

Mid-week E-News September 21, 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)

Dear Friends, if you were not at the presbytery meeting this week, you missed a good one! Here is a summary, but I wish I could express the true feeling of the meeting! It was powerful!



GA 225th Co-moderator the Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis brought our message focused on P-presence (our theme this year is H-O-P-E). Her message

reminds us that the power of presence (both God's presence and our own) grounds our work. Love is the core energy that rules everything; if you follow love, God's presence will be there. We are to be ambassadors for love, express our acts of compassion grounded in truth, because real love speaks.

International Peacemaker Amira Barham, MSW, also joined us to give her testimony about serving

God as a Palestinian Christian. She showed pictures of the segregation wall built between Israeli-occupied lands and those where Palestinians are housed. Amira noted that the Palestinians are targeted daily by the Israelis, and many children are killed while many others are injured in life-changing ways. She encourages standing for human rights - all lives are precious.





Two ruling elders were commissioned for service with great joy: Peter Okyere (Worthington) and Nancy Revennaugh (Fredericktown First).

The Stated Clerk is working on getting some policies updated because of the new Book of Order changes. Marysville First Administrative Commission was

dissolved after completing their work. Pastors who were newly arrived in the presbytery were welcomed, and pastors who are leaving were wished goodbye and God-speed. The annual church professionals retreat is coming up in November with Kimberly Wagner as the speaker. The UNESCO Hopewell acknowledgement was celebrated. The Nominating Committee presented one election, as did the Coordinating Team. The dates for the Fall Youth Retreat and the 2024 PIE event were announced.

The Rev. Taylor Barner was introduced. Taylor is the OSU Campus Minister who brought news of what is happening at Jacob's Porch. The St. Andrew Legacy Fund was approved. Commission on Presbytery Operations presented a budget for first read.

Then the Discernment & Design Administrative Commission made its presentation. If you didn't get to see the presentation, take a look at the packet for the written work. Questions can be sent to discernment@psvonline.org. This proposal will come for second read and vote (including their budget proposal) in November.

In Christ's service, The Rev. Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter
Presbytery of Scioto Valley 614-847-0565 (office) or 614-507-2626 (mobile)

My position is funded by the generous donations of members and churches who fund our per capita budget. Together we can do more!

Woven Together in Christ's Service





Your Discernment & Design

team enthusiastically presented the results of our work at Tuesday's Presbytery meeting. If you were not there, we invite you to read our report, available on the Presbytery website. This was a first reading, with a vote on the proposal we have presented slated for the November 28 meeting of Presbytery.

After you prayerfully read and reflect on this report, you may have questions. If so, please share your questions or comments via our email address, discernment@psvonline.org, or by phoning Bill Lucas (614-557-8624) or Mary Jane Hitt (570-262-5975). We will do our best to

answer your questions. We will also note any suggestions or concerns that need further consideration by the Discernment & Design team.

Thanks for your support and participation as we move to the final step in the Discernment & Design process. Please continue to keep us and the Presbytery in your prayers.

	<p><i>The Presbytery of Scioto Valley and Boulevard Presbyterian Church invite you to the Service of Installation of Reverend Tiffany L. Komasara Pastor, Boulevard Presbyterian Church</i></p>
	<p><i>October 1, 2023 at 2 o'clock p.m.</i></p> <p><i>Reception to follow the service 1235 Northwest Boulevard Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212 (614) 486-0267</i></p>

Columbus St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Sharing Resources.

The Administrative Commission has found a buyer for the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, and we have a few items that other churches might be interested in. Specifically, we have some audio-visual equipment (contact us for details); some kitchen equipment (coffee makers, serving trays, etc.); some banners, and miscellaneous stuff. If you have any interest in any of these items, please let us know. You can reach out to:

Amy Paulin (standrewpres.columbus@gmail.com)
Jim Hines (jhines1116@gamil.com) or
Amos Loveday (ajloveday@aol.com).

**DUBLIN
PRESBYTERIAN**
Fall Festival

**October 1, 2023
3:30-6:00 PM**

FOOD TRUCK



Fun for the whole family!

*Come as you ARE!
ALL are welcome!*

Carnival Games
Raffle Items

Pumpkin Decorating
Bake Good Sale



**Fundraiser for the DPC
Music Program**

The Nominating Committee is requesting your help!

The Presbytery recently passed a motion saying, "The Presbytery shall give full expression to the rich diversity of the church's membership and shall provide for full participation and access to representation in decision-making and employment practices". How we are going to do that is largely left up to a newly revised Committee on Representation.

The Nominating Committee of the Presbytery is looking for volunteers or nominations for persons to form a short-term task force to further envision the role and expected activities and perhaps including a more descriptive name for the committee. This short-term task force will work with our churches and outside stakeholders to identify voices from our margins who could help speak into how we might offer full participation and representation.

The Nominating committee wants to work with this task force before proposing nominees for the actual standing committee. If helping form this committee's approach and expectations would be of interest to you, or you have a person you would suggest, please get those names to Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter (generalpresbyter@psvonline.org 614-847-0565).

