

Mid-week E-News May 5, 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.

2022 National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5, 2022

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May. All People are invited to pray for the nation on this day.

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you!"

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

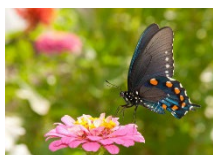


The Presbytery of Scioto Valley 262nd Stated Meeting Sunday, May 15, 2022, 3:30 p.m. via Zoom

Please note that the meeting will open at 3:00 p.m. to allow commissioners to be checked-in in an orderly fashion. The chat window will be allowed for all participants, both for general conversation and person-to-person communication, until 3:55 pm for the purposes of greeting one another and informal conversation. Ruling Elders, Teaching Elders, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Christian Educators. You are invited to participate in the important work of the church in this different forum, but all important matters we are faced with will be addressed.

Your Zoom Link Invitation will be coming to you via Constant Contact.
In case you did not receive your invitation contact Dagmar
at dagmar@psvonline.org

The Reverend Julie Johnson, newly-ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, celebrated with her father, the Reverend Gordon Johnson, along with many friends, family and colleagues on Sunday, May 1, at the Liberty Presbyterian Church near Delaware. Congratulations to Julie who is joyfully serving as the Associate Pastor for the Liberty Church family.



A Celebration of Life Service for The Reverend Dr. George Oliver Mehaffey, honorably retired minister member of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11, at Broad Street Presbyterian Church, 760 E. Broad St, Columbus, OH

43205. Visit www.schoedinger.com to see the obituary and to leave online condolences.

Ohio Princeton Seminary Alumni Gatherings - May 26th and June 2nd
- Free food and Fun! Two events that are especially designed for the Ohio Princeton Seminary Alumni!

The first event will take place in Columbus on Thursday, May 26th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Rusty Bucket in Clintonville, 4109 N. High St. Columbus, Ohio 43214. <https://www.myrustybucket.com/locations>

The second event will take place in Cincinnati on Thursday June 2nd, from 4 p.m. -6 p.m. at Artemis Mediterranean Bistro 7791 Cooper Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio (right off Ronald Reagan Highway)

[Artemis Mediterranean Bistro \(artemisbistro.com\)](http://artemisbistro.com)

Please RSVP to Karen.Behm@cchmc.org for either event by May 23rd.



WHAT IS THE SELF-DEVELOPMENT of PEOPLE 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.

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 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.

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-CorT8iGNS4DhnILvghxFJhKQ_oFWIz

[LETTER AND GRANT APPLICATION](#)

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

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.

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](#)

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.

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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, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team (CT) Hybrid/Zoom Meeting.
15, Sunday, 3:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting via Zoom.
17, 10:00 a.m. Older Adult Ministry Task Team Zoom Meeting.
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

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

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Dagmar Romage, Administrative Assistant, dagmar@psvonline.org

John Wyckoff, Financial Assistant, accounting@psvonline.org

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

Mifflin Presbyterian Church Staff Openings

Full Time Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry

The 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.

May 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:

Columbus Korean Presbyterian Church, Pastor Joon Won Lee

Oak Hill Sardis Presbyterian Church, Vacant

Columbus Old First Presbyterian Church, Vacant

Ostrander Presbyterian Church, Vacant

Columbus Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Pastors Bill Gause and Mary Gause

Pataskala First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Janet Hufford

Columbus Ramseyer Presbyterian Church, Pastor Justice A. Ofosuhene

Pataskala Jersey Presbyterian Church, Pastor Dallas Dryburgh

Pataskala Outville Presbyterian Church, CRE Kae Merold

Columbus St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Pastor Jon Carlisle

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 May.

The Reverend Julie Oswalt 5-1-2022

The Reverend Mark Stephen Merold HR 5-13-1973

The Reverend Joel A. Esala 5-15-2016

The Reverend Dr. Myong Sun Kim 5-15-2011

The Reverend Leslie Sauer HR 5-17-1971

The Reverend Dr. Jeannie C. Harsh 5-21-2013

The Reverend David L. Bubb 5-22-1984

The Reverend Robert L. Coberly HR 5-23-1976

The Reverend Evan D. Fisher HR 5-23-1965

The Reverend Robert E. Salmon HR 5-24-1970
The Reverend Elizabeth D. Terry HR 5-31-1981
The Reverend Randy Terry HR 5-31-1981

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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