

Mid-week E-News January 12,2023

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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



Rev. Kathy A. Nice, Transitional General Presbyter

Dear Scioto Valley friends,

I have only been here a full week, and I have already seen some things that I would like to bring to your attention. First, I would like to know if there are any others within the presbytery who have been trained in Mediation (by Lombard Peace Center or others) or Coaching (by International Federation of Coaches or others). Please let me know your training so we can have a conversation. There are many places in all presbyteries where a quick response can help teach sessions how to deal well with conflict, which is an integral part of church life. Well-handled conflict can be instructive and helpful, but poorly handled conflict can be divisive and hurtful. I would like to have some helpers who can either go with me to help churches when needed. If this is something that you would like to learn, there are both online and in-person classes available. Let me know and I can hook you up with the details.

Also, I have not noticed anyone using the resource center at the presbytery office. Do we have resources that no longer are valued? Do we need to remind people that we are here? I am simply curious about the lack of interest – or perhaps it is just the time of year (we're all dragging after Christmas?)

We are awaiting the arrival of the general presbyter cell phone, and once it arrives, we will be able to publicize the number for you all to use. So far, meetings with three commissions in, I am learning names and geography! I am excited to worship God with the folks at Rose Run this coming week and will be attending the installations of our colleagues. I hope to see you soon!

PIE Leadership Training Day
Saturday, January 21, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Covenant Presbyterian Church,
2070 Ridgecliff Road, Columbus, 43221.

There is something for everyone, with workshops on:
Church Leadership Training. Generational Theory and the Church.
-Exploring Spiritual Direction. Re-Inspiring Connections.
Vital Congregations. Justice Tourism.

PLUS, information on how our churches are living into Matthew 25 **AND** a keynote speaker on **Vital Congregations**.

The cost is \$15 which includes lunch. [Register here](#).

The PIE Planning Team decided to offer general **“Leadership Training”** this year for officers. The last 2 years, we had specific Elder and Deacon Trainings – which are available on the Presbytery website.

We thought it would be a good idea to offer something different this year.

Links to watch trainings:

2021: <https://youtu.be/4COFd8BmPEQ>

2022 Elder: <https://youtu.be/lD62okcBsII>

2022 Deacon Panel: <https://youtu.be/pDgHCkVFTzw>

All church treasurers and others who work with church finances are invited to an online training event through the Presbytery of the Miami Valley on **Saturday, January 14, 9:00 AM - Noon**. It will cover a number of topics such as accounting process, audits/annual reviews, contributions, receipts, statements, designations, understanding clergy compensation, profit and loss reports, reporting to session, congregation, committees, etc. More information here: [Online Treasurer’s Training - Presbytery of the Miami Valley \(miamipresbytery.org\)](https://miamipresbytery.org)



Discernment and Design Team Update

After taking a break in the weeks leading up to Christmas, your Discernment & Design team is back at work this new year. At our regular monthly meeting, Elder Jim Hines from the Commission on Presbytery Operations provided an informative overview of Presbytery finances. In addition, Transitional General Presbyter Kathy Nice was introduced.

We look forward to further conversations with her as consider where God is leading. Later this month, Discernment & Design will have a one-day retreat, facilitated by our consultant, Emily Swanson of Holy Cow! Consulting, as we continue to consider all we have learned by means of the Landscape Assessment Survey and Listening Sessions. Please keep us in your prayers as we do the work that you have entrusted to us.

Help Wanted: Ministry Initiative Board:

Does the idea of helping Presbytery and its churches think boldly and strategically about their new ministry ideas excite you? Would you enjoy joining our Presbytery’s large grant-making body as we help bring to fruition big ideas for ministry impact?



The Nominating Committee of our Presbytery is taking suggestions for ruling and teaching elders who feel called to service on the Ministry Initiative Board. Of course, we have a number of opportunities in our Presbytery that draw upon a variety of gifts, which you've been reading about in this newsletter. If you (or someone you know) is interested in this Board or in other areas of service, contact Peter Galbraith, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at peter@nelsonvillepres.org.

Update from Bill Gause, Presbytery Stated Clerk.

These amendments have been sent to the Presbyteries for ratification. Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) will begin consideration of these amendments at its February 19, 2023 stated meeting.



