

Mid-week E-News April 28, 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.

Older Adult Week Begins on May 1. This is a great time to create an older adult focus in worship, and celebrate the many gifts that older adults bring to our congregations. POAMN, the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network, offers many creative ideas and suggestions of ways to support, equip and connect older adults in the congregation. For more information visit <https://poamn.org/>

A Short Poem for Older Adult Week - from LEAVINGS POEMS by Wendell Berry...
*I know I am getting old and I say so, but I don't think of myself as old.
I think of myself as a young person with unforeseen debilities.
Time is neither young nor old, but simply new, always counting...*

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Invites all to join in the Celebration of...

The Ordination of Julie Johnson (formerly Julie Oswald) as Minister of Word and Sacrament. This celebrative service will take place at the Liberty Presbyterian Church, 7080 Olentangy Road, Delaware, Ohio, on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 4 p.m.

A Reception will follow the service.

(Childcare will be provided for the service and reception)



Fall Curriculum Conversation - Is your church looking for ideas on curriculum for this fall for children, youth, and/or adults for Sunday School, youth group, mid-week studies, and more? **Join us on Thursday, May 19 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on zoom.** We will focus on curriculum available from the PC(USA), but will share other resources as well.

Register here https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uf-CorT8iGNS4DhnILvqhxFJhKQ_oFWIz

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 for Christian Leaders Scholarships!!!

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

Save the Date! Saturday, June 25, 2022, 10 a.m.- 12 noon

Free Workshop on Preaching!!!

by Dr. M. Craig Barnes, President of Princeton Theological Seminary
Worthington Presbyterian Church, 773 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085.



PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE
**Self-Development
of People**

WHAT IS THE SELF-DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY GRANT?

The Self-Development of People (SDOP) program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) provides small "start-up" grants to informal community groups of seven or more members. Grants may range up to \$2000. SDOP grants are designed grant to informal community group of seven or more for groups whose members are financially underserved and function as self-governing units seeking to improve their own well-being and empowerment.

[LETTER AND GRANT APPLICATION](#)

Columbus Highlands Presbyterian Church Joyfully Welcomed the Gift of the lovely Baptismal Font from the Outville Presbyterian Church

Rev. Keith Jones, pictured with member being baptized, celebrated using the gift of the font from the Outville Church. The baptismal font was picked up on Holy Saturday and immediately put to good use on Easter! All are most grateful for the providential timing.



Presbyterian Women Enjoyed the Spring Gathering

PW members from across the Presbytery gathered for the Spring Gathering at the Hanover Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 23. In the midst of the gracious hospitality of the Hanover Church family, the participants celebrated the theme of the many blessings of friendship. Guest speaker, Carol Winkler from the Presbytery of Cincinnati, led the gathering on this popular theme of the blessings, gifts, and joys of friendship. The day included a delightful and delicious lunch, interesting workshops, enlightening conversations, renewing worship and inspiring music. Many words of gratitude go to the Hanover hosts, PW leaders, presenters, musicians and PW Moderator Martha Pool. Watch for information on the next quarterly Gathering.

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. -Jerimiah 29.1



[**READ MORE**](#)

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

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.

MAY

- 2, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Hybrid Meeting.
- 5, 10:00 a.m. Certified Ruling Elder (CRE) Ministry Team Zoom Meeting.
- 9, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Zoom Meeting.
- 9, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Hybrid Meeting.
- 10, 10:00 a.m. Older Adult Ministry Task Team Zoom Meeting.
- 10, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team (CT) Hybrid/Zoom Meeting.
- 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) 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 Church Staff Openings

Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry

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

Organist and Accompanist

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.

April Prayer List for Scioto Valley Congregations

Each Month we lift up in prayer some of our congregations and their pastors. During the year we hope to pray for every one of our congregations and their pastoral leaders.

This month we lift up in prayer the following congregations and leaders:

Newark Second Presbyterian Church, Pastors Todd Tracy and Lanie Sipes

Newark Woodside Presbyterian Church, Pastor Judy Baker (CRE)

Columbus Glen 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.

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.

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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