

Mid-week E-News January 11, 2024



PRESBYTERY *of* SCIOTO VALLEY

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PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY PURPOSE STATEMENT

As a body of Christ, the Presbytery of Scioto Valley is a trusted and responsive spiritual community building connection and creating vitality across all and within each of our diverse congregations. (11/28/2023)

Commission for Nurture and Outreach. 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.

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!! All Presbyterians in the Scioto Valley Presbytery are encouraged to come to this annual event! Our Synod Executive, the Rev. Chip Hardwick, will provide the keynote "Reaching Outside of Ourselves". Training for elders and deacons for both larger (morning) and smaller (afternoon) churches will be offered, as well as training for clerks.

Livestream will be 3 platforms: Covenant Facebook Page, You Tube Channel and on their website. Plus recorded for future – for the Presbytery You Tube channel. You do NOT have to pay if you are livestreaming – only in-person (it basically covers lunch)

[Register here by January 13.](#)



OUR MISSION

Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN) promotes the development of older adult ministries and the value of such ministries. POAMN's mission includes nurturing the faith community, equipping leadership, and resourcing congregations and other organizations that minister to, for, and with older adults. POAMN seeks to encourage ministries that affirm the dignity and value of the multiple generations of aging adults with a focus on spirituality, wellness, care, and social involvement. Its purpose is to educate, advocate, develop and share resources, and train leaders by raising awareness around issues facing aging adults and those who serve those aging adults, all in a covenant relationship with the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Visit: <https://poamn.org/news/>



Dear Friends,

At the time that Jesus was born, we are told that the Romans were conducting a census, a count of all the men in each territory. We know that often they counted men, so they knew how many potential soldiers were available or how many taxable units existed.

In the church today, we still do a kind of census.

Every year, we ask the clerks of session to tell us how many members are in each congregation. Thankfully, we are not counting how many soldiers we have!

We do know that numbers are not the only determining factor of the health of a church, yet it is an important historical number that has been collected annually for decades. The challenge becomes what happens with the numbers. Depending on the size of your congregation, you MAY get extra commissioners for presbytery meetings. Depending on the size of your congregation, you may be eligible for some grants but not others.

The number of members your clerk of session reported at the end of last year (2022) will be the number used to calculate how much per capita your congregation needs to send to the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly. Sometimes that number from 2022 can be WAY off from what you ended 2023 with. (We do have a per capita relief policy...you can find it on the.)

Every session has the responsibility to review their membership records annually. We find people that have moved away, began attending another church in the neighborhood, or even those who died and yet were never marked as such in the records. This cleaning of the rolls is not an easy project, but it is an important one. Do you know if your session has cleaned the rolls lately? Do you know if the clerk of session is completing the annual "census" we call statistical reporting?

We count (pun intended) on everyone working together to provide a clear picture of our churches in this presbytery. Can we count (ha!) on you?

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!

Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Purpose: To provide organizational support to the daily operation of the Presbytery, to hold the Presbytery accountable to its members and to comply with all state-mandated not-for-profit organizational requirements.

Updates from the Commission for Presbytery Operations

Jim Hines, Chair

Search Committee for new Associate General Presbyter. The search is on for our new Associate General Presbyter. The position has been posted on Church Leadership Connection (CLC) part of the General Assembly, and is being communicated to the mid-level council leaders' group. The search committee is composed of representatives from the CPO-HR team and representatives from the Commission for Congregational Life (CCL).

If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please go to CLC <https://clc.pcusa.org/mdp/11109/view/> to indicate your interest. Currently, the search committee plans to start reviewing applicants in January with an ambitious goal of having a candidate ready for the February Presbytery meeting.

The IRS has announced the **standard mileage rate for 2024: 67 cents per mile**, up 1.5 cents from 65.5 cents in 2023. Issued in Notice 2024-8, on Dec. 14, 2023, it covers the business use of a vehicle (cars, vans, pickups, and panel trucks) and will come into effect Jan. 1, 2024.

Electronic Payments. ZELLE PAYMENTS -- the Presbytery is now set up to accept ON-LINE payments via ZELLE. Anyone wishing to make an online payment should address the Zelle payment to accounting@psvonline.org. In our limited experience with Zelle, it appears that the "payee" (PSV) needs to be in your cell phone's contact list. Remember that the actual payee is accounting@psvonline.org If you have questions, please email jhines1116@gmail.com

HELP - Nominating Committee is seeking nominees.

With the new structure approved at the November 28 presbytery meeting, our Nominating Committee has asked for your help. They are seeking nominees for the new Presbytery Council, which is the visioning team, planning for the future of the presbytery and guiding its overarching strategy. If that sounds like something you are excited about (or if you know someone who is always dreaming of how we can be better together), the form to use to express your interest is here: <https://bit.ly/2024council>. Don't delay...nominating committee wants to present the slate of those to be elected at the February presbytery meeting!

