

Mid-week E-News May 18, 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)

**The Presbytery Meeting, May 16, 2023,
Circleville Presbyterian Church**





If you missed the presbytery meeting this week, here is a summary of what transpired.

Many of us gathered for a pre-presbytery event. We learned more about what is happening at each other's churches, and good ideas were shared.

We gathered for worship in the sanctuary of Circleville Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Ron Johnson brought us a stirring message about Opportunity, the Rev. Alison Bauer prayed us in, and Chris Dederer encouraged us to move with musical talents.

The Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) requested the formation of an Administrative Commission (AC) for walking with St. Andrew as it prepares to close. The Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) 3% increase in minimum terms of call was approved, recent retirees were honored, and a policy change was provided for first reading. The Coordinating Team (CT) brought two new nominating committee members for election, the new description for the Committee on Representation was approved, and the date of the November presbytery meeting was moved to November 28. The Nominating Committee brought the Rev. Joel Esala as candidate for CCP chair, and he was elected. The Commission for Congregational Nurture (CNO) provided information on the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, the fall youth retreat, and the update on the OSU Campus Minister search.

We completed the ratifying of General Assembly actions. 22-T, 22-U, 22-FF, and 22-GG were pulled from the omnibus motion and voted upon individually. Each of the individual amendments passed and the omnibus motion of the other ten amendments passed. As of today, all the amendments sent from the General Assembly to the presbyteries have passed. The updated books of order should be available sometime this summer.

The DDAC (Discernment & Design AC) presented their report, giving us much to look forward to as they continue from Phase 1 (discernment) into Phase 2 (design). They presented a lot of material in the packet which we are all encouraged to read. Some of the commission members finished their year of labor, and several new members were elected. DDAC will still need some persons with expertise in writing job descriptions, budgeting and finance, and document writers and editors. Especially desired are

ruling elders (the commission is fully staffed with teaching elders and now needs ruling elders for parity) and most particularly ruling elders of color. If you know someone who fits the bill, please let me know or call Moderator Emily Corzine.

When the meeting adjourned, we moved to the fellowship hall for cake and sandwiches so we could celebrate our retirees. Our next presbytery meeting will be at Covenant Presbyterian Church on September 19, 2023. See you there!

In Christ's service, Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter



At Tuesday's Presbytery Meeting you learned of the Discernment and Design AC's discerned vision for the Presbytery. You may have noticed the new logo and tagline for the presbytery as well

"Woven together in Christ's Service"

If you'd like to order a t-shirt for yourself you can do so directly at <https://www.bonfire.com/presbytery-of-scioto-valley/>

The Ohio State University (OSU) Campus Ministry - May 2023

One year ago, this presbytery was reminded that we have always had a heart for campus ministry at The Ohio State University (OSU) Many churches have stepped up to partner, support, and champion campus ministry at OSU throughout the years. But in the last several years, it has been harder to give it the adequate support that it takes to run a campus ministry at a university the size of OSU.

[Click here for more.](#)



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 in 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/tJAocOyppj0iGNFQcVv8UYvEgredZjlhGCbt#/registration>



Gathering for Pastors and Church Professionals in Scioto Valley Presbytery (PSV).

You are invited Thursday, May 25, 3-5 p.m., to come and join in conversation, fellowship, and complimentary appetizers with your colleagues at the Rusty Bucket, 4109 N. High Street, Clintonville location. A

member of the Nominating Committee will join the gathering to share the needs for elder nominees to our various boards of service at the Presbytery. We'd love to have your ideas for people in your congregations whom you think might be called to serve. We hope that you can join us!

First Presbyterian Church of Mount Gilead fills the need for a new Outreach Ministry.

In rural Morrow County there is a serene and beautiful, socioeconomically diverse gated community with people from all social classes. As a resident of that community, Pastor Christine Burns, CRE (now retired and serving in a presbytery-wide commission) was approached by a member of the board of trustees to see if she might be interested in having a summer worship program right there at our Unit 4 lodge. People were interested in worshipping before the start of their Sundays on the Lake. Pastor Christine, sanctioned by the Mount Gilead First Presbyterian church volunteered to see if this April to October worship opportunity might work. On April 30, 2023, the Wood Lake Ministry Outreach was formed to bring a casual and friendly worship to any resident or visitor to Candlewood.

People dress casually and bring their coffee, ready to engage with the Word in a new, yet traditional Christian service from 8 a.m.- 8:45 a.m. While the entire service is voluntary, an offering basket is available, and any proceeds go directly to mission and evangelism for First Presbyterian church of Mount Gilead. It is early, but it gives you the entire day to enjoy summer activities and allows Christine to serve more local churches.

Please consider joining us, and if you are up our way, contact Pastor Christine (cvanderkooi45695@gmail.com) so we can get you in the gate and welcome you!



Help Wanted!

Columbus Overbrook Presbyterian Church is seeking a permanent, part-time organist/accompanist. Responsibilities include accompanying the choir, presenting prelude and postlude, and providing hymn accompaniment. Contact the church office at 614-261-1040 for further information.

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.

Mark Your Calendar for Future Events....

Anti-Racism Workshop at Broad Street Presbyterian Church Sunday, June 25 at 11:30 a.m.

An invitation for all to join us from your churches.

Being actively anti-racist means making a commitment to a lifelong journey of learning and unlearning. Yet, for a multitude of parents, guardians, aunts and uncles, grandparents, and caregivers, questions often arise surrounding when that journey should begin and how do you appropriately broach the subject of race and racism with children of all ages.

If you have asked yourself these questions and wrestled with wanting to address this deeply important topic the "right way", this is the workshop for you!

Join writer, speaker, activist and anti-racism educator, Patricia A. Taylor, as she shares tools, resources, real-time examples, and practical applications that will leave you feeling equipped and ready to start and continue these conversations in your home in a meaningful way.

It's not a question of if, but when, and the right time is always now!



SAVE THE DATE!

Presbytery Youth Retreat
Saturday and Sunday,
November 18 – 19, 2023
Camp Akita, Logan OH

Watch for Registration Late Summer.

For info contact Rev. Steve Brand - SBrand@pts.edu

[Click here for the Save the Date flyer.](#)



"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

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.

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

- 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

September 19, Columbus Covenant Presbyterian Church, and November 28 (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.

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