

Mid-week E-News March 2, 2023

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

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)

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, Associate Pastor, Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Celebrating Ordination Anniversaries.

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 March.

The Reverend Robert R. Tolar Jr. – 3-3-1991
The Reverend Dr Thomas F. Rice – 3-12-1994
The Reverend Rick Nutt HR – 3-16-1980
The Reverend Karen Petersohn-Jung – 3-22-1992
The Reverend Diane M. Baldwin – 3-25-2007

Mark your calendar for the month of March.

Christian Education Conversation on Zoom, March 7 at 7 p.m.

Are you in charge of Christian Education in your congregation? Plan to join us on Tuesday, March 7 for a conversation on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. What are your burning issues? VBS? Summer programming? Sharing new ideas? Getting input on problems you're having?

Register here at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ1pf-gvqDIqHdQkPwZeeJ576gWqsoCyyjar>

The Presbytery Matthew 25 Group invites you to 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 am at Capital to reflect on our experience. Please contact Steve Hills at stephen.m.hills@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.



Dear Friends,
I don't know about you, but I'm sure seeing a lot of anxiety in our churches; maybe because it's rampant in our post-pandemic world. People are still voicing concerns about who they can trust – should we gather with masks, or is that area too close? People are still concerned about coming back to church, and yet it's hard to be an outsider when our friends are gathering for worship inside the building. I think that we may need to do some major

Has the anxiety of not knowing who to trust, and how far we can go to find ourselves "safe," caused us to forget that we are Jesus to the world? From some of my interactions, I think yes. As a presbytery, we seem to have gotten away from seeing each other. Zoom has been so helpful in connecting so we don't have to drive so far, we don't have to drive after dark, we don't have to leave so much time in between meetings because we are just a click away.

Zoom has also allowed us to distance ourselves from each other. We might feel the pressure to be the body alone, rather than part of the body together. Zoom has encouraged us to avoid asking hard questions, as we can simply mute ourselves and go do something else. I hope we

teaching about managing anxiety, especially in the church.

I know we have at least three trainers who can provide training in Healthy Congregations; the first module focuses on managing anxiety in the church. Charlotte O'Neil, Emily Corzine, and I have all been trained as facilitators. Are there others out there trained as well? I would like to keep a list of people who are facilitators for various methods so that I can refer you to churches in need.

As I was on my way to lead worship at Woodside (Newark) on Sunday, I listened to the song by Casting Crowns entitled "If We Are The Body." It focused my attention to why we do what we do. We are called to be different...to be transformed into the Body of Christ, called into service, to love and transform the world. So if we are the body, why are we falling short? Why are we not treating each other better? Why can't people see us and automatically know we are Christians because we show it through our actions and our words.

never eliminate Zoom for the ability to bring together people who are differently able, those who don't feel safe driving after dark or who live far from where meetings are held. But I do hope that we will show our love for one another but expressing our care, trust, and vulnerability to one another. Please let me know if you can provide some help when our churches are in need, and if you feel you would like to have a facilitator help your congregation, please reach out. And if you are so inclined...listen to Casting Crowns' song and sing along (loudly even) and with the certainty that comes with knowing you are a beloved child of God!

In Christ's service,
The Rev. Kathy Nice

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Self-Development of People Sunday is a celebration of the work of the church in partnering with congregations and communities to eradicate systemic poverty and its intersectional social and economic justice issues. New SDOP Sunday Resource & Yearbook released in time for annual celebration. **Be sure to visit page 15,** SDOP member of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley is featured.

[Download SDOP Resource](#)

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.

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/)

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At the February 21 stated meeting of the presbytery, commissioners were charged with considering 19 of the 33 amendments to the Book of Order that were passed by the 225th General Assembly last summer. Those amendments were designated 22-A through 22-S. Of those 19 amendments, 16 were ratified by the presbytery. The three amendments that were considered but which did not receive enough votes for ratification are 22-I, 22-M, and 22-S. The remaining fourteen amendments will be considered at the May 16 stated meeting of the presbytery. An amendment must be ratified by a majority of the 167 presbyteries (84 presbyteries) in order to become a part of the Book of Order. Those amendments ratified this spring will become a part of the new edition of the Book of Order to be published this summer.



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.

Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

March

- 2, 10:00 a.m. Book Study - Presbytery office and Zoom.
- 6, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals Zoom Meeting.
- 6, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life Zoom Meeting.
- 7, 7:00 p.m. Christian Education Conversation Zoom Meeting
- 9, 1:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Zoom Meeting.
- 13, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations Hybrid Meeting.
- 16, 10:00 a.m. New Pastors Conference - Presbytery Office.
- 18, 10:00 a.m. Matthew25 Group, "Undesign the Redline" at Capital University.
- 21, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting.
- 23, 10:00 a.m. Commissioned Ruling Elder Ministry Team Zoom Meeting.
- 25,9 -4:00 p.m. Discernment and Design Administrative Commission Retreat.
- 28, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach Zoom Meeting.

2023 Presbytery 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.

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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.

"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.

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/pDgHCkVFTzw>

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 \(psvonline.org\)](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.

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

Worthington Presbyterian Church, located at 773 High Street, Worthington, Ohio is looking for a part-time bookkeeper. This candidate will maintain accurate accounting and related finance records of the church and preschool, including the deposit of all donations received by the church and the preparation of periodic contribution statements for members of the congregation. The role reports to the Executive Administrator and is 24 hours per week. View full jobdescription <https://files.snappages.site/X7MGN4/assets/files/WPC-Bookkeeper-Job-Description.pdf>.

Interested persons should submit a resume to Doug Fell at execadmin@wpcnow.org with the subject line: Bookkeeper.

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.

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If it matters for others, it matters to God.

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