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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)



269th Stated Presbytery Meeting - Hybrid Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 4227 Broadway, Grove City and via Zoom

Please note that the Zoom meeting will open at 3:00 p.m. to allow commissioners to be checked-in in an orderly fashion.

Your presbytery invitation will be coming and soon with a link to the packet.

Announcements from the Stated Clerk, the Rev. Bill Gause.

The agenda for next week's 269th meeting of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley will include a second reading and consideration of revised presbytery bylaws and election of new commission and committee members. The revised bylaws and the complete slate of nominees for being brought for election can be found on the website, see link below. This announcement serves as formal notice of proposed changes to the bylaws and of elections.

[Click here to read the Slate of Nominees and the Bylaws.](#)

PCUSA Identification Cards for Ministers

To save postage and printing costs to be more judicious in our use of paper, PCUSA identification cards for ministers will only be printed on request. If you would like a PCUSA identification card, please email [**dagmar@psvonline.org**](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org) or call 614-847-0565.

You are invited to the installation service for the Reverend Scott Schnapp on Sunday, February 18, 2024, at 4 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Mount Gilead, 55 N Cherry Street, Mount Gilead, OH 43338. There will be a reception following the service.



Dear Friends,
I have been cleaning out some of our old resources here at the office. We rarely have anyone come in to borrow resources. So, we have been donating books published prior to two thousand to the library for the book sale. We have reshelfed the books that are published two thousand or newer, and I want to encourage you to consider sending someone to the office to peruse the books and take to your church those books that you might use. We also have a few wing chairs (two medium beige and two light blue floral print) and a desk with hutch that are available. We have some filing cabinets as well, but they are located at the Jersey Church building.

Is there anything on our list you might like? We are getting ready to house the new Presbyter for Congregational Life and Transitions, so we have been sorting and making space! What is new where you are?

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!

[Read more about the One Great Hour of Sharing \(OGHS\)](#)



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
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February 14 - March 14, 2024

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.

Good news! The videos from our Partners in Education (PIE) event in January are on our YouTube page! You can watch the Keynote "Reaching Outside of Ourselves" and follow up conversation with the Rev. Chip Hardwick, our Synod of the Covenant Executive; "Elder Training" with our Presbytery Transitional General Presbyter the Rev. Kathy Nice, and the Closing Worship. Thanks again to our leaders and the good people at Covenant Presbyterian Church who made this possible. <https://www.youtube.com/@SciotoValleyPresbytery>

Youth Zip Lining Trip - Saturday April 20, 2024. The youth event task team is planning a zip lining trip to Hocking Hills. This event is for middle and high school youth. A zoom meeting will be held Thursday, February 22nd at 2 p.m. for those interested in taking part. Further details will be worked out at this meeting. For more information email Rev. Steven Brand at SBrand@pts.edu
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84888824877>.
Meeting ID: 848 8882 4877



Save the date:
Fall Youth Retreat, November 16-17, 2024. Camp Akita, 29746 Logan Hornsmill Road, Logan, Ohio.



Dear friends, The PC(USA) has designated the second Sunday in February as Camp and Retreat Sunday. As your partner in camp and retreat ministries, we are happy to share upcoming events and opportunities with you. Registration for summer camps, the spring women's retreat, and a total eclipse viewing event are all currently available at <https://kirkmontcenter.campbrainregistration.com/>. We frequently update our social media pages and encourage you to follow us there to stay up-to-date, call (937) 593-2141 or email info@KirkmontCenter.org
[Facebook.com/Kirkmont](https://www.facebook.com/Kirkmont)

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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.

"A Light to the Nations"

A Noon Worship Service at Worthington Presbyterian Church (**the 4th Sunday of each month**) begins Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday). The service will be led by Commissioned Ruling Elder Peter Okyere and will be especially open to immigrants and refugees in our Presbytery. *Whoever you are, wherever you have come from, you are WELCOME!* For more information please contact pokyere@wpcnow.org

Ohio Faith Leaders Responding to Addiction Virtual Training — March 8

RecoveryOhio. (message from Rev. Nancy Dederer, Circleville PC)
Dear Colleagues,

Please read the announcement below and let me know if you are interested. The training is on Friday, March 8, from 10:00-12:30. I know it's in the middle of Lent, but I plan on attending and would love to have some colleagues with me. As you know, addiction is a critical concern in our region, and having a free, easily accessible training session offered to us to help us learn and grow as faith leaders in our community is a gift. Please get back to me by February 28th, njcdederer@gmail.com, and go ahead and register using the link below. That gives a zoom link, in case you can't get to the PAAC office, but would be interested in attending.

Ohio Faith Leaders Responding to Addiction Virtual Training — March 8

RecoveryOhio is sponsoring a virtual Ohio Faith Leaders Responding to Addiction training on March 8 from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The training is open to all faith leaders interested in learning more about addiction and building the skills to respond. Like CPR, the training program, which was developed by the Addiction Policy Forum, is designed to help faith leaders build the skills to support and respond to someone who needs help. Participants will learn the science

of addiction, signs and symptoms of addiction, evidence-based treatment options, and how to respond to someone in crisis. All participants receive a certificate at the completion of the course. Attendees will also receive a copy of the Responding to Addiction participant manual. **Please register by March 1 to allow time for the manual to be mailed. Register**



Ostrander Presbyterian Church Seeking to Fill Pulpit Vacancy. The congregation of Ostrander is a small, rural community church. We are seeking to fill the pulpit with a 25% position (approximately 12 hrs./week). A five member Session serves the roles and Trustees. The position is available immediately. With a summary of qualifications and experiences. Include a list of three references. Mail or email Mark, Ostrander Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 242, 51. conklinnikki@gmail.com



We pray for the family and friends of the Rev. Edward Sensenbrenner, Retired Minister Member of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley who passed away on Saturday, February 3, 2024. We give thanks for his life and his ministry and pray for words of comfort for all

who grieve.

Obituary

"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.



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

Please be aware that Scammers are busy:

- 1) finding the names of a staff member on a church website.
- 2) sending an email in the staff members name to the church office email requesting a digital copy of the church directory. However, the email is from a different email than that belonging to the staff member. That's the red flag.
- 3) If the scammer is mailed the directory, the scammer contacts members by name using their cell phone number, masquerading as the pastor or other church leader. However, the source text number is not that of the pastor. That's the next red flag.
- 4) The scammer asks the church member in order to meet an emergency need to purchase an eBay gift card, scratch off the redemption code, and to mail a picture of the code.

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

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



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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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