

Mid-week E-New October 12, 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 of Scioto Valley Nominating Committee is seeking applications for two (2) teaching elder commissioners, two (2) ruling elder commissioners, and one (1) young adult advisory delegate the 226th General Assembly.

**226th General Assembly (2024)**

June 25 - July 4, 2024 - Salt Lake City, UT

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOMINATION FORM**

Please complete and submit your application by: **October 31.**

**WHAT IS IT AND WHAT DOES IT DO?** The General Assembly consists of commissioners elected by presbyteries. Half of the commissioners will be ruling elders, half will be teaching elders. Few will ever have been commissioners to the General Assembly before, but most will have served in one of the other governing bodies of our church: the session, which provides care and oversight of a local congregation; the presbytery, which provides care and oversight of a group of congregations; or the synod which provides care and oversight of several presbyteries. More at: <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga/>

**Read the Discernment & Design report!**  
[www.psvonline.org/presbytery-meetings-resources/](http://www.psvonline.org/presbytery-meetings-resources/)

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## **Discernment & Design Q&A**

### ***Is it appropriate to use the Church Development Fund in support of this plan?***

As approved by Presbytery, the purpose of the Church Development Fund (CDF) is "to advance church development in the Presbytery, consistent with the mission of Christ within the bounds of the Presbytery in accordance with Scripture and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the mission and vision statement of the Presbytery, and the ongoing ministry strategy of the Presbytery and its Commissions."

Information gathered through Phase 1 of the Discernment & Design process identified a number of ways in which the churches of the Presbytery need assistance in developing their ministries and also ways in which Presbytery commissions need support for the work with which they are entrusted. The Discernment & Design proposal uses a variety of funding sources, including the CDF, to enhance our ministry.

There is a sufficient balance in this fund to support the initiatives of the proposed staffing and commission model for a period of years, with the understanding that in year 3 of the new structure the use of CDF funds will be reconsidered, and adjustments made, if needed.

### ***What is the role of the Presbytery Council in the new structure?***

The purpose of the proposed Presbytery Council will be to organize the life of the Presbytery through vision, planning, budgeting, and accountability. It will be the responsibility of the Council to guide the ship – to ensure that policy, operational, and financial decisions are consistent with the mission and priority of the Presbytery.

### ***What will happen to the Ministry Initiative Board?***

All commitments that have been made by the Ministry Initiative Board will be honored moving forward, while the grant-making responsibilities of that Board will be relocated to the Commission on Ministry and the Commission on Justice, Outreach, and Education. Those commissions will have authority to make grants consistent with their responsibilities and with the priorities of the Presbytery.

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Dear Friends,

I have been absorbing lots of information for churches and pastors while away this week. In fact, I will be in touch with each church and pastor as soon as I can get started next week. There will be some changes in the Board of Pensions benefits plan which will impact everyone, and rather than an across-the-board change, there will be lots of options that you may find beneficial.



So, let's plan to connect! I am usually in the office Monday through Thursday, and I want to know when to reach out to pastors, CREs, clerks of session, personnel committee chairs, and treasurers. Please email me at [generalpresbyter@psvonline.org](mailto:generalpresbyter@psvonline.org) with your name, church, position, number to call, and best time to reach you.

*New things* do mean change...AND can be exciting and helpful!

I hope you feel the excitement!

I am heading to Bloom Presbyterian church on Sunday (Lithopolis). Look for pictures on Facebook! Let's connect soon!

In Christs Service, Rev. Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter, Presbytery of Scioto Valley, 614-847-0565 or 614-507-2626 (mobile)

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**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 7 p.m. for three weeks, beginning October 11**. Please register in advance:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?secret=6uqD4uHt2YC5nwPB-olOsDiNIutaL>

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

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**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, Hazleton Hall, enter double doors on the north side of the building. (lunch included, \$5 per person requested) 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.](#)

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Find the letter and the forms. <https://psvonline.org/session-record-review/> For questions please contact Patricia Gardner, Commission for Congregational Life at [pgardner3030@gmail.com](mailto:pgardner3030@gmail.com) or call 614-537-2974.



