

Mid-week E-News March 16, 2023

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

Visit our new website.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.- Psalm 146:5-6 (NRSV)

Special Offerings - Offering Season in 2023.

The Presbytery Matthew 25 Group invites you. Come and join us on **Saturday, March 18**, at 10:00 a.m., at Capital University for "Undesign the Redline", an interactive exhibit that explores the history of structural racism caused by the 1938 redlining maps. This exhibit examines how this inequality continues to impact our communities today, focusing on the ways in which we can come together to "undesign" these systems with intentionality. We will gather from 11:00-11:30 a.m., at Capital to reflect on our experience. Please contact Steve Hills at stephen.m.hills@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.



Associate Pastor

Come Walk the Labyrinth! The

Presbytery's labyrinth is set up in the chapel at Overbrook Presbyterian Church during Lent. Stop by anytime during office hours, Monday through Friday 9-4 and spend some time in quiet reflection or stop by before or after your Presbytery business. Mary Gause,

Dear Friends,
My heart is breaking. I have such a love for our churches, even without having met you all yet. I hear so many stories of how the presbytery is a nebulous “being” who is often the rule-enforcer, not helpful when you are in serious need, and “those” people who are unreachable.



This stands as your weekly reminder: **YOU are the presbytery.** The presbytery has few employees. The rest of the worker-bees of the presbytery are volunteers, who serve churches in many ways – some as pastors and others as clerks of session, ruling elders, deacons, Christian educators. Maybe that is why it’s so easy to expect much from the presbytery. There are many faces of the presbytery and so many moving hearts that are working together to achieve more. (And, on behalf of the nominating committee of presbytery, you could be one of the moving hearts!)

Today I want to focus on the second core value that the Discernment and Design Administrative Commission has presented. **Connection** is a big word in our Presbyterian world. We are a connected church, we believe that we are better together and that we have been called by the Holy Spirit to support one another. Through this connection we hold each other accountable to think of others before ourselves.

We like to think of ourselves as individuals, with our own minds, our own cars, our own homes, our own lives. Being Presbyterian makes us pause and think of ourselves as part of a group of Christ followers, with a mind that works better in community, with cars and homes that service us and help our greater communities, and lives that serve together the kingdom of God. We like to think that our community of faith is stand-alone as well. It’s not, when you are part of the Presbyterian tradition. We are connected, within a geographic area, to be the church in the area called the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

We are also bigger than that! As a presbytery, we are part of a synod (a group of presbyteries): The Synod of the Covenant. And, we are part of the Presbyterian Church (USA), where all 167 presbyteries come together every other year to do the business of the church, which includes big worship!

We don’t always agree with each other, not within a family, not within a congregation, not within a presbytery...and certainly not within a denomination. But that’s the nice part of being connected. We can listen to others who don’t see life the same as we do. We can still love them as a fellow Presbyterian Christian.

Now, beyond the presbytery, we are also connected to our communities and to others who long for God. We might use different language, but we have the

same God-sized hole that needs filled by our Creator! Many of our churches do wonderful things in connection with other groups and other churches. What examples might you offer? Please share a few sentences with us at discernment@psvonline.org so we can celebrate you!

In Christ's service,
The Rev. Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter
Presbytery of Scioto Valley, 4131 N. High Street, Ste B, Columbus OH 43214
614-847-0565 (o) 614-507-2626 (mobile)

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.



Your Discernment & Design team is preparing to meet again for a one day retreat on March 25. As we anticipate this important day, we ask folks throughout the Presbytery to be in prayer for our work. In particular, we would appreciate being included on your church prayer lists, so that folks who may not read this E-News are reminded of our work and engaged in seeking God's plan for the future of this Presbytery.

Thanks for your support.

Discernment and Design Administrative Commission Update

We want to hear from you and your church. Share a quick story with us (max 2-3 sentences!) of a time your church has exemplified one of these core values of our Presbytery.

Email your story to discernment@psvonline.org

Thanks for your support, and, as always, please keep us in your prayers.

At the February 21, 2023, Presbytery meeting, the Rev. Steve Brand reported on behalf of your Discernment & Design Administrative Commission. He presented core values that this team has developed as a result of all we have learned since you commissioned us to this work.

- **Nurturing Spiritual Community** – We ground our work in the Spirit of God and nurture the faith and lives of those we serve.
- **Connection:** Focusing on what connects us creates community and deepens our relationship with God.
- **Unity in Diversity:** The diverse experiences and gifts of our people and communities strengthen us.

- **Spirit-led Adaptability:** We are open and responsive to the Spirit at work in our changing world.
- **Outreach:** We walk with others in partnership and compassion to improve the human condition.



Fireside chat for Scioto Valley Presbytery (PSV)

Pastors Thursday, March 23, 4-6 p.m. PSV Church Professionals are invited to come and join in conversation, fellowship, and complimentary appetizers with colleagues at the Rusty Bucket, 4109 N. High Street, Clintonville location.

Transitional Ministry

We really need those trained in Transitional Ministry in this presbytery. We have many churches in transition now, and others coming up. Transitional Ministry is not just what you do when you retire from the pastorate. Transitional Ministry is walking with churches through good times, sad times, changing times, and times of planning. Transitional Ministry is helping to resolve issues, clearing out cobwebs, thinking creatively. If you think Transitional Ministry (formerly known as Interim Ministry) is a possible calling for you, please see this advertisement for classes.



