

Mid-week E-News March 31, 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.

Called to be Easter People - A Matthew 25 Challenge...

Beginning on Easter Sunday, all churches in our presbytery are being encouraged to join our "We Are Easter People Challenge". The goal of the challenge is for Scioto Valley congregations to jointly log 2022 hours of Matthew 25-related mission service during the seven week-period between Easter and Pentecost. Our efforts, and those of our fellow Scioto Valley Presbyterians, will be recorded and celebrated throughout the challenge. The only requirement is that the hours of service be undertaken by a congregation and directed to our brothers and sisters Christ called "the least of these:"

those who hunger,
those who thirst,
those who are sick,
those who are strangers,
those who are imprisoned,
those who are naked.

Your congregation is encouraged to send weekly updates to the presbytery office at dagmar@psvonline.org. Please include your church name, the project, how many hours, a contact person, and email. Thank you.



Newark Second Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Scioto Valley celebrated the installation of The Reverend Elaina (Lanie) Sipes as the associate pastor for Second Presbyterian Church in downtown Newark on Sunday, March 27. Lanie and the Reverend Todd Tracy, Newark Second's Pastor, enjoyed this delightful and inspiring gathering with members of Newark Second, pastor colleagues, friends and family from across the Presbytery.



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-CvrDwiGdV875OX6VBQVpQ20YUumVwA>

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 kingdom 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-uhqzqgGtwnBHp_WLEqv4vkwMukB5hk

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 Hanging Rock Area Pastors Gather...

The Hanging Rock area of our Presbytery, which was designated in the 1970's, has historically been the churches in the southern area of Scioto Valley. It was formed to give support and encouragement to the churches, pastors and leaders in this area. Some of the pastors and leaders especially enjoyed gathering for conversation and brunch on Wednesday, March 30 at the Paper City Coffee Shop in Chillicothe.

All pastors and leaders in the Hanging Rock area are invited to these monthly lunch and conversation gatherings. The next Hanging Rock gathering will be on Wednesday, April 27 at LaRosa's restaurant in Jackson. For more information, email: Jeannie@psvonline.org

A Celebration of Life and Ministry...

A 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

UPDATES: Two new videos have been posted on the Presbytery of Scioto Valley YouTube channel from recent zoom presentations:

- **Freeing Congregational Mission Part 2**, a moderated conversation with authors Hunter Farrell and Bala Khyllle, who share their insights into the 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.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q23n_GBU4vI&t=4s

- **APCE Share Night**, with 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, including "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 with Public Schools" by Betsy Rice, and "Public Prayer Stations" by Brittany

Porch. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jKWtpDINGc>

They join the recently-posted video by Michael Wilkos from United Way, who 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. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4tKrPsHE8s&t=47s>



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 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>

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



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

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

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

2022 Presbytery Meeting Calendar

April

- 2, 10:00 a.m. Anti-Racism Conversation via Zoom.
- 4, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) 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 lunch meeting.
- 25, 6:30 p.m. Cap City Helping Hands (formerly WUM)
- 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.

Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter, jeannie@psvonline.org, Cell: 614-562-1775.

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.

Employment Opportunity –

Boulevard Presbyterian Church located in Grandview Heights has an open position for a part-time office manager. The job description and information on how to apply can be found at: <https://blvdchurch.org/about/careers/>. For questions, please contact Mac Swinford at Office@blvdchurch.org.

Mifflin Presbyterian Church is searching for Organist and Accompanist.

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.

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?

"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*.

Campus Ministry at OSU - 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/>

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!

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.



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

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Partners

Worthington Presbyterian Church would like to extend an invite to all churches in the Presbytery to attend and be a part of our VBS. (especially the smaller churches).

If you are not planning on holding your own VBS - please join Worthington! Dates are June 6-10, (9am-Noon)VBS is held outdoors, near Thomas Worthington football field off 161 Dublin/Granville Road, Worthington.

Cost is **FREE** for your kiddos. If you have questions, Jenni Whitford cell # is 517-745-1056 (cell) or 614-885-5355 (church).

You are also welcomed to use any of our curriculum, crafts/etc. if you are already planning on your own VBS. Our theme is "**Celebrate - Parties in the Bible**" (**Jubilee, Purim, Lost and Found stories, Pentecost and Heaven**) ***Jenni Whitford wrote this VBS as part of her Certification exam - it is not a commercially produced curriculum).

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>



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.

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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