

## Mid-week E-News January 20, 2022

# The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

February 18, 2020

**This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118.24**

### 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:**

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### Per Capita Sunday: January 23

A new celebration Sunday has been added to the PC(USA) calendar: Per Capita Sunday. According to the Per Capita Sunday web page, "On January 23, 2022, Presbyterians are invited to center their worship services around the ways in which we are called into mutual support and ministry through per capita giving."

Helping to center those worship services are **resources congregations can download**, including a **Per Capita Sunday Liturgy** with scripture from 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, "a reminder that all parts of the church are parts of one body."

The Per Capita Sunday page provides guidance for using the new resources. Text or videos can be placed inside congregational presentations or shared via websites and social media. "The idea is to provide congregations with resources to help with their own conversations about per capita," said Kate Trigger Duffert, Manager for GA Business in the **Office of the General Assembly (OGA)** and writer of the Per Capita Sunday Liturgy.

Read more: <https://pcusa.org/news/2022/1/5/capita-sunday-january-23>

## Update from the PSV Coordinating Team (CT) on Omicron and Your Congregation, Jim Wilson, CT Convener...

Your Presbytery leadership recognizes that just when many of our congregations thought that they had found safe ways of resuming in person worship, the Omicron variant hit us. Each congregation, of course, must make its own decisions as to what changes to your safety protocols Omicron requires, and for how long. We continue to urge you to consult the Center for Disease Control website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/index.html>) for guidance in measures to increase the safety of worship and other gatherings. We particularly suggest reviewing their latest guidance regarding face masks (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html>). If you have questions or want to talk, please feel free to reach out to Jeannie Harsh (Executive Presbyter — [jeannie@psvonline.org](mailto:jeannie@psvonline.org)), Bill Gause (Stated Clerk — [statedclerk@psvonline.org](mailto:statedclerk@psvonline.org)), or Jim Wilson (convener of Coordinating Team — [jawilson@vorys.com](mailto:jawilson@vorys.com)).

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## Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) OFFICE UPDATE

*Jim Hines, Chair, Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO)*

Despite the on-going pandemic, the Presbytery offices continue to be opened to keep effectively serving the Presbytery. At this time, the Presbytery Offices are open as scheduled using the staff in a hybrid mode.

**OFFICE HOURS** - During the initial phase of the pandemic (early-to-mid 2020), the Presbytery offices were closed for a period of time and our staff did work remotely. However, for well over a year now, the Presbytery offices have again been operating on a normal, per-pandemic, schedule and the offices are open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

**COVID RESTRICTIONS** - During the early part of the pandemic, the Presbytery's CPO Commission decided that we would try to observe the same COVID precautions as Overbrook Presbyterian, our host church. Overbrook DID NOT at any time restrict our operations and never required that we follow their restrictions - we just opted to be consistent with Overbrook.

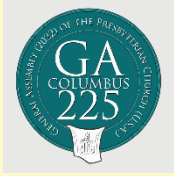
**STAFFING** – it is important to remember that we have a very small staff and most of the staff work part-time. The staff persons have been operating in a hybrid mode, as follows:

- Dagmar Romage, our administrative assistant, is generally in the office during office hours Monday-Thursday, 9-4. (Dagmar is a 32 hour/week staff member). Dagmar "anchors" our office staff.
- Bill Gause, Stated Clerk, is a 2-day per week staff member and is also the Senior Pastor at Overbrook. Bill's PSV office is actually a desk in the corner of a small office shared with the PSV Treasurer. Consequently, Bill usually works out of his Overbrook office most of the time (whether he's working on PSV business or Overbrook business) although he is always available to meet with any of you in either his PSV office or his Overbrook office.
- John Wyckoff, our financial assistant, is also a 2-day/week part-time and John also handles finances for Overbrook. Therefore, John has 2 offices in the building - one in the PSV offices and one in the Overbrook section of the building. John has very little reason to meet with any visitors and schedules his time in the office (either PSV or Overbrook) around the needs of the church and/or the PSV. He generally is not in the office when others are there but does most of his work late or on the weekend.
- Bob Patterson, our treasurer, does not maintain office hours but comes in for meetings (staff meetings, budget meetings or finance related meetings) as needed.
- Jeannie Harsh, our Executive Presbyter, is our ONLY full-time employee. She provides administrative, programmatic, educational and spiritual leadership with the pastors, presbytery leaders and congregations. She is normally available in the presbytery office during open hours. She also spends time visiting, working with and supporting our churches and pastors throughout the Presbytery. She is also available by email: [Jeannie@psvonline.org](mailto:Jeannie@psvonline.org).

**CONFERENCE ROOM** - the PSV conference room is open and available for use if and when any of the commissions or committees want to resume in-person meetings.

**ACCESS** - the only real change we've made is that we request anyone visiting the office to use our PRIVATE **ENTRANCE on the northside (back) of the building**. Overbrook is still keeping the doors locked and if you want to come in through the Overbrook main entrances, you will need to call the office so Dagmar can let you in.

So, in summary, the Presbytery offices **ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS** during normal business hours. My only precaution is that if you want to meet with someone in particular, (Dagmar Romage, Jeannie Harsh, Bill Gause, John Wyckoff or Bob Patterson), you should contact them and schedule a time. This will ensure that they are in the office and not otherwise occupied.



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. Our presbytery is still taking applications for our Minister and Elder Commissioners to serve GA.

