

Mid-week E-News February 1, 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)

PRAYER LAB. Saturday FEBRUARY 3, from 9 am to Noon. Hosted at Covenant Presbyterian Church (fellowship hall) 2070 Ridgecliff Road, Columbus, OH (Upper Arlington).



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**. 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.

The Presbytery Commission for Nurture and Outreach

Matthew25 work group is hosting a Zoom conversation on Saturday, February 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 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 the Event.**](#)

SPENCER LAJOYE IN LIVE CONCERT

(Free Admission)

Friday, February 9, 2024, 7 p.m.

New Albany Rose Run Presbyterian Church
5220 Johnstown Road, New Albany, OH 43054

Saturday, February 10, 2024, 7 p.m.

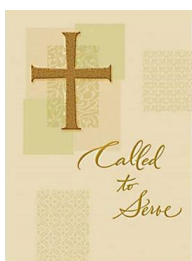
Columbus Covenant Presbyterian Church
2070 Ridgecliff Road, Columbus, 43221



**A SPECIAL LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN FOR the
KALEIDOSCOPE YOUTH CENTER.**

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.

"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.



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 February.

The Reverend Janice Hilkerbaumer HR – 2-1-1972 The Reverend Desiree M. Youngblood – 2-10-2008 The Reverend David M. Redding – 2-12-1995

The Reverend Charlotte O'Neil – 2-15-2004 The Reverend H. C. Paul Kim – 2-20-2000 The Reverend Allison T. Bauer – 2-26-2006



Congratulations to the Reverend Nikki Hogarth on her Ordination Installation serving Dublin Presbyterian Church. We give thanks to God for Nikki and her service.



Dear Friends,
I heard somewhere that January is over already...did you hear that too? Wasn't yesterday New Year's Eve? Wow! It is time to start getting my tax documents ready...

Many of our churches are holding annual meetings, with a look back at what was accomplished last year, and a

hopeful look ahead at this year. I want to get on the “bandwagon” and do some of the same for the presbytery.

We heard from the Discernment and Design Administrative Commission about the plan for the presbytery structure, with a requirement that the plan be implemented on April 1 and reviewed at least every three years to be sure we are still accomplishing the goals set. What a lot of dedicated people served on the team! The plan set forth is lovely, with attention focused on how the presbytery serves its member churches, how it encourages churches to reach out to our hurting world, and how we will continue to listen to God’s leading as we do.

We mourned the loss of three congregations – McNair (Washington Courthouse), St. Andrew (Columbus), and Jersey (Pataskala). We celebrated retirements, we welcomed new pastors, and we saw some changes in who pastors served. In the midst of all this change, we saw creation of a men’s shelter (called the McNair men’s shelter), we created a new presbytery staff position to help small churches (and anticipate the person will be hired soon), and we are evaluating some plans on how we might provide a mission in the land of the future Intel plant.

We saw a reduction in the per capita amount that was received, which is used by the General Assembly, the Synod, and the presbytery to pay expenses. We know that in several cases, churches were severely hurt by COVID and other challenges. We have begun trying to heal past wounds in relationships between churches and the presbytery. We have met with two congregations specifically to explore ways budgets could be restructured to allow them to pay per capita. We have also begun to dream of ways that the presbytery could be less dependent on per capita as a way of funding our operations while not reducing the level of service that our churches desire.

We have had several meetings where pastors and congregation leaders were invited to lunch to build relationships. We started a gathering of those in Transitional Ministry positions and Commissioned Pastors. These continue to be scheduled this year, and we will be adding luncheons for retired clergy. We will also be looking at “Presbytery After Hours” gatherings where anyone who wishes may join in fellowship time after the presbytery meeting ends (watch for details).

Are there still plenty of opportunities to do better? Absolutely! Will we keep working on that? For sure! I hope that you will reach out with your

suggestions on how the presbytery can engage your congregation better, and I hope that you will participate in our gatherings as you have time. We have not been without our issues in the past, but we are certainly aiming to be better for our future! I hope you will be a part! 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!

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.

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.



February 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.



Columbus, Westminster Presbyterian Church,
Worship Leader
Columbus, Christ Presbyterian Church, Pastor Pam Patterson
Columbus, Highlands Presbyterian Church, Pastor Keith Jones
Pickerington Prince of Peace Presbyterian church, Worship Leader
Dublin Presbyterian Church, Pastor Nikki Hogarth

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



Find out more about the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

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.](#)

February Meetings

- 5, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals Zoom meeting.
- 5, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life Hybrid meeting
- 6, 3:00 p.m. Commissioned Pastors, Presbytery office.
- 6, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting.
- 7, 10:00 a.m. Book Club via Zoom.
- 8, 2:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, Presbytery office.
- 12, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations Hybrid meeting.
- 18, 3:00 p.m. Commissioned Pastors, Presbytery office.
- 20, 3:30 p.m. Presbytery Hybrid meeting,
First Presbyterian, Grove City.
- 21, 9:00 a.m. Committee on Preparation for Ministry Zoom meeting.
- 21, 10:00 a.m. Book Club via Zoom.
- 22, 3:00 p.m. Pastors Fireside Chat, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.
- 28, 1 p.m. Transitional Pastors, Presbytery office.

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