

Mid-week E-News January 19,2023

# The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

Our presbytery's PIE (Partners in Education) Leadership Training Day is this Saturday at Covenant Presbyterian Church at 2070 Ridgecliff Road in Columbus. Registration is from 9:00 - 9:20 a.m., with the workshops starting at 9:30 am. If you have not signed up yet you can come for the workshops and keynote.

Check out the flier here. <https://psvonline.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/81/2022/09/2023-PIE-new-Location-2023.pdf>

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

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 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>



#### 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.



**Rev. Kathy A. Nice, Transitional General Presbyter**

Dear Scioto Valley Presbyterians,

So, what exactly does a presbytery office do? I am so glad you asked! We are a meeting place with a small gathering room and a Zoom-enabled conference room. We are a lending library for those who may be considering purchase of books, but who want to test them out first. We are a collector of things that churches "gift" to the presbytery – often records of dissolved congregations, but also of pastoral robes and stoles (which are available if you are looking for one!). We are a convener of discussions among colleagues and between churches. We are a supporter of pastor nominating committees who are looking for their next pastoral leader. We are a worshiping body that also gathers to help each other do more with less. We are a collector of your per capita offering, which we disseminate to the Synod of the Covenant and General Assembly as you designate. We are a sharer of news from your congregation to others and from others to you. That is just the office... (and I'm sure there are other things we do that I haven't put on this list)

So, what does a presbytery do? We...you, me, the elder from that other church, the pastor from over there, and a whole bunch of others...we are the presbytery. So, what do we do? Well, we worship God in our own context. We also serve in ministries of our local church. We work with other churches and other community groups to serve in our community. We work on committees and commissions of the presbytery to work together and support one another.

I was privileged to listen to the presentation that the Commission on Presbytery Operations (CPO) gave to the Discernment & Design Administrative Commission (AC) last week. The CPO mentioned that the presbytery is only gifted 75% of the per capita that could be received based on church membership within the presbytery. While 75% is a passing grade if you are in school, it is fairly close to not passing. Just like in the church, members often vote with their wallets. If they feel that the church is not performing up to par, or if they feel that the priorities of the church are not in step with their own, they will withhold their offering as a "statement" of their concerns. Sometimes that happens with churches in the presbytery as well.

I have heard the stories of the history of this presbytery, as well as the stories of the history of the synod. I am very pleased to say that those histories are not current, and the other Presbyterians who are at work doing the accounting for the presbytery and the synod are doing so with accounting principles that are at least standard, if not higher. The CPO has worked to make the presbytery budget process more understandable, and I will continue to guide them to make it even more so.

As far as priorities go...every church has voting members who get to help set up the presbytery's priorities. Every church can send persons with gifts, skills, and passions to aid commissions and committees in living out the priorities given to them by the presbytery. We work under Roberts Rules as well as our constitution. Every voting member has a voice and can speak for or against actions of the presbytery. Every church can bring requests for action to the presbytery. The only requirement is that you follow the procedure outlined in the manual of operations and/or the constitution. So, you/your congregation has a say in designing the priorities of our work together.

The Discernment & Design AC asked CPO what they would do if 100% of the per capita was received in any given year. The answer: we would be able to do a lot more ministry in this area. What would that look like? If you had a "magic wand" and could have a ministry happen that is your passion, what would you want to see? We are only held back by the need to plan our priorities and then to fund them. Just like in your congregation. Is this an easy ask and an easy fix? Nope. But it is attainable. Just some thoughts...In Christ's service.



### **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!

### ***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.



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



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



### 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](mailto:peter@nelsonvillepres.org).

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### **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 225<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### ***"Come and See! Go and Tell! Pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine.***

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](mailto: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, and 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.

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## **Commission and Ministry Team Meetings**

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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## ***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

Bloomingsburg Presbyterian Church, OH, Pastor Troy Braswell

Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church, Bremen, OH, Pastor Larry Hoffmann

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### **Employment Opportunity**

Kirkmont Center is currently recruiting summer staff and that details and application instructions are available at [www.kirkmontcenter.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:Office@blvdchurch.org)

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**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?

**Look no further — it's all right here. <https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org/>**



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