

Mid-week E-News April 27, 2023



"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)



OSU Presbyterian Campus Minister Search

We are excited to finally announce that we have begun to search for a full-time Presbyterian Campus Minister to the main campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. This pastor will be serving alongside excellent colleagues at [Jacob's Porch](#), which is an ecumenical campus ministry to OSU supported by the Presbytery. The position is funded by a grant from the Ministry

Initiatives Board. We plan to hire a candidate this summer so they can begin work before the fall semester begins so if you are aware of any qualified candidates, please quickly send them your [Ministry Information Form](#) or connect them to [Trip Porch](#) who is chairing the search committee so we won't miss out on their application!



Discernment and Design Administrative Commission Update

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.

[Read more on Discernment and Design Page under Resources.](#)



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.

PENTECOST. April 10 - May 28, 2023. The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.



[PENTECOST Resources.](#)

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.




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....

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



LOVE IS LOVE!

Find an affirming Presbyterian Church in your neighborhood 



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.

SAVE THE DATE!

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



Anyone interested? A four-drawer, one hour fire-rated, legal-size filing cabinet with one key. It's probably 60 years old and my parents kept stamps, coins and legal documents in it. Online this looked like the 400-pound ones. It is heavy. 20" x 30" x 54". For more information contact *Jon Carlisle 740-502-3301*.

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 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 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 and Frankfort Concord Presbyterian Church, Pastor Todd Thomas

Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

Website Calendar

April

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.

22, 6:30 p.m. Cap City Helping Hands meeting.

23, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach Zoom Meeting.

29, Memorial Day - Presbytery Office closed.

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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 - 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.

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/>

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

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If it matters for others, it matters to God.

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



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