The 225th General Assembly (2022) approved and recommended to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes proposed changes in the language of the Book of Order that, if approved, will amend the Constitution. Please review: The OGA page which contains the link to the booklet: [https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/proposed-](https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/proposed-amendments-constitution/)

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Upcoming Events and Training Sessions!

Trauma: Poverty, and Race and Trafficking A Zoom Matthew 25 Event

Perhaps all of us have experienced trauma. People of color experience trauma in additional, profound ways. Poverty has its own gut-wrenching version of trauma, and people who are trafficked experience the horror of trauma in multiple ways. Join us and learn more so that our compassion will increase and we will become more effective in loving our neighbors.

Join us Saturday, February 18th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. on Zoom to learn about what trauma is, how it affects you and how it affects people who have experiences that are different from your own.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0kfuGqgTotGtULGTXTCUYRlfrzGWnRBO3>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. This Matthew 25 Zoom is sponsored by the Commission for Nurture and Outreach. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Katie Kinnison at revkatiek@gmail.com.

"Come and See! Go and Tell!"

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley and the Presbytery of Miami Valley are co-sponsoring a study pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine with an optional extension to Jordan in November 2023. The trip, which will be led by the Rev. Mary Gene Boteler and Dr. Rick Nutt, will involve traveling to sacred sights and engaging with church and community leaders. Participants should expect to engage in a series of study sessions in preparation for the trip. Registration will be limited to 20. See the brochure and registration form. Here is the link: <https://psvonline.org/events/come-and-see-go-and-tell-november-5-17-2023/>

For additional information, contact Rev. Boteler at mgboteler@gmail.com. You may also learn more by signing up for the P.I.E. workshop "Justice Tourism and the Land of Jesus" on Jan. 21 at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Synod of the Covenant Healthy Boundaries Trainings in 2023

At the last in-person forum, those present asked for a simplified offering for boundaries training this year, so we're only offering one type of training: Introduction to Boundaries Training. Three identical classes, each five hours split over two days, will be offered this year. The dates and times are:

- April 25-26, 1:00 to 3:30
- October 2-3, 6:00 to 8:30
- November 7-8, 1:00 to 3:30

It's already possible to register for these. Head to [Leadership Development Workshops - Synod of the Covenant](#) and you'll find the zoom links there for registration.

Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

12, 1 p.m., Nominating Committee Zoom Meeting.

16, Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday - Presbytery Office closed.

17, 4 p.m., Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting.

24, 1 p.m., Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Zoom Meeting.

28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Discernment and Design Team Retreat, First Presbyterian Church, Westerville, OH.

Scioto Valley Presbytery staff is working in the office, and available by email or phone. The Presbytery Office Hours, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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PER CAPITA SUNDAY
JANUARY 22, 2023

Let's be the church, together.

On the Per Capita Sunday [website](#), you'll find all kinds of resources:

- The Lectionary Reading for the day;
- Per Capita Sunday Liturgy including Spanish and Korean translations;
- Per Capita Hymn - "Together We Are Joined;"
- Videos of Per Capita Sunday Minutes For Mission; and
- A wonderful story, "Understanding Per Capita," written by Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN. In his story, Tim writes, "Without per capita payments that provide the funding for presbytery, synod and General Assembly, the support needed in a crisis by the congregation I now serve, would not have been there." The story also has Spanish and Korean translations.

Commission for Church Professionals News, Updates and Upcoming Events. Purpose: 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.



Pastors Installation Services

Save the dates! We have some folks to welcome to celebrate in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley! Please come and attend. These Installation worship services are services of the Presbytery, so the more members we have in attendance, the more it feels like we mean to be welcoming to our colleagues. I hope to see you there!



Installation service for the Reverend Katie Kinnison, Sunday, January 22, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., as pastor at Hilliard Presbyterian Church, located at 3600 Leap Road, Hilliard, OH



Installation Service for the Reverend Dr. Chris Atwood, Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., as pastor at Liberty Presbyterian Church, Delaware, located at 7080

43026. There will be a reception to follow the installation service.

Olentangy River Road, Delaware, OH 43015. (no robes!). There will be a reception to follow.

Teaching Elder Ordination Celebrating our Pastoral Leadership.

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 January.

