

Mid-week E-News March 24, 2022

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

The God Who Yearns and Waits for Us...

We are strange conundrums of faithfulness and fickleness.

We cleave to you in all ways that we are able.

We count on you and intend our lives to be lived for you,
and then we find ourselves among your people
who are always seeking elsewhere and otherwise.

So we give thanks that you are the God
who yearns and waits for us,
and that our connection to you is always from your side,
and that it is because of your goodness
that neither life nor death
nor angels nor principalities
nor heights nor depths
nor anything in creation
can separate us from you.

We give you thanks for your faithfulness,
so much more durable than ours. Amen.

From: Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth, Prayers of Walter Brueggemann. Jeremiah 2-3



**The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Invites all!
To the Installation Service...**
For the Reverend Elaina (Lanie) Sipes as the
Associate Pastor for the Second Presbyterian Church in Newark, Ohio.
March 27, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) APCE Share Night, March 24, 7 p.m. on Zoom. Join us for a night of workshop and resource sharing by the persons from Scioto Valley who attended the 2022 Association of Partners in Christian Education's (APCE) annual event in Chicago last month.



You are invited to the 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 by Jenni Whitford.

Here We Are – Death has come,

and there is only resurrection left by Mary Gause.

Matthew 25 Faith Formation by Tom Rice.

Bridging the Gap by Betsy Rice.

Public Prayer Stations by 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>



Latest PDA report on how PCUSA is responding to the crisis in Ukraine.

<https://www.facebook.com/pcusa/videos/280746477554825/>

UKRAINE

From our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). 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

**A Community Lunch in Support of Ukrainian Refugees...
Sunday, March 27th, Noon to 2 p.m., First**

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

Presbyterian Church of Washington Court House, 214 N. Hinde Street, Washington CH
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.

Dublin Presbyterian Church 30th Anniversary Celebration Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022, 10:30 A.M.



You Are Cordially Invited
to the

Dublin Presbyterian

30th Anniversary Celebration

Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

10:30 AM Worship

Choral Presentation of "The Shadows of the Cross"
& Selections by our DPC Praise Team

12:00 Noon

Reception & Children's Easter Egg Hunt



Remember the Past. Celebrate the Present. Grow the future!

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

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley continues to take seriously becoming anti-racist. The Commission on Nurture and Outreach has two upcoming opportunities:



1.On Saturday, April 2nd, we will offer a zoom conversation with members of our presbytery on how our churches would look different if they were truly anti-racist.

Join us from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Register

here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lc-CvrDwiGdV8750X6VBQVpQ20YUumVwA>

2.Presbytery Anti-Racism Book Study and Conversation

We will meet on zoom for **three Thursdays in May, the 12th, 19th, and 26th from 1:00 -2:00 pm.**

Whether you have been an ally for years or just recently opened your eyes to racial injustice, guiding your predominantly white church toward anti-racism is a daunting task. Join other members of presbytery for a book study on *Wait - Is This Racist? A Guide to Becoming an Anti-racist Church* by Kerry Connelly, Bryana Clover, and Josh Riddick. This book will guide church leaders and staff through an examination of all aspects of church life, including leadership, preaching and liturgy, music, small groups, buildings, and grounds, and more, to help churches create an action plan that will take them toward not only becoming anti-racist but also actually *doing* anti-racist work and becoming a justice-oriented organization that leans more fully into the kin-dom of God. We will meet on zoom for three Thursdays in May, the 12th, 19th, and 26th from 1:00 -2:00 pm. You are responsible for getting your own book.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMof-uhqzggGtwnBHp_WLEgv4vkwMukB5hk

UPDATE, in case you missed this! Michael Wilkos from United Way gave a fascinating and comprehensive overview of poverty in Central Ohio based on

2020 census figures. We strongly encourage you to view this video and share it with others in your churches and communities to get a better understanding of poverty issues in our presbytery. It can be viewed on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4tKrPsHE8s&t=47s>

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



The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

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. Visit: specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs

2022 Presbytery Meeting Calendar

March

- 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.

April

- 2, 10:00 a.m. Anti-Racism Conversation via Zoom.
- 4, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals (CPO) Zoom Meeting.
- 4, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Zoom Meeting.
- 11, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Zoom Meeting.
- 12, 10:00 a.m. Older Adult Ministry Task Team Zoom Meeting.
- 15, Good Friday - Holy Week.
- 18, Easter Monday - Presbytery Office Closed.
- 19, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team (CT) Zoom Meeting.
- 25, Noon Presbytery Staff meeting.
- 26, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Zoom Meeting.

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

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Organist and Accompanist Needed at Mifflin Presbyterian Church.

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, Gahanna Mifflin Presbyterian Church 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.



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

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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<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 86 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.



what's right about my church? Worthington Presbyterian Church Worthington, Ohio "Brought to you by Jesus ... to make a difference" — At Worthington Presbyterian Church (WPC), this nine-word tagline testifies to our congregation's imperative and focus of our ministry. Because of and through Jesus, we seek to

make a difference — hosting monthly free community dinners, providing Thanksgiving dinners annually to hundreds of local families, building Habitat for Humanity homes, financing the forgiveness of more than 5 million dollars of medical debt, building and operating senior housing, as well as supporting outreach and mission on five continents. Currently, more than one-fourth of our total expenses are used for outreach. Five generations are regularly represented in our sanctuary for worship that combines extraordinary preaching and superb music; and, beyond our sanctuary, a virtual congregation grows throughout the country. I am 92 years old and have been in Presbyterian ministry for nearly seven decades. WPC is my church, and for Jesus' sake we are making a difference. – DON PENDELL, honorably retired PC(USA) minister of Word and sacrament. Reprinted with permission from *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

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!

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. 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.

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/>

Would you like to subscribe to mission coworkers letters? Sign up here:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/subscribe-to-mission-co-worker-letters>



ones!

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

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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