

Mid-week E-News January 27, 2022

# The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

*"Inspire, Strengthen, And Challenge Congregations For Christ's Mission."* 2-18, 2020

*Snow, ice, frigid winds: it's winter, Lord,  
and those cruises and beaches look so appealing right now.  
but you have called us to these days, these places  
to be the salt which can melt frozen hearts,  
the light which can shine the way home,  
the grace which can warm those left out in the cold by fear.*

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## Zoom Anti-Racism Conversation Saturday, February 19 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

In November of 2021 the Presbytery of Scioto Valley passed an Anti-Racism Policy. What does this mean for our presbytery? How can we as churches and a presbytery live into this policy? "Sponsored by the Commission on Nurture and Outreach". Join us for a zoom conversation on Saturday, February 19 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Register at this link Register in advance for this meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ1kf-GsrD0iHNOXjfq8fcNNjWQE6So\\_YDoB](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ1kf-GsrD0iHNOXjfq8fcNNjWQE6So_YDoB)



## Thanks....Thanks...to all who contributed!

*Jim Hines, Chair, Commission for Presbytery Operations*

January is always an exciting time. We kick off the new year with high hopes that it's going to be better than last year. However, it's also a time to "look back" at how we did last year. January is when John Wyckoff, the Presbytery's

Financial Assistant, and Bob Patterson, Presbytery Treasurer, close out our books to end the prior year (2021).

This year we have good news to report - the Presbytery was able to close out 2021 with a small budget SURPLUS as opposed to the projected deficit of just over \$50,000. How did we do this you might ask. Thanks to the generous support of our member congregations, we collected 80% of the budgeted

(allocated) per capita for 2021. This compares with collections that have historically ranged in the 75% range. Thanks to all of you who so generously supported per capita this past year – despite the challenges of the ongoing pandemic.

You were also generous in your support of Missions during 2021 and while we didn't set any records for giving, we did have very strong support of Mission giving. Again, despite the challenges of the pandemic, we, as Presbyterians, continue to support those who are less fortunate than us.

On behalf of the Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) and the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, thank-you all for your generous support during 2021. Let's pray that we get back to some sense of normalcy during 2022 and that we have a great year ahead of us.

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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 open 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. Read

more: <https://psvonline.org/publication/presbytery-of-scioto-valley-office-update>

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### **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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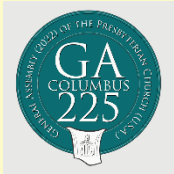
Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated for the family and friends of Lois

Sensenbrenner who died on January 24, 2022. Lois was the wife of the Reverend Ed Sensenbrenner, honorably retired minister member. A private family burial will be January 31st, at Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio. The Family is planning a Celebration of Life Service for Lois in May or June at Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Columbus.



Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated for the family, friends and colleagues of the

Reverend Jack M. Groat, retired minister member, and Pastor Emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church in Marysville where he served as installed pastor for 34 years. The funeral service is Monday, January 31, 10:30 a.m., at First Presbyterian Church Marysville, 210 W. 5th Street. A luncheon will follow the service. Calling hours are Sunday, January 30, from 2:00-6:00 p.m., Underwood Funeral Home, 703 E. 5th Street, Marysville.



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

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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**Job Opportunities in Churches in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley  
Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry, Mifflin Presbyterian,  
Gahanna, Ohio.** Mifflin Presbyterian Church located in Gahanna Ohio (a suburb of Columbus), is seeking a full time Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry.

Mifflin Church is a welcoming multi-generational church which has a membership of three hundred. We are committed to growing together in faith and are proud to be an active part of our community. Mifflin Church is looking for a candidate with a passion and vision for promoting Christian educational ministries for children, youth and adults.

The Director of CE serves as leader and developer of education programming for all ages. We are seeking an individual with a strong personal faith in Jesus Christ, the ability to communicate and interact with children and adults, along with enthusiasm in growing youth and family involvement in the church.

This is a full-time position, with regular participation in Sunday morning educational programs expected. The full description and application details are available at: <http://www.mifflinpres.org> Applications are being accepted through March 31, 2022. Please visit the church website for more information about Mifflin Presbyterian Church at: <http://www.mifflinpres.org>

**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 a part-time organist/accompanist, to accompany all regularly scheduled and special worship services, provide Preludes and Postludes, and accompany and rehearse with the chancel choir. 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)).

**Upper Arlington Covenant Presbyterian Church...** is in need of a part-time Parish Associate for Pastoral Care. 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.

### **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.



### **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.

## 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#

## Upcoming Synod of the Covenant Educational Opportunities Race, Science, and the Church

The "Race, Science, and the Church" Zoom workshop will be held on February 16 and 23 from 12:00 - 1:30 P.M. both days. **Learn more and register>>**

### Journey Groups

This is an opportunity for teaching elders and commissioned ruling elders to participate in Journey Groups, small groups to encourage support and resilience, facilitated by LeaderWise psychologists. The groups meet monthly from March to November. Deadline to sign up is February 15.

**Learn more and register>>**

## 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).



### 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

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](https://www.pcusa.org/matthew25)

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](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterian-world-mission-adopts-new-funding-system-to-support-mission-co-workers/)

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](https://www.presbyterianmission.org)

### Upcoming Popular Youth Ministry Event in the Summer of 2022

#### **Presbyterian Youth Triennium July 24 - 27, 2022 in Indianapolis.**

**UPDATE:** Triennium is the PCUSA's national youth conference that combines four days of CONVERSATION, RECREATION, LEARNING, WORSHIP AND FUN! Drawing from the rich and diverse theology, history and education of the Presbyterian tradition – the Triennium experience is packed with the information students long to explore. Digging into faith through a variety of activities and experiences, participants will re-center their lives with a fresh sense of inspiration grounded in the context of personal and communal worship.

**Dates:** Mandatory pre-event "Get together": Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – 5-7pm

Conference: Sunday, July 24 – Wednesday, July 27, 2022

**Location:** Indiana Conference Center, Indianapolis, IN

**Age:** High School Youth and accompanying adult advisors (entering freshman – graduated seniors)

**Cost:** \$700 per person (includes transportation via Presbytery rented bus, hotel stay booked through Indy Housing Bureau, meals and program costs)

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley(PSV) is contributing \$100 per youth. (This means actual cost is \$600 per student.) For more details contact PSV co-registrars Jenni Whitford or Martha Pool ([triennium@psvonline.org](mailto:triennium@psvonline.org))

Registration Date has been pushed back to accommodate more folks.

\$200 deposit and registration forms are due **NO LATER THAN MARCH 7.**

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.

**PSV YouTube channel - [www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery](http://www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery).**



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