The Reverend William I. Johnson HR – 1-1-1952

The Reverend Dr Mary Jane Hitt HR – 1-6-2001

The Reverend Amy House – 1-12-2014

The Reverend Nancy Draves HR – 1-17-1988

The Reverend Jennifer L. Turick – 1-24-1982

The Reverend Elizabeth Maurath – 1-25-2015

The Reverend Jack Lewis Pursell HR – 1-29-1960

The Reverend Emily K. Corzine – 1-31-2010

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.

Neighborhood Mission Grant Award

The Commission on Nurture and Outreach is pleased to award the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church with a \$2,000 Neighborhood Mission Grant to support their "Breakfast to Go Bag" program, which provides low income students with food for the weekend. Bremen Bethel joins Bethany (Bronzeville Push for Peace), First Delaware (Kitchen Ministry), and Cap City Helping Hands (Coats for Kids) as recipients of Neighborhood Mission Grants this year. **Perhaps YOUR congregation has a project that involves members of the congregation in "hands-on" ministry that builds a relationship between the congregation and the community.** Grants up to \$2,000 are available starting in 2023. More information here: [Neighborhood Mission Grant | Presbytery of Scioto Valley \(psvonline.org\)](https://psvonline.org)



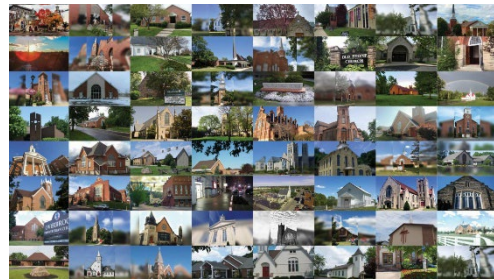
Join our Presbytery-wide Prayer Group that meets by phone each Tuesday at 10:00 AM. The group prays for our Presbytery, its churches, and other concerns raised by the group. Simply call 240-591-0333 and when

prompted enter code 783190# . The group is led by Rev. Don Pendell.

YouTube Channel. A reminder that our presbytery has a YouTube channel. (<https://www.youtube.com/c/SciotoValleyPresbytery>) with videos on officer training, global mission, curriculum selection, Presbyterian Women gatherings, Matthew 25 programs, and more from our presbytery.

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 87 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.



January Prayer List for Scioto Valley Congregations and Pastors

Throughout 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.

First Presbyterian Church, Nelsonville, OH, Pastor Peter Galbraith
Amanda Presbyterian Church, OH, Pastor Christine Piper
Bloomingburg Presbyterian Church, OH, Pastor Troy Braswell
Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church, Bremen, OH, Pastor Larry Hoffmann

Employment Opportunity

Kirkmont Center is currently recruiting summer staff and that details and application instructions are available at www.kirkmontcenter.org
Also, summer camp registration is now open! If you would like to share information about this, we would greatly appreciate it!
The link for summer camp offerings and registration is <https://www.kirkmontcenter.org/summer-camps/>.

First Presbyterian Church of Pataskala needs a **permanent part-time Organist** for Sunday morning services, and occasional special services,

rehearsals, funerals, and weddings. We also offer a **permanent part-time position for Church Administrative Assistant** for 6 to 10 hours per week for secretarial and administrative services to First Presbyterian Church of Pataskala. Duties include processing mail and phone messages, reconciling bank accounts and preparing checks, use and care of office equipment, ordering office supplies, record keeping and reporting as required and maintaining church calendar and mailing lists. Computer proficiency to use or learn Word, Excel, and Church Windows. The employee is expected to support our church mission of "making JESUS known FIRST at First" Interested persons should submit a resume including contact information for three references to fpcpataskala@gmail.com

Boulevard Presbyterian Church located in Grandview has an open position for a part-time Financial Officer. This position has flexible hours and requires knowledge of basis accounting principles. 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

**IF YOU HAVE A CAUSE THAT'S CLOSE TO YOUR HEART
YOU CAN FIND A WAY TO HELP IN THE GIVING
CATALOG.**

If it matters to you, it matters for others. If it matters for others, it matters to God. Your passion transforms to action through a variety of meaningful and impactful gifts. Love gardening? Are you an advocate for supporting women's empowerment? Would you like to be a part of healing and hope through art and education?



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