

Mid-week E-News February 24, 2022

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

A Daily Blessing

God be the light in my eyes. God be the love in my voice.
God be the gentleness in my steps. God be the compassion in my touch.
God be the word on my lips. God be the strength for my spirit.
God be the ground under my feet.

Writing to God, Rachel G. Hackenberg.

Presbyterian Women Winter Gathering will be held this Saturday, February 26, on Zoom from 9:30-11:30 am. The focus for the day will be Seeking Shalom as we work for justice and peace. The main speaker will be Susan K. 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 or call 740-407-1708.



Congratulations to Chris Piper, Commissioned Ruling Elder!

On Sunday, February 20, Chris was commissioned as the Commissioned Pastor for the Amanda Presbyterian Church in Amanda. In the midst of the many church members and persons gathered to join in this celebrative commissioning service, Elder Chris Piper was surrounded by her commissioning team, Dr. Bob Gustafson, Presbytery Moderator, Revs.

Don and Janice Hilkerbaumer, retired pastors, Rev. Dr. Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter, Mark Bateson, Clerk of Session, Amanda PC, and Marcia Smith, Elder, Circleville Presbyterian Church.

Join Us - Cap City Helping Hands (CCHH) – February 28, 2022

CCHH welcomes all congregations to join in this front-line, hands-on, Matthew 25 ministry of our Presbytery. Working with the Columbus City School partners, our goal is to help keep kids in school with coats and a Christmas gift store. We

believe we are sharing the love of Christ when we work hand-in-hand with others to alleviate poverty.

CCHH meetings are on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. We meet about 6-7 times each year to plan and review our work. Our other times together occur in the fall months when we focus on our 2 main programs – the Coat Drive for Kids and West High Cowboy Bucks Holiday Store.

Because the Presbytery conference room continues to remain closed for the safety of our people, we will meet this month at the home of Connie Jump (csjumps@gmail.com for directions).

Dip your toe into this ministry by sending a person from your congregation to join us – we are from Westminster, Overbrook, Covenant, Hoge, Concord Fellowship, Grove City, Broad Street and Christ Presbyterian churches. Come and see what this Matthew 25 ministry is all about!

2022 Presbytery Meeting Calendar

February

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, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Zoom Meeting.
15, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team (CT) Zoom Meeting.
17, 10:00 a.m. CRE Task Team Zoom Meeting.
19, 10:00 a.m. Poverty in Central Ohio, Michael Wilkos from United via Zoom.
22, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Zoom Meeting.
26, 10-noon *FREEING CONGREGATIONAL MISSION* Book Study by 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 available, in the office or remotely, by email or phone.

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The Presbytery Conference Room continues to be closed.

The PSV conference room is currently not available for in-person meetings. The Commission for Presbytery Operations and the Coordinating Team will be meeting by Zoom in March and will continue to review the safety of in-person meetings. We appreciate your patience and support.



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

**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>

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) APCE Share Night, March 24, 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Join us for a night of APCE workshop and resource sharing. Our Presbytery had several folks attend the 2022 Association of Partners in Christian Education's (APCE) annual event in Chicago last month.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Self-Development of People (SDOP) committee would like to share

with you that the New Bakers (one of the groups which received a grant) video is on the presbytery YouTube site www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery

and can be used by congregations for a One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) minute for mission, or for SDOP Sunday on March 13.



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

Each Month we lift up in prayer some of our congregations and their pastors.

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.

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

Annual Church Professionals' Retreat

This year's retreat, which is designed for pastors and church educators, will be held on November 13-15, 2022, at the Deer Creek State Park Lodge. Please note that this year, the retreat will be held on the second weekend of the month of November. The retreat planning team is at work designing the retreat and its leadership. Watch for information soon!



The Reverend Charlsie B. Ramsey Memorial Fund

https://www.kiva.org/team/charlsie_ramsey_memorial_fund

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 Opportunity

- "Stretching into Prophetic Preaching" Workshop on 3/2 <https://synodofthecovenant.org/2022/02/18/stretching-into-prophetic-preaching/>
- Introduction to Boundaries Training on March 14-15 <https://synodofthecovenant.org/leadership-development-workshops/#introduction-to-boundaries>

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.

Mission Work Trip Opportunities in West Virginia for our Presbytery in 2022...

This year we will offer two locations in West Virginia for Presbytery mission work teams the week of October 23-29. We will be working with the WVMAW (West Virginia Mission Advocacy Workcamp) at locations in Colcord, West Virginia and Hampden, West Virginia.

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.

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 **katiekinnison@gmail.com**



MATTHEW 25

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



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

Mission/Outreach/Service Committees and/or Sessions to explain more about Matthew 25.

Check out pcusa.org/matthew25

contact Alice Phillips at 740-391-2531 or revalp@neo.rr.com.

Bob Gustafson, PSV 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.

Job Opportunities in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley and beyond.

Grove City First Presbyterian Church (FPC) is looking for a part-time organist & pianist to play for worship on Sunday morning and special occasions. As well, this job (call) can include becoming Director of Music Ministry. FPC offers a competitive salary with two weeks of paid vacation. Send your resume to fpcofgc@gmail.com. With questions about the position, or to receive a full job description, contact the church 614-875-4322.

The Synod of the Covenant is seeking an Accountant/Bookkeeper <https://synodofthecovenant.org/2022/02/18/synod-seeking-accountant-bookkeeper/>



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!



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For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs>

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.



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