

Mid-week E-New October 5, 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 are a pastor, I am sending out my blessings during this pastor appreciation month. You are a blessing to those you serve to those in your families, and to those in your community. We are grateful that you are a part of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley!

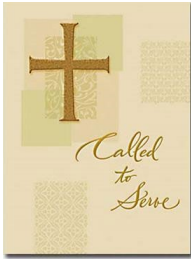


If you are not a pastor, I encourage you to send a note of thanksgiving to your pastor. Pastors have a desire to know that they are helping you see Jesus, that you are being transformed by what you see and hear through the pastor, and that because of the pastor, you are growing your relationship with God. Just like a well-loved schoolteacher that you looked forward to seeing years after you were in that class, pastors do like to hear from you.

Last week, I was able to provide pulpit supply for Hanover while Rev. Thum-Gerber was at CREDO, this week I'll be celebrating pastor appreciation with Dr. Gustafson at West Berlin. I'm excited to encourage you to show some extra care for your pastor as we head quickly toward the season of Advent as well!

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!*



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 October.

The Reverend Diane Flynn – 10-1-2017  
The Reverend Elizabeth B. Rice – 10-40-1992  
The Reverend Scott W. Schnapp – 10-8-2017  
The Reverend Dr Cynthia Burse HR – 10-9-2005  
The Reverend Richard S. Hays HR – 10-10-1976  
The Reverend William R. Leety HR – 10-10-1971  
The Reverend Ann R. Palmerton – 10-12-1986  
The Reverend Elaina Sipes – 10-14-2017  
The Reverend Andrew T. Smith – 10-19-2013  
The Reverend Trip Porch – 10-20-2013  
The Reverend D. Keith Moser HR – 10-27-1955  
The Reverend David R. Faulkner HR – 10-28-1979  
The Reverend Todd Tracy – 10-28-2012  
The Reverend Dr Julia Wharff Piermont – 10-28-1990  
The Reverend Michael W. Woods – 10-28-2008  
The Reverend Mary Gene Boteler HR – 10-29-1978  
The Reverend Martha Campbell HR – 10-30-1994  
The Reverend William P. Gause – 10-30-1999



### **Pickerington Prince of Peace Presbyterian**

**Church** 40th Anniversary Celebration, this Sunday, October 8 at the 10:30 a.m. service. We are also excited to announce Wilberforce Amaning will be joining us while he completes his internship for Trinity Lutheran Seminary. We are blessed to have Will with us sharing God's Word.

Woven Together in Christ's Service



### **Read the report!**

[www.psvonline.org/presbytery-meetings-resources/](http://www.psvonline.org/presbytery-meetings-resources/)  
**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](mailto: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.

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**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/>



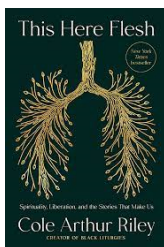
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**Gathering - a New Worshipping Community** in our presbytery - invites everyone interested to a Zoom book discussion of Cole Arthur Riley's *This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories that Make Us*. We meet on **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.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

Please register in advance:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/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](mailto:revkatiek@gmail.com)



## Session Record Review Dates

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, 12 Mead Dr, Chillicothe, OH 45601

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

For questions please contact Patricia Gardner, Commission for Congregational Life at [pgardner3030@gmail.com](mailto:pgardner3030@gmail.com) or call 614-537-2974.

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

[Leadership and Registration Information..](#)

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

**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.**

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## 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](mailto:generalpresbyter@psvonline.org) 614-847-0565).

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## 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)



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## 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.

## Sharing with you Resources and Give-Away's.

### 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.



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



## "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 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



### ***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.

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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.

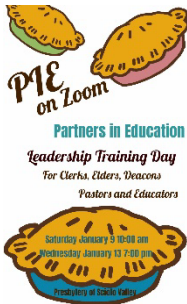
## Mark Your Calendar for Future Events....



### [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.](#)



### **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 the Website Calendar.](#)

### **October**

- 9, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations Hybrid Meeting.
- 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.

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**Presbytery of Scioto Valley 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 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/>

**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

[Click here to visit the website.](#)