You can access the Nomination form on the presbytery's homepage, or by clicking here: <https://forms.gle/ftApoeZMiCZB4Ttv8>

Questions may be addressed to Peter Galbraith, Chair, Nominating

Committee, [peter@nelsonvillepres.org](mailto:peter@nelsonvillepres.org)

## 2022 Presbytery Meeting Calendar

### January

20, 10:00 am. CRE Task Team Zoom Meeting

20, 3:00 p.m. PSV Nominating Committee Zoom Meeting

20, 7:00 p.m. Lent + Easter Idea Exchange via Zoom from CNO.

25, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Zoom Meeting.

31, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Zoom Meeting

### February

7, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Zoom Meeting

8, 10 a.m. Older Adult Ministry Team Zoom Meeting

14, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Zoom Meeting

15, 3:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting via Zoom

22, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Zoom Meeting

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### 2022 Presbytery Meeting Dates, Tuesdays and Sundays in 2022

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.

## From your Presbytery's Coordinating Team, *Convener, Jim Wilson* Presbytery Meetings on Sundays...

*As those of you who attended the November Presbytery meeting know, at the recommendation of the PSV Coordinating Team, the Presbytery voted to hold meetings twice this year on Sunday afternoons. One of the ongoing concerns of the Coordinating Team has been the apparent inability of ruling elders whose jobs or family responsibilities do not permit them to attend weekday afternoon meetings of the Presbytery. Coordinating Team believes that increasing the diversity of elder commissioners at Presbytery meetings, as well as their number, is a value we all share. A little more than a decade ago, for a couple of years, the Presbytery tried several Saturday meetings. This experiment did not lead to increased attendance or diversity in elder commissioners. The feedback we received was that Saturdays were full of family responsibilities, and not ideal for attending Presbytery meetings. The proposal brought in November is another attempt to address the same issue. It is an experiment we hope folks will try to allow to succeed. We also welcome your ideas on other approaches to increasing attendance and diversity at Presbytery meetings. We look forward to this conversation!*

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**Your Presbytery staff are at work, in the office and remotely, by email or phone.**

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Website: [www.psvonline.org](http://www.psvonline.org) Presbytery Office: 614-847-0565.

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## Job Opportunities in Churches in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley

**Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Grandview...** has two open positions: one for a part-time office manager and a second for a part-time financial officer. The job descriptions and information on how to apply can be found at: <https://blvdchurch.org/about/careers/>. For questions, please contact Mac Swinford at [Office@blvdchurch.org](mailto:Office@blvdchurch.org).

**Reynoldsburg Unity Presbyterian Church...** is in need of an organist/accompanist, to accompany all regularly scheduled and special worship services, provide Preludes and Postludes, and accompany and rehearse with the chancel choir. This is a part time position, and will require an interview and demonstration of keyboard skills. This employee will have right of first refusal for all weddings and funerals, and will be supervised by the Music in Worship Director. Please email our Worship Chair [linsie.rose89@gmail.com](mailto:linsie.rose89@gmail.com) or the church office ([secretary@parkviewpresbyterian.org](mailto:secretary@parkviewpresbyterian.org)) if you are interested.

**Upper Arlington Covenant Presbyterian Church...** is in need of an Parish Associate for Pastoral Care. Job Summary: The Parish Associate is to serve in a support role to the Pastor/Head of Staff with primary emphasis on the process and systems of pastoral care. The Parish Associate is hired by The Session and supervised by the Senior Pastor. This position is part-time. To apply, email your resume and cover letter to Covenant Head Pastor Joel Esala: [joelesala@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:joelesala@covenantpcusa.org), To view the Position Description for Parish Associate for Pastoral Care, visit: [https://files.logoscdn.com/v1/files/56058813/assets/12730545/content.pdf?signature=T5\\_ZLmerpHODvKMIaA\\_RwWHJ9sc](https://files.logoscdn.com/v1/files/56058813/assets/12730545/content.pdf?signature=T5_ZLmerpHODvKMIaA_RwWHJ9sc)

**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.

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**FIRESIDE CHATS FOR PASTORS...**Due to the continuing risks of meeting together, the Fireside Chats on the third Thursdays is on hold for now. These popular gatherings for pastors will resume as soon as it is safe to gather again.

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**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#**

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**Hanging Rock Area Pastors' Monthly Lunch Gatherings are Temporarily on Hold...**  
The monthly lunch gatherings for pastors in the southern areas of the Presbytery (The Hanging Rock Area) will resume as soon as it is deemed safe to gather for lunch meetings and conversations. Watch for the next dates for these popular gatherings for our pastors.

**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.

### Building Congregational Vitality

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)



### The Presbytery of 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 a.m.** 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.

**The PSV Global Mission Network** would like all congregations and mission leaders in our presbytery to be aware of **new guidance from PCUSA World Mission regarding support for, and designations to, Mission Co-workers in our denomination:**

**<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterian-world-mission-adopts-new-funding-system-to-support-mission-co-workers/>**

**[Presbyterian Mission Agency Presbyterian World Mission adopts new funding system to support mission co-workers | Presbyterian Mission Agency](#)**

As the new year gets underway, the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) is implementing a timely and important change to its funding system in support of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s mission co-workers in 80 countries across the globe.

[www.presbyterianmission.org](http://www.presbyterianmission.org)

### **Upcoming Popular Youth Ministry Event in the Summer of 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.







Kirkmont Center is now open for Registration for Summer Camp 2022! Register today at [Kirkmontcenter.org](http://Kirkmontcenter.org) and make this Summer the best one yet for your young and young at heart loved ones!



**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>>](#)**

### **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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