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, Ext. 127 or email: [trice@wpcnow.org](mailto:trice@wpcnow.org)

### Leadership and Registration Information..



### **Cap City Helping Hands' (CCHH) – Ways to Make a Big Difference in a Child's Life**

The Presbytery's annual Coat Drive for Columbus City School children is underway. Today we are focusing on the young men in our community:

1. Teen boys often wear a thick, lined hoodie instead of an actual jacket. We have found Sherpa Lined Hoodies for \$25 at Drug Mart, and at Costco the Voyager Men's Super Plush Shirt Jacket is \$16.99. Both are great and are "coats"!
2. The Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) brainstormed with us and discovered what looks to be a good jacket at a great price: Amazon Essentials Boys 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](mailto:csjumps@gmail.com). Thank you!



### **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](mailto:stephen.m.hills@gmail.com) or Tina Johnson at [tinarjohnson@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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## Sharing with YOU!

### Columbus St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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](mailto:standrewpres.columbus@gmail.com))

Jim Hines ([jhines1116@gamil.com](mailto:jhines1116@gamil.com)) or

Amos Loveday ([ajloveday@aol.com](mailto:ajloveday@aol.com)).

### Westerville First Presbyterian Church

**Available to you, 35 CHOIR ROBES.** These are beige in color and we have stoles in several colors. Contact - Jim Hines @ 614-620-4975

***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.

### A Note from CCL Chair Yvonne Gustafson:

I've tried to keep my eyes open for content that may support your congregations. Here's one from Yale that may be of interest: *Handing Down the Faith: Parents, Congregations, and Religious Socialization* with Dr. Amy Adamczyk, Ph.D. They've offered the [\*\*recording here\*\*](#) and the [\*\*Powerpoint here\*\*](#). Blessings in your love and service to your congregation.

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## Installation Service for the Reverend Tiffany Komasa at Columbus Boulevard Presbyterian Church



**Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church (POP)** has a new mission project. The Grace Upon Grace Project-Pickerington. It is a free will clothing store for PLSD students and families. We are in the process of gathering new and like new clothing for newborns to young adults. If your church would like more information or to donate contact Linda Johnson at [profvol11@yahoo.com](mailto:profvol11@yahoo.com). You can find us on Facebook at <https://m.facebook.com/groups/465712995550817/?ref=share&mibextid=S66qvF>

And if you're looking for a fun fall activity, Fairfield County is having a Scarecrow Trail. You can find more information here <https://facebook.com/events/s/2023-fairfield-county-trail-of/290810876798971/?mibextid=RQdjgZ> including a map of locations. Don't forget to stop by POP and vote for our Joseph and His Technicolor Dreamcoat in front of Grace Haus, 895 Old Diley Rd. It's a busy Fall y'all! Follow <https://www.facebook.com/PrinceOfPeaceChurch?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

**Share your story/news?** Congregations, Commissions and ministry teams are encouraged to submit items of interest to [dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org)



Women clergy in the presbytery are invited to participate in a monthly gathering where those gathered share matters of the heart and offer spiritual support for one another. The group meets in various homes the fourth or fifth Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. -5:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please contact Susan Warrenersmith for further information. Her email is [susanwarrenersmith@gmail.com](mailto:susanwarrenersmith@gmail.com)

**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.



### **"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.

### **October 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.

Mt. Gilead, First Presbyterian Church, Pastors Chris Burns and Worship Leaders  
Ostrander Presbyterian Church, Worship Leader  
Ironton, First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Carson Hunt  
Jackson, First Presbyterian Church, Pastor John Birkner  
McArthur Presbyterian Church, Worship Leader



***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.

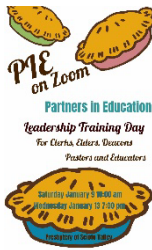
### **Mark Your Calendar for Future Events....**



### **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.](#)**



**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](mailto:SOC@SynodoftheCovenant.org)

## Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

[Click here for Website Calendar.](#)

### October

17, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting.  
19, 10:00 a.m. PIE Planning Team, Presbytery Office.  
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.  
28, 9:30 a.m. PSV/PW Fall Gathering - Rooted in Faith; Claiming Hope.  
Columbus, Broad Street Presbyterian Church.

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### Presbytery Stated Meeting

November 28, 2023, Washington Court House, First Presbyterian Church.

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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.

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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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