

## Mid-week E-News April 20, 2023



# PRESBYTERY *of* SCIOTO VALLEY

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

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**Earth Day is April 22** - The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.— Psalm 24:1-2

**Presbyterians for Earth Care receives one scientist's look at the most recent climate assessment.** 'Our choices will reverberate for hundreds, even thousands, of years'  
by Mike Ferguson | Presbyterian News Service

[Click here to read the article.](#)



### Scioto Valley Presbytery Congregations Certified as PC(USA) Earth Care

**Circleville Presbyterian Church  
Columbus, Indianola Presbyterian Church  
Delaware, First Presbyterian Church  
Granville, First Presbyterian Church**

are certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program through February 2024. The Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that make the commitment to take seriously God's charge to "till and keep" the garden.

This status speaks to the serious commitment that is made to care for God's earth. To become an Earth Care Congregation, this congregation affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into their worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

For more information on the Earth Care Congregations program visit: [www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations](http://www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations)

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Dear Friends,

I am so grateful for the gifts of God.... for springtime, for blooming tulips and daffodils, for smiles, and for excitement. Suddenly, it is like the entire world opened up with surprises from God! How blessed we all are to live in this time!

I have several retired pastors who have reached out to me willing to be mentors for CREs, but I could use more! If you wondered what you might still offer to the church in your retirement, let me know of your interest!

I was sad to see that two of our new worshipping communities seemed to fall off the radar. AND THEN God showed up! There are currently at least three possibilities for new worshipping communities floating around in the hearts of Presbyterians here! I need to find out who else has a passion for new worshipping communities, who has experience in this process, or who might offer some time to do volunteer "field work" canvassing neighborhoods on foot or by car. Once I know who might be interested, I'll get us together to get these floating ideas into action items!

We have people that have trained to do conflict resolution; we have others being trained to lead Healthy Congregations workshops. We have an update coming from the Discernment and Design Administrative Commission. CAN YOU FEEL THE EXCITEMENT! (Sorry for shouting!)

More gatherings will be coming for pastors and leaders in churches so we can share our work together. Watch the newsletter for more dates about all these events.

Friends, God is so good....and we are very blessed! I hope that you feel that too!

In Christ's service,  
The Rev. Kathy Nice  
Transitional General Presbyter  
614-847-0565 (o) 614-507-2626 (mobile)

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## Discernment and Design Administrative Commission

**The first phase of the work of your Discernment & Design team** is nearly done, and we look forward to sharing the results of that work at the May 16 Presbytery meeting.

Our focus to date has been on the Discernment side of our charge, as we have considered all the input we have received from across the Presbytery. We will share what we have learned from you and the general direction in which we believe the Presbytery needs to move. **Then our second phase – the Design phase – will begin**, as we put meat on the bones, so to speak, of the general staffing plan and organizational structure that we envision.



### **As we move forward, we are seeking new members for this**

**Administrative Commission.** We ask you prayerfully to consider whether this work is something to which you are being called. We need folks with human resources, fiscal management, and writing skills to join the team, but perhaps most importantly, we seek folks who have energy and enthusiasm for the possibilities that the future of the Presbytery holds. Please let us know if you would be interested in serving as this new phase of our work gets underway. You may email us at [discernment@psvonline.org](mailto:discernment@psvonline.org). Thanks for your support, and, as always, please keep us in your prayers.

[Click here to view the Core Values identified.](#)

### **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.

Dear Retired Minister Members,  
I am seeking those who have a love of mentoring and the church. Our Commissioned Ruling Elders (CRE) program could use some mentors who are not as busy serving churches presently. If you are in retirement, but still willing to be a part of training up elders to serve churches, I would like to hear from you!

Please email Kathy Nice at [generalpresbyter@psvonline.org](mailto:generalpresbyter@psvonline.org) or call the presbytery office at 614-847-0565 or 614-507-2626 (mobile).



**The stoles, ceramic cups, bowl and plate are free to anyone who can use them.** Call 614-907-0512, Thom Shuman, pastor at Galloway Presbyterian Church to make arrangements for pick up.



**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.

### Mark Your Calendar for Future Events....



**The Hygiene Connection at Overbrook Church**, a Matthew 25 ministry, is sponsoring a hygiene product donation drive on **Saturday, April 29 between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.** All donations will be distributed to existing partner organizations' clients on an "as needed" basis. Most requested items include toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste. Drive thru drop off at Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 4131 North High Street, Columbus. For more information

email [hygieneconnection@overbrookchurch.org](mailto:hygieneconnection@overbrookchurch.org).

If your church is affirming and a group from your church (no matter the size) would like to join please email Trip Porch at [trip@indianolapres.org](mailto:trip@indianolapres.org)



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**Synod of the Covenant Leadership Development Workshops Click here.**

***"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. Registration will be limited to 20. See the brochure and registration form. Here is the link:

**<https://psvonline.org/event/pilgrimage-to-israel-palestine-come-and-see-go-and-tell>**

For additional information, contact Rev. Boteler at [mgboteler@gmail.com](mailto:mgboteler@gmail.com).

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

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

**Special Offerings - Offering Season in 2023.**

**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)



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 the booklet:

**<https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/proposed-amendments-constitution/>**

Here is the updated list of amendments and how they have been voted upon by the other presbyteries.

[Click here for the updated list of amendments\(4-5-2023\).](#)

***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.



### **April 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.*

Columbus, Indianola Presbyterian Church, Pastor Trip Porch  
Columbus, Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Pastors Bill and Mary Gause  
Frankfort Presbyterian Church, Pastor Todd Thomas  
Frankfort Concord Presbyterian Church, Pastor Todd Thomas

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## **Commission and Ministry Team Meetings**

[Website Calendar](#)



## April

23, 10:00 a.m. Commissioned Ruling Elder Ministry Team Zoom Meeting.  
25, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach Zoom Meeting.  
27, 10:00 a.m. Commissioned Ruling Elder Ministry Team Zoom Meeting.

## May

1, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals Zoom Meeting.  
1, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life Zoom Meeting.  
8, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations Hybrid Meeting.  
9, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting.  
11, 1:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Zoom Meeting.  
16, 3:30 p.m. Presbytery Hybrid Meeting, Circleville Presbyterian Church.  
23, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach Zoom Meeting.

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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.  
Website: [www.psvonline.org](http://www.psvonline.org) - Presbytery Office: 614-847-0565.

[Click here to contact your Presbytery Staff and Officers.](#)

**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.

**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.

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## 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: <https://psvonline.org/publication/neighborhood-mission-grant-application/>

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**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/>



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