

## Mid-week E-News May 4, 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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*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.

#### **2023 Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, May 16, Circleville Presbyterian Church, 3:00 p.m.

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### **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!

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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\(4-5-2023\).](#)

Dear Friends,

Have you ever been so tired that you could not even get up enough energy to eat? Seriously...even to eat?

I have been there...and I imagine you may have as well.

Some might say that the level of tiredness comes from physically being worn out, and in many cases, that is true.

Some might say that rather than being physically tired, we are uninspired...we need some kind of excitement to rebuild our passion. What excites you about your faith?

This is not a rhetorical question...I really want to engage in conversation with you. You can email me, or you can see me at the upcoming pre-presbytery meeting on May 16 at Circleville Presbyterian Church.

I know there is a reason that you stay a Jesus follower...share that with me. Make sure you tell me who you are (in case your email does not say) and what church you are from... And no, I am not going to put you on some kind of naughty or nice list...I am just seeing who is willing to be open and share...and I want to say Hello next time I visit!



I hope you will play along!

Rev. Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter  
Presbytery of Scioto Valley

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

**CRIS OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION**



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

**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....

A group of LGBTQ+ affirming churches from our Presbytery are planning to march together for Columbus's pride parade and we would love for other affirming churches to join us! The pride march takes place on the morning of June 17, in the short north area of Columbus. Our plan is to march alongside one another behind one banner, and have each church march together in smaller sub-groups behind a banner with their own churches name and neighborhood/town. 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)



### Upcoming Synod Programs and Ministry.

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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.

#### ***"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).



**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.



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.*

## Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

[Click here for the Website Calendar](#)

### May

- 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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September 19 and November 14 (TBA)

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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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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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