

Mid-week E-News April 14, 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.

A Prayer for Holy Week...

Amazing God, who has provided a way for us to come to you with clean hearts and baptized bodies: Thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ, who has opened a way for us to you by the sacrifice of his life and death. May we accept this astounding gift with humility and a generous spirit, finding ways to live lives of love and good deeds, as Jesus taught us. Grant this through the power of you Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.
From: Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services by Robin Knowles Wallace



Special Called Presbytery Meeting, April 19

FROM: The 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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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



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.

Becoming an Inclusive & Welcoming Church: with Rev. Brian Ellison

How can our churches be welcoming places for LGBTQIA+ people and their families? You are invited to a workshop with Rev. Brian Ellison on this important topic on Saturday, April 30 at [Covenant Presbyterian Church](#) from 10am-1:30pm. After serving as pastor of Parkville Presbyterian Church near Kansas City, MO for 13 years, since 2012 Brian has served as executive director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, an organization that seeks to strengthen the church by furthering the gracious inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the life of the church. The workshop is free and includes a catered lunch. REGISTER [HERE](#).

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 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



The Synod of the Covenant
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Higher Education
Scholarships for Christian
Leaders. **Applications Due
May 15, 2022 for Higher**

Education for Christian Leaders Scholarships.

Information and applications are now available for students pursuing vocational, associates, undergraduate, or first masters degree (in theology). Candidates have the opportunity to discuss their work to strengthen congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and/or eradicate systemic poverty. Completed applications are due on May 15, 2022.

Learn more and apply at <https://synodofthecovenant.org/2022-higher-education-scholarship-application/>.

Questions? Contact Betty Angelini at bettyangelini@fpcwarren.org or Lisa Allgood at lisa@cpresby.org.



Baptismal Font Available for a New Home...

The Outville Presbyterian Church is looking for a new home for this beautiful Baptismal Font. If interested, please contact the church at 740-927-7925.

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

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.

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Bill Gause, Stated Clerk, statedclerk@psvonline.org

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John Wyckoff, Financial Assistant, accounting@psvonline.org

Website: www.psvonline.org - Presbytery Office: 614-847-0565.

Employment Opportunities...

Mifflin Presbyterian, Gahanna, Ohio, 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. The Director of CE serves as leader and developer of education programming for all ages. 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 **Mifflin Presbyterian Church is also searching for 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 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 job description can be found at www.mifflinpres.org. Applications will be received until May 15, 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.



Dublin Presbyterian Church celebrates Palm Sunday and their 30th Anniversary

Sunday, April 10th, the Dublin Presbyterian Church gathered people near and far to celebrate Palm Sunday and the 30th Anniversary of the Church's chartering in 1992. The Cantata, *The Shadow of the Cross*, was part of the Worship Service, followed by a delightful luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt.



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.

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.

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).

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/>

New confirmation curriculum for Matthew 25 churches.

Confirmation for the Matthew 25 Congregation: Commissioned to Change the World.

<https://pres-outlook.org/2022/02/matthew-25-congregation-confirmation/>

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>

Don't miss the recently-posted inspiring and informational video by Michael Wilkos from United Way. Michael 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. Email 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, 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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