**First Presbyterian Church of London's 50th anniversary
celebration of our Presbyterian Child Center. We celebrated
on September 10th.**



Children's Sermon For PCC 50th Anniversary



♪♪ *Jesus Is A Cool Dude* ♪♪
Sung By PCC Kids

Pastor Rev. Desiree Youngblood shared the pictures of this joyous celebration.



PCC Administrators
Abbey Stonerock, Pastor Mark, Pastor Steve



♪♪ *You Are The Church* ♪♪
PCC 50th Anniversary



MATTHEW 25

Celebrating PSV Congregations work at the November Presbytery meeting!

The presbytery's Matthew 25 work group is gathering stories of how PSV congregations are practicing earth care and environmental sustainability. Does

your church have a pollinator garden, recycling program, alternative energy system, environmental education program, etc.? If so, we want to hear from you so we can celebrate your work at the November presbytery meeting. Email your information to CNO Chair Stephen Hills at stephen.m.hills@gmail.com or Tina Johnson at tinarjohnson@gmail.com

Presbytery Wide Spring Youth Camping Weekend in Hocking Hills Ohio; April 20th & 21st, 2024.

Calling all churches with middle & high school youth! Join us for a fun camping weekend of ministry and ziplining in the beautiful Hocking Hills. The weekend will include a day of ministry at the presbytery farm, cleaning trails, removing

invasive plants, and other useful activities. The group will then camp overnight at the presbytery farm before having a day of adventure, ziplining.

Please contact Reverend Steve Brand revstevebrand@gmail.com if your church might be interested. Once we know what churches are interested in attending, we will work out the details together.

Worthington Presbyterian Church. Job Posting for Part-time Interim Coordinator of Children's Ministry at Worthington Presbyterian Church.

Please note we estimate the position to average 24-hours/week, knowing the time will fluctuate week-to-week given church programming. We will gladly consider someone who is currently working PT and is interested in filling out their time. To view the job description click below.

[Interim Coordinator of Children's Ministry](#)

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.

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.

Gathering for Pastors and Church Professionals in Scioto Valley Presbytery (PSV). You are invited, Thursday, September 28, 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. We hope that you can join us!



September 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.

Jacob's Porch, Campus Ministry, Pastor Taylor Barner
Delaware, Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Pastor Patricia Stout
Delaware, West Berlin Presbyterian Church, Pastor Robert Gustafson
Iberia Presbyterian Church, Pastor Deb Bergman
Marion, Lee Street Presbyterian Church, Pastor Scott Schnapp
Marysville, First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Diane Flynn

Share your story/news? Congregations, Commissions and ministry teams are encouraged to submit items of interest to dagmar@psvonline.org



Dear Community: The Presbyterian USA Self-Development of People (SDOP) Scioto Valley grant program deadline submittal is **October 15, 2023**.

[Go to Forms: SDOP Brochure and Grant Application.](#)



"Do you believe in prayer?" Come on down..." Jesus (Matthew 26:40). **We meet by phone each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** 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 the Reverend Don Pendell.

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.

Mark Your Calendar for Future Events....



Youth Winter Retreat at Camp Akita Saturday, November 18@ 9 a.m., through Sunday, November 19 @ 1 p.m. For more information contact the Reverend Steve Brand - **SBrand@pts.edu**.

Poster, Fact Sheet and Registration Information.



Visit: **SOC@SynodoftheCovenant.org**



Fall Event - Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory October 7, 2023
Maumee Valley Presbytery
Eastern Cluster of Churches invites you to Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Waters . Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger, the author of Canoeing the

Mountains, will be at First Presbyterian Church of Sandusky on October 7. Check-in begins at 8:45 am with morning prayer at 9:15 am. First Presbyterian Church of Sandusky is located at 265 Jackson Street. **<https://maumeevp.org/canoeing-the-mountains/>**

Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

Click here for Website Calendar.

September

21, 2:00 p.m. Movie Screening and Discussion for Pastors When the church forsakes its own clergy. Zoom registration link (**bit.ly/PSVSept21**)
26, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach Zoom Meeting.

26, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. *Preaching to Those Walking Away*. N. Graham Standish, Worthington Presbyterian Church, 773 High Street, Worthington,
28, 3:00 p.m. Church Professionals Fireside Chat, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.

October

2, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals Zoom Meeting.
2, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life Hybrid Meeting.
9, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations Hybrid Meeting.
17, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting.
19, 3:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting, Columbus, Covenant Presbyterian Church.
24, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach Zoom Meeting.
26, 3:00 p.m. Church Professionals Fireside Chat, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.

2023 Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting Dates

September 19, 2023, Columbus, Covenant Presbyterian Church.
November 28, 2023, Washington Court House, First Presbyterian Church.

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.](#)

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.

[Special Offerings Season in 2023.](#)

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If it matters to you, it matters for others.

If it matters for others, it matters to God.

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