

Mid-week E-News March 21, 2024



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.



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

Fireside Chat for PSV Pastors, Thursday, March 21, 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. We hope that you can come!



"A Light to the Nations"

You can RSVP for the new monthly worship service at Worthington Presbyterian Church (WPC) led by Commissioned Ruling Elder and WPC Member Peter Okyere, who is leading a ministry for immigrants and refugees. **The first service is March 24 (Palm Sunday).** Please contact pokyere@wpcnow.org for more info or materials. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/wpcmonthlyservice

What happens when it's the pastor who is SBNR (spiritual but not religious)? How does that impact the church? the Colleagues?

April 4, 10 a.m. to noon, Columbus, Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Great Room with the Rev. Dr. Linda Mercadante. To register call the presbytery office at 614-847-0565. Click on button below.

[SBNR spiritual but not religious, read more.](#)



Dear Friends,

I was typing up the revised Bylaws the last two days (it wasn't all that exciting, but I do appreciate really digging into reading a document – which you do differently when typing than you do when reading). One thing that stuck out to me...there is

a **REQUIREMENT** that all teaching elders attend the presbytery meetings. Not just ministers serving

congregations, but **ALL** members – those at-large, those in validated ministry, and those serving particular congregations. WOW!

I wonder if I did a poll of all the minister members of the presbytery, how many would answer the question correctly: Are you required to attend presbytery meetings?

I know that presbytery meetings have been in the past boring, contentious, tedious, and well...time that could be spent on something else. If teaching elders, most of which are deriving their income from the work they do within the presbytery, are finding presbytery meetings not worth the effort, it would be no wonder that ruling elders do that. Especially ruling elders that have already put in a full day of work at the job from which they derive their income.

We created commissions in the presbytery, so that some of the "busy work" of the presbytery could be managed at small meetings instead of taking up full-group meeting time. We are considering some other ideas for future meetings. We want the time to be so valuable that both teaching elders and ruling elders don't want to miss the presbytery meetings! What are your suggestions? Send me your thoughts and I will take them to Council for consideration in revitalizing our meeting time. (And do not forget the gathering after the meeting!)

In Christ's service, The Rev. Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter
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My position is funded by the generous donations of members and churches who fund our per capita budget. Together we can do more!

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March Prayer List for Scioto Valley Presbytery 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, Korean Presbyterian Church, Pastor Joon Won Lee
Delaware, Concord Presbyterian Church, Pastor Ginny Teitt
Columbus, Ramseyer Presbyterian Church, Pastor Justice Ofosuhene
Amesville-New England Parrish, Worship Leader
New Albany Rose Run Presbyterian Church, Pastor Robert G. Armstrong
Reynoldsburg Unity Presbyterian Church, Pastor Andy Smith

Job Posting. ORGANIST: Worthington Presbyterian Church, Worthington, Ohio, seeks a permanent, part time organist/pianist, available immediately. One Sunday morning service at 10 a.m., year-round (plus special services) and a weekly choir rehearsal on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. September - May. Highly experienced candidates preferred, salary commensurate with qualifications. See full job description or apply at <https://wpcnow.org/careers>

Coming Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[Read Detailed Event Information.](#)

April 9 -11, "OSUKirk is excited to host speaker, songwriter, and author David LaMotte. This event is open and free to everyone, though we encourage attendees to consider donating to OSUKirk. We are hopeful you will also get a glimpse of campus ministry at OSU!

Saturday April 20, 2024. Youth Zip Lining Trip -

The youth event task team is planning a zip lining trip to Hocking Hills. This event is for middle and high school youth. For more information email Rev. Steven Brand at SBrand@pts.edu Register your group by **April 14**. Email Steve Brand. Name of your church, contact person/phone number, youth 6-12 graders, and riders for your group.



Download the flyer to share with your youth group. [PSV Youth Ziplining 2024](https://psvonline.org/event/youth-ziplining-trip/)

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

May 16, Columbus Overbrook Church Great Room, 10 a.m. to noon. **Red Church, Blue Church, Purple Church.** While it may sound like it, this is not the beginning of a Dr. Seuss book. This is an invitation to be a part of a workshop with the Rev. Dr. Jason Link, where we will talk about the two things we have been told never to discuss during Thanksgiving dinner – religion and politics! To register call the presbytery office at 614-847-0565.

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On the Road to G.A. General Assembly (2024) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Salt Lake City, Utah. Follow the latest G.A. news. <https://ga-pcusa.org/>



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Pastors take notice: LeaderWise Boundary Training offered.

Registration information for this year's boundaries training workshops. The information is now all available. Remember that there are 40 slots (45 registrations) for each workshop and they are first come first serve.

Here's the

link: <https://www.synodofthecovenant.org/equipping-leaders>

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



Updated Information. The Presbytery of Scioto Valley includes 83 churches with a membership of 12,175 (updated March 6, 2024).

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.

April 1st - New Commission/Committee Structure begins.

Committee on Ministry

Commission on Justice, Outreach, and Education,

Commission for Preparation for Ministry

Commission for Presbytery Operations

and Book of Order Committees-

Nominating Committee, Committee on Representation and

Permanent Judicial Committee.

[Click here for Details about Presbytery Commission/Committee Structure](#)

The Core Values represent what is of deep significance to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Each of our Core Values is rooted in Scripture, which gives us the spiritual depth and direction to live fully into these values:

[Click here to read more about the Core Values](#)

Scioto Valley Presbytery staff are working in the office and available by email or phone with office hours Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. www.psvonline.org - 614-847-0565.

[Click here to contact your Presbytery Staff and Officers.](#)

Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

[Click here for Website Calendar.](#)

March Calendar

21, 3:00 p.m. Pastors Fireside Chat, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.
27, 9 a.m. Committee for Preparation on Ministry Orientation.

April Calendar - Dates TBA

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2024 Presbytery Hybrid Meetings, 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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

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