

Mid-week E-News April 7, 2022

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

Presbytery of Scioto Valley YouTube
channel www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery.

6th Thursday of Lent

Do not keep us in the dark but illuminate the way with your Word.- John 10:24-25


From: *The Soft Petals of Grace* by Thom M. Shuman

A Palm Sunday Prayer...

*Gracious God, give us the mind that was in Christ Jesus,
willing to empty ourselves so that you may have room to dwell in us.
Draw us closer this week into the mind of Jesus,
that we may understand more deeply his life and death and love for us.
Through the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.*

From: *Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services* by Robin Knowles Wallace


**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!

A Celebration of the Life and Ministry of 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 this fund:

https://www.kiva.org/team/charlsie_ramsey_memorial_fund

FROM: Reverend William Gause, Stated Clerk

RE: Special Called Meeting of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley

In response to a request in accordance with section 9.02 of the presbytery bylaws, Moderator Dr. Robert Gustafson has called a meeting of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley for 4:00 PM on Tuesday, April 19, for the purpose of appointing an Administrative Commission to address conflict at First Presbyterian Church, Marysville.

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. The meeting information including the Zoom link will be sent out in advance of the meeting. In accordance with the presbytery bylaws, no other business will be conducted at this meeting.

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

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Visit: specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs



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.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley continues to take seriously the work of becoming anti-racist. The Commission on Nurture and Outreach has upcoming opportunities for study and conversation:

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-uhqzqqGtwnBHp_WLEqv4vkwMukB5hk

2022 Presbytery Meeting Calendar

The Presbytery Conference Room is now available for hybrid meetings. Contact Dagmar in the Presbytery Office to schedule your meeting on Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April

- 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. Special Called Meeting/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 Opportunities in our congregations...

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.

Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry – Mifflin Presbyterian, Gahanna, Ohio (a suburb of Columbus), is seeking a full time Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry. Mifflin Church is a welcoming multi-generational church which has a membership of three hundred. We are committed to growing together in faith and are proud to be an active part of our community. Mifflin Church is looking for a candidate with a passion and vision for promoting Christian educational ministries for children, youth and adults. The Director of CE serves as leader and developer of education programming for all ages. We are seeking an individual with a strong personal faith in Jesus Christ, the ability to communicate and interact with children and adults, along with enthusiasm in growing youth and family involvement in the church. This is a full-time position, with regular participation in Sunday morning educational programs expected. The full description and application details are available at: www.mifflinpres.org/jobs. This will remain available until the position is filled. Please visit <http://www.mifflinpres.org> for more information about Mifflin Presbyterian Church.

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
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 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.

April Prayer List for Scioto Valley Congregations

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

Newark Second Presbyterian Church, Pastors Todd Tracy and Lanie Sipes

Newark Woodside Presbyterian Church, Pastor Judy Baker (CRE)

Columbus Glenn Echo Presbyterian Church, Pastor Lee Platt

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, Pastor Linda Plummer (CRE)

Columbus Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pastor Tom Billman (CRE)

Oak Hill Horeb Presbyterian Church, Pastor Linda Plummer (CRE)

Columbus Indianola Presbyterian Church, Pastor Trip Porch

Oak Hill Moriah Presbyterian Church, Pulpit Supply

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.



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 April.

The Reverend Mary E. Shields – 4-7-1991

The Reverend John Edward Birkner – 4-9-1989

The Reverend Roger C. Au (HR) – 4-10-2011

The Reverend Ronald N. Johnson – 4-19-1999

The Reverend Mary Gause – 4-27-2003

An Opportunity to join in a Doctor of Ministry Study Project...

The Reverend Jennifer Eastman Hinkle is reaching out to see if there are any PC (USA), ELCA or UCC ministers serving congregations in southern Delaware County (Ohio) and northern Franklin County (Ohio) who would be interested in participating in a Doctor of Ministry study on clergy burnout, play, and spirituality. It will take place at Penn Lanes on April 29, May 6, 13 & 20, 2022, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Participants need to be ordained in one of the three above traditions and serving specifically in congregational ministry (any capacity-Installed, Interim, Contract, or other). Each participant will need to be available for at least 3 of the 4 Fridays and will be given FREE BOWLING & FREE LUNCH each week and even a GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR FUTURE BOWLING FOR THEM AND 4 OTHER GUESTS FOR TWO HOURS WITH SHOES INCLUDED! If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested in participating, please email: jeastmanhinkle@hotmail.com or revjeastmanhinkle@gmail.com. You are welcome to call or text directly: 614-204-4498.



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 that 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

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. Visit <https://psvonline.org/events/annual-church-professional-retreat/>

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.

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 call, Jenni Whitford 517-745-1056 (cell) or 614-885-5355 (church).

You are also welcome 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/>

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/>

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

- **Freeing Congregational Mission Part 2,**

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

FREEING CONGREGATIONAL MISSION – 8 books are available, first come, first served. This book includes 7 TOOL chapters including Addressing Cultural Differences; a Co-Development Evaluation Tool; a Short-Term Mission Orientation Curriculum and S-T Mission Daily Reflection Guide. Included are great resources for preaching ideas and for Scripture studies by Mission Committees. Offered at the Presbytery-subsidized price of \$6. Recordings of the March 12 seminar review of the book by the Rev. Cynthia Holder-Rich, and the March 19 seminar by the authors are available on the Presbytery www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery

- **APCE Share Night,**
<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. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4tKrPsHE8s&t=47s>



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.**

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.

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.

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>



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

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

On the Road to the 225th General Assembly, June 18 - July 9, 2022

As the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approaches another historic General Assembly this year, church leaders are making sure that all voices are heard across the denomination. The theme for this GA is "From Lament to Hope".

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