

Mid-week E-News September 28, 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)

World Communion Sunday, October 1st.
Peace and Global Witness Offering
confronting hopelessness, thwarting division
**Empowering congregations and individuals to become
peacemakers themselves.**

[Peace and Global Witness Offering](#)



Columbus Bethany Presbyterian Church 105th Anniversary

Dear Friends, On Sunday, October 1, Columbus Bethany Presbyterian Church will celebrate our 105th Anniversary at the morning service with the spiritual leadership of the Reverend Dr. Edward K. Lewis Sr.

Archie Griffin, philanthropist, educator, and star athlete will be the guest speaker at 10:45 a.m. He will address the theme "Bethany Rising" as a positive force in the community.

Please share with family and friends as all are welcome to join us for this occasion. A reception will follow the service.

PRESS RELEASE



The Presbytery of Scioto Valley
and
Boulevard Presbyterian Church
invite you to the Service of Installation
of
Reverend Tiffany L. Komasa
Pastor, Boulevard Presbyterian Church

October 1, 2023 at 2 o'clock p.m.

Reception to follow the service
1235 Northwest Boulevard
Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212
(614) 486-0267



RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 24, 2023

***Preaching to Those Walking Away.* N. Graham Standish**

This workshop is for Pastors, CRE's, worship leaders, and those who are responsible for planning or overseeing worship in our churches. October 24, 2023, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Worthington Presbyterian Church in Hazleton Hall, enter double doors on the north side of the building. (lunch included, \$5 per person requested)

Preaching to Those Walking Away. N. Graham Standish will present an in-person workshop for those wrestling with leading churches during this time of Nones and Dones and the Spiritual but Not Religious, Graham will use material from his newest book, "*Preaching to Those Walking Away*", to guide us to find ways to speak to others in this new era.

Register here by October 18.

DUBLIN PRESBYTERIAN

Fall Festival

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

FOOD TRUCK



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.

Dear Friends,

By now you are tired of hearing about the Licking County Presbyterian Church Partnership, but I am going to share a recent activity. The idea behind sharing it is to start your imagination wandering...what might you and your neighbor churches do together in mission partnership?

This past Sunday 83 folks from five churches, plus some folks with no church affiliation, joined together to package 10,000 meals of dehydrated vegetables, soy, rice, and vitamins that will be sent into food deserts. It only took a little over an hour...and that included the time to get instructions on what to do! The churches invested less than \$4,000 to bring in *Rise Against Hunger*, a group that solely does this type of mission event to prepare packets that will feed six when rehydrated.



Pictures courtesy of Addy Tracy.

There were many elementary age children who ran back and forth between the tables where the packing was happening to the area where the packets were boxed. There were youth working side-by-side with older folks, all engaged and laughing and talking. There were jobs for those who wanted to sit, and those who wanted to stand. Music played. People sang and danced in place.

Every time the teams finished 1,000 meals; a child was selected to clang the gong (loudly of course) so cheers would go up from around the room.

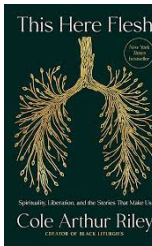
I heard that the churches are considering working to package 20,000 meals next time since they had so many participants! Everyone left with a smile, a red hair net, and a feeling of satisfaction.

My goal is not necessarily to encourage you to investigate Rise Against Hunger, although that is a great hands-on mission project, but to encourage you to dream of what you and your friends can do where you are. Which churches would you invite to participate with you?

One of the goals of the Discernment and Design Administrative Commission is to begin building clusters of churches that work together, worship together, and learn together. That's a great goal! It builds on being a connectional church, it builds on being relational. Most of all, it serves to remind us that we are never alone because our God is with us always...through all those created in God's image and through the Holy Spirit. What joy!

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!



Gathering - a New Worshipping Community in our presbytery - invites everyone interested to a Zoom book discussion of Cole Arthur Riley's *This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories that Make Us*. We meet on Wednesdays at 7pm for three weeks, beginning October 11. Please register in advance:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZYsde6uqD4uHt2YC5nwwPB-olOsDiNIutaL>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Questions? Contact Rev. Katie Kinnison at revkatiek@gmail.com



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 the 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.

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).



Cap City Helping Hands' (CCHH) – Small Ways to Make a Big Difference

The Presbytery's annual Coat Drive for Columbus City School children is underway. Each coat that we collect will be given to school staff, who then are able to fit it onto a child who comes to school with no coat.

