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.

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. treasurer@psvonline.org.

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.



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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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>>](#)

From the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

[Coronavirus/COVID-19](#) — Latest church resources for congregations and members.

PSV YouTube channel - www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery.



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