Register now for *The Art of Transitional Ministry Training, Week I & II. May 22-26, 2023 at the beautiful Mercy Center, St. Louis, MO*

We live in a crazy time of transition in our churches and culture. Transitional Ministry Education is not limited to those presently engaged in or inquiring about transitional ministry. Anyone interested in learning how to walk through change alongside your church is invited to join in. *PLUS, we have expanded to include a more diverse faculty and re-worked curriculum for this spring.*

[READ MORE AND REGISTER](#)

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.

Membership: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, chairs of the four Commissions, four at-large members, one of whom shall be from among one of PC(USA)'s recognized racial ethnic constituency groups, and a convener.

2023 Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting Dates
Tuesday, May 16, Circleville Presbyterian Church, 3:00 p.m.
September 19 and November 14 (TBA)

Update from Bill Gause, Presbytery Stated Clerk.

These amendments have been sent to the Presbyteries for ratification.



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/)

[amendments-constitution/](https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/proposed-amendments-constitution/)

Commission and Ministry Team Meetings
www.psvonline.org

March

- 16, 10 a.m. New Pastors Conference - Presbytery Office.
- 18, 10 a.m. Matthew25 Group, "Undesign the Redline" at Capital University.
- 21, 4 p.m. Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting.
- 23, 2 a.m. Commissioned Ruling Elder Ministry Team Zoom Meeting.
- 23, 4-6 p.m. Fireside Chat for PSV Pastors, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.
- 25, 9-4: p.m. Discernment and Design Administrative Commission Retreat.
- 28, 1 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach Zoom Meeting.

2023 Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting Dates

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.

Kathleen (Kathy) Nice, Transitional General

Presbyter, generalpresbyter@psvonline.org

Bill Gause, Stated Clerk, statedclerk@psvonline.org

Bob Patterson, Treasurer, treasurer@psvonline.org

Dagmar Romage, Administrative Assistant, dagmar@psvonline.org

John Wyckoff, Financial Assistant, accounting@psvonline.org

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

Mark Your Calendar, Future Events....

***Synod of the Covenant
Healthy Boundaries
Trainings in 2023***

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Presbyterian Women (PW) in the Synod of the Covenant Gathering, August 4-5, 2023, First Presbyterian Church Findlay, Ohio.

Key Note Speaker
Cheri Harper – PW Mission Associate
Sacred Encounters 2023 –
2024 Bible Study

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

New date: November 30-December 12, 2023.

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.

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.

Educator Gathering . If you missed the Educators Gathering with information on Opening Doors to Discipleship, you can check out the video here:

[2023 - Educator Conversation - Opening Doors to Discipleship - YouTube](#)

Mission Exchange Program in Berlin

A volunteer program in Berlin, hosted by the Berliner Missionswerk, will fund two participants starting in September for a 10 month program. Volunteers will be involved in different projects through two parish communities in and around Berlin. Berliner Missionswerk will incorporate the volunteers into their seminar program to introduce them to German culture, history, and language. This also allows the U.S. participants to get to know other volunteers, who come from other countries and backgrounds. If you wish to apply, please send your application by April 1 to Alethia White at alethia.white@pcusa.org. There will be some assistance with expenses and in general it should be quite a low-cost program for the participants. Here is the information: **Berlin Flyer** and **Berlin Application**.

International Mission Conference

In July the Czech Brethren Church along with the Czech Partnership Network (a committee of both Czech and American churches) will be hosting a conference in Olomouc, Czech Republic that is open to youth, adults, and any churches who may be especially interested in joining this partnership in the future. Alethia White is a PCUSA representative for this network and will be attending the conference. If you want more information, contact Alethia at: **Ryan & Alethia White** <alethia.ryan@gmail.com>

Partners in Education (PIE) resources are available.

2023 Resources: <https://psvonline.org/clerks-resources/minutes-archives/change-address-forms/>

Links to watch trainings:

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

2022 Elder: <https://youtu.be/ld62okcBsII>

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

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.

Neighborhood Mission Grant

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)**



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.

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.



March 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.

Grandview Heights, Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Pastor Charlotte O'Neil.
Columbus, Broad Street Presbyterian Church,
Pastors Amy Miracle and Ann Palmerton.
Columbus, Crestview Presbyterian Church, Worship Leader Carol Bogaards.
Columbus, Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pastor Tom Billman.

Employment Opportunity

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, located at 2930 West Broad Street, Columbus is looking for a pro-active, efficient sexton who processes a respect for our religion and the cultural beliefs of others. This candidate will ensure that all publicly accessible areas are clean in the church. The job requires making minor repairs, changing light bulbs, vacuuming, sweeping and scrubbing floors, sanitizing surfaces, and restocking supplies. Work hours are 9-2 M-F. Starting salary is \$16.00/hour with 11 paid holidays. Apply by contacting Natalie Alter at Alinefromnat@aol.com with the subject line word Sexton.

IF YOU HAVE A CAUSE THAT'S CLOSE TO YOUR HEART YOU CAN FIND A WAY

If it matters to you, it matters for others.
If it matters for others, it matters to God.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/>



Share This Email



Share This Email



Share This Email

Like us on Facebook:



Visit our new website

Presbytery of Scioto Valley | 4131 N. High Street, Suite B, Columbus, OH
43214 www.psvonline.org

[Unsubscribe jeannie@psvonline.org](mailto:jeannie@psvonline.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by dagmar@psvonline.org powered by

