

Mid-week E-New October 19, 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)

**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.

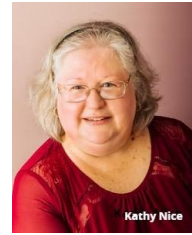


Youth Winter Retreat at Camp Akita
Saturday, November 18@ 9 a.m., through
Sunday, November 19 @ 1 p.m. For more
information contact the Reverend Steve Brand
- [**SBrand@pts.edu**](mailto:SBrand@pts.edu).

[Poster, Fact Sheet and Registration Information.](#)

Dear Friends,

It has been quite a week! This week saw the installation of Rev. Julie Johnson to her new call in Chicago, with her dad, Rev. Gordon Johnson, preaching. Gordon is undergoing chemotherapy for an aggressive cancer, so his being able to travel to be with Julie was a blessing! (Keep Gordon in your prayers for healing!) I was able to be with Rev. Rawley Boone and his family for his wife, Dot's funeral service at Broad Street Presbyterian Church. Two of his nephews, both Presbyterian ministers themselves, shared joys of their Aunt Dorothy.



I have also had an opportunity to begin talking with pastors and churches about Board of Pensions changes coming up, and to see new life coming into our churches. The excitement is contagious! If you are interested in joining a group of people studying how to preach a sermon, please let me know. We have lots of opportunities coming up, and we need to add folks to our pulpit supply list.

Next week is our *Preaching to Those Walking Away* workshop on Tuesday, where forty-nine people will gather to learn how to lead worship in a world quite different than it has been. And the professionals retreat follows on its heels a couple of weeks later!

In continuing to be a Matthew 25 presbytery, we will begin a book study in January looking at William Yoo's book *"What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church"*. Watch the link to register! I hope that after we have read the book and enjoyed some discussion along the way, that the author will join us via zoom for further conversation!

Did you see the video I posted on the Facebook page this past Sunday? If not, go check it out! I am heading back to Bloom on Sunday, after a week that included meetings at Nelsonville First and Hilliard, and next week includes a meeting at Liberty! See you soon!

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!



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

CLICK HERE FOR THE 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/>

Woven Together in Christ's Service



Read the Discernment & Design report!

www.psvonline.org/presbytery-meetings-resources/

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.

Session Record Review Dates coming up.

The Commission for Congregational Life wants to assist clerks of session to adequately record the life and ministry of congregations through the minutes of their session. Session record review is required by the Book of Order, G-3.0108a. We would like to make reporting and reviewing as easy and enjoyable as possible.



Sunday, October 22, 2-4 PM - First Presbyterian Church, 13 Mead Dr, Chillicothe, OH 45601

Saturday, October 28, 11 AM-2 PM - Glen Echo Presbyterian Church, 220 Cliffside Dr, Columbus, OH 43202

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 or call 614-537-2974.



Fall Gathering - Rooted in Faith; Claiming Hope. Saturday, October 28, 2023. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at Broad Street Presbyterian Church, 760 E. Broad St, Columbus, OH 43209

Cap City Helping Hands' (CCHH) –

It is Getting Colder Out There!

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

1. Costco has an Eddie Bauer Youth Reversible Jacket in variety of sizes and colors. This coat is \$21.99 in the store, but if you buy 10 coats online you get a \$60 discount. <https://www.costco.com/eddie-bauer-youth-reversible-jacket.product.4000150474.html>
2. If you purchase, we need elementary, middle and high school sized jackets.
3. If your church is collecting coats, we ask that you bring the coats to the Presbytery office by Thursday, November 2, or call/text Patti Nussle at 614-209-5600 for a pickup.

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!

Ambassador Training! The Presbyterian Hunger Program and PC(USA)

**[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sdugpj4vHNGI_3kbn
uEzDpp8KmhibuHu#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/9178290200?pwd=ZUJkdzRlMmVScEYwZWpFQWdldjBldz09)**



MATTHEW 25

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

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



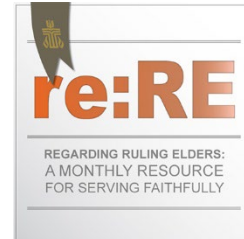
A Note from CCL Chair Yvonne Gustafson:

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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In the Directory for Worship of the Book of Order, the charge, as a part of the act of sending, is described in this way: "We are blessed to be a blessing to others. The charge calls the church to go forth as agents of God's mission in the world" and because "ruling elders have oversight of the church's faithfulness to God's mission, it is fitting for a deacon or ruling elder to speak the charge." (W-3.0502)



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Share your story/news? Congregations, Commissions and ministry teams are encouraged to submit items of interest to **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 Warrenner Smith for further information.

Her email is **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.

PC(USA)'s Synod of the Covenant offers up LaRue's clues for preaching.

Retired homiletics professor the Rev. Dr. Cleophus J. LaRue Jr. is the most recent guest on 'Equipping Preachers'

LOUISVILLE — When the **Rev. Dr. Cleo LaRue** hears a sermon, he's listening for four things:

- Was the biblical text central to the sermon?
- Was there a controlling thought or identifiable sermon idea, or was it, as LaRue calls it, "pearls without a string?"
- Could you follow the sermon with your listening ear? "I am opposed to long quotes," the former homiletics professor at

Princeton Theological Seminary said. "It takes it out of your voice and makes it difficult to hear and follow with your listening ear. You have to write in conversational tone to engage your congregation."

- Did the sermon make a claim on your life? "Are you preaching because you have something to say," he asked, "or are you preaching because you have to say something?"

LaRue appeared online earlier this month as part of the Synod of the Covenant's **Equipping Preachers** series. His nearly 90-minute webinar, hosted by the synod's executive, the Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick, was entitled "A Refresher Course on Sermon Preparation." It's available **here**.

[Click here to enjoy the rest of the article.](#)



"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.

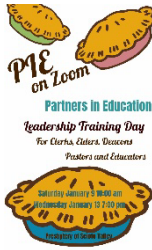
Throughout each month we lift up in prayer some of our congregations and their pastors. During the year we hope to pray for every one of our congregations and their pastoral leaders.

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....



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!!



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Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

[Click here for Website Calendar.](#)

October

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.

Presbytery Stated 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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