

Mid-week E-News February 3, 2022

# The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

Lord, you are our faithful God throughout every generation.  
Help us, we pray,  
to thank you for the past,  
to praise you for the present,  
and to trust you for the future,  
in Jesus' name.

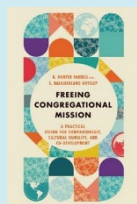
From the Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers, compiled by Dorothy M. Stewart

## 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/tZIkf-GsrD0iHNOXjfq8fcNNjWQE6So\\_YDoB](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIkf-GsrD0iHNOXjfq8fcNNjWQE6So_YDoB)



The **GLOBAL MISSION NETWORK of Scioto Valley Presbytery** is sponsoring two sessions on the new book, ***FREEING CONGREGATIO***



Join us on Zoom for two Saturday morning sessions:

**Saturday, March 12, 10:30-noon:**

An introduction to the book by Cynthia Holder Rich, clergy member of Miami Valley Presbytery and facilitator of last year's *Mission Engagement 101* five-month learning event (see videos at <https://www.youtube.com/c/SciotoValleyPresbytery/videos>)

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**MISSION by  
Hunter Farrell  
and Bala  
Khyllep.**

The book outlines what the authors see as a deepening crisis in international mission efforts done by congregations and denominations—a crisis marked by a deviation from mission in the way of Jesus—and how we might move toward more faithful ways of mission. Hunter, former director of PCUSA World Mission, now serves as the Director of the World Mission Institute at Pittsburgh Seminary. Bala serves as associate director of the Institute.

**Saturday, March 26, 10:30-noon:** A moderated conversation with Hunter Farrell and Bala Khyllep about their research and the arguments in the book—bring your questions!

The sessions are **FREE**, and registration is **REQUIRED**. The Global Mission Network is making discounted copies of the book available. Include your order in your registration email. To register and to order your copy of the book, send email to Jon Carlisle at [revjoncarlisle@gmail.com](mailto:revjoncarlisle@gmail.com). Print the flyer by visiting: <https://psvonline.org/events/freeing-congregational-mission-zoom-meeting>

**Coordinating Team, Purpose:** To organize the life of the Presbytery, and to hold the Presbytery accountable to its mission and vision by coordinating all presbytery strategic and long-range planning activities, presbytery meeting agendas, staffing, and budget creation.

## 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!



This is just a reminder to **all Clerks of Session** that the deadline to upload your congregation's annual statistical report is Monday, February 7. You can upload your information by going to the website for the Office of General Assembly Denominational Rolls and Statistics at <http://oga.pcusa.org/stats>.

Remember, you will need your church's username (Church PIN number) and password. PINs and passwords have not been changed since last year. If you cannot find your church's PIN and/or password, please contact Dagmar Romage by email, [dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org) or at the presbytery office, 614-847-0565. If you are having problems accessing the system or submitting information, please do not hesitate to reach out to Stated Clerk Bill Gause at [statedclerk@psvonline.org](mailto:statedclerk@psvonline.org) or by calling the presbytery office.

### 2022 Presbytery Meeting Calendar

#### 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.

## March

7, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals (CPO) Zoom Meeting.  
7, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Zoom Meeting.  
8, 10:00 a.m. Older Adult Ministry Task Team Zoom Meeting.  
12, 10-noon *FREEING CONGREGATIONAL MISSION* Book Study by Zoom.  
14, noon Presbytery Staff Meeting.  
14, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Zoom Meeting.  
15, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team (CT) Meeting  
22, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Zoom Meeting.  
26, 10-noon *FREEING CONGREGATIONAL MISSION* Book Study by Zoom.  
26, 10:00 a.m. Poverty in Central Ohio, Michael Wilkos from United via Zoom.  
27, 3:00 p.m. Installation Service Rev. Lanie Sipes, Associate Pastor,  
Newark Second Presbyterian Church.

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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.

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

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**Commission for Congregational Life (CCL). Purpose:** To promote and nurture healthy, faith-filled relationships within and among congregations and the presbytery through facilitation, communication, and coordination.

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.

## February Prayer List for Scioto Valley Congregations:

London First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Desiree Youngblood.

Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church, Pastor Larry Hoffmann.

Johnstown Presbyterian Church, Pastor Kevin Heckathorn.

Chillicothe Presbyterian Church, Pastor Jason Link.

Circleville Presbyterian Church, Pastor Audrey Lukasak.

Marion Lee Street Presbyterian Church Pastor Scott Schnapp.

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, Commissioned Pastor Linda Plummer.  
Columbus Bethany Presbyterian Church, Pastor Edward Lewis.

*Please lift up these congregations and pastors in your prayers this month.*

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*TO: Clerks of Session and Pastors*

*FROM: Rev. Dr. Mark E. Parsons II, Chair, Commission for Congregational Life*

*Greetings from the Presbytery of Scioto Valley's Commission for Congregational Life (CCL)! We hope this note finds you all doing well despite these cold days. As we start a new year in ministry together, I wanted to reach out as the new chairperson of CCL to share a bit about what the CCL is and how we might support your congregation and its ministries. While our work is primarily conducted in coordination with Clerks of Session, we want to keep pastors in the loop. Pastors have their own liaisons on the Commission for Church Professionals.*

*As you probably know, the CCL is charged with supporting the ministries of our 87 congregations and their 13,000+ members. The primary way most congregations encounter CCL is when they are going through a pastoral transition. While helping congregations, sessions, and Pastor Nominating Committees work through the pastoral search process is a huge part of our work, we also are here to support your congregation in its day-to-day ministries. Read more: <https://psvonline.org/publication/commission-for-congregational-life-letter-to-clerk-of-session-and-pastors>*

***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 February.*

The Reverend Janice Hilkerbaumer HR 2-1-1972

The Reverend Dennis D. Ladd HR 2-1-1976

The Reverend Ann Melick 2-8-2015

The Reverend Desiree M. Youngblood 2-10-2008

The Reverend David M. Redding 2-12-1995

The Reverend Charlotte O'Neil 2-15-2004

The Reverend H. C. Paul Kim 2-20-2000

The Reverend. Allison T. Bauer 2-26-2006

The Reverend Peter Galbraith 2-27-2011

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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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**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.

**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/>

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**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)

### 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 [katiekinnison@gmail.com](mailto:katiekinnison@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

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://pcusa.org/matthew25)

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.

**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.



### **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, we 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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### **Job Opportunities in Churches in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley**

**Portsmouth First Presbyterian Church** is seeking a church office assistant for 20 hours a week Monday through Thursday. Applicants can submit their resume to: [Rjohnson.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:Rjohnson.fpc@gmail.com)

### **Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry, Mifflin Presbyterian, Gahanna, Ohio**

Mifflin Presbyterian Church, located in Gahanna (a suburb of Columbus), is seeking a full time Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry. 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)).



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!

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**Film critic selects his top 10 films for 2021...  
Dr. Edward McNulty's annual list is rich with films imbued in moral and spiritual content | Special to Presbyterian News Service**

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to disrupt or postpone the releases of some films during 2021. With theaters closed during part of the year, some new releases were viewed on various platforms via streaming video. Although this has meant that I have not been able to catch all the new films, I have seen enough to compile a long enough list of candidates that still make paring down the list to 10 a pleasantly painful process. As in the past, the films below do more than just entertain us. They explore the life worth living, celebrate the human spirit, challenge accepted norms, open our eyes to new beauty and truths, and maybe warn us of or show us "the wages of sin." Several will be on the lists of the secular critics, but others will be less familiar. Although aesthetics and popularity are considered, the moral/spiritual content of the film is the main consideration. The Bible references are from my original reviews,

intended to help the reader make a connection between insights of the filmmaker and the ancient wisdom of the Scripture writers. To explore a film further, click on the title, and the embedded link will take you to the full review.

[Read More](#)

### **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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New units from Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible Curriculum. Growing in God's Love A Story Bible Curriculum just released 3 New Testament units. If you'd like to learn more about this series check out our [video](#) all about this great children's curriculum. Visit: <https://www.pcusastore.com/>

### **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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