

Mid-week E-News March 17, 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.

Prayer for the Day...

O God, come to our assistance. O God, make haste to help us. Glory to the One in Three as it was in the beginning, now, and evermore shall be.

A Hymn for the Day...

I arise today
Through God's strength to pilot me:
God's might to uphold me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me
From snares of devils,
From temptations of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill,
Afar and anear,
Alone and in multitude.
(Saint Patrick's Breastplate)

From: **A Contemporary Celtic Prayer Book** by William John Fitzgerald

PSV Pastors' Fireside Chats Resume at the Rusty Bucket in the Clintonville Area near the Presbytery Office

Mark your calendars for these delightful, informal gatherings with your pastor colleagues on the afternoons of the third Thursdays in March, April, May, June, July and August. Come and gather from 3-5 p.m. in the fireside area in the Clintonville Rusty Bucket near the Presbytery Office. Appetizers will be provided. All pastors are invited! No reservations are needed.

Email jeannie@psvonline.org for questions or more information.



The Reverend Steven Brand was installed as the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Washington Court House on Sunday, March 13. Members and friends of the First Presbyterian Church gathered with the Presbytery Moderator Dr. Robert Gustafson and the Installation Commission members Jason Link, Jeannie Harsh, Troy Braswell, Bill Leasure, Jill Roberts and Nicholas Preston for this impressive and celebrative service. Congratulations and many good wishes to Pastor Steve and the Washington Court House First Presbyterian Church family for their ministry together.



MATTHEW 25

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>

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

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<https://www.facebook.com/100004376292768/posts/2198367450319110/?d=n>

2022 Presbytery Meeting Calendar

March

17, 10:00 a.m. CRE Task Team Zoom Meeting.

3 - 5 p.m. Fireside Chat for pastors, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.

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. **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/join/register/tZAKdOquqzoiGNUxy-uUVkx6pgFv-Qzqd2Cw>

PDA Story Productions (Jenni Whitford). Here We Are – Death has come and there is only resurrection left (Mary Gause). Matthew 25 Faith Formation (Tom Rice) Bridging the Gap (Betsy Rice). Public Prayer Stations (Brittany Porch)

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 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 the this Celebrations!

The installation service of the Reverend Elaina Sipes
Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, Ohio
March 27, 2022, 3:00 p.m.



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

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 30.** April 2, the price goes up, so I want to get them in before then. (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

Community Lunch in Support of Ukrainian Refugees, Sunday, March 27th, from Noon to 2pm.

A Celebration of Ukrainian Culture. First Presbyterian Church of Washington Court House, 214 N. Hinde Street. Menu: Borscht – A stew of beets & vegetables. Vareniki – Similar to pierogi. Golubtsi – Stuffed cabbage rolls. Banush – A cornmeal stew. Nalisniki – Dessert crepes. Donations Encouraged for Meals. To-Go Meals Available Cultural Presentations, Displays & Music Pysanka Egg Decorating All proceeds go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's efforts helping Ukrainian Refugees.



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>

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.



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.

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.

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. The retreat planning team is at work designing the retreat and its leadership. Watch for information soon!

Peace and Prayers. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the Reverend Malcolm Davis, pastor at Central College Presbyterian Church, Westerville. His mother Laura died at her home in Dallas last night. Please pray for Malcomb's dad (Fred), and his brother and sister (Jim and Melora), along with the rest of the Davis family. All condolences should be directed to Barbara in the Central College Church office who will share with the family.

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.



Campus Ministry at OSU - A Creative Ash Wednesday Celebration on OSU's 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/>

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/>

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.

- 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

For more opportunities check out the complete list here:

<https://psvonline.org/publication/matthew-25-is-alive-and-well-in-our-presbytery/>



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.

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.

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.

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