

Mid-week E-News January 6, 2022

# The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

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**EPIPHANY**...Epiphany is the manifestation of the glory of God in sending Christ into the world! The color for Epiphany is white, signifying light, and the symbol is either the Wise Men or the idea of spreading the Gospel. Epiphany Day, January 6th, is followed by a season which varies in length of one to six Sundays depending on the date of Easter. The Epiphany of our Lord is the oldest festival of the Church Year.

and now,  
the journey truly  
begins, as  
we seek to follow  
the Light we have  
found in this insignificant  
baby,  
in this backwater town,  
to the depths  
of your  
heart of love and grace.  
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### ***Update on the Presbytery Leadership Training Days...***

#### **Saturday and Tuesday... "Partners in Education (PIE)"**

Happy New Year Everyone! We have all been looking forward to this annual leadership training event. However, we keep hearing of the spreading of the new COVID variant, Omicron. And, we want everyone to be safe! Therefore, we are carefully planning to have the PIE event in a safe environment. Registration is now CLOSED for the in-person PIE event on Saturday. If you have already signed up and are planning to come, please wear a mask. Please don't come if you have been exposed to someone this week who tested positive for COVID, OR, if you don't feel well - even if it's "just" the sniffles. Registration starts at 9:00 am and the first workshop promptly at 9:30 am at Worthington Presbyterian Church, Worthington, Ohio.

There is still PLENTY of time to join us on zoom on Tuesday, January 11, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. We will offer Elder Training, Deacon Panel, Legal Issues, Matthew 25, and Vital Congregations for Churches in Transition (NOT Youth Roundtable). Register

here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tzMvcOysrDkrEtf53DtWpffgbASqWt6nATPS>

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### **Carla Mavis Celebration of Life Service...**

A memorial service and celebration of the life of Carla Mavis will be held Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., in the sanctuary of Circleville Presbyterian Church, 134 E Mound Street, Circleville, Ohio. Carla, was the Clerk at Circleville, and has served the church in many ways. She was a committed volunteer in the Presbytery, the Synod and beyond. She will be greatly missed. A box lunch reception will be provided in Campbell Hall following the worship service. Masks will be required for both events and reservations are much appreciated in order to provide ample space and food for those who attend. **Please RSVP to [circpres@frontier.com](mailto:circpres@frontier.com) by Wednesday, January 12.** We also invite you to send photos and special memories to [jenna.acklin@gmail.com](mailto:jenna.acklin@gmail.com). A video recording will be available following the service on the church website: [circlevillepresbyterianchurch.com](http://circlevillepresbyterianchurch.com)



*From your Executive Presbyter...* Greetings and blessings in the New Year! I am especially grateful for the gift of a "mini" sabbatical in December. Thanks to the Presbytery Operations Commission for approving this time away. Although I have discovered that a month is a short time for "sabbath time", it offered me a time of refreshment and renewal. I enjoyed a week at Montreat and a hike up a mountain. I did some reading, but only in one book; not the 8 books that I energetically took with me. I was refreshed by some time with my sister, and some time with pastor friends in the Methodist retreat area of Lake Junaluska in North Carolina. I especially enjoyed the family time during the Christmas celebrations. However, I have discovered that a month is not really a long enough time for a sabbatical, especially during a busy holiday season. Our Presbytery Sabbatical Leave Policy's purpose is to "enhance and strengthen a minister's effectiveness by giving them an uninterrupted time to care for their own well-being, and to return to their work with renewed energy and enthusiasm." Although I am not completely refreshed and renewed, I am especially happy and grateful as I return to the busy job of serving the Presbytery as your executive presbyter. This continues to be my dream job, and I give you all gratitude for allowing me to continue to serve in this position. Sincerely, Jeannie

## **Presbytery Meeting Calendar**

### **2022**

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

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 17, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday - Presbytery office closed.

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

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### **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.

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

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**Lent + Easter Idea Exchange, Thursday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. via Zoom**

Join us for a time of resource sharing, idea exchange and Lent + Easter Planning for 2022 Children – Youth – Adults - Intergenerational resources for Ash Wednesday, Devotionals, Bible Studies, Prayer Centers, Labyrinth, Fasting, One Great Hour of Sharing, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil, Easter activities and MORE! Facilitated by Jenni Whitford and Kathi Bubb, both Certified Christian Educators  
Please register in advance for this event:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkde-grjIvE9SP-MDYKwRY94yubdo94b\\_V](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkde-grjIvE9SP-MDYKwRY94yubdo94b_V)

**Job Posting**

The Worthington Presbyterian Church is seeking a Finance Manager. The job description and information on how to apply may be found at: <https://www.wpcnow.org/employment>  
For questions contact Eric McLaughlin at [emclaughlin@wpcnow.org](mailto:emclaughlin@wpcnow.org).

**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.



*One of the ministries of the Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) 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 January.*

The Reverend John M. Groat HR 1-1-2001  
The Reverend William I. Johnson HR 1-1-1952, Portsmouth, First Presbyterian Church  
The Reverend Amy House MAL 1-12-2014  
The Reverend Nancy Draves HR 1-17-1988  
The Reverend Jennifer L. Turick MAL 1-24-1982  
The Reverend Elizabeth Maurath, 1-25-2015, Columbus, Indianola Presbyterian Church  
The Reverend Jack Lewis Pursell HR 1-29-1960  
The Reverend Emily Corzine 1-31-2010, Columbus, First Congregational 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#



### 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.

### Vital Congregations invitation

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 [katierkinnison@gmail.com](mailto:katierkinnison@gmail.com)



### Scioto Valley is a Matthew 25 Presbytery!

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

**Building Congregational Vitality**  
**Dismantling Structural Racism**  
**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)

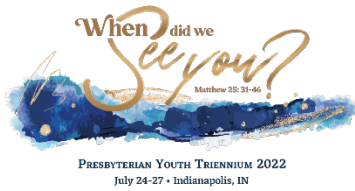
### Presbytery of Scioto Valley Prayer Group



A new Presbytery-wide, phone-based prayer group has been established under the Commission for Nurture and Outreach. The group meets by 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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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](http://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](mailto:PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org). You will be notified when volunteer opportunities are available.

Stay informed and like us on Facebook ([facebook.com/PDAcares](https://facebook.com/PDAcares)), download resources at [pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources](http://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



**Association of Presbyterian Educators (APCE)**

**Annual Event February 9-12, 2022, in Chicago**

**For all Presbyterian Christian educators, pastors, volunteers, and their faith communities... [Learn more about the APCE 2022 Annual](#)**

**[Event>>](#)**

**From the Presbyterian Mission Agency.**

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

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