We also need to fill some vacancies on other committees and commissions, including nominating committee. If you would like to be considered, here is the form we are using to gather information about your interest: <https://bit.ly/2024interest>.

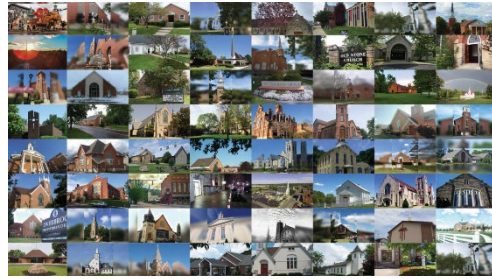
Mission Coworkers serving in Costa Rica - Mark Hare and Jenny Bent. Caring for Creation in Our Home

Our world is dying, and we, as a global society, are the ones destroying it. There are things to do—our lives need to change, as families, as communities, as nations and as a world. Jenny, Keila, Annika and I are privileged to be part of a community of people working towards a new Creation. Won't you join us? Mark

[News from Costa Rica](#)

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.

Newark Hanover Presbyterian Church We are Hiring. Organist /pianist, click for Job Description.

Employment Opportunity at Ohio Living Westminster-

Thurber. We will look to you to provide spiritual, religious, and personal counseling and guidance to residents, family members, and staff. You'll plan develop and conduct worship services, conduct memorial services, lead Bible classes, and perform baptisms as requested. Additional duties include and are not limited to;

- Tracking and management of Volunteers in coordination with HR
- Maintain active volunteer list
- Support inclusivity of all people and beliefs

Link to

apply: <https://careers.ohioliving.org/search/jobdetails/chaplain/74f60f71-a015-40ee-929c-3c5382be477f>

Does your congregation include any immigrants or

refugees? If so, please contact Commissioned Pastor Peter Okyere at billycashes@yahoo.com or 614-515-1435. Peter was commissioned for ministry to immigrants and refugees in our Presbytery and is in the process of building a contact/networking list. Thank you.

Are you familiar with the use of church accounting software Aplos? Please reach out to Hilliard Presbyterian Church, Rev. Katie Kinnison to share your experience, katierkinnison@gmail.com

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. 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.



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 January.

The Reverend William I. Johnson HR – 1-1-1952

The Reverend Dr. Mary Jane Hitt HR – 1-6-2001

The Reverend Amy House – 1-12-2014

The Reverend Nancy Draves HR – 1-17-1988

The Reverend Jennifer L. Turick – 1-24-1982

The Reverend Elizabeth Maurath – 1-25-2015

The Reverend Jack Lewis Pursell HR – 1-29-1960

The Reverend Emily K. Corzine – 1-31-2010

"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.



January 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.

Newark, First Presbyterian Church, Worship Leader



Newark, Second Presbyterian Church,
Pastors Todd Tracy and Lanie Sipes.
Newark, Woodside Presbyterian Church, Pastor Wayne Morrison
Pataskala, Outville Presbyterian Church, Pastor Amy House
Pataskala, First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Janet Hufford
Utica Presbyterian Church, Pastor Terry Holobaugh



You are invited to the Ordination Installation
of Nikki Hogarth.

Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.,

at Dublin Presbyterian Church

5775 Dublinshire Drive, Dublin, OH 43017.

<https://www.dublinpresbyterian.org/>

COMING SOON! SAVE THE DATE! February 3, 9 a.m. to noon.
PRAYER LAB. Hosted by Covenant Presbyterian Church. Please register
by calling the presbytery office at 614-847-0565.

[Prayer Lab Information.](#)



Save the date:

Fall Youth Retreat, November 16-17, 2024.

Camp Akita, 29746 Logan Hornsmill Road, Logan, Ohio.



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Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

[Click here for Website Calendar.](#)

Scioto Valley Presbytery staff is working in the office, and available by email or phone. The Presbytery office hours are 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.](#)

January Meetings

11, 2:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, Presbytery office.
18, 2:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, Presbytery office.
15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Presbytery office closed.
18, 3:00 p.m. Commissioned Pastors, Presbytery office.
18, Church Professionals Retreat planning team.
20, Partners in Education (PIE) Covenant Presbyterian church.
24, 1 p.m. Transitional Pastors, Presbytery office.
25, 2:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, Presbytery office.
25, 3-5 p.m. Pastors Fireside Chat, Rusty Bucket Clintonville.
30, 9 -3:30, Healthy Boundaries Training, Overbrook Presbyterian church.

2024 Presbytery meeting dates(locations TBA)

February 20, May 21, August 20, November 19

[Special Offerings Season in 2023.](#)

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 our website.](#)