

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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Update from Transitional General Presbyter, Kathy Nice

Dear Scioto Valley Friends,
This past week I have heard much talk of the need for forgiveness. In some instances, it was about a particular situation; in others it was about a whole oppressive culture. If we carried the weight of all the forgiveness we personally should give, Newton's theory of gravitation would have

nothing on us!

Forgiveness is a difficult topic. Many tomes have been written about why we should, how we should, and when we should. Even Jesus said it is a topic that we should never think we are done with! We don't always think we need to offer forgiveness, but we are sure we are owed it from others.

Here is a good article about forgiveness: <https://faithlead.org/blog/onions-bible-math-and-bathroom-prayers/> The title is fun, but the article is forthright. [Onions, Bible Math, and Bathroom Prayers](#) We can forgive a person or an organization and still hold them accountable as an act of love. faithlead.org

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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 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.

Per Capita & PCUSA - by the Rev. Ms. Carol R. Weiss, honorably retired, Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

In an age when everyone is striving to be a "Lone Ranger" (I know I am dating myself; however, LR's reruns are now on the Web!), there is comfort in realizing that PCUSA Pastors, Sessions, Congregations are wisely housed in a "Connectional System." We see our world, the very world around us, convulsing with rapidly changing "oughts" in every sphere of our lives. "I ought to do this; I ought to do that!" and so we burn out. Today as I was writing my \$40 "Per Capita Check" to mail to our Presbytery of Scioto Valley, I shared with God my gratitude for our Presbytery's Resource People that are supporting Marysville First Presbyterian Church's Officers & Members while they work valiantly to breathe life and renewed vision into a challenging yet hope-filled congregation. "It's a rough world out there!" as the old saying goes. Yes, it is rough. But, in PCUSA, guided by God's amazing grace, together we are each other's sisters & brothers in faith. So, we need to share the financial commitment of \$40/member that enables the "connected church" all over the world to work together. Thanks be to God! Yahoo for Per Capita! May God continue to guide us along the way!

PIE (Partners in Education) Training Event Update



Over one hundred church members and pastors participated in this year's PIE (Partners in Education) training event on January 21st at Covenant Presbyterian Church!

Workshop leaders and Carlton Johnson from the Presbyterian Mission Agency encouraged us to "live into Matthew 25," unlocking some new ways to lead, serve and grow into vital congregations.



Many thanks to Covenant Presbyterian Church for hosting PIE so warmly and making the day run so smoothly.

And yes. We DID eat PIE. Join us again, or for the first time, in January 2024! If you attended PIE this year, we would love your feedback. You can send your evaluation to the PIE Planning Team at kathibubb@gmail.com.

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, Training Sessions and Book Discussion!

Trauma: Poverty, Race and Trafficking A Zoom Matthew 25

Event. 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/meeting/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 the Rev. Katie Kinnison at revkatiek@gmail.com.

"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. 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.

Readers: Who would like to join me in reading and discussing a book together? I am currently reading *"Stuck: Why clergy are alienated from their calling, congregation, and career...and what to do about it"*, book written by Todd W. Ferguson and Josh Packard.

I'm very intrigued by what they write and would like to have some others who want to chat about the chapters we read. I don't know the best time for those who are interested in joining, so I'll propose a plan and see how it goes. If you are interested in joining (in person or by Zoom), please respond to me. For now, I'll schedule Thursday February 9 at 1 pm to talk about the Preface and Introduction. Part 1 is two chapters, and perhaps we can talk about them a week or two later. We can set up the timing when we gather for the first time.

If you need help in being able to purchase the book, let me know and we will secure one for you. This is a newly published book, so used copies are not as easy to find yet.

In Christ's service,
The Rev. Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter, Presbytery of Scioto Valley

Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

January

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.

February

6, 12:30 p.m., Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Zoom Meeting.
6, 3:00 p.m., Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Zoom Meeting.
6, 7:00 p.m., Discernment and Design Team Zoom Meeting.
9, 1:00 p.m., Nominating Committee.
13, 3:00 p.m., Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Hybrid Meeting.
14, 4:00 p.m., Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting.
21, 3:00 p.m., Presbytery Meeting.
28, 1:00 p.m., Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Zoom Meeting.

2023 Presbytery Meeting Dates

Tuesday, February 21, Columbus, Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16, Circleville Presbyterian Church, 3:00 p.m.
September 19 and November 14 (TBA)

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.

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>

Neighborhood Mission Grants

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)

Subject: Costumes Needed for Marion Correctional Institution.

Marion Correctional Institute is looking for costuming for their Easter play. White choir robes were mentioned as a possibility. There must be some churches around that no longer have need for theirs. Any other suggestions would be appreciated. Contact Linda Ranck at shepaints.memorybox@gmail.com



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

FPC Glen Ellyn, IL, is seeking a full-time **Director of Student Ministries** position. All resumes and inquiries can be directed to laura.addis@ministryarchitects.com by 3/31/2023.

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