

Mid-week E-News March 10, 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.



The Presbytery of Scioto Valley includes 87 churches with a membership of 12,996 (updated March 9, 2022). 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.

Thank you for your Per Capita and Mission Giving...

Many words of gratitude to the congregations who are able to continue to submit their per capita payments and mission giving even in this time of limited incomes. Thanks to each and all of you, your presbytery can continue to function effectively and provide needed support to our congregations and pastors.

PRAY. Pray now...Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

What the tree said - Picking up on an invitation to pray...

Rev. Ken Rummer for Presbyterians Today | Special to Presbyterian News Service
Spanish moss hanging from branches like gnome beards. Palm fronds dancing with the passing breeze. Lizards darting from flower bed to sunny stucco. I'm looking out at my sister-in-law's Florida backyard.

Even with things to do, with fears to face, with callings to pursue, pray.

At the top of the Norfolk Island Pine, the five newest branches reach out like points of a star, and a single central branch points upward. Can you hear it whisper? Pray.

Read: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/what-the-tree-said>

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

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>



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
Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, Ohio
March 27, 2022, 3:00 p.m.



A Celebration of Life Service for the Reverend Oluf Kongshaug, honorably retired pastor, will be held this Saturday, March 12th, at 1:00 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 73 W. Winter Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

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.

Upcoming Synod of the Covenant Educational Opportunity

- **Introduction to Boundaries Training on March 14-15** <https://synodofthecovenant.org/leadership-development-workshops/#introduction-to-boundaries>



Matthew 25 Event. Poverty in Central Ohio.

Join us on zoom on Saturday, March 19, 10:00 a.m. 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>

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Youth Summer Trip - Montreat Youth Conference -more than Enough, July 24-30, 2022. Rising 8th graders to graduating 12th graders. Scioto Valley Presbytery will travel as a group! \$600 per person.. To see the flyer and the registration form visit: <https://psvonline.org/events/montreat-youth-conference-july-24-30-2022>

Return the registration form to dagmar@psvonline.org. **Mail your deposit of \$100 by March 15.**(Remaining Balance due: \$250 May 1st, and balance of \$250 due June 1st). Make your check payable to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley and mail to 4131 N. High Street, Suite B., Columbus, OH 43214. Questions, contact Jenni Whitford at jwhitford@wpcnow.org

Global partners grateful that the PC(USA) is standing in solidarity against Russian invasion

'We are not alone in this war. God is with us, and our big Christian family is with us' by Kathy Melvin | Presbyterian News Service

In this troubling time, we pray for peace and unity between the churches of Ukraine and Russia as well as churches in broader Europe and the USA. We seek to stand together as siblings of God's beloved community, declaring in the face of war that there is another way. Claiming our hope in the Lord our God to protect the vulnerable and watch over those fleeing violence. And we call on God to help stop this war, breaking the instruments of violence, so that there can be peace."

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) launched **an appeal Tuesday** for funds to help support the church's humanitarian response.

Click here to give to the PC(USA) response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and Central Europe

[Read More](#)



UKRAINE

We are grateful for the outpouring of prayers and calls from congregations and individuals asking how they can help. As the violence continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority as PDA is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Read more:

<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine>



Breathe in the good air that the Lord provides. The Holy Spirit moves and swells and radiates out in all of the small miracles that we help one another realize every day. Through the pain, along with the dreary, and in the grieving that may come of living, there is the healing fresh breath of love that whisks across the ages, reviving our hearts, our souls, and our minds as reminder that God never abandons. The Love of the Lord is greater than any burden, brings hope and that, my friends, is the primordial and unending truth. Just take a breath. Amen.

Prayer by Christine Burns, CRE, First Presbyterian Church, Fredericktown.

2022 Presbytery Meeting Calendar

March

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.

30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Hanging Rock area Pastors' Coffee and Lunch Gathering, Paper City Coffee Shop in Chillicothe. Contact Jeannie with questions.

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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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/j/8122222222>



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 : Sunday, May 15; Tuesday, September 20; Sunday, November 20. All meetings are scheduled at 3:30 p.m. Read more: <https://psvonline.org/publication/2022-presbytery-meeting-dates-conversation/>

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.

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.

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 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.

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

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.

Neighborhood Mission Grants

The Commission for Nurture and Outreach offers Neighborhood Mission Grants (of up to \$2,000) to assist congregations that seek to be missional churches within the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Neighborhood Mission Grant program honors the way your congregation reaches out in the name of Jesus Christ to your neighbors and community. For more information:

<https://psvonline.org/publication/neighborhood-mission-grant-app-march-2021-pdf/>

Campus Ministry at OSU - Ash Wednesday on fraternity row...

By Reverend Trip Porch, pastor, Columbus Indianola Presbyterian Church

Since Indianola PC is surrounded by fraternity houses, Pastor Trip tried a new way of celebrating Ash Wednesday this year. Read more:

<https://pres-outlook.org/2022/03/celebrating-ash-wednesday-on-fraternity-row/>



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!

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

This year our Presbytery will offer two mission 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 Workcamps (WVMAW) at locations in Colcord, West Virginia and Hampden, West Virginia. Applications will be

available soon. Contact Jeannie Harsh if you are interested in putting your name on the mission work team list.

Matthew 25 is alive and well in our Scioto Valley Presbytery!

This PC(USA) Initiative encourages congregations to focus on building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

- **Have some questions about Matthew 25?** Check out some FAQs here:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Matthew25-FAQ.pdf>

- **Want to know what other churches are doing?** Watch this video from First Presbyterian Church in

Waverly. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYT3p1_bRYo

- **Want to look at Matthew 25 events recently held in our presbytery?**

[Matthew 25 - YouTube](#)

- **Want to use a Lenten Devotional based on Matthew 25?**

[Presbyterian Mission Agency Lenten Devotional for 2022 |](#)

[Presbyterians Today | Presbyterian Mission Agency](#)

- **Want to have someone talk to your church about Matthew 25?** To set up a visit from an Ambassador for Matthew 25 contact the presbytery office.



Presbytery of Scioto Valley Prayer Group. You are invited to join this presbytery-wide, phone-based prayer group sponsored by the Presbytery 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 Opportunity at the Mifflin Presbyterian in Gahanna

This Church is seeking an Organist and Accompanist. The congregation has great appreciation and respect for high quality and meaningful music in a variety of styles. At this time, Mifflin has one Sunday morning service and often hosts Wednesday evening services. The Music Ministry Team has been active using online formats throughout Covid-19 and is currently rehearsing and worshipping in person. A full job description can be found at www.mifflinpres.org. Applications and inquiries can be directed to the Music Director, Kate Cremean, k8.cremean@gmail.com.

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/>



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 Commission for Nurture and Outreach is providing \$50 scholarships for the first 20 children/youth to sign up for Kirkmont or another PC(USA) camp. Contact the presbytery office for more information.

March 2 - April 17, 2022, One Great Hour of Sharing

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

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