

Mid-week E-News March 3, 2022

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

PSV YouTube channel - www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery.

A Celebration of Nature...

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world and am free.

+ Wendell Berry

Commissioning Service for Steve Watters, First Presbyterian Church, London



Steve Watters, Certified Ruling Elder, was commissioned to pastoral service at the London First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 27, surrounded by family, friends, church members and colleagues. Participants in the Commissioning service included Bob Gustafson, Presbytery Moderator, Gordon Johnson, Pastor Emeritus, Harriet Dana, Elder, Desiree Youngblood and Mark Johnson, Pastors, and Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter.

The **GLOBAL MISSION NETWORK** of Scioto Valley Presbytery is sponsoring two sessions on the new book, *FREEING CONGREGATIONAL MISSION* by Hunter Farrell and Bala Khylllep. 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.

Join us on Zoom for two Saturday morning sessions:

Saturday, March 12, 10:30-noon for 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 Khylllep 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>

Matthew 25 Event

Poverty in Central Ohio. The 2020 Census numbers are in. The changes in Central Ohio are record breaking in growth and diversity. Michael Wilkos, Sr. Vice President, Community Impact, United Way of Central Ohio will share the statistics and how it impacts Central Ohio and help us grapple with "What's next? and What can we do as a community of faith?"

Join us on zoom on Saturday, March 19 at 10:00 am.

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckduGgrTkqE9STYsgKicDupC2ybu5IDW-V>

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2022 Presbytery Meeting Calendar

March

- 7, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) 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, 10:30-noon *FREEING CONGREGATIONAL MISSION* Book Study by Zoom.
- 13, *Spring Forward - Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour!*
- 13, 3:00 p.m. Installation Service for the Reverend Steven Brand, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Washington Court House.
- 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, 10:30-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 Presbytery Office, or by email or phone.
Presbytery Office Hours, Monday-Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm.**

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Bill Gause, Stated Clerk, statedclerk@psvonline.org

Bob Patterson, Treasurer, treasurer@psvonline.org

Dagmar Romage, Administrative Assistant, dagmar@psvonline.org

John Wyckoff, Financial Assistant, accounting@psvonline.org

Website: www.psvonline.org - Presbytery Office: 614-847-0565.

The Presbytery Conference Room is currently not available for in-person meetings. The Presbytery Commissions and the Coordinating Team continue to meet by Zoom and will continue to review the safety of in-person meetings.

Partner with us for Self Development of People Sunday on March 13.

Dear Self-Development of People Friends,

The Sunday Worship Resource is for use on SDOP Sunday on March 13 and beyond. It features stories about our community partners, hymns, a sermon and more! Amongst the stories included are those of the Afghan Cattle Cooperative comprised of families living below the poverty level that are raising and selling cattle to improve their lives and the Age Friendly Central Brooklyn project comprised of senior citizens working to develop a sense of community during the Covid-19 pandemic and other powerful stories. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/sdop/sdop-sunday/>



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.

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.

Brittany Porch (Broad Street), Mary Gause (Overbrook), Julie Oswalt (Delaware Liberty), Tom Rice (Worthington) and Jenni Whitford (Worthington) will participate as leaders. **You are invited to a Zoom meeting.**

When: Mar 24, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkdOquqzoiGNUxy-uUVkx6pgFv-Qzqd2Cw>

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

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The Presbytery voted in 2021 to hold Presbytery Meetings twice in 2022 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. We welcome your ideas on other approaches to increasing attendance and diversity at Presbytery meetings.

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.

March Prayer List for Scioto Valley Congregations

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

Marysville First Presbyterian Church, in transition.

Nelsonville First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Peter Galbraith

Columbus Christ Presbyterian Church, Pastor Pam Patterson (CRE)

New Albany Rose Run Presbyterian Church, Pastor Robert G. Armstrong

Columbus Covenant Presbyterian Church, Pastor Joel Esala

Newark First Presbyterian Church, in transition.

Columbus Crestview Presbyterian Church, Worship Leader Carol Bogaards

Newark Hanover Presbyterian Church, in transition.



An Opportunity for Support to congregations that have summer programs for kids...Do you need supplies such as art supplies, books, or even items of clothing or first aid kits? For more information, email: davidson011@gmail.com

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 installation service of the Reverend Steven Brand

First Presbyterian Church of Washington Court House

March 13, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

The installation service of the Reverend Elaina Sipes

First Presbyterian Church, Newark, Ohio

March 27, 2022, 3:00 p.m.



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 March.

The Reverend Robert R. Tolar Jr. – 3-3-1991
The Reverend Dr. Thomas F. Rice – 3-12-1994
The Reverend Karen Petersohn-Jung – 3-22-1992
The Reverend Diane M. Baldwin – 3-25-2007

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!



A Celebration of Life Service for the Reverend Oluf Kongshaug will be held Saturday, March 12th, at 1:00 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, Delaware, Ohio.

A Celebration of Life and Ministry service for the Reverend Charlsie Ramsey will be held on April 10, 2022, 3:00 p.m. at the Hanover Presbyterian Church (HPC), 732 N. Main Street NE, Newark, Ohio 43055. Charlsie was a wonderful and caring person who took her role as Pastor and spiritual leader very seriously. Rev. Charlsie served the congregation of Hanover Presbyterian Church for several years and retired in 2015. She also served the Presbytery as the Moderator, and recently served the Iberia Presbyterian Church as pastor. *The members of Hanover saw Charlsie as not only their Pastor, but as their friend. As Clerk of Session for Hanover Presbyterian Church, I would like to extend an invitation to the members of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley to attend this special service and assist in remembering Charlsie's call to serve the Lord. Elder Ron McLeish, Clerk HPC* For contributions in memory of Charlsie, you are invited to give to 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#



If you missed the PW Winter Gathering or wish to listen to speakers again, it has been uploaded to the presbytery's YouTube channel or you use on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbTmcoxBpVY>

For those interested in attending the PW Synod Gathering in July, I am also attaching the Registration Form with this email. Have a great March! Look for the Spring Newsletter in a few weeks!

Upcoming Synod of the Covenant Educational Opportunity

- "Stretching into Prophetic Preaching" Workshop on March 3 <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 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 West Virginia Mission Advocacy Workcamp (WVMAW) at locations in Colcord, West Virginia and Hampden, West Virginia.



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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. *If you want to join the call please contact Alice Phillips at 740-391-2531 or revalp@neo.rr.com.*

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 and make this Summer the best one yet for your young and young at heart loved ones!

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

Gracie finds her gift, and so do we

Dr. Kathy L. Dawson, who writes each year for Special Offerings about a beloved fish, appears on Between Two Pulpits.

LOUISVILLE — The educator and author who for 15 years has brought Presbyterians the adventures of Gracie the fish revealed to a Between Two Pulpits audience Monday the secret to keeping her underwater tales current: take an annual trip to the local aquarium.

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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.

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