

Mid-week E-News May 11, 2023



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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)

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.

Stated Presbytery Hybrid Meeting, Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Greetings, Ruling Elders, Teaching Elders, Commissioned Ruling Elders, and Christian Educators. You are invited to participate in the 266th stated meeting of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at Circleville Presbyterian Church, 134 E. Mound Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113. This will be a hybrid meeting, you will also be able to participate online via Zoom video conference if you so choose. Look for your Zoom Invitation soon.

PRE-PRESBYTERY EVENT: "CONNECT FOR"

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 2:30 p.m., Circleville Presbyterian Church

The Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) will sponsor the first pre-presbytery event since the pandemic! On May 16th at the Circleville Presbyterian Church, 2:30 p.m., come enjoy our version of the popular Connect 4 game. Come early to the presbytery and get to know presbytery representatives better. **CONNECT FOR: Fellowship, New Ideas, Mutual Support.** The more we connect, the stronger we will be. Our interim General

Presbyter, Kathy Nice, Kathy Bubb, and Steve Hills will be directing the fun, so come and enjoy!



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/>

A Note About Our Vote

As of the most recent update on May 8, all of the proposed amendments to the Book of Order have received enough votes for ratification except one. The lone exception (designated 22-C) is a proposed change to section D of the Book of Order. Since the newly ratified Church Discipline section of the Book of Order replaces the old section D (Book of Discipline), any of the proposed amendments to section D are now rendered moot. This means that when PSV meets on Tuesday, the fourteen amendments we were scheduled to consider (designated 22-T through 22-GG) have either already been ratified or have been rendered irrelevant. For this reason, the Coordinating Team has decided to place an omnibus motion on the agenda for Tuesday that will ask for a single vote to ratify all of the remaining amendments on which PSV has not yet acted. Any commissioner wishing to pull one of these amendments from the omnibus motion so that we may debate and cast a separate vote on it may do so by notifying Stated Clerk Bill Gause by email (statedclerk@psvonline.org) before the meeting, or in writing during the meeting on Tuesday but before the completion of staff reports.



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 the Discernment and Design Page under Resources.](#)

Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS) Open House (new location) May 11, 2023, 4 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 4645 Executive Drive, Columbus.

CRIS (Community Refugee & Immigration Services) recently moved offices and want to connect with churches in the area. Faith communities play a vital role in welcoming refugees to Central Ohio! We are having an informal drop-in luncheon to meet pastors and ministry leaders in the area. If there is anyone in your congregation who would be interested in learning more about serving newcomers please send this their way!

Refugees who have community support from local congregations have a much better experience as they become self-sufficient. We would love the opportunity to explain how members of your denomination can help out our new neighbors. This event is for anyone interested in faith-based groups serving the refugee community.

CRIS OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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 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 86 churches with a membership of 12,817 (updated March 20, 2023). 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.

May 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.

Gahanna, Mifflin Presbyterian Church, Pastor David Bubb
Galloway Presbyterian Church, Pastor Thom Shuman
Grove City, First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Robert Tolar
Lancaster, First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Nathan Loudon

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.



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 May.

The Reverend Julie Johnson – 5-1-2022
The Reverend Mark Stephen Merold HR – 5-13-1973
The Reverend Joel A. Esala – 5-15-2016
The Reverend Dr. Myong Sun Kim – 5-15-2011
The Reverend Leslie Sauer HR – 5-17-1971
The Reverend Dr. Jeannie C. Harsh HR – 5-21-2013
The Reverend Heather Thum-Gerber – 5-21-2022
The Reverend David L. Bubb – 5-22-1984
The Reverend Robert L. Coberly HR – 5-23-1976
The Reverend Evan D. Fisher HR – 5-23-1965
The Reverend Robert E. Salmon HR – 5-24-1970
The Reverend Elizabeth D. Terry HR – 5-31-1981
The Reverend Randy Terry HR – 5-31-1981

Mark Your Calendar for Future Events....

Matthew 25 Zoom Event. Where Does Jesus Stand?: Exploring Five Spiritual Practices to End Poverty, May 23, 2 p.m. (ET)

Since you already know about the PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 vision and have been requesting additional resources, on May 23 we will be offering the first of three programs in our new 2023 online workshop series on the Matthew 25 main foci. The May 23 workshop will focus on eradicating systemic poverty. Gather

with Presbyterians — across the country and around the world — to share and learn five spiritual practices (worship, learn, relate, act and share) as well as resources and activities that Presbyterians engage to end poverty. Walk away with practical tools and ideas for next steps! Facilitators will be national staff and mid council leaders who sit on a monthly PC(USA) Matthew 25 consulting team on eradicating systemic poverty.

Advance registration is required by clicking

here. <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAocOyppj0iGNFQcVv8UYvEgredZjhgCbt#/registration>



Upcoming Synod Programs and Ministry.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

"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.



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 and Ministry Team Meetings

[Click here for the Website Calendar](#)

May

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.

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.
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/>

Special Offerings Season in 2023.

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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