

Mid-week E-News January 25, 2024



PRESBYTERY *of* SCIOTO VALLEY

SERVING CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN OHIO

PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY (PSV) 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)



Fireside Chat for PSV Pastors, Thursday, January 25, 3-5 p.m. The Church Professionals Commission will be hosting the Fireside Chat for pastors at the Clintonville Rusty Bucket, 4109 N. High Street in Columbus. As in previous gatherings, we will be located on the outside porch area. Appetizers will be provided.

PRAYER LAB. Saturday, February 3, 9 a.m. to noon. Being asked to pray out loud, in front of a group, can bring adults to tears (and fears)!

Let's end that anxiety! Come to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley's first PRAYER LAB, hosted at

Saturday FEBRUARY 3, from 9 am to Noon.

Covenant Presbyterian Church (fellowship hall), 2070 Ridgecliff Road, Columbus, OH (Upper Arlington).

You will leave with notes of how to feel more prepared, some practice to show you that you can do it, and friends who are in the same place as you are!

Our leader is Rev. Matt Skolnick, General Presbyter of Muskingum Valley Presbytery, who has led this in that presbytery over the past few years.



There is no cost to attend. We do ask that you register by calling the presbytery office, so we know how many snacks and drinks to have ready! Please register by calling the presbytery office at 614-847-0565 or email dagmar@psvonline.org

[Flyer for printing to share.](#)

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) Event Thank you.

Thanks to all who made our PIE leadership training event such a big success! Over 100 people gathered at Covenant Presbyterian Church to worship, learn, fellowship together, and be inspired to follow Christ throughout 2024. Special thanks to the great team at Covenant for their wonderful hospitality. Videos of the keynote by Rev Chip Hardwick, the elder training by Rev. Kathy Nice, and the afternoon session with Chip will be on the presbytery YouTube site soon - <https://www.youtube.com/@SciotoValleyPresbytery>. Surveys will also go out to those who participated - we want YOUR ideas on how to make this a better event in 2025.

The Presbytery Commission for Nurture and Outreach

Matthew25 work group is hosting a Zoom conversation on Saturday, February 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The virtual discussion will be led by the Ohio leadership of the national movement known as the Poor People's Campaign. The presentation will include an overview of the campaign's goals and identify ways individuals and churches can partner with and advocate for the poor in very real ways including participating in an upcoming state house rally on March 2, 2024. Register for event (coming soon).

"Do you believe in prayer? does your church? 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.



This is a great time of year to help the Presbytery's coat ministry!

Here are a few ways you can help:

- Purchase youth winter coats now! Many stores sell coats at a discount from now until mid-February. For example, Costco has youth coats on sale for \$7 and \$15!
- Put a coat collection box in your church! As children outgrow their coats at the end of this season, provide a place for families to donate their used coats.
- Put a coat collection box at your workplace! A neighbor of Presbytery member was so inspired by our coat drive, he wanted to help. So he set up a coat collection box at his workplace (Two Labs in Powell), and collected 74 coats!
- Thank you to all the individuals and congregations who continue to support this ministry!
- Questions? Contact Connie Jump of Overbrook at 614-832-4355.



Dear Friends,

We have been reading William Yoo's book *"What Kind of Christianity"* for the presbytery's Matthew 25 book study. What a great discussion we had! We meet every other Wednesday at 10 a.m. to talk about one chapter (next meeting is February 7 – chapter 3). One of our discussion topics today was about the economics of slavery. Why did people buy slaves? They needed low-cost workers, who worked hard in difficult and demanding jobs. So, in today's world, where do we find a need for low-cost workers, who work hard, in difficult and demanding jobs? We could start with janitorial and housekeeping jobs, add in lower skilled medical jobs, and retail/food service positions. And at least we can say that we do not import unpaid laborers by ship anymore!

We have been wrestling with how churches and presbyteries wanted to save the unity of the church, no church or presbytery splits...over doing what was "right" by protecting the lives of people made in the image of God. That was then. This is now...and we still wrestle with church unity over what is right. Who is right? How can we determine what is more important?

All these good questions get us talking about how we can be better representatives of God-with-us, Messiah, King. We always have room for one more in the conversation (by zoom).

In Christ's service,
The Rev. Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter
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 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

February 14 - March 14, 2024

 **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

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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.

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

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

24, 10 a.m. Book Club via Zoom.

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 Hybrid Meetings, 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

February 20, First Presbyterian Church, Grove City, OH

May 21, First Presbyterian Church, London, OH

August 20, First Presbyterian Church, Chillicothe, OH

November 19, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH

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.](#)