1. CCHH has Coat Collection Boxes we can bring to your church! These eye-catching boxes are sure to help your members bring in gently used or new children's coats. Just email us, and we will be glad to bring a box to you!
2. The Costco Youth Jacket sale is done, and we got a great response from area churches. Thank you Presby shoppers!
3. CCHH took the donations we received and shopped at Volunteers of America yesterday (half-price day). We got 30 coats for \$117!
4. CNO brainstormed with us yesterday and discovered what looks to be a good jacket at a great price: Amazon Essentials Boys and Toddlers' Lightweight Water-Resistant Packable Hooded Puffer Coat for \$20 at <https://a.co/d/3QajCfH>. If you purchase, we need elementary, middle and high school sized jackets.

Coat (and cash) donations are accepted in the Presbytery office through November 3, 2023. Questions? Email Connie Jump of Overbrook P.C. at csjumps@gmail.com. Thank you!

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:

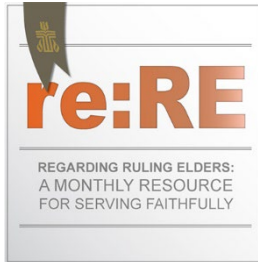
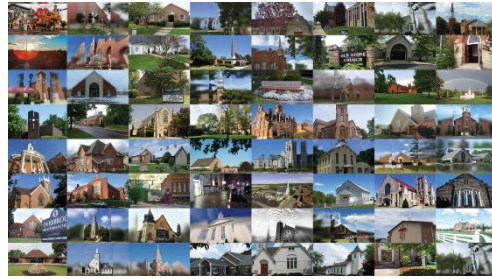
Amy Paulin (standrewpres.columbus@gmail.com)

Jim Hines (jhines1116@gmail.com) or

Amos Loveday (ajloveday@aol.com).

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.



Regarding Ruling Elders

Baptism is a life-defining event that emphasizes a commitment from God to God's family and from us to God's creation. It is not a checkbox occurrence, but a lifetime process that is complete only in death. Therefore, it is important for the leadership of the church to keep the commitment of baptism always present as it gets involved in Christ's mission by "studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life."

Most baptismal services in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) include liturgies that echo the Book of Common Worship and ask the congregation two questions: "Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this person by word and deed, with love and prayer? Will you encourage her/him/them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?"

[READ MORE](#)

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

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.

PSV Church Professionals Annual Retreat

November 12 @ 4:00 pm - November 14 @ 11:30 am

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley annual Church Professionals Retreat is scheduled for November 12-14, 2023. Especially designed for pastors and church educators at Hocking Hills State Park., Logan, Ohio. Located in Southeastern Ohio. For immediate information contact Tom Rice at **614-885-5355 x127** or email: **trice@wpcnow.org**

[Leadership and Registration Information..](#)

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!



"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.



September Prayer List for Scioto Valley congregations and Pastors. Throughout each month we lift 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

Please lift up the Smith family and friends in prayer.

Carlton Smith, son of the Reverend Rudy (HR) and Joyce Smith, passed away on Saturday, September 23, 2023, of brain cancer. Cards of Sympathy can be mailed to 212 East New England Avenue, Worthington, OH 43085.





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.](#)

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....

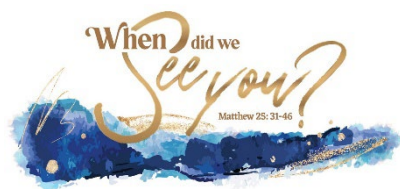


Fall Event - Canoeing the

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

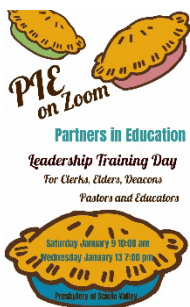
Mountains, will be at First Presbyterian Church of Sandusky on October 7. Check-in begins at 8:45 am with morning prayer at 9:15 am. First Presbyterian Church of Sandusky is located at 265 Jackson Street. <https://maumeevp.org/canoeing-the-mountains/>



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.](#)



Save the Date for Partners in Education (PIE) Saturday, January 20, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
2070 Ridgecliff Road, Columbus, OH 43221**

**Leadership Training for:
Clerks, Elders, Deacons, Educators and more!!**



SOC@SynodoftheCovenant.org

Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

[Click here for Website Calendar.](#)

September

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.

25, 1:00 p.m. Transitional Pastors meet at the Presbytery Office.

26, 3:00 p.m. Church Professionals Fireside Chat, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting

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.](#)

[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.

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

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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