

Mid-week E-News February 17, 2022

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

A Thought for the Day...

**There is a day
when the road neither
comes nor goes, and the way
is not a way but a place.**

From: *THIS DAY: Collected & New Sabbath Poems by Wendell Berry*



The Presbytery of Scioto Valley 261st Stated Meeting...

The meeting was held on ZOOM on Tuesday, February 15. This Zoom meeting gathered over 100 pastors and elders from 40 congregations from Delaware to Gallipolis, and Hanover to London. They signed on from the north and the south, the east and the west, to join this interesting and informational Zoom Presbytery Meeting, effectively moderated by Moderator Bob Gustafson. Guests of this meeting included the Reverend Dr. Chip Hardwick, from the Synod of the Covenant, Elder James Rissler, from the PC(USA) Investment and Loan Program, and the Reverend Luke Choi, from the PC(USA) Board of Pensions. Each of these special guests shared valuable information, updates and opportunities related to their ministry programs.

Highlights of this meeting included interesting reports and updated information from each of the Presbytery Commissions: Church Professionals; Congregational Life; Presbytery Operations and Nurture and Outreach; the Presbytery Nominating Committee and the Presbytery's Discernment and Design Administrative Commission. Candidate Julie Oswalt was examined and approved for Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Elder Bob Patterson was elected for a second term as the Presbytery treasurer. The Operations Commission shared the good news related to the Presbytery budget income and expenses. The Commissioners to the 2022 General Assembly were elected.

This full meeting closed with a prayer by Vice-Moderator, Reverend Emily Corzine, and the following blessing by Elder Art Gooray from Broad St. P.C.

Beloved people of God...whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, anything that is excellent and worthy of praise - Keep on doing those things, and the God of peace will be with you! Amen!

For all of the details about the actions taken at this full and interesting Presbytery Meeting, watch for the complete minutes of this Meeting.

Zoom Anti-Racism Conversation

Sponsored by the PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach
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?

Join this zoom conversation on Saturday, February 19 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

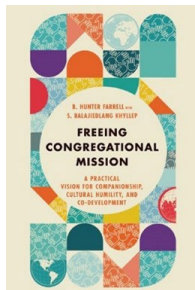
Register at this link in advance for this

meeting: 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, ***FREING CONGREGATIONAL MISSION* by Hunter Farrell and Bala Khyllap.**

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.



**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>)

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 Print the flyer by visiting: <https://psvonline.org/events/freeing-congregational-mission-zoom-meeting>



**Association of Partners in Education (APCE)
Event in Chicago 2022 (50+1 years!)**

APCE has a new name! APCE now stands for "Association of Partners in Christian Education". This was an important shift, as APCE includes the Moravian Church in America, the Reformed Church in America, the Christian Reformed Church in North America, and the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Presbytery of Scioto Valley was well represented at the APCE gathering in Chicago this year; (left to right) Tom Rice (Worthington), Brittany Porch (Columbus Broad Street), Julie Oswald (Delaware Liberty), Mary Gause (Columbus Overbrook), Jenni Whitford (Worthington), and Betsy Rice, (Worthington). This year's them, *Circle of Faith*, built largely upon Hebrews 11, was explored from different angles in worship, preaching, and breakout sessions. Being a *Circle of Faith* requires looking back and holding a connection to the people who spiritually formed you.

[Read More](#)

Triennium Update - The 2022 Event has been Cancelled!

The Office of Presbyterian Youth and Triennium has come to the difficult but important decision to cancel the Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2022 in-person event. This is out of a deep desire to prioritize the safety and health of our participants and their communities – your youth, adult volunteers, and churches. It feels heartbreaking, but necessary to make this call and to share it with you. This decision was made thoughtfully and prayerfully alongside our 2022 Coordinators, under the guidance of our COVID Medical Advisory Team, and with the support of Presbyterian Mission Agency leadership.

Please know that the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Churches who have registered and paid a deposit will soon be reimbursed.

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

2022 Presbytery Meeting Dates

Tuesday, February 15, Sunday, May 15, Tuesday, September 20,
Sunday, November 20, meeting times at 3:30 p.m.

As those of you who attended the November Presbytery Meeting know, at the recommendation of the PSV Coordinating Team, the Presbytery voted to hold Presbytery Meetings twice this year on Sunday afternoons. The Coordinating Team believes that Sunday meetings could increase the diversity of elder commissioners at Presbytery meetings, as well as their number. The proposal brought in November is an experiment. We welcome your ideas on other approaches to increasing attendance and diversity at Presbytery meetings.

We look forward to this conversation!

2022 Presbytery Meeting Calendar

February

- 19, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Zoom Anti-Racism Conversation.
- 20, 4:00 p.m. Commissioning Service for Chris Piper, CRE, Amanda Presbyterian Church, Amanda, Ohio.
- 22, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Zoom Meeting.
- 27, 4:00 p.m. Commissioning Service for Steven Watters, CRE, First Presbyterian Church, London, Ohio.

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.
- 13, 3:00 p.m. Installation Service for the Reverend Steven Brand, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Washington Court House, Ohio.
- 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.
- 17, 10:00 a.m. CRE Task Team Zoom 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 for the Reverend Elaina Sipes, Associate Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, Ohio.

2022 Presbytery Meeting Dates, Tuesdays and Sundays in 2022

Sunday, May 15, Tuesday, September 20, Sunday, November 20,
All meetings begin at 3:30 p.m.

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

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Dagmar Romage, Administrative Assistant, dagmar@psvonline.org

John Wyckoff, Financial Assistant, accounting@psvonline.org
Website: www.psvonline.org - Presbytery Office: 614-847-0565.



Presbyterian Women Winter Gathering will be held Saturday, February 26, on Zoom from 9:30-11:30 am. Focus for the day will be Seeking Shalom as we work for justice and peace. Main speaker will be Susan Smith who will discuss her book "*With Liberty and Justice for Some: The Bible, the Constitution, and Racism in America.*" Women from three churches will also share the justice and peace initiatives they are involved in. Register by contacting Martha Pool, mjpool53@gmail.com.

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

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

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.

TO: PSV 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)

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 may 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.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Invites all to join in these Celebrations

The commissioning of Christina Piper, CRE, to pastoral service with
Amanda Presbyterian Church
February 20, 2022, 4 p.m.

The commissioning of Steven A. Watters, CRE, to pastoral service with
First Presbyterian Church of London, Ohio,
February 27, 2022, 4 p.m.

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.

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**

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**



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**.

PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach(CNO) has appointed Matthew 25 Ambassadors who can speak to your Mission/Outreach/Service Committees



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**.*

and/or Sessions to explain more about *Bob Gustafson, PSV Moderator 2022.*
Matthew 25.

Check out pcusa.org/matthew25

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.

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

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. 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>



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

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.” \

[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.

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