

Mid-week E-News April 21, 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.



Celebrate Earth Day, Friday, April 22

God of majesty, amid the grandeur of your creation you sought us out, and by the coming of your Son you adorned us with glory and honor, giving us dominion over your works. Enable us so to care for the earth that all creation may radiate the splendor of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. *Psalm 8 Prayer from Book of Common Worship* (2018 edition)

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Minority Health Month Interfaith Virtual Prayer Event Premieres online Thursday, April 21, Noon-1 p.m.

In partnership with the City of Columbus, Broad Street Presbyterian Church (BSPC) is hosting an interfaith virtual prayer event to share prayers of hurt, hope, peace, love, thanksgiving, unity and action. Participants include Rev. Morne' Meyer, St. Paul AME; Father Michael Gentry, Holy Cross Catholic Church; Imam Horsed Noah, Outreach Director of the Somali Islamic Centers of Ohio; Rev. Dr. Michael Bean, from BSPC and on behalf of Franklin County Office of Aging; Father David Schalk, Christ the King Catholic Church and Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Rabbi Debbie Lefton, Wexner Heritage Village; Sadhu Brahmaviharidas, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Sanstha; and Rev. Ann Palmerton from BSPC. May our interfaith prayers bring together our diverse community to inspire action and create unity. www.Facebook.com/BSPCColumbus or www.youtube.com/c/BroadStreetPresbyterianChurch/videos



Pentecost Offerings April 19-June 5, 2022. The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Congregations keep 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people in their communities. The remaining 60% is remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency.



I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, ...to give you a future with Hope. - Jeremiah 29.1

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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 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 master's 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.

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-uhqzqgGtwnBHp_WLEqv4vkwMukB5hk



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

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.

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2, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Zoom Meeting.

2, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Zoom Meeting.
9, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Zoom Meeting.
10, 10:00 a.m. Older Adult Ministry Task Team Zoom Meeting.
10, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team (CT) Zoom Meeting.
May 15, Sunday, 3:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting via Zoom.
23, 6:30 p.m. Cap City Helping Hands (formerly WUM)
26, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Zoom Meeting.
30, Memorial Day - Presbytery Office Closed.

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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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
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.

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